

SYCAMORE HIGHLIGHTS

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DEACON OF THE MONTH
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A GRATEFUL HEART IN EVERY SEASON

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." —Psalm 107:1

Autumn Greetings,

November invites us to pause. God's handiwork is on display as the leaves put on their show, the air grows cooler, and our thoughts turn toward Thanksgiving and, for some, even Christmas. Of course, some of us are also wondering how it can possibly be November when we are fairly certain it was just June!

Amid busy calendars and holiday preparations, Scripture invites us to give thanks. Gratitude helps us notice what we might otherwise hurry past: a friend who checks on us, a meal prepared with love, a moment of laughter, or the quiet strength to face another day.

Yet November can bring mixed emotions. Alongside celebrations, there may be an empty chair at the table, a strained relationship, financial worries, or changes we never would have chosen. Some of us enter this season feeling deeply thankful. Others arrive tired, grieving, or uncertain.

God's presence has room for all of us.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul encourages believers to give thanks in all circumstances. That does not mean we must call every circumstance good. We can be honest about what hurts while still thanking God for His presence with us. Our gratitude can be as simple as this prayer: "Lord, today is hard. Thank you for holding me through it."

As we begin November with All Saints' remembrance, we thank God for those whose lives have shaped our faith. We remember their love, service, prayers, and even the familiar expressions that still make us smile. We honor them as we carry that love forward through our own words and actions.

This month, I invite you to practice one small act of gratitude each day. Name a gift. Thank someone whose kindness has mattered. Reach out to a person who may be lonely. Let your thankfulness become encouragement, generosity, or an extra place at the table.

As a church family, we have opportunities to help others experience God's goodness through the care we offer. A phone call, a listening ear, or a shared meal may become someone else's reason to give thanks.



Whatever this November holds, may we receive its gifts with open hands and hearts, meet its challenges with prayer, and trust the enduring love of God.

With gratitude and love,

Pastor Tracey

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Extending Christ's love through service and generosity to those in need around the world.



HerMission: It's Turkey Time!

This month, we collect turkeys, frozen pies, or monetary donations to buy what we need for the Thanksgiving Meal Ministry.

Please sign up to donate a turkey or pie so we have an accurate count of our frozen items. A sign-up list will be available in the fellowship hall. We also need folks to help pack groceries and distribute meals to local families on pick-up day.

Pack Night: Wednesday, November 18
After the Family Night Dinner, we will pack groceries into bags for Pick-Up Day.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

Pick-Up Day: Saturday, November 21
We need help checking names, distributing turkeys, pies, and grocery bags, and directing cars as families pick up their meals from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Delivery drivers may also be needed.

To get involved, add your name to the list in the Fellowship Hall or contact Tricia Davis.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

ALSO ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 . . .

After packing Thanksgiving meals, we will have an OCC shoebox pack party with the items received throughout the year

All boxes will be delivered to the drop-off location next week.

If you have any questions, please ask Erin Harcum or Janet Bulls. Thank you!

COMMUNITY LIVING NATIVITY

Sadly, we learned that this event will NOT be taking place this year.



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Community Connections started the new church year off with a bang! Here's how we've been serving:

- Family Night dinners are being delivered to 3 families.
- Cards of Appreciation were sent to Riverdale and Capron Elementary Educators
- Foster Care Bags were delivered
- Trunk or Treat at SoCo Gatherings was well attended.

We are in the process of getting names for Angel Tree from Courtland Health Care and children's names from Southampton Social Services. As soon as these are available, we will notify you.

CHURCH LIFE & INFORMATION



TIME CHANGE

November 1

2:00 am.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - NOVEMBER 1



All Saint's Day, also referred to as All Hallows' Day, Hallowmas, or Feast of All Saints in the Christian church is a day for us to remember the saints who have passed on to heaven.

We will have a service of remembrance during worship by reading the names of our church members who have passed away since this day last year and by lighting a candle in their memory.

Additional candles will be available for congregants to light in memory of others in their lives.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & FRIENDSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL

The Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 22, during our regular worship hour.



Plan to stay afterward for a covered-dish meal and Friendsgiving fellowship.

