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In the neighborhood for good!

All I Have Needed

What is your favorite hymn? Mine changes periodically. For a long time, it was "How Firm a Foundation": "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be thy supply." Before that, I imagine it was "Amazing Grace": "Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace shall lead me home." I love swaying to "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms": "What have I to dread? What have I to fear? Leaning on the everlasting arms. I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near. Leaning on the everlasting arms." I love the big, powerful hymns—"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"—and the small quiet hymns—"Take My Hand, Precious Lord," and "This is My Father's World." Christmas hymns and the extravagant hymns that are filled joy—"Joy to the World" and "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," to name a few. What is your favorite and why?

My current favorite hymn is "Great is Thy Faithfulness." I love the beauty and the power of this hymn. I love the reminder and assurance of God's providence. More often, however, I remember this hymn in a different way that causes me to both tremble and rejoice. I do not think that I will ever forget my mother, bed-ridden and suffering from Lewy Body Dementia, singing the one line, "All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me." As you might imagine, I wondered a good bit about the how and why of that. But the more I have dwelt on that memory, I am led to believe that God gives us opportunity, potential, possibility for us to work with, for us to draw strength and inspiration from, for us to use in our faith journey to live out our discipleship and embody the kingdom of God. God gives us what we need, even if it's not always what we want. We are given strength, courage, hope, and one another.

What has God placed in your hands? What has God given you to use, to share, to spend? In this month of November, when our country is invited to reflect on the bounty of good things we have received, our church is invited to reflect on stewardship. What has been placed in our hands, within our care? This building, this creation, these neighborhood children, these needs in our community, these ministries in the church. In reality, thanksgiving, gratitude, is not a seasonal expression for us as Christians, but a way of life. Our discipleship is in response to the grace and mercy we have received from God. What have you been given to give? How have you been blessed to be a blessing? How will you remember and give thanks?

Sing the song. Dwell on God's faithfulness. Pray on what you have been given—resources, time, love beyond imagining. How is God calling you to give back by investing in God's kingdom?

Peace,

Sally

A Letter from Leslie

Hi, friends!

As your Director of Discipleship, I thought it may be fun to start looking at some Sunday school resources out there and share my findings with you, so that you and your people may enjoy trying something new as we approach a new season and a new year. Look over it when you get a chance and hold onto it for the future. I will pray that something sparks your interest, brings you excitement, or inspires you. Please keep in mind that these are simply suggestions, but I hope they turn out to be meaningful for you.

I am dividing up the sections into different categories to try and make this guide easy to follow. Let me know if you have questions or if there is anything else I can do to help you. I am always available through the church communications email, elumccomm@gmail.com. If your group will have trouble affording a certain book or study, there may be financial resources through the church that can help. Reach out to jane.eastlakeumc@gmail.com to talk more about potential church funding.

With love,
Leslie

P.S. The guide is too long to print in *The Chimes*, so we are printing it separately and making it available to all classes.

Fall events bring in crowds and cash!

The Halloween Carnival and the Fall Craft Bazaar were both exceptionally successful this year. To hear Sally tell it, there were probably 250 people (children?) at the carnival, held on October 31. Volunteers were nearly overwhelmed by the sheer number of participants, but they held the course for two manic hours!

The Bazaar was a quieter event, with most “customers” being the very church members who came to staff the craft and goodie tables. There were some friends, relatives, and other outside folks who came, but not as many as we would have liked. *Nevertheless!* We made almost \$1700, and we’re still collecting monies from items sold and special ordered! It was also a very successful event!

See pages 3 and 5 for photos from the events.

