

But if anyone does sin, we have
an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous; " 1 John 2:1

The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2026

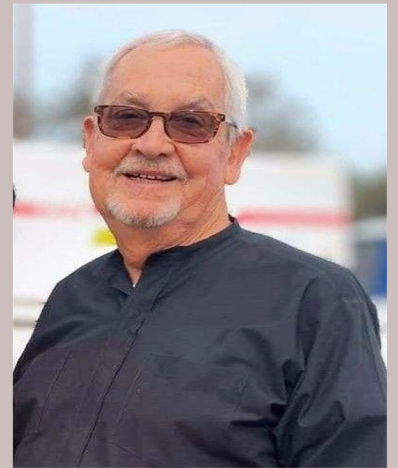
As I write this column (9/23), I note that it is the first day of the Fall season. Though it still feels like Summer, know that we are getting closer to cooler temperatures.

There is one notable day in October – Halloween on the 31st.

Going directly into November, we first note All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st, a day to remember and venerate the saints of the Church, both those recognized by the Church's canon and those whose holiness is not formally recorded (Wikipedia).

It is also the day that Daylight Saving time ends. It is immediately followed on Monday the 2nd by All Souls Day where we remember All of the Faithfully Departed.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11th, we honor all veterans of our Armed Forces. "Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954." (Wikipedia)



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On November 26th we celebrate Thanksgiving. Originally a celebration of the harvest, we now celebrate all of the blessings we receive through God's love for us.

Throughout most of November we are still in Pentecost. Then on Sunday, November 29th we enter the Advent season.

We move from the green of Pentecost to the purple of Advent.

It is also the first season of a new liturgical year. At least every year at this time I speak and write about our Stewardship. We need it for our church to continue its mission. It is not just the financial aspect. It is also your time and various talents that are what keep Advent alive.

Over the years we have approached Stewardship in different ways, and we need to be mindful, not only what it does for the church, but also what it does for us when we know that we are doing God's work. Thank you for the opportunity to serve God through this church.

Blessings to all.

Tom



Linda's Book Club List 2026

January Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, Clare Wonders

February The Mystic Jesus by Marianne Williamson, MJ Rives

March The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, Bonnie Whitley

April The Second Life of Marielle West by Amanda Skenandore, Aaronette Housley

May The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton, Jacqi Nix

June The Hound of the Baskervilles by Conan Doyle, Juliette Wood

July At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities by Heather Webber, Glenda Dove

August Culpability by Bruce Holsinger, Heather Bilbrey

September People I Met at the Gates of Heaven by Don Piper, Judy Mumme

October The Heaven & earth Grocery Store by James McBride, Katrina Morris

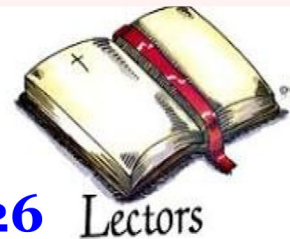
November A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst, Megan Lemaster



**MOA and WOA
meet as needed
after Sunday
Services**



Called to Serve



October 2026

November 2026

Lectors

October 4

Morning Prayer

Lay Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman; Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

October 11

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge; Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

October 18

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman; Jacqi Nix

Usher: Clif Hammock

October 25

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge; Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

November 1

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman; Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

November 8

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge; Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

November 15

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Jacqui Nix; Liz Hoffman

Usher: Clif Hammock

November 22

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge; Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

November 29

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman; Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Morning
Prayer
9:00 am

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HE Rite II
9:00 am
Pledge
Cards
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Columbus
Day
Church office
Closed

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Linda's
Book
Club
5:30 pm

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HE Rite II
9:00 am

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Vestry
Today

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HE Rite II
9:00 am

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Tom Gone

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Debbie Gone

Clergy Conference

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

All Saints Day

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Daylight Savings Ends

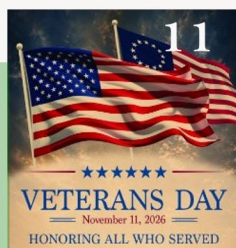
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HE Rite II

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Coastal Bend Day of Giving

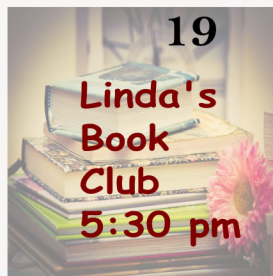
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HE Rite II

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HE Rite II

9:00 am

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HE Rite II

9:00 am

Advent Begins



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.