Join us as we gather together in worship and give thanks to God.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the Greens will be a part of our corporate worship service on Sunday, November 29, 2026.

This beautiful, meaningful service reminds us of the symbolic decorations that adorn our church and will enhance the joy felt throughout the season of Advent.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

The fellowship we share during Wednesday Family Night Supper is one of the week's highlights. Here are this month's cooks:

Nov 4	Her Mission
Nov 11	Deacons
Nov 18	Women's Study Group
Nov 25	No Family Night

A reminder to all about Family Night meals.

- Sign up if you are coming!
- Cancel if you are not!
- Meals are $5.00 per person or $12.00 for a family of three or more.

POINSETTIAS



Add to the beauty of the sanctuary during the Christmas season

Purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary on November 29, and you may pick them up after the worship service on December 21.

The cost is $15.00, and the order deadline is Sunday, November 20. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Make checks payable to the church. Include the name of the person you are honoring or memorializing.

Forms are available in the vestibule or by the organ. Contact a member of the Flower Committee with any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION



Join me every Tuesday from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. at StoreHouse for a cup of coffee and some conversation. -PTracey

DEACON LED TEAMS

Listed below are the Deacon Teams and their leaders. If you desire to join one of the teams or know of someone who needs one of the services offered, contact the Team Leader.

2025-2026 Deacon Team Leaders

Transportation: Johnny Holland Bereavement: John Jenkins
Casserole: Debbie Oliver Hospital/Homebound: Joey Francis Prayer: Tricia Davis

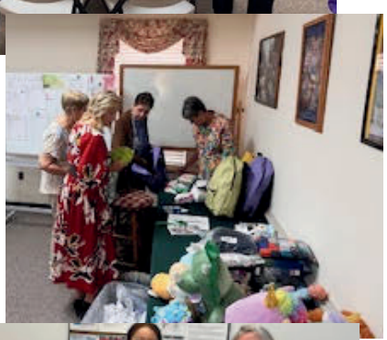
4TH QUARTER IN PICTURES











Top Left: Christmas in August

Right: HerMission packing foster care bags and delivery to Franklin DSS

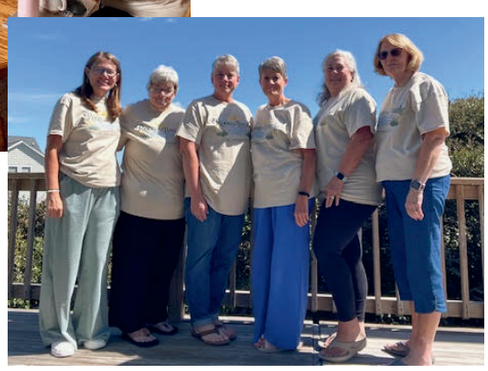
Middle Left: Room to Breathe Ladies Retreat

Botton Left: Family Night Children Serving Dinner

Bottom Right: Community Connections at Trunk or Treat Event











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NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HerMission Lunch and Meeting 11:30 a.m.	2 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 	4	5	6 Hermission Ladies	7 Getaway Weekend
8 Sunday Morning Schedule Community Connections 11:15 a.m.	9	10 Coffee & Conversation StoreHouse 9:00-10:30 a.m.	11 Family Night 	12	13	14
15 Sunday Morning Schedule Church Council 11:15 a.m.	16	17 Coffee & Conversation StoreHouse 9:00-10:30 a.m.	18 Family Night Pack Night for OCC & Thanksgiving Meal Ministry	19	20	21  Thanksgiving Meal Pick-Up 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
22 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Schedule Thanksgiving Worship & Friendsgiving Fellowship Meal	23	24 Coffee & Conversation StoreHouse 9:00-10:30 a.m.	25 NO Family Night	26 	27	28
29 Sunday Morning Schedule 1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens	30					

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
(unless otherwise noted)
Sunday School 9:00 am.
Worship 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE
(unless otherwise noted
Meal: 5:45
Adult Study II: 6:15
Men's Bible Study: 6:45
Youth: 6:45
Mission Friends: 6:45
Children in Action: 6:45
Adult Choir: 7:45



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