



THE CONNECTION

NOVEMBER —

A TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Each November I pause to give thanks to God for special people who have touched my life and faith with their influence. I remember my Dad and all the life lessons he provided. I think of persons like Pappy Couch—who loved all God's Children. I think of Susan Hodges who was rich in life yet short in years (she died at fourteen). This year, I add to my list the number of persons from our First Church Family who have entered the Church Triumphant. Each person had an impact on my faith and life. **November 5**, we will share All Saint's Sunday and name those who, in this last year, have gone to be with God. We will celebrate our Heritage as a church and share a special litany remembering and honoring all those who have helped make this church what it is today. It will be a day to give thanks!

Last year we spoke of being "ALL IN" and this year we turn to "PRESS ON" with our mission to be the church. There are many "Heartbeats" in First Church as we take up vital ministries that shape our witness as a community of faith. The Food Closet is one such ministry as we help those who have physical needs. The Endowment Fund is another. Individuals undertake specific tasks of ministry and helpfulness every week and I, for one, am thankful for their hearts which inspire them to give of themselves unto God for the good of the church.

November 12 and 19 the Stewardship Emphasis begins. There will be important words spoken during worship reminding everyone of the them for this year's effort. The theme is: Press On (Philippians 3:7-21). First Church is a place where "hearts are set on fire" by the power of God's spirit and the inspiration of our faith. Let us take inventory of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Faithful Witness that we will offer First Church in 2018. We need another 8 people to join the Choir and hope you are considering how you can use your voice.

November 19 we will host the Evening Community Thanksgiving Service which benefits the McArn Food Bank Ministry. **November 26** will be Christ the King Sunday. It is the last Sunday of the Christian Year and celebrates the coming reign of Jesus Christ. Last but not least, Thanksgiving is the only date on our Calendar that was created for purely religious reasons. It is a time to take stock and give thanks to God for all the blessings we have. "Work hard to want what you have" rather than always "having what you want." We have a tendency to always want more rather than enjoying what we already have. Thanksgiving is never for stuff. It is about the riches we share in Christ.

Ken Timmerman

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COMING UP

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, November 12, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*Circle Meetings Tuesday, November 14

*Newsletter Deadline, Monday, November 20, 12:00pm

*Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday—Friday, November 22—24.

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF SUE MCMANUS

M&M Harold Lomas, Lib, Craig, and Derek Norton,
M&M Ellison Outen, Nell and Preston Huntley, M&M
James A. Ford, M&M Tavener Threatte, M&M Keith Smith,
M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Roger Wolfe, M&M John Moore,
Mary Burr

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES LANEY

Eleanor Burns

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRAUGHN

M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Ron Cundiff,
M&M Roger Wolfe

IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON

M&M Ron Cundiff

IN MEMORY OF LOIS BAKER

M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Ron Cundiff

IN MEMORY OF R. CARLYLE SMITH

M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Roger Wolfe

IN MEMORY OF ANNE TOWNSEND

M&M Roger Wolfe

IN MEMORY OF TRAVIE (BROTHER) ADAMS

M&M Roger Wolfe

IN MEMORY OF PETE OWENS

M&M Ron Cundiff

IN HONOR OF FLO OUTEN

M&M Jeff Johnson

IN HONOR OF REV. PHILLIP C. THRAILKILL

Betty Thrailkill

IN HONOR OF FLO AND ELLISON OUTEN

M&M Ron Cundiff

From the Interim Director of Music

November always brings to us the wonderful and simple holiday—Thanksgiving. No gifts to buy—only grateful hearts, love, thankfulness, and a hearty appetite.

This month our choir will be praising and thanking God through some beautiful anthems. “He Never Failed Me”, and “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” are two of our favorites. Hope you will love them too!

Counting my blessing this month—at the top of my list would be our

faithful choir members. They bring joy to my heart and beautiful music for our worship services. Thank you choir—you are loved.

I also would like to thank you, FUMC, for all you did to make the Fall Festival of Praise a wonderful experience for all those who participated.—Thank you especially to Vincent Prevatte, Margaret Jean Harris, Lawton Harris, and the choir for all their special music.—For Cheryl Postlewait and all ladies and gentlemen who

helps with our receptions and to Kay and Larry Spears for opening their guest house for our musicians—we thank you so much!

Christmas will be here real soon! There is still time to join choir for the Christmas music. 7:30pm Wednesday nights — Hope to see you —

In Christ’s love.

Mary Lynn

From the Director of Youth and Children

•November 19—UMYF will meet at 5:30pm to eat and then we will go to Community Thanksgiving Service

•November 26—UMYF will meet at 5:00pm to eat and then go to Zoar UMC to participate in their Contemporary Service.

Thank you for all who helped serve the high school band and cheerleaders.

Thank you for all who participated in Trunk or Treat.

Sara

Serving in November

Hostess

Shep Straughn

Head Usher

Eric Dusa

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Margaret Jean Harris (A) Lawton Harris (CB)

Greeters

Nov. 5 M&M Eric Dusa

Nov. 12 M&M Greg Sanderson

Nov. 19 JoAnne Morgan

Nov. 26 Shep Straughn

Lobby Door Greeters

Nov. 5 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Nov. 12 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Nov. 19 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Nov. 26 Herbert Watts

Nursery

Nov. 5 Caroline Berry , Erika Kollitz

Nov. 12 Caroline Berry, Christy Ruffner

Nov. 19 Caroline Berry, Nancy Wagnon

Nov. 26 Caroline Berry, Lesley Jean Watson

Lay Readers

Nov. 5 Sawyer Becker

Nov. 12 Sammy Quick

Nov. 19 Jacob Rohde

Nov. 26 Sophia Prevatte

Flowers

Nov. 5 OPEN

Nov. 12 Streater Family

Nov. 19 Wilson

Nov. 26 Eddins

Counters

Nov. 5 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith,
John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd
Becker

Nov. 12 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternate:

Nov. 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

Nov. 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Nov. 5 Canned vegetables

Nov. 12 Diapers and wipes

Nov. 19 Baby food

Nov. 26 Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pictorial Directory Picture Make Up Day

There will be a make up day for pictures to be taken for the pictorial directory on Wednesday, November 8. If you were unable to get your picture taken in October, please sign up for a time on this date. A sign up sheet is in the lobby by the church office.

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The older children at FCCDM had an active month in October with field trips. On October 27, all children from age 1 through 4 dressed in their costumes and walked to each classroom trick or treating. They had class parties that afternoon for Halloween. They always look so cute

dressed up! The teachers dress up, too. It's a fun time.

Be on the lookout for a new sign for the school. It is being made at this time and should be installed sometime in November.

No events are planned in

November. The school will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

In Him,
Mimi

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 Alanna Leviner
Nov. 2 Charlie Ruffner
Nov. 3 Norma Cobb
Nov. 6 Dannie Lee
Nov. 9 Mason Tomberlin, Randell Rumph
Nov. 10 Jake Keefe
Nov. 12 Joyce Quick, James Keefe, Ruth (Sis) Funderburk
Nov. 13 Patricia Turner
Nov. 15 Betty Canipe

Nov. 17 Harry Board
Nov. 18 Carole Hennessee, David McLean
Nov. 19 Caroline Crouse
Nov. 21 Nathan Rogers, Ruth Middleton, Nancy Kimrey
Nov. 24 Gwen Sullivan, Eric Dusa
Nov. 25 Kim Roddy
Nov. 26 Bonnie Cundiff, Jeff Kollitz

Nov. 27 Martha Griggs
Nov. 28 Thomas McKinnon
Nov. 29 Shep Straughn, Linda Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 6 M&M Woody Rogers
Nov. 17 M&M Keith Smith
Nov. 24 M&M Jay Lewis
Nov. 30 M&M Harry Board



J.O.Y. Club

J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thursday, November 16. Come enjoy a good meal and program.

From the Grief Share Coordinators

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: The holidays bring vivid memories of past holidays...some memories might be extremely happy ones, others might be very hurtful ones. As years go by, we start seeing empty chairs around us...some chairs have been empty for many years...others not that

long at all. Grief Share---“Surviving the Holidays” is a onetime video seminar designed to help us all come together during the Thanksgiving holiday, and the season of hope; Christmas. Grief Share---“Surviving the Holidays” will be held at FUMC November 13 at 10:30am –

12:30pm, and again at 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Just choose which one is best for you... Sign up by calling Sara (843-910-7987), Bonnie (843-537-2422), or Angie (843-537-7002)

Bonnie Cundiff and Sara Sanderson



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**NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Monday, November 20, 2017
Noon

What Accounts are for Memorials?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund
Red Bird

Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First
(WATF)
Relay for Life
Grounds Upkeep Fund

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Good Neighbor

The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand. This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

..help change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard,.....

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



Giving to those less fortunate

November Calendar

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Sunday, November 5 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am
WATF meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, November 6, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Sunday, November 12 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am
Pictorial Directory Picture Make Up, 2:00-8:40pm
WATF meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, November 12, 2017

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, November 13, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Sunday, November 19 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 16, 2017

J.O.Y Club Luncheon, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut
Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Monday, November 20, 2017

Sunday, November 26 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday-Friday, November 22-24, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 5:00pm, fellowship hall for supper, then travel to Zoar for Contemporary Service

Monday, November 27, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Sunday, December 3 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Drew and Ken with a legend.