Pray for our Military Family

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially **Correy, Drew, Joseph, Noah, and Lauren** . Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

~Amen~

Please Pray for:

Bill Acker, Blaine Ainsworth, Keith & Linda Arnold, Bette & Rachal Ash, Alex Aquino, Anne Bayless, Sandra Barnum, Mike Bishop, James Bishop, Clayton & Susie Black, Brad Blankerbecker, Buzzy Botard, Lapat Brewer, Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Jody Cole, Shannon Davis, Bob Eifling, Eva Elkins, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Tammy Findley, Delfi Flores, Melba Gafford, Michaela Gannon, Cindy Gonzales, Bosco Hillman, Renee Hinojosa, Erica Hoelscher, Aaronette Housley, Danny Housley, Eddie Housley, Kelly Hunter, Hank Jackson, Carol Jordan, Cindy Kinney, David Light, Alex Lopez, Tessa Matthews, Nellie Ann Martin, Kelly Mayeux, Crystal Mead, Katherine Milligan, Cami Morgan, Gary Morgan, Kristen Muto, Pat Myane, Patrice McIntire, Jim and Jamie McLarty, Megan McLaughlin, Sarah Perkins, Nena Pitts, Gregg Robertson, Mike & Sylvia Saldivar, Brady Scarborough, Phyllis Seidel, Dan & Haylee Severn, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard, Annette Starr, Brent Stringfellow, David Sullivan, Ken Teale, Michelle Texiera, Lainey Topacio, Tom Turner, George Vaughn, Carl Walker, Holden Weaver, Dale & Sandy Wilson, and Cinco Woods.

We each caught our limit and brought home 34 lbs of salmon



Stratton enjoyed daily Hot Chocolate everywhere we visited.



Flying to Brooks Lodge for bear viewing. Stratton was excited to be the co-pilot!



You're never too old for zip-lining



We had a great time on the dog sled ride!



**William 'Ford' Findley
born August 15, 2026
to Justin and Caroline
Findley**



**Steve and Eddie's
new grandson.
Ford Findley, one
month old**

Melba Gafford's 95th Birthday Party

Top left to right

Eddie Findley, Clare
Wonders, Juliette Wood,
Anne Bayless, Bruce
and Gail Hoffman,
Melba Gafford



Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays

- 3. Sadie Nix*
- 4. Evelyn Jade Martin*
- 16. Brian Wallace*
- 21. Tanner Findley*
- 24. Merritt Wallace*

November Birthdays

- 19. Brandie Broesche Meeks*

Happy Anniversary!

October

- 19. David & Annette Wells**

November

- 15. David & Micha Sullivan**
- 15. Brian & Sara Wallace**
- 27. Steve & Eddie Findley**
- 28. Mike & Debbie Brown**

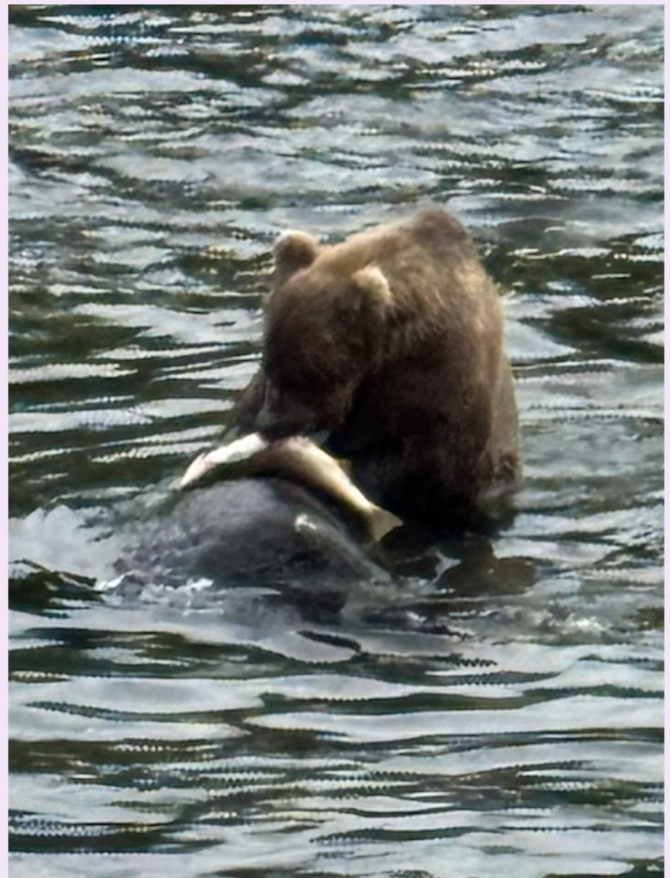


**We all enjoyed viewing grizzlies
at the Brooks Lodge waterfall.**

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Ministers through
Faith, Renewal,
Peace, and
Outreach*

Grizzly Bear just caught a salmon



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WORSHIP:

SUNDAY 9 AM-HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON

**Followed by Coffee, Fellowship,
and Bible Study**

SPECIAL SERVICES AS ANNOUNCED.

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