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WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

In November, we're coming to the end of the 2023–2024 liturgical year. On the first Sunday, we'll celebrate All Saints Sunday. In it, we recall all those who have walked before us in the faith, And we celebrate our connection to all of God's saints through the sacrament of communion. John's vision, in Revelation, reminds us that even when it seems all is lost, God is working to make all things new. *(continued on pg. 2)*

November 3, 2024, All Saints Sunday

Communion

Revelation 21:1–6a

“A New Heaven and a New Earth”

November 10, 2024, The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

“Ruth”

November 17, 2024, The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4–20

“Hannah”

November 24, 2024, Reign of Christ Sunday

John 18:33–37

“Another World”

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Happy Thanksgiving

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Worship in November (continued from page 1)

In the middle Sundays of November, we'll explore the stories of two important biblical women. Ruth shows remarkable resilience in a world dominated by men. As she navigates societal norms to care for her mother-in-law Naomi, Ruth's courage and resourcefulness shine through. Ruth defies expectations and reshapes her destiny. Her story reminds us that sometimes rules must be bent or broken to pursue justice and love.

Hannah's longing for a child reveals a deeper desire for justice in a corrupt society. As she prays for a son, Hannah vows to dedicate him to God's service, seeking to restore integrity at the shrine in Shiloh. Her powerful song of praise celebrates God's ability to uplift the marginalized and challenge the powerful. Through Hannah's courageous choices, we learn that those often seen as insignificant can become vital agents of change.

Finally, on the last Sunday of the Christian year, we explore the depths of Jesus's encounter with Pilate. What seems like a straightforward story reveals profound truths about Jesus's kingship. When Jesus says, "My kingdom isn't from this world," he emphasizes a realm defined by peace and truth, not violence. Ironically, it's Pilate, a Roman ruler, who perceives this truth while