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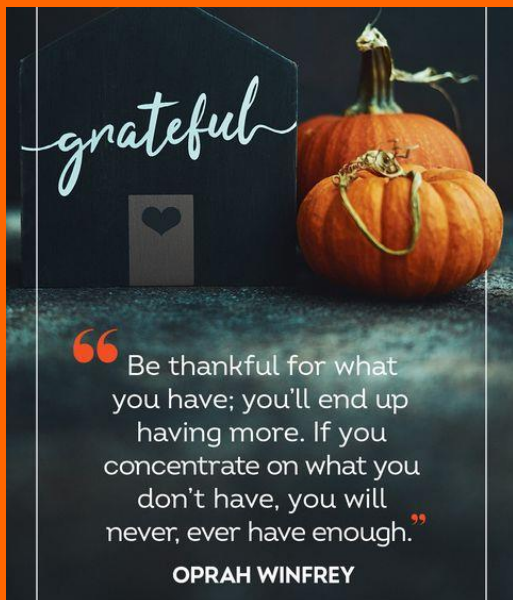
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November Birthdays

		1	2 *Susan Preston	3	4 *John Milledge	5
6	7	8	9 *John Burgin	10	11	12 *Betty King
13	14 *Lillian Nelson	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 *Ja'Leshia Luster	26
27 *Linda Pierce	28	29	30 *Keith Fine			

“Keep on praying for the saints . . .”

Ephesians 6:18

There are many unspoken prayers in our congregation, in addition to these listed: Please pray for

**Alma Boggan
Mattie Lou Harrison
Gary Sandridge**

And for

Our country and its leaders in the wake of elections

And continued prayers for

**Our world leaders
The people of Ukraine, and those all around the world, affected by war**



Children and their adults thronged Wesley Hall for the Halloween Carnival on October 31.

From the Bell Tower Players

We regret that we have had to cancel our Christmas show, *A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol*. It has already been re-scheduled for December of 2023, but in the meantime, we are planning three shows before then, the first being the comedy *Dearly Departed*, which will be performed in February. Look for more info to come!

“When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.”

— Willie Nelson

Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing:

Giving thanks all year long, but especially now

I'm so very thankful for East Lake United Methodist Church! "How do I love you, let me count the ways." There's the organization, "us," to begin with. What we stand for, how we love the neighborhood, how proactively open we are to everyone, are just a few things that come to mind. I've worked for five different denominations over the course of my career, beginning at age 19. Barry has been here 21 years, and there is no place, no place, he'd rather be than at ELUMC! I love my jobs! This is the first time that I've been able to use both of my college backgrounds (music and accounting) for my church, and I'm loving it.

What a joy our staff is! Sally, of infinite hats and heart, is the best boss and pastor. Jane takes good care of us in so many ways. Stephanie keeps us all in order. My "under girder," treasurer Kay, is a pleasure to work with. The 11:00 Wednesday Bible study group is a wonderful privilege and pleasure each midweek; and I love sitting at Tom's feet later in the day. I'm very grateful for Leslie, and how she is knowledgeably helping guide us into the future. I hope you've met new staffers, Regan, Genesis, and Laila, who are already doing great work with our younger ones. Our P.E.E.R. "triple As," Angela, Alma, and RasheenA, helm many ministries.

And saving the best for last, there's the choir. How hard you work! How dedicated you are! How beautifully you sing! How patient you are with me!!! For only a dozen or so people, what beautiful music you make. To quote the apostle Paul, "I thank God for every remembrance of you."

I love y'all!

Barry



Dear friends,

Due to the way Thanksgiving falls this year, the Boomers will not meet in November. However, we *will* meet in December, on Friday, the 16th. We will have a potluck and Christmas Bingo (also known as "Jingo") in the Diner. We'll ask every person to bring a wrapped prize, worth no more than \$10, plus, if you can, a white elephant gift (something you have but don't want, something probably *no one* would want!). These should not be distinguishable from one another, all wrapped to be disguised, so that the person choosing their prize can't tell what they're getting. We hope this provides us with some laughs and a congenial time together—full of Christmas cheer!



Hello, everyone!

We had a nice gathering with breakfast for lunch in October, and we talked over "brunch" about our Bingo dates for the next two months (November and December). I know how much y'all love Bingo, so we are doing it two months in a row to celebrate the two months of holidays.

This month, we will meet on Tuesday, **November 15**, and in December it will be on Tuesday, **December 13**, both at 10 a.m. (we'll decide on the place in plenty of time).

Gentlemen! Please let me know if you are coming so I can get some prizes you might like!

Hoping to see you all on the 15th of this month!

Jane P.



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Spend Less Time in the Kitchen & More Time with Family!

