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The Pastor's Pen

I love fall, and as I write this it finally seems to have gotten here. But in my mind, fall begins in early October, so how can it already be end of October? Where has time gone? How can November be here already? When we hear the word *November* one thought immediately pops into our mind — Christmas shopping, right? Ok, I'm just kidding....sort of.

Before we leap to December, let's stop and enjoy November. November means to most of us that Thanksgiving is upon us. For the children, youth, and college students this means a welcome break from classes. For adults, it means a few days off from work, and a great deal of work preparing and/or consuming mountains of food. And some time during that day, we will hopefully find a few moments to reflect on what we are thankful for.

In looking for a verse about giving thanks, I came across I Chronicles 16. David is king of Israel in Jerusalem. He has set up a tent to serve as the Temple. On the day the ark of the covenant is brought into this tent, he appoints a choir to sing a psalm. As it is not a "regular" psalm, I thought I would share some of it with you:

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles,
and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Israel,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.














In this psalm David reminds us to recall all that God has done for us. Something I encourage you to do all the time. But earlier I was cautioning us about not running ahead to the next holiday. So, while the entire country will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 22nd, I want to remind you of another thanksgiving holy day — November 5th. On that day we will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday. A time to remember the lives of the saints who have walked among us and have passed away in the last year. A time to be thankful for their lives and to be especially thankful for the way they have touched our lives. I hope you will make a special effort to join us that Sunday.

Some day soon, I hope you will sit down and take a minute to think about the people who have been important in your life. Who were your role models growing up? Who was important in developing your faith? What

Peace,



Jeremy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 	2 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 	3 10:00 Threads of Agape	4 5-week Pickleball Clinic for Youth Week 4 11:00am-12:30pm
5 All Saints Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Ch. Planning Council Mtg. 1:00 Pickleball for Members	6 	7 	8 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 	9 5:45 PS Board Meeting 	10	11 5-week Pickleball Clinic for Youth Week 5 11:00am-12:30pm 
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:45 Youth United	13 9:00 Elsie Greer Circle 	14 Newsletter Deadline 11:30 49ers 7:00 Alice Walker Circle (outside venue) 	15 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	16	17 10:00 Threads of Agape	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:45 Youth United	20 	21	22 Thanksgiving Holiday-Church Office CLOSED 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 	23 Thanksgiving Day-Church Office CLOSED	24	25
26 Our 1 st Sunday in Advent UM Student Day Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 4:45 Youth United Kermit Williams Maryellen Horton 	27	28	29 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Judy Womble 	30 4:00 Decorate the Church for Christmas 5:30 Church Fellowship Meal		

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Altar Flowers are given on November 5th for the Glory of God by Marilyn Glasgow in memory of all Saint Paul UMC "Saints" we lost this past year.



Altar Flowers are given on November 12th for the Glory of God by Fern Powell in honor of Dr. Robert Powell's 94th birthday.

Narthex Flowers are given on November 12th for the Glory of God by Terry Mitchell and Barbara Barnes in honor of their Anniversary.

The Narthex Cornucopia on November 19th and 26th has been given by our Saint Paul UMC Altar Guild.



Financials & Attendance

	October 1	October 8	October	October
Received	\$8,599	\$5,882	\$4,906	\$7,260
Non-Restricted	\$200	\$20.80	\$159.75	\$4.90
Restricted	\$2,331.69	\$125	\$200	\$250
Total	\$11,130.6	\$6,027.80	\$5,265.75	\$7,514.90
Sunday School	38	30	26	23
Worship	84	80	197	67

Thank you: I want to thank all of my Saint Paul congregational family for all the cards, notes, texts, calls, and a great meal during my TKR recovery.

Knowing you were thinking and praying for me meant so very much and I know it has motivated me to work hard to recover as soon as possible. I hope to be back soon! Deb Schumann

49ers: The 49ers will be meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30am in Poston Hall. We will provide fried chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Our speaker will be Dr. Tracy Revels from Wofford College. She is a true Sherlockian and will be speaking on the fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes. Tweed suits, ulsters and deerstalker caps are welcomed! The game's afoot!

I will need a few volunteers to help set up and clean up. Please call me at 706-7936 if you can help. Susan Owens

Fellowship Dinner: We will be holding our 3rd Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, November 30th, at 5:30pm in Poston Hall (if we have a very high attendance, the dinner will be moved to the Gym). This is a great chance for everyone to enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship with each other.

We hope to see you there!

2024 Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet will be available beginning Sunday, November 5th. We will have sign-up inserts in the bulletins and will also have blank copies at the Church Office. Please think about signing up to donate either the altar flowers or the narthex flowers on one of our Sundays during

*If you would like to put church-related information in the Newsletter, please send an email with your "blurb" to churchsecretary@stpumc.org before the Newsletter deadline date, November 14th. Thank you!