

# Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church

## News & Views

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### LECTIONARY READINGS

#### November 4 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

#### November 11 Veterans Day

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127 or Psalm 42

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

#### November 18 Commitment Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm  
113

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18)  
19-15

Mark 13:1-8

#### November 25 United Methodist Student Day (offering)

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:3-37

### Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

“No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins [the Civil War], hath nevertheless remembered mercy. . . . I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday in November next as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent father who dwelleth in heaven”

—Abraham Lincoln, 1863

Since 1564 settlers on this continent have set aside special days—holidays—to spend time worshipping God for His divine provision. French Huguenots near present-day Jacksonville, Florida thanked God, “beseeching Him that it would please Him to continue His accustomed goodness towards us.”

Early on, the Pilgrims gathered to honor God for a bountiful harvest. They gathered to honor God that they survived a severe winter. They gathered to honor God for favor with the First Peoples. Early settlers cultivated grateful hearts toward God.

By the time of the Revolution, George Washington proclaimed days of thanksgiving to God for His hand in their survival as a nation.

President Lincoln proclaimed the annual day of thanksgiving beginning the last Thursday in November 1863. It was proper to thank God for His mercy to the country and its citizens in spite of the then current war brought on by the sins of the people. Every president after Lincoln to FDR continued to proclaim the last Thursday of November as a national day of thanksgiving to God. Roosevelt changed the date to the third Thursday to give a longer Christmas shopping season, but Congress proposed a compromise of the fourth Thursday.

Our citizens and leaders have long recognized the responsibility and the need to thank God for His many blessings on us. As we gather around the dinner table or the TV Thanksgiving Day, let us not forget why we have that Thursday off. It’s not to remember that the Pilgrims were thankful to the Indians. It’s not to honor football. It’s not to see family. It’s not to feast on turkey. And since the stores opened Christmas departments last summer and decorations went up before Halloween, it’s not to officially mark the start of “Holiday” (i.e.—Christmas) shopping.

We get to spend that day with family, friends, football, and turkey because of the goodness of God. God is good! All the time!

Paul

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeanie Muhs	02
Betty Freeman	02
Brandi Vandygriff	07
Betty Edmiston	09
Karen Evans	10
Ken Beckwith	16
Shirley Floyd	20
Gerry Biles	22
Jo Calaway	22
Charlotte Cumings	25
Makala Strang	26
Judy Wheeler	26
Grace Minton	27
Marianne Holdman	30

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Deena McAllister	12
Wayne & Jeanie Muhs	19
Robert & Debra Lutz	26
Ed & Doris Ball	28

## MEMORIALS RECEIVED

### Robert Reeves

Henry & Charlene Burge

### Troy Simpson

Ron & Kay Morrow

Ron & Linda Reynolds

## HYMN REQUEST

If anyone has a hymn request please contact the choir director, Blake Craft, at his email address: [blakecraft2015@gmail.com](mailto:blakecraft2015@gmail.com).

## USHER SCHEDULE

### Schedule for November:

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Karen Evans, Bob & Dixie Lee, Ed Roberts, Barbara McClary and Dana Frierson

**11<sup>th</sup>:** Bill Bain, Jim & Gail McKnight, Ken & Laurie Beckwith and Ken Gates

**18<sup>th</sup>:** Patsy Weidanz, Debra Lutz, Steve & Shirley Sutay, Neva Erickson, Chris Lang and Gerry Biles

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Brenda Smith, Kathy Williamson, Greg & Edie Calaway and Eric Jolly

If you are interested in joining the usher team please call Linn Meseke at 884-6693. Anyone is welcome.

**Liturgists for November:** Gene Christensen, Deena McAllister, Leonard Follmann and Marge Fleischer

**Communion Servers:** Ken & Laurie Beckwith and Neva Erickson

## GREETERS

**November Greeters:** Mary Ann Roberts and Debra Lutz

**Substitutes:** Dixie Lee and Barbara McClary.

## FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR NOVEMBER

The Members of the Wednesday Small Group #2 are responsible for fellowship time during the month of November.

## SPIRIT GROUP

The Spirit Group will not meet on the third Thursday in November or December. We will meet Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., in the home of Dorothy Follmann, at 148 Overlook Drive. Each member is asked to bring a Bible and something for the meal. If you have questions, please call Dorothy at 884-3050.

Dorothy Follmann