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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

ARTICLE

Gratitude is sometimes approached with the idea that "You should be thankful" when preceded by whining or complaining. The response is generally, "Yeah, you are right" and we go through the obligatory exercise of counting our blessings.

There is nothing really wrong with that and it is part of the discipline of growing in our faith, the work of trying to be better Christians. Hopefully, it moves us toward having that spirit more often and more readily.

But I find myself pondering times where thanksgiving is spontaneous and profound. It happens when we finally hear our loved one is okay. (*Oh thank God!*) It happens when a child honors you with a gift of something they found. (*Aww thank you!*) It happens when your team scrapes out a narrow win. (*Thank you Jesus!*) You don't think about it, it just comes out. This is the gratitude I want to cultivate about so many more things.

Steve

HOMECOMING

Homecoming is this Sunday, November 5th. We are celebrating Bookwalter's 141st birthday. Former pastor Dwight S. Kilbourne is the speaker. Worship is at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish dinner. Please mark your calendars and invite someone to come with you.

This Sunday also marks the end of Daylight-Saving Time so be sure to Fall Back.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will also celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5th during the service by lighting white candles in memory of those lost since last November 1st. If you would like to participate, please bring a free-standing white candle. We have some extras if you do not have one.

PECANS

It's Nuts (Pecan) Time! – if you need pecan pieces or halves for your upcoming baking needs now is the time to order. The church will be placing an order on November 6. Pecan pieces are \$10 for a 1-lb bag while pecan halves (perfect for making pies) are \$10.50 for a 1-lb bag. Call Mary Mahoney at 865-414-8953 or send an email to her at mmahoney@utk.edu by 5:00 pm Sunday, November 5th!

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

We are about halfway to our goal of collecting 200 boxes of instant stuffing, 200 packets of gravy and 200 bags of sugar. This outreach effort ends on November 12th. Thank you for your support.

OUTREACH MEETING

We will meet November 16 at 6:30 PM. We will be finalizing plans for a church-wide Christmas party where we will be putting together gifts for our Homebound.

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

We will have our annual recognition of Veterans on Sunday, November 12. We do this with a special slide show and music. If you have submitted a photo and information in the past, we still have that on hand. If you have not, please email a digital photo of your Veteran to sdoval7@gmail.com along with basic information such as which branch of the military they served, their rank and where and when they were posted.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

This four-session study will begin on Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 PM and then on the following three Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

ZOOM CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference will be held online on November 15 at 7:00 PM. Please let Rev. Doyal know if you would like that link once he receives it from the District Office.

CALENDARS

We are working on the 2024 Church calendars now. Please see Idonna Bryson for the forms you can use to verify or update information (*birthdays, anniversaries, memorials*) you may want to include. Please include your payment when you return the form to her. Thanks.

BAKE SALE

The youth will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19. This is a fund-raiser to go to Resurrection '24. We welcome donations of baked goods to sell and it is a great time to get some goodies for your Thanksgiving meals. Stop by before and/or after church service.

THANK YOU

We ended up with 15 stations of cars, trucks and tables for last Sunday's Trunk or Treat. Thank you to everyone who supported or participated!

