

The Saturday Bulletin for November 1st

Because of tighter restrictions for group gatherings in Illinois and the cooling temperatures, the Sunday Service will be livestreaming until further notice.

This Week's Calendar November 1, 2020

Sunday 11/1

7:00am **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**
(using Zoom)

9:00am **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**
(streaming live only)

Monday 11/2

Tuesday 11/3

Wednesday 11/4

Thursday 11/5

6:30pm **STUDY GROUP** (via Zoom)

Friday 11/6

Saturday 11/7

Looking for Participants!

Now that we are worshipping live-streaming only, it would be nice to have some of us read the scriptures, play prelude or postlude music, record a welcoming message to greet our congregation on Sunday morning, etc. Please contact Howie if you would be willing to participate in any of the ways listed above. It would be nice to hear those additional voices in the service.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR TONIGHT!



I need some help.
I just heard that the clocks go
back this weekend. I can't even
remember where I got them
from and I don't have any
receipts.....

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LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie C.	Darin D.
Derek P.	Marcia B.
David D.	Ron Z.
Jim S.	Tom H.
Jim J.	Betty H.
Darlene W.	Mark & Nicole A.
Jerry, Donna, and Carrie H.	
Cindy A. (Greg L.'s sister)	

The family of: Debi Wilson (Lisa S.'s sister)

Please email your prayer requests to Howie by Saturday if possible. We will be able to include those names on the prayer list for Sunday's service.

Thanksgiving Memories and Recipes

This November Rocktonian will feature your memories, traditions, and recipes from your family's Thanksgiving holiday. I have had a couple of requests to extend the deadline for submitting stories and recipes, so please take advantage of the extra time and write about your Thanksgiving. Articles are now **due by Monday** and should be emailed to

johnsong755@gmail.com

Don't wish to write it yourself? Then please call me, tell me your story, and I will write it for you. I am sure we each have a story to share!

Gail Johnson 815-624-7759



There is still time to send in your stories and recipes!

Thoughts of Thanksgiving

The Health Department has once again recommended that we refrain from gathering with a large group of family for the upcoming holiday season since COVID-19 is spreading at an alarming rate. For many, the thought of not being with family and friends will mean that some family traditions and treasured recipes will not be shared and enjoyed as usual. Well we are going to help remedy that!

I would like you to take a few minutes to share your recipes and family traditions with your church family. It could be the special salad that Aunt Sally always brings or the trick to making gravy with no lumps. You could share a story of a special Thanksgiving you will never forget or maybe a mishap you wish everyone would forget! As your church family, we will be the ones remembering with you as you write "I remember the time..."

One of the special things about every holiday is the food. Instead of making that Thanksgiving dish for your family crowd, share the recipe for this Rocktonian and let some of us choose to make it in our home. Aunt Sally may not be bringing her salad to your family gathering, but it could be on my table and we'll know why it was special to you.

If you are hesitating about writing a story yourself, then give me a call.(815-624-7759) I will take your details, write it for you, and then send it back for your approval. If you don't want to copy a recipe, take a picture of it and send it that way. This isn't meant to be a task that you view as "work" but rather a time to remember with joy the times your family has enjoyed Thanksgiving together.

I will need your stories and/or recipes to reach me by next **Monday, November 2.** You may email them to me at johnsong755@gmail.com or... if you are not familiar with emailing, you may drop them through the mail slot at church or... write them ASAP and drop them off to me at my home at:

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Order of Worship November 1, 2020

Prelude – *For All the Saints* played by Christine Gustafson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We have come to affirm our historic faith.

To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

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Passing the Peace with Sign Language

All Saints Day Remembrance

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you.
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands Used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-prayer-meditation-for-all-saints-day>)

Eternal God, we offer up to you now those, who have been under the ministry of this congregation both members and friends; who have finished the course of life, and now rest from their labor: As we light a candle, please observe a moment of silence to remember:

Dihl Wecker (August 9, 1940 - December 22, 2019)

John Bates (October 23, 1930 - January 3, 2020)

Dawn Miller (July 21, 1923 - February 10, 2020)

Fred S. Peterson, Jr. (August 15, 1920 - March 30, 2020)

Annie Kress (August 21, 1934 - April 9, 2020)

Frances Koehmstedt (July 28, 1925 - July 5, 2020)

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joy which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Worship in Song *I'M GONNA SING / WHEN THE SAINTS / SWING LOW*

I'm gonna sing, sing, sing, I'm gonna shout, shout, shout
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout, praise the Lord!
For when those gates are opened wide,
I'm gonna sit at Jesus' side
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout, praise the Lord!

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home

Scripture Philippians 3:12-14 Acts 2:37-47

Sermon The Practice of Intentional Faith Development *Pastor Howie Snyder*

Offertory Prayer

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

We go out to be God's people.

Go in strength to be the saints of God
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

We go out to be God's people.

Live the way of God with confidence
for God is your shepherd,
and will guide you to the spring of life.

We go out to be God's people.

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