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SEASONAL GIFTS FROM GOD

"For everything there is a season and a time for
every matter under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:1

It's fall, and we are surrounded by the beauty of the season—a beauty we did nothing to create, a gift and a miracle given freely. As believers, we know where this beauty comes from. At its very origin is God: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. In this season of vibrant foliage, let us offer unceasing thanks and praise to the Holy Trinity.

Whether we walk along narrow, leaf-shadowed paths in the forest, climb mountain summits, or gaze upon the landscape from above, we can find ourselves inspired. We become poets and storytellers, psalmists and mystics, each in a deep communion with God. We draw from the wellspring of the soul.

SEASONAL GIFTS, CONTINUED

Let us give thanks to God for this beautiful season. It is both our privilege and our duty. Enjoy the beauty of this season fully, for if you miss it, you'll have to wait until next year. As Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us, everything has a season. So embrace this autumn and give thanks always.

In the Church's liturgical calendar, November begins with All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Saints' Sunday (November 3) and ends with Christ the King Sunday after Thanksgiving. November feels like a harvest month, a time to count God's blessings and celebrate the fruits of faith within us. Reflect: What are you thankful for? Write it down. This might become a record of your harvest or a faith story to pass down to your children and family. Fall is a time to count our blessings and give thanks to God, preparing our hearts for winter and the coming new year. Soon, Advent will begin, leading us to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas.

November and December are filled with joys, music, tree lights, gatherings, gifts, and more. They are the busiest time for postal and delivery workers, and they can be especially hard for those spending these holidays for the first time without loved ones. As believers, we are called to care for those in need during this season, sharing God's love and blessings with others. I believe the people of Middleburg UMC and Rectortown UMC are ready to do this well. Thanks be to God. God bless you all. Amen.

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE



This year marks the 15th anniversary of Rectortown UMC's "White House" building, a cornerstone of our ministry!

Originally dedicated in 2009 for children's Christian education, it has since grown to become a vibrant center for our church's mission. Now, it is home to The Fig Leaf Clothing

Closet (our 501(c)(3) nonprofit) and serves as our administrative hub. As we look back on its legacy and transformation, we are grateful for all who have made it possible and look forward to many more years of service, outreach, and community-building through this cherished space.

KEEP MOVING WITH GOD



Image submitted by
Muggie Grice

“...some days, our walk with Jesus is full of missteps and mistakes. Our efforts to love our neighbors might occasionally hurt more than heal. But, like Paul and all the other disciples, both modern and ancient, we’re invited to keep walking forward with God. Because, even though some days are better than others, God never stops walking with us and working through us.”

Excerpt from Pastor Leeann Younger’s commentary, 2022
full commentary at : <https://covchurch.org/2022/04/18/some-days-are-better-than-others/>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



KARYN LANDOLL - 2ND
 PAM HUNTER - 2ND
 TYLER WILLIS - 6TH
 MORGAN CROSSEN -
 8TH
 JEAN PAYNE - 10TH
 DIANE HARRINGTON -
 13TH
 TARA WEGDAM - 14TH
 TYLER CROSSEN - 19TH
 JOHN CROSSEN - 21ST
 JACKSON GLASCOCK -
 23RD



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

NOVEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

Charge Conference

November 3rd at 3pm, Shenandoah
 University - Stimpson Auditorium

Admin Council

November 7th at 7pm

Worship

November 12th at 6:30pm

Veteran's Day - Office Closed

November 11th



Trustees

November 13th at 6pm

Fig Leaf

November 19th at 10am



Thanksgiving - Office Closed

November 28th



RECTORTOWN UMC MISSION STATEMENT
 SERVING GOD THROUGH **P**RAYER, **A**CTION,
 AND **L**OVE THROUGH **S**ERVICE.