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CASSEROLES AVAILABLE:

Cornbread Dressing
Green Bean Casserole
Sweet Potato Casserole
Macaroni & Cheese
Chicken, Broccoli & Rice
Chicken Supreme

Large: \$30

Medium: \$20

Small: \$10

ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE:

Yeast Rolls
Sweet Potato Pie
Buttermilk Pie
Pecan Pie
Sour Cream Pound Cake
7-Up Pound Cake
Chocolate Pound Cake
Cheese Straws



Volunteers are wonderful! (Marshall Spencer, Henry Gibson, Karen Marx, Carol Hay)

Lectionary Readings for November

I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (CEB)

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Sunday, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7: 1-3

Ephesians 1:11-23

Psalm 149

Luke 6:20-31

Sunday, November 13 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Psalm 98

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

Psalm 46

Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Philippians 4:4-9

Psalm 100

John 6:25-35

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Psalm 122

Matthew 24:36-44

from your Lay Leader . . .

I'm glad there's room for me to write this month because I am excited! I am so excited about the number of you who agreed to help with our recent two events. I apologize that I don't have a list of all the folks who helped with the carnival, but I do have one for the bazaar. First of all, **Melinda Adkins**, with help from **Doreen Duley** and **Carol Hay**), set up the thrift store sale on the stage and contributed greatly to our day. Then, we had these people staffing the crafts and goodies tables: **Karen Brice**, **Mike and Joy Dorriety**, **Peggy Gilman**, **Susie Knedlik**, **Susan Preston**, **Kay Sharp**, **Connie Stone**, and **Jane Walker**. **Barry** was our money man, with occasional help from **Kay**, and **Sally** and I were floaters. In the kitchen were **Carol Hay**, **Lucy Lipp**, and **Karen Marx**, doing a fabulous job of dishing up soup and corn-bread, made by our beloved **Juanita Jones**. Of course, we wouldn't have made any money without those who made those goodies and crafts: **Sally**, **Greg Boling**, **Peggy G.**, **Susie K.**, **Carole Pierce**, **Susan P.**, **Kay S.**, and me.

Since this is the month we observe Thanksgiving, I want to say how thankful I am for all of these folks who worked in multiple ways to make both of these fall events successful. It was certainly a pleasure working alongside you.

Thankfully,

Jane P.



November 2022 Menus

Tuesday, Nov. 1	Hamburger steak with gravy, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, roll
Wednesday, Nov. 2	Macaroni and cheese, cabbage, sweet potatoes, cornbread
Thursday, Nov. 3	Chili with beans, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit
Tuesday, Nov. 8	Chicken tetrazzini, mixed vegetables, roll
Wednesday, Nov. 9	Beef stew with carrots and potatoes, salad, roll
Thursday, Nov. 10	Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, French fries
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Beef tips with rice, Italian vegetables, roll
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans
Thursday, Nov. 17	Meat lasagna, garden salad, roll
Tuesday, Nov. 22	Taco salad with kernel corn, black beans, chips
Wednesday, Nov. 23	Chicken Supreme casserole, green beans, roll
Thursday, Nov. 24	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Tuesday, Nov. 29	Breakfast for lunch
Wednesday, Nov. 30	Pork chop, rice, mixed vegetables, roll
Thursday, Dec. 1	Chicken soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit

**Food
for
Thought**

"In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"No matter what the situation is...close your eyes and think of all the things in your life you could be grateful for right now."

— DEEPAK CHOPRA

November 2022

Tuesday, November 1

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (By phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, November 3

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, November 4

Clean and Sober Jam Session – 6-8 p.m.
(Downstairs Diner)

Saturday, November 5

Fall Bazaar – open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, November 6

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 8

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (By phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, November 10

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, November 11

CHURCH CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY

Sunday, November 13

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
Staff-Parish Committee meeting – 2 p.m.
(Office Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 15

Senior Bingo – 10 a.m. (back room of diner)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (By phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, November 17

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Ponder with the Pastor – 5:30-7 p.m. (True Story
Brewery, Crestwood Shopping Center)

Sunday, November 20

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 22

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, November 24-25

**CHURCH OFFICE AND DINER CLOSED FOR
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 27

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 29

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.