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From the Pastor's Desk...

I wanted to take some time this month and just tell you all how proud I am of you and how proud I am to be your pastor. You always seem to make the impossible possible. Whenever anything is asked of you for the good of the Kingdom, you always respond with love, compassion, and generosity. It is truly amazing to watch you work for God.

Each and every one of you inspires me each and every day. At the very heart of our Christian tradition is empowerment of lay-led ministries. From Sunday through Saturday, every week, you embody that tradition. You are always willing to rise to any occasion and serve others in Christian love. From feeding college students to serving underprivileged children at Christmas time to hosting Vacation Bible School to selling your handcrafted wares to financially benefit the church to helping host blood drives, you constantly show what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ.

It is fitting that November is sort of bookended with holidays. We begin the month by celebrating the Saints of our church who have passed on in the last year. But it is also a day to celebrate ALL the Saints of the church, those living and those no longer with us. I can honestly say that, at Wesley, we are "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." Thank you for witnessing with me, to me, and to each other.

And, of course, we end the month with Thanksgiving. The longer I am on this earth, the less I associate this holiday with Native Americans, Pilgrims, and turkeys drawn from children's handprints, and the more I associate it with an attitude of thanksgiving for my family, friends, and all those who have been an influential, steady presence in my life. Thank you for being my family and my friends. I will forever remember you as an influential, steady presence in my life, guiding me along my journey.

I remember the Saints we have lost.

I honor you all as living Saints.

I can only sum up my feelings for you by quoting Paul in his Letter to the Philippians:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident in this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

In Christ, Scott





On November 4 we will have our Charge Conference at 6:00 p.m. here at Wesley. This year it will not be a hub conference but will be just for our members. There will be discussion about what our next steps will be for the future of Wesley. We would like to have everybody's feedback. There will be finger foods available at 5:00pm for a light snack before the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting so please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.



The Unity Class led by Pastor Scott, continue to study an Overview of Major Biblical Characters. We finished Abraham and Sarah in October and will be starting November with Moses. Please come join us every Sunday morning at 10:00am. There's always room for you.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 2nd. The November meeting was held October 30 instead of the first Tuesday due to the Charge Conference being November 4th. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. We'll be discussing the opportunities and challenges facing our church.



Wesley Family Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 16th
Our church family annual Thanksgiving meal will be on Sunday, November 16th following the 11:00 Worship Service.

Family Ministry will provide the turkey, ham and dressing.

A display board will be located in the Narthex from November 2nd through 12th listing side dishes and desserts you may select from to provide for the meal.

Please select the dishes you would like to prepare for the meal and remove the cards from the board.

*Please bring your food to the Fellowship Hall by 11:00 a.m. on the morning of the 16th.

Questions or additional information, please contact Linda Vick linnvick@att.net , 936.661.1344 or Mary Hlavinka 936.662.2230.



S.O.A.R. Seniors Off and Running



The November church calendar is busy with Committee's events plus holiday related activities.

It is wonderful to see our church family busy with the Lord's work.

Below are SOAR's mission events for the month of November

Nov. 5th Wednesday, Deliver Good Shepherd Mission Food Drive donations

Nov. 19th Wednesday, Provide meal for SHSU Wesley Foundation Students

Nov. 21st Friday, Pack & Deliver Thanksgiving Food Boxes to Samuel Walker Houston

Elementary

*Due to the busy church calendar and Thanksgiving Holidays, SOAR will not meet in November.



November 8th is the date for the monthly church's blood drive, and our church is one of the sponsors. We will be serving a lunch for the workers. The drive is open from 8-12:15 at the Church of Christ on Hwy 30. Thanks to everyone from Wesley who donates throughout the year!

Wanda Hassman



The choir will not have a cantata this Advent season due to declining number of members but has been working on several new songs which we will sing starting Advent Sunday. If you've been thinking about joining us we would welcome you with open arms!! We rehearse on Wednesday at 5:30.



In November the Senior Adult Sunday School Class will study I John, 2 John, 3 John and Jude ending up on Advent Sunday with the Gospel of John. These letters were sent to the second generation of the church toward the end of the first century. "Letters for Living" offer insights into love, advice, prayer....what it means to be a Christian. Come and join us as we discuss these often overlooked books of the New Testament.





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Happy birthday to all of you born in November



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Tim Martin	11/04
Mary Roe	11/12
Jana Wilson	11/12
Lacey Kroll	11/14
Zach Martin	11/17
Hal Kooken	11/19
Vicki Easley	11/27
LeWanda Martin	11/29



Happy Anniversary

Hal & Mattlou Kooken 11/03 John & Kay Bayne 11/23

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Sundays Worship Services: 10:00am SundaySchool 11:00am WorshipService

Mondays &Thursdays 10:00am Crafts at Wesley House Wednesdays

11:00am Canasta Club

5:30pm Choir Rehearsal *Monthly Meetings*

1st Sunday

12:00pm Women's Group

1st Tuesday

6:00pm Administrative Council

3rd Thursday

11:00am SOAR

Fall is here and the leaves are changing. Hello November!

November Birthstone - The official birthstone of November is the topaz. This orange-yellow gemstone is said to represent friendship. The Greeks also believed that Topaz had the power to turn you invisible.

November's Birth Flower - The official flower for the month is the chrysanthemum. Meaning "golden flower". The chrysanthemum represents honesty, joy, and optimism.

Astrology Zodiac Signs of November- If you were born between October 23rd and November 21st, you are a Scorpio. Scorpios are more intense, and mid-November is more psychic. If you were born November 22nd to Dec 21st, you are Sagittarius. These traits are more gregarious and risk taking. They are carefree and passionate, often throwing caution to the wind, unlike their Scorpio peers.

November 3rd—Sandwich Day
November 5th—Election Day
November 6th—Nacho Day
November 11th—Veteran's Day
November 14th—Pickle Day
November 28th—French Toast Day—Thanksgiving
November 29th—Lemon Cream Pie Day

It is always a relief in November when the clocks turn back and we all get an extra hour of sleep. But get your extra beauty sleep in while you can. There is a growing consensus that changing the clock twice a year is not necessary and may be eliminated in the future.

In the US, November is perhaps best know for Thanksgiving. Since 1621, the fourth Thursday in November has served as a holiday to gather with friends and family and give thanks for the blessings in our lives and also eat that incredible food reaped from the fall harvest. That's 400 years of turkeys!

November is the latest we can harvest the gourds in our garden before the first frost starts to set in. Some of the most popular gourds planted in the US include pumpkins, acorn squash, spaghetti squash and zucchini. Delicious and healthy!

November 11th is a very important day where we remember the veterans we have lost in past wars and thank the miliaty of today for protecting our country. In the US, November 11th is known as Veterans Day. In the UK, Armistice Day. And in Canada, Remembrance Day. So wear your poppy proud in November!

November Fun Facts:

Two of the most popular toys were first released in November, the board game Monopoly (1935) and the Easy-Bake Oven (1963).



Sent with love & prayers to:

