

# First United Methodist Church

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***November 1, 2026***  
***All Saint's Sunday***

## **GATHERING/WELCOME**

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**DJ Ory**

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

**We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.**

As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

**We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.**

We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

**We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.**

Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

**We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026

**\*SONG OF PRAISE:****For All the Saints v. 1,2,4****UMH#711**

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| 1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,<br>who thee by faith before the world confessed,<br>thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.<br>Refrain<br>Alleluia, Alleluia! | 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;<br>thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;<br>thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.<br>Refrain<br>Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We<br>feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are<br>one in thee, for all are thine.<br>Refrain<br>Alleluia, Alleluia!         |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

*Acolytes bring in the light of Christ acknowledging the Presence of God.*

**A YEAR WITH GOD:** *We color Ordinary Time green as we look for the extraordinary in the ordinariness of our life.*

**CENTERING PRAYER SONG: People Need the Lord****FWS #2244**

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| 1. People need the Lord, people need the Lord;<br>at the end of broken dreams, he's the open door. | 2. People need the Lord, people need the Lord;<br>when will we realize people need the Lord. |
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**CONFESSION:** Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Leader and people: Glory to God. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DJ Ory

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

DJ Ory

9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. 11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

### SONG OF PREPARATION:

Faith of Our Fathers v. 1,3

UMH#710

1. Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of  
dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts  
beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious  
word!

**Refrain:** Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be  
true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and  
foe in all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love  
knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.

**Refrain:** Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be  
true to thee till death.

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 John 3: 1-3

Pastor Laura

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** Witness

Pastor Laura

### LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Living God, our Guide and Guardian, Who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints whose witness has shaped our lives who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.

As we remember those saints Who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months, we remember their witness to your love and grace with joy and gratitude.

*As each name is called, a bell will sound and a candle will be lit in honor of each person. A family member or close friend may come forward to light the remembrance candle.*

*Donna Nelson*

*Anne Chappell*

*George Eastes*

*Patsy Ziriaux*

*John Hrdlicka*

*For all we name in our hearts this day*

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence. We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples.

On this All-Saints' Sunday, we remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we proclaim:

**We are God's children, witnesses of God's word that is at work in us and in the saints who have gone before.**

**Today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen.**

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## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY:** Rejoice in God's Saints v.3,4

**UMH#708**

**\*SONG OF THANKS:** Doxology

**UMH #95**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**UMH, p. 13**

## **SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**Communion Hymn- In Remembrance of Me**

**FWS#2254**

## \*SONG OF COMMITMENT: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

UMH #712

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| 1. I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.                       | 2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too. |
| 3. They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### SENDING FORTH – BLESSING

This service is live-streamed on  
[Youtube.com/@fumcmason](https://www.youtube.com/@fumcmason)

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MH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing; W&S=Worship and Song

Asterisk (\*) indicates to stand, as you are able.



### Prayer Guide for the Week

*New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

**Together , Let us pray for**

***The people of this congregation...***

***Those who suffer and those in trouble...***

***Resisting injustice, oppression, and evil...***

***The concerns of this local community...***

***The world, its people, and its leaders...***

***The church universal – leaders, members, and its mission...***

***The communion of saints...***

***For the grieving families of: Troy Klaerner, Patsy Ziriax, Harold Hoerster, George Eastes.***

***For individuals requesting prayers: Mary Polk, Wes Creech (Steady Steps Parent) Rene Schulze is home, Jan Jordan,***

**For our military, law enforcement, and first responders.**  
**U.S. Army: Kalyn Bauer – Marines: Zane Chalk** (*Joyce Raska’s grandson*)  
**For our Veterans, military members and their families** who may be struggling with their mental health, that they can get help.

The chapel is always open for prayer. Come by during the week and experience the current prayer station, use the prayer guide, or just sit in silence.

**Assisting in Worship**  
 Lay Reader: DJ Ory  
 Ushers: *Winfred and Carmen Bauer*  
 Organist/Pianist: Chris Farmer  
 Music Leader: Leslie Whitworth  
 Acolytes: *Grace K, Grace G*

| Giving and Attendance                       |             |
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| LAST WEEK’S GIVING (OCT 25, 2026) .....     | \$2,131.18  |
| OCT MTD GIVING.....                         | \$23,298.76 |
| OCT. MTD EXPENSE.....                       | \$29,409.15 |
| LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE (OCT 25, 2026) ..... | 55          |



Terri Reardon, our Wesley Nurse, has a client who is in need household furniture. If you would like to help or know someone that might help, please talk to Terri or contact the office.

Coat Donations Needed for the Food Pantry.



In November, our offering will go towards Cookson Hills Center, a National Advance of the United Methodist Church. The 65-year-old rural ministry serves mostly Cherokee population in some of the poorest counties in Oklahoma.

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***SAVE THE DATE:***

***Nov 13 – Blue Ribbon Service Day, we will provide sandwiches for the students, sign-up sheet will be in the Social Hall***

***Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – Steady Steps Book fair proceeds from this book fair are going to Steady Steps.***



***On November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will meet and enjoy soups and sides, such as crackers, bread, or cornbread and desserts! Plan to join us and bring something to share if you can... if you can't, please come anyway- we always have more than enough! We will be sharing some of our favorite Bible stories about Thanksgiving in a new and exciting way, so I hope you can all join us!***



***Sunday, Nov. 15th, our youth going to the JH/HS Midwinter in January will be having a bake sale in the social hall to raise funds to help pay for their trip. Please join us and donate if you can!***

# *This week's Calendar*

## Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time Change!**

**All Saint's Sunday**

**Prayer Shawl Sunday**

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service- **Communion Sunday**

4:00 – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts

## Monday, November 2

09:30 AM Prayer Shawl

**NO Chair Yoga**

**06:30 PM Cantata Rehearsal**

## Tuesday, November 3

**10:30 AM Nurture Committee Meeting**

02:40 PM Steady Steps Chapel

04:00 PM After school Chapel

## Wednesday, November 4

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

**05:00 PM First Wednesday Fellowship – Join us for Soups and sides.**

**06:00 PM Choir Practice**

## Thursday, November 5

**05:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting**

## Friday, November 6

**Birthday: Shelly Schuessler**

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

## Saturday, November 7

**Birthday: Thom Canfield**

**Maci Underwood**

## Sunday, November 8

**Noisy Bucket Offering Sunday- In November, our offering will go towards Cookson Hills Center, a National Advance of the United Methodist Church. Rural Ministry**

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

**10:00 Am to 2:00 PM Steady Steps Hamburger Fundraiser**

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Annual Charge Conference in Fredericksburg**