



ALL SAINTS DAY

Paul begins his letter to the church at Ephesus by calling these early believers in Christ "saints."

He writes, "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

United Methodists recognize Matthew, Paul, Mark, John, Luke and other early followers of Jesus as saints, and countless numbers of United Methodist churches are named after these saints.

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from Nov. 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. United Methodists don't believe in saints. Right?

Well, yes ... and no.

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. The Articles of Religion include a statement against "invocation of saints" (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, *The Book of Discipline 2012*, Para. 104). However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

United Methodists call people "saints" because they exemplified the Christian life. In this sense, every Christian can be considered a saint.

We also recognize and celebrate All Saints' Day and "all the saints, who from their labors rest." All Saints' Day is a time to remember Christians of every time and place, honoring those who lived faithfully and shared their faith. On All Saints' Day, many churches read the names of their members who died in the past year.

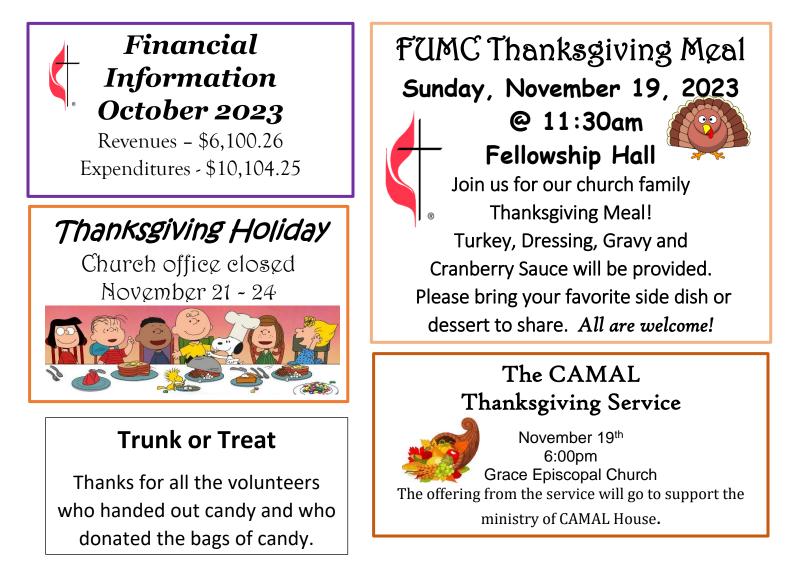
We also remember all those – famous or obscure – who are part of the "communion of saints" we speak of in The Apostles' Creed. As we tell the stories of the saints "to glory gone," we remember how God has provided for us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be. We also think of those with whom we worship, of fellow United Methodists who inspire us and other Christians who encourage us.

Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

Adapted from "All Saints Day: A holy day John Wesley loved" by the Rev. Joe Iovino, published at <u>www.umc.org</u>.

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5, 2023 here at Cuero FUMC at 10:30am. We will remember Myrna Davis, Angelene Campbell & Cheryl Sweet that have passed away since the last All Saints Day. Then we will have an opportunity to name and remember any other saint that has gone before us.

Have a blessed week. Pastor Lindsey





Sunday, November 12 we will be packing shoe boxes. We will enjoy fellowship and a light lunch right after church and then pack boxes until we run out. This is always a very meaningful event in our church life for myself and many others.

If you would like to donate items to go into the shoe boxes, you can bring them to church on any Sunday or you can bring them by the church office any time during office hours.

Please remember that not only do we need items to fill the boxes, there is also a \$10 per box shipping fee.

If you would like to fill a box on your own, boxes will be in the Narthex for adoption.

This is a great project to help each of us to get into a thankful attitude.

Blessing of the shoe boxes will be during the church service on **Sunday, November 19.**

Colette Barth

Breakfast BINGO

Senior Sunbeams November 13th 9:30am Cuero FUMC Fellowship Hall Every Second Monday of the Month Contact Pam for more information 361-275-5272

Christmas Poinsettias

The Worship Committee will be providing Poinsettias for the Christmas Season. The price for each poinsettia is \$12 and the deadline is December 12th. Forms & Envelopes will be in the Narthex after Thanksgiving.





Christmas Garage Sale Gift Boutique

On Saturday, December 2 from 8 - 1 United Women of Faith will be hosting their 2nd Annual Christmas Garage Sale and this year it will also include a gift boutique in Faith Hall. We are inviting everyone to come.

We are also requesting that anyone who would like to donate Christmas items for the garage sale and general items for the gift boutique PLEASE help us out. Anyone wanting to donate can bring items by the church between Monday, November 27- Thursday, November 30 during office hours.

The proceeds from this sale support mission projects.

If you have any questions you may call or text Colette Barth at 361-676-5484.

November Worship Volunteer Schedule



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Boedeker	2 nd
Bobby Jones	21 st
Sara Langton	22 nd
D'Aundra Eldridge	26 th



Daylight Saving Time November 5, 2023



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

Sugar



