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METHODIST CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

In my mind, the month of November is bookended by thankfulness. Obviously, the month concludes with this country's celebration of Thanksgiving. Families celebrate being able to gather with each other and share food and enjoy entertainment (football and other forms of recreation). While thankfulness for my family and many other blessings saturates my heart during the Thanksgiving holiday, I find myself equally thankful each year on November 1<sup>st</sup> as we celebrate All Saints. In more than one of Paul's letters, he writes to his churches that he gives thanks to God for the people there. He expresses his thanks through words of encouragement to the people, through prayers, and through sharing praises about the church to other people. I greatly empathize with Paul's words. I am thankful for the churches, specifically the people of the churches, where I serve – every one of you! You

make a difference in my life and in the life of others, including our church.

Together, as saints and sinners, we make up the church. None of us has reached perfection by our own thoughts and actions; we still struggle with sin. Yet each of us, by the grace of God, is a follower of Christ and is on a journey to being better disciples. This puts us in the company of all the saints. You are a saint! And I am thankful that together we worship and work to share the love of God and grace of Christ with a hurting world. I'm giving thanks for you! Who would you give thanks for as a representative of God's love in your life? As a messenger of Christ? As a saint, though perhaps not a perfect one?

Soon we will be turning the page to December! In spiritual preparation for Christmas, we will be engaged in a series entitled, "Reflecting the Sacred":

The Christmas season is time when the contrast of the sacred and secular feels sometimes blatantly opposed, and sometimes quite blurred. The word "sacred" points to something dedicated as "holy" and "set apart." This year, you are invited to a spiritual journey of seeing ALL things charged with the Holy. What could your experience of the Advent and Christmas season be like if you lived it looking at everything through the "lens" of the sacred?

Because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, our schedule will be different. Christmas Eve worship will

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Adah Grace Family	Karen Wilson
Baby Christian and Family	Kevin Bushong
Bernice Osborne	Laura Peck
Bev Wolford	Marilyn Inman
Beth Dougherty Family	Marlene Farley
Betty Miller	Pastor Joy Wigal
Bradley Adams	Saundra Boyd
Carol Densmore	Steve DeGarmo
David Inman	Steve Inman
Dennis Cebulsky	Suzanne Collins
Diana Bohn Family	Terry Pickens
Ellen Kelton	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Heidi	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Jane Thorne	Veronica
Janice Moore	Vicki Wolfe
Jill Shrock	Zola Duncan & Family
JoAnne Peadon	<b>Medical Faith</b>
Juanita Mohler	<b>Shut-ins:</b>
Karen Norman	Kathleen McCutcheon

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 5—Doug Adams

November 6—Rayen Hatfield

November 11—Gail McGreevy

November 20—Cassie Harper

November 25—Vicky Wolfe

November 25—Jeri Schreiber



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY



November 27—Jim and Gail McGreevy



*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

be at 4pm on Saturday (at Faith Church) and Christmas Day worship will be at 9am at First UMC. We hope the earlier time for Christmas Eve will allow those who have difficulty driving after dark to attend and those who have other evening plans with family or friends to also be present in worship. In an effort to not overload our staff and tech team, we will join First for worship on that Sunday morning. Sunday morning / Christmas Day worship will be different from Christmas Eve in that it will be intentionally lighter with a time of food and fellowship afterward, including a birthday party for Jesus! You will be blessed if you attend either or both services!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Joy Wigal

## HANGING OF THE GREENS



Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 20, right after the worship service. The New Hope Circle will provide lunch beforehand. Mark your calendars and we will see you there. Many hands make light work!

### PHONE IN WORSHIP

Sunday Worship occurs every Sunday  
from 10:15 to 11:45 AM

Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Access code: 132 203 0362

### EVENTIDE CIRCLE

The next Eventide meeting will be Thursday,  
November 3rd at 1 pm at the church.

Program: Marsha Kelly

Devotions: Pat Tolle

Response Moment: Barb Tignor

Prayer Calendar: Vickie Finlay

### CHURCH BOILER

The time has come to finally replace our 60+ year old boiler system. Thanks to all of your efforts in the past few years, we have saved up approximately 50% of the money needed . Faith, we need to raise the other \$50K . Please prayerfully consider donating something weekly and designating it for the Capital Fund. Thank you in advance. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Thanks,  
Cindy



### LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm, Tuesday,  
November 15, 2022.

### NOVEMBER LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
Nov. 6	Mark C.	Don & Roberta C.
Nov. 13	Roberta C.	Chris & Heather D.
Nov. 20	Nick H.	Mark & Thea C. & Vickie F.
Nov. 27	Gail M.	Floyd & Pat T.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Please mark your December calendars. The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 4:00 pm this year with your families and the First UMC family invited to join us.



### ADVENT TEA

The Ladies of Faith United Methodist Church are cordially invited to an Advent Tea on November 27, 2022 from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Wilson Center at Coburn United Methodist church.

