

NOVEMBER 2022

THE MESSENGER

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Evans – 3
Sharon Williams – 6
Garrett Lumpkin – 8
Darren McMath – 9
David Craft – 11
Nathan Lee – 12
Charlie Cooper – 12
Lyda White – 16
Beth Henderson – 18
Jayden Williams – 20
Jim Turner – 21
Charlotte Montgomery – 21
Eddie Mihilasky – 24
Bob Craft – 25
Ed Johnson – 25
Karen Martin – 25

SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 6

Romans 1:1-7

November 13

Luke 21:5-19

November 20

Service at Ascension

Episcopal

November 27

Matthew 24:36-44

Every night before we go to bed, our family says our prayers together. Part of our routine is to list a few things for which we are thankful. It is a useful practice and I thought it might be worth saying more about in this month when our country celebrates a holiday called Thanksgiving.

I believe expressing gratitude is important for several reasons. First of all, it deflates our sense of entitlement. Too often, it is easy to believe that the good things in our lives are a result of our own achievement. There is a myth in our country of the “self-made man” and there really are people who think that everything they have is because of their own hard work.

But thanking God is a way of recognizing that the good things in our lives are not just our own doing; they are gifts from a loving Creator. When we feel entitled to what we have, we forget that it is the grace of God alone that sustains and provides for us. Being thankful helps us maintain the proper humility that God holds all our lives in his hands.

Gratitude also defeats despair. There are many reasons to feel discouraged about the world today. Lots of folks are struggling with illness or financial stress. And sometimes we can become so absorbed in our own tales of woe that it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. We convince ourselves that we have it worse than everyone else and those feelings keep us from moving forward.

But when we give thanks, we are reminded that even in the midst of our darkness, God is with us. That doesn't mean our challenges suddenly cease. But expressing gratitude is a way of pushing back against the despair. There is hope and joy in acknowledging the ways we've been blessed, especially when we are feeling down about life. So I invite you this month, if not every month, to join in this practice of naming things every day for which we are grateful. I believe thanksgiving can truly transform our lives.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Day will be Sunday, November 13th. On this day we will dedicate our pledges in worship and renew our support for the many ministries and opportunities offered through the life of our church. Pledge cards have been mailed out. Please bring yours to dedicate in worship on November 13 or mail it back to the church office. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact the church office.



LIVING NATIVITY

Mark your calendars: This year the Living Nativity will be December 10 and 11 from 6-8pm. Please volunteer by signing the sheets in the hallway or contacting the church office. We will also be building the stable for the Living Nativity on Saturday, November 12th and 19th, beginning at 8am. All are invited to come help us assemble.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For many years, Talbot Park has had a combined Thanksgiving service with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Episcopal Church of the Ascension will be hosting on Sunday, November 20th and Brian will be preaching. This will take the place of our regular morning worship. We will meet at Ascension for a breakfast and Sunday School at 9:30am with the service following at 11:00am.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

On Wednesday, November 9, Aaron will present a financial snapshot of Talbot Park including our current situation and our future challenges. Bring your own dinner at 5:30 and the presentation will begin at 6pm. Come be a part of this important conversation about what's going on at our church!

ADVENT

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Advent is a four week season of the church year in which we anticipate Christ's birth as well as his second coming. Join us for this time of preparation and celebration.

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 6th.

CONDOLENCES

Please continue to pray for the family and friends of Benny Davidson who passed away on October 24th, 2022.

Please pray for the family and friends of Richard Powell who passed away on October 26th, 2022.

ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, November 6th, we will observe All Saints Day, during which we will remember all our church members, friends, and family who have died during the previous year.



Preschool News

Thank you all for your support during all of our October events! We are looking forward to November as a time of reflection. While we are teaching about thankfulness and gratitude, it helps bring a reminder for us as well. We have three chapel services during November where we look forward to spending time in worship with the students on these themes. We also will be talking about Harvest, Then and Now, Veterans Day, and Giving Thanks for our themes during the month of school. We look forward to partnering with the church on the Thanksgiving boxes to really make a difference for our community. We wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving Season.

Anna Selvy & Holly Costas



Messy Church will meet again on November 13th from 4:30-6:30. This is a gathering for all ages, featuring creative play, an interactive worship celebration, and sharing a simple meal. No RSVP is required; come as you are. Church members are invited to join us, either as participants or as volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Karen Stowe at 757-621-7815. We hope to see you at Messy Church!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Mission Committee is sponsoring Thanksgiving boxes to provide food for families in need. The boxes will be distributed by The Storehouse Ministry. Boxes and lists of needed items will be available beginning Sunday, October 23. They need to be returned by November 16 so they can be distributed before Thanksgiving day. Turkeys will be purchased by the Missions Committee funds.

Box of mashed potatoes
Canned cranberries
Canned sweet potatoes
Cake mix
2 cans of green beans
Canned frosting
2 cans of corn
French fried onions
Stuffing
Cornbread mix
Canned gravy
Mac and Cheese
Cream of Mushroom soup



You can add extra things that you think would make their day special!



PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE

I want to start out by thanking everyone who volunteered to unload and/or sell pumpkins this year! This fundraiser truly would not be possible without your continued support! As of 10/24/22 we have raised \$2,535 that will go directly to our preschool! We still have a full week of sales to go! What a great way to kick off the fall and support our preschool!

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30pm My Favorite Heresies	3	4	5
6 11:00am Communion 12:00pm Women's Group	7	8 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	9 6:00pm Financial Snapshot	10	11 Office Closed Veteran's Day	12
13 11:00am Pledge Sunday 4:30pm Messy Church	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 11:00am Worship at Ascension Episcopal	21 7:00pm Finance Meeting	22	23 Office Closed 3:00pm Thanksgiving Break	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving 	25 Office Closed Thanksgiving Break	26
27 Advent Begins Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	28	29 2:15pm Birthday Club @ OceanAir	30			