

“I Will Tell Your Name!”

Ok, you tell me; is an ingrown toenail a bummer or a blessing? Pretty sure most of us are going to vote bummer on that one. It really doesn't present much of a challenge. But how about finding a hundred dollar bill lying on the sidewalk. Would you consider that a bummer or a blessing? What if you knew that I was the one who lost that hundred dollar? Or if someone will be unable to pay their rent because they lost that money? Sometimes it is hard to decide when a blessing really is a blessing.

It's almost November as I write this article. (*No bummer there.*) Soon we will “fall back” and recapture the hour of sleep snatched from our grasp when the dreaded “Daylight Savings Time” was thrust upon us. (*I think that's a blessing.*) All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Eve are circled on my planning calendar in bold colors and the demands of preparing for one of the fastest moving times of the year can easily overwhelm me. What will I wear on Christmas Eve? Do we have enough candles? Who tells me what to do at the Community Service? Is my good suit clean? Have I remembered to get the readings for the Advent Candles ready? So if you pass me in church or around town and notice a somewhat dazed look in my eyes, be kind. It will pass as soon as we sing Silent Night on Christmas Eve.

And just for the record – I count each and every one of these moments Sacred. I consider them blessings. There's not a bummer in the crowd!

The story is told of a man who had spent years working as a medical missionary. He served a group of people who suffered from progressive blindness. People were born with healthy vision but there was something in that area that caused them to lose their sight as they grew older. But this doctor developed a treatment that would stop the progressive blindness. Many came to him for help as he was their only hope.

“They never said thank you,” he remarked. “It wasn't because they weren't grateful. They were. It was only because that phrase –Thank You – did not exist in their language. Instead they spoke a word in their language that meant, “I will tell your name.” Wherever they went they would tell the name of the missionary who had cured their blindness.

What would it be like this Thanksgiving if we did not have the phrase “Thank You” in our vocabulary? What if all we could do was Tell the Name of the One we want to thank; the One has healed us, the One who has blessed us? What if?

Enjoy the Journey and have a No Bummers Thanksgiving on the Way.

Ron

CAMAL COMMUNITY WORSHIP

November 24th @6:00pm

Join us for this community wide worship service at St. Michael's Catholic Church. All offerings will go to support CAMAL House, our community wide effort to offer food and resources to the community.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"Declare His Glory Among The Nations" Psalm 96:3

Shoebbox Packing - November 10th

Light Lunch served after worship

Blessing of Shoeboxes - November 17th

Send gift-filled shoeboxes
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



We give thanks for the new members of our church.

The Langton family

Clifton, Lisa, James and Sara

The Piwetz family

Wilma Piwetz, Erin Piwetz, Jayden Pothoff and Ethan Pothoff

Youth Day at the Pumpkin Patch



FOR THE JOURNEY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

"All-Saints Sunday" we celebrated those who have died during the past year and who continue their journey in another realm, in the fullness of God's glory.

Tommy Thomas

Ora Slade Franklin

Tony Toenjes

Rose Toenjes

Dottie Wolf



Prayer Bears

Thank you to everyone who donated stuffing and material for the Prayer Bears. Evelyn Boedeker will be busy for a while making her beautiful bears for those who need a special friend during tough times.



FUMC Thanksgiving Meal November 24 @ 11:30am Fellowship Hall

Join us for our church family thanksgiving meal! The Ladies in Faith and Fellowship, the United Methodist Men, and the United Methodist Women are providing the turkey, main dishes and decorations for this feast! Bring a side dish or desert to share and join us! All are welcome!



Thank you!

A special thank you to Tom Cheatham! He is always fixing things around the church and parsonage. He recently repaired the sink at the parsonage and is currently working on the ladies restroom in the office. He is such a blessing to our church.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2019

Dr. Amy Jill LeVine has long been one of my favorite authors, lecturers and teachers. She is professor of Jewish Studies and New Testament at Vanderbilt University Seminary. Her latest work is entitled,

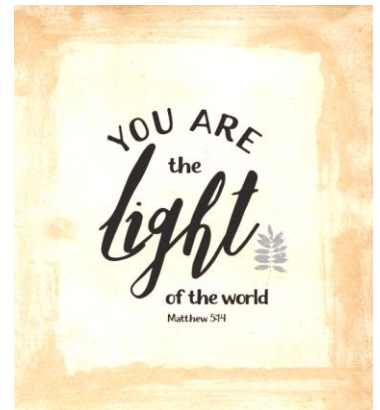
Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent.

We will use this as a foundation for a sermon series as we read once again the story of the birth of Jesus and connect the Gospel narratives with the Old Testament.

Come ready to hear the wondrous story again, as though for the first time.



Trunk R Treat



November Worship Volunteer Schedule



Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Children's Sermon	Communion Servers
11-3-19	Tom Cheatham	Sue Halbert Jeannine Calliham	Wes Dukes	Pastor LeVine Shirley Simpson Jeanine Calliham Dianne Westmoreland
11-10-19	Emily Cheatham	Bobby & Charla Jones	Pastor Ron	
11-17-19	Shirley Simpson	Clifton & Lisa Langton	Colette Barth	
11-24-19	Bobby Jones	Tom & Emily Cheatham	Sarah Ritchea	

Birthdays

Evelyn Boedeker	2 nd
Michael Farris	4 th
Stephanie Thurman	13 th
Alexandra Skelton	14 th
Bobby Jones	21 st
Sara Langton	22 nd
D'Aundra Eldridge	26 th

C.A.M.A.L. House
Collection for
November:

Sugar



O GIVE *thanks* TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS STEADFAST
Love ENDURES FOREVER.
PSALM 107:1



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