



BLACKMAN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2, 2018

November 1 was All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween. But All Saints Day is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he wrote, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he called it "a day that I peculiarly love." That day is our yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the Church.

Perhaps, you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. But the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? You are. That is, if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation a "saint" (Acts 9:13, Romans 8:27, I Cor. 1:2). Sainthood isn't given by a group of religious leaders, but instead is granted by God to any common, salt-of-the-earth person who trusts Christ.

To be sure, the Bible doesn't teach us to pray to the saints, through the saints or for saints who have already gone to heaven. Instead, we remember the saints and allow the testimony of their faith to spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the Lord. Hebrews 11 gives us examples of the great cloud of witnesses who are called so, not because they are watching us, but because they testify of God's grace to them. These saints of the past remind us of God's faithful presence, all sufficient grace and unwavering love shared with us through the Holy Spirit.

We will gather this Sunday morning to once again remember the testimony of the saints who have gone on to the eternal Church triumphant. But also, we will remember those saints who still walk

among us and whose lives encourage us to live deeper lives of faith.

I hope you have a great rest of the day and to see you on Sunday.
God bless!!

Bro. David

Stepping Stones Need

Stepping Stones is in need of one or more women to stay the night at the actual facility location on the following nights:

November 20th and 22nd, from 5 pm to 7 am. If you would like to do this, would you contact Elaine Forrest and let her know please. Once again, this will not be at our church, but at the actual Safe Haven location.

Elaine's # is 615-295-2319

Prayer Requests

- **Lee Roy Pannell**, health concerns
- **Mitchell Mote**, knee replacement, prayers for Dr. & quick recovery
- **Jimmy Montgomery** and family, at the loss of her mother, Loretta Bailey, who passed on 10/23
- **Wayne Bradford**, our custodian, recovery from 4 stint heart procedure
- **Mary Rose Gansel**, for quick recovery of broken leg and broken ankle
- **Teresa Giuliani**, sister of Kathilu Mote, complications with cancer
- **Jessica Johnson**, friend of Tamara Harris, recovery from auto accident



In case of inclement weather, stay tuned to Facebook, Twitter and email for updates on church services and activities.

- **Children's Christmas Program rehearsals this Sunday.** All children who will be in the Christmas Program need to come to rehearsal in the church sanctuary, this Sunday at 3 pm. If you haven't signed up yet, but would like to participate, we'd love to have you, so just come join us at 3 pm this

- **Christine Mullins**, sister-in-law of April Smith, recovery from surgeries for pulmonary hypertension
- **Patti Wray**, friend of Betty Mullins, heart issues
- **John Sloan**, continued healing for stage 4 liver cancer
- **Karen Hall**, friend of Ginny Mathes, knee replacement
- **Mark, uncle of Laura Palmer**, recovering from surgery on a broken neck
- **Chad Ferguson**, nephew of Margaret Brogdon, cancer

Sunday. Thank you.

- **Save the Date:** Charge Conference - Sunday, November 18th @ 4:00 p.m.
- **Daylight Savings Time reminder:** Saturday night, Nov. 3, when you go to bed, remember to turn your clock back one hour; so if you go to bed at 10pm, turn it back to 9pm. Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 4th, at 2 am.
- **SPRC meeting:** The next SPRC meeting will be at 12:15 pm, November 11th in room 101. Thank you, Deanna Kendall

Church Fun/Work Day

Church Fun/Work Day: Come join the fun Saturday, November 3. We'll have breakfast, and the famous Batey Farm Sausage at 8am. Then let the fun begin. Some of the items to be done are work in the kitchen, painting the garbage area fence (fancy new brush), minor landscaping, washing windows, cleaning storage areas, and anything else you might think of. There could be painting some Sunday School rooms and other areas if desired. If anyone has other ideas you have noticed, let me know and I'll put them on the list, so we can get the materials needed. If someone wants to work a different time that fits their schedule better, just let me know that too. Thanks Dave Seadorf, 615-638-8319, dgseadorf@comcast.net

Youth News

November 18th the youth are invited to sit with Mrs. Chandra during charge conference to see how the business of the church works. We will be in the meeting from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Potluck youth Thanksgiving dinner November 18th. 5:00-7:00

The youth group is going to sponsor a family for CHRISTMAS if you would like to help please be on the lookout once we get paired with our family.

Every year at Special Kids, their family resources & development teams work to coordinate the Special Kids Cornelius Christmas program for many of our families. The Cornelius Christmas program allows groups and individuals from the community to sponsor some of the families we serve that are in the most need during the Christmas season.

**Volunteer Opportunity: We need at least 6 people each night.
Festival of Lights Volunteer**

Location: Williamson County Ag Center

Sat., 12/08/2018 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Thu., 12/20/2018 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Youth Calendar

August 2018-2019 Calendar:

<http://blackmanumc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/20182019-Calendar-Blackman-UMC-Youth.pdf>

November 4th: Reg. Youth, 5-7 pm

November 11th: Reg. Youth, 5-7 pm

Save The Dates:

Warmth in Winter February 1-3 Gaylord Opryland Hotel*

*Sign up sheets are outside the youth office

Calendar notes:

**Church Work/Fun day, Men's & Women's breakfast
8 am, Nov. 3**

Octogenarian Mtg., 9 am, Nov. 8th

Trustees Mtg., 6:30 pm, Nov. 8th

Children's Fall Art Retreat, Nov. 9th and 10th

SPRC Mtg., Sunday, November 11th at 12:15 pm in rm.
101

Scriptures for this Sunday

Hebrews 11:1-4

Haggai 2:1-9

Leaders in Worship

Rev. David Stockton

Mike Rose, Music Director

Jan MacKrell, piano

8:30 am:

Wayne Rollins, Worship Leader

Katelyn Revett & Grace Moore, Acolytes

Delbert Wichtman, Lay Reader

Mark Spears, Sound Tech

Adam Revett, Multimedia Tech

Stephen Nance, Charlotte Nance, Chandra Inglis, Communion Servers

Andrew Peck, Communion Steward

10:45 am:

Brandon Whitt, Worship Leader

Diana Dalen, Lay Reader

Mike Rose, Sound Tech

Alex Skinner, Multimedia Tech

John & Elaine Forrest, Chandra Inglis, Communion Servers

Cindi Smith-Walters, Communion Steward

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. David Stockton, pastor@blackmanumc.com

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