



Mainsail Newsletter

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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.

We celebrated All Saints Sunday on November 2, 2025 here at Cuero FUMC at 10:30am. We remembered Billie Jo Wagner & Richard Van Wormer that have passed away since the last All Saints Day. Then we had the opportunity to name and remember any other saints that has gone before us.



United Women of Faith

Meeting & light lunch

Shoe Box Packing

November 9

11:30am



Garage Sale

Saturday, November 15th

9am – 5pm

First United Methodist

Church

Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith



Trunk or Treat

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

City Wide Worship

Sunday, November 23

5:00pm

Cuero Assembly of

God Church

201 W Reuss Blvd, Cuero

Operation Christmas Child



Sunday, November 9

Shoe Box Packing



We will enjoy fellowship and a light lunch right after church and then pack boxes until we run out.

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

Sunday, November 16

Shoe Box Blessing

Thanksgiving Holiday

Church office closed

November 25 – 28



Cuero Charge Conference

More info & details coming

November Worship



Date	Liturgist	Ushers
11-2-2023	Tom Cheatham	Sue Halbert Dorothy Brown
11-9-2023	Sarah Ritchea	Judy Adams & Elaine Foster
11-16-2023	Earl O'Connor	Tom Cheatham Sue Halbert
11-23-2023	City Wide Worship	
11-30-2025	Giving Thanks Worship & Potluck	



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



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

Breakfast BINGO

November 10
9:30am
Fellowship Hall



**Leadership Council
Meeting**

**November 10 @6:30pm
Doodles Room**

Veterans Day

Honoring all who served
November 11, 2025



Daylight Saving Time
November 2, 2025

Thought for the day

On my hardest days, God's
presence can bring me
comfort and peace.

Bible Study & Coffee

With Pastor Lindsey
Wednesdays @ 10:00am
Doodles Room