


**Week at a Glance: November 3-9**

Sunday All Saints Sunday  
1-3pm: Singles Mingles Game Day @ EFUMC

Monday 9am: Team Tabitha in the Fellowship Hall


Tuesday 11am and 4pm: Bible Study

Thursday 6pm: Vespers Services


**Trunk or Treat**  **Thank you to all that participated in this year's Trunk or Treat Event. The trunk winners were:**

1st Place: The Tarr's Trunk "Where in the World are We?"  
2nd Place: The Chapman Trunk: "Pick or Treat"  
3rd Place: The Stenbridge, Sandels & Friends Trunk: "Under the Big Top (Halloween Style)"


Celebrate Veteran's Day (11/11) at EFUMC! The annual Lions Club breakfast will take place in our Fellowship Hall starting at 8am. As the hosts, we will need help with setup, serving coffee and clean-up. Please call the office to sign up. Thank you!

**November Mission Dinner**   
The November Mission Dinner will take place on Wednesday, **November 13th at 5:00 PM.** The speaker will be Tiffany Watson from Family Connections. The menu will be soup, cornbread and dessert. Please call the office to sign up @ 706.635.2555.


**Community Thanksgiving Meal**  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal will take place at First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 16th from 11am -2pm. Volunteers are needed to serve, park cars, act as greeters, prepare desserts, or to provide COOKED turkeys. If you are able to help, please contact Jan Day ([janwday@aol.com](mailto:janwday@aol.com)). EVERYONE is invited!

 We welcome Roxanne Golden to EFUMC again today. Thank you for your beautiful organ music!

**Samaritan's Purse Boxes are Coming Due!**  
 If you have taken a box to fill, please return it no later than 11/17. Thank you!

 The Marine Corp Reserve Toys For Tots is looking for volunteers to help wrap toys and gifts. If you are interested, please contact AJ LeComte @ 706.669.5853.

**Church Lock-up Schedule**  
11/03: Lloyd Vautrot  
11/10: Charlie Leonard  
11/17: Bill Munson

  
11/7: Alyse Munson  
11/8: Paula Acree

The Church Office is in need of more volunteers Please call Susan in the Office at 706.635.2555 for details. Thank you!

**Help Wanted**—The Warming Center is still in need of volunteers to provide meals, stay overnight, or to provide transportation. If you are willing to serve over the winter, please contact Rachel Tarr ([rachel.tarr@yahoo.com](mailto:rachel.tarr@yahoo.com) or 770-316-4934 for sign up and for more information.

**Prayers for the Week**  
Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors., pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

<b>General</b>	Emma Ford Missionary Josh and Teresa Nunez Roger and Dorothy Rainwater	<b>Hospital / Rehab</b>	Peggy Puckett	<b>Death in Family</b>	Family of Clifford Albert Padgett Family of George Stutz Family of Jeanne Munson Family of Jim Pinson Family of Larry Hulsey
<b>Health</b>	<b>Doug Bater</b> Ed Boyd Kyle Bullington Joan Compton Paul Compton <b>Earline Copley</b> Allen Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Jessica Good Marianne Gudger Betty Jo Hanes Rylan Leeper Shannon Leeper Jackie Leva John Mahan Ken Makant Susan Makant Lisa Malham <b>Nancy Smith</b> Mike Vitelli Skylar Wornbough	<b>Surgery / Upcoming</b>	Barbara Fogle	<b>Shut-In</b>	Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Peggy Puckett Caryl Putnan Margie Pyren Paul Stanhope Mary Uthlaut Valerie Weiss Robert Westmoreland
		<b>Surgery / Recuperating</b>	Susan Andersen Paula Andor Terry Copeland Earline Crooke Pat Daniels JoAnn Davis Martha Davis Shae Henson Lynn Perry Kenny Wishon		
		<b>Hospice</b>	Bob Hix Tom Lowery Sr Richard Manning <b>Bill Patton</b>		
		<b>Caregiver</b>	Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Ruth Hix Mary Jo Lowery Joan Stanhope		

The UMM thank everyone that helped in providing the meal for the Native American Gathering. The morning included Cleansing, Drumming , Native American singing and dancing led by Pastor Mike. Plus, a powerful message by a Native American pastor, Becki Jones. We are truly a servant church. We had over 25 church members giving of their time cooking, setting up and serving to make this a blessed event.

**FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week**  
Indeed Lord, perhaps the important question is not, "Who is my neighbor?," but "Who is NOT my neighbor?"



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Sunday, November 3, 2024

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday  
Holy Communion**

*The Liturgical Color is White*

**The Prelude** - "More Love to Thee, O Christ"  
*arr by Mary McDonald*

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**

**Focusing Words—Revelation 21, John 11**

Rejoice, saints of God. Death is swallowed up in everlasting life.

**The Roll Call of Honored Saints**

† **Choral Call to Worship** - "All Good Gifts"  
*by Stephen Schwartz*

† **The Greeting** - *Isaiah 25, Psalm 24, Revelation 21*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates.

**People: The King of glory has come.**

Leader: Mourning and death shall be no more.

**People: Feast on rich food and fine wine.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

† **The Hymn of Praise**

"For All the Saints" UMH 711

***You Are Welcome Here***

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

† **The Affirmation of Faith**      **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer & Congregational Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

"This is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH 383

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings** Pastor Mike

**The Offertory Music:** "How Firm a Foundation"  
*arr by Gilbert Martin*

† **The Presentation and Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**The Anthem** "Jubilate Deo"

*by Joe Glass*

† *Congregation standing as able*

UMH— United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS—The Faith We Sing

**Mark 12:28-34**

**The Greatest Commandment**

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

<sup>32</sup> "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

<sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

**The Sermon:** "Close, But Not Close Enough" Pastor Mike

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** UMH 12

† **The Closing Hymn**  
"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH 569

During this time, the Pastor and Prayer Team are available at the altar for anyone desiring personal or corporate prayer.

† **The Benediction**

***Invitation to Church Membership***

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.*