



## 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 [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org).

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*



## **Financial Information October 2023**

Revenues - \$6,100.26  
Expenditures - \$10,104.25

## **Thanksgiving Holiday**

Church office closed  
November 21 - 24



## **Trunk or Treat**

Thanks for all the volunteers  
who handed out candy and who  
donated the bags of candy.

## **FUMC Thanksgiving Meal**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**@ 11:30am**

**Fellowship Hall**



Join us for our church family  
Thanksgiving Meal!

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy and  
Cranberry Sauce will be provided.  
Please bring your favorite side dish or  
dessert to share. *All are welcome!*

## **The CAMAL Thanksgiving Service**



November 19<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

Grace Episcopal Church

The offering from the service will go to support the  
ministry of CAMAL House.



## **Shoe Box Ministry**

**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 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30am

Cuero FUMC Fellowship  
Hall

**Every Second Monday  
of the Month**

Contact Pam for more information

361-275-5272



## **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.

## ***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.



## November Worship Volunteer Schedule



<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
11-5-2023	Tom Cheatham	Sue Halbert Dorothy Brown
11-12-2023	Sarah Ritchea	Mildred & Stayton Weldon
11-19-2023	Earl O'Connor	Tom Cheatham Sue Halbert
11-26-2023	Colette Barth	Bobby & Charla Jones

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Daylight Saving Time  
*November 5, 2023*



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

*Sugar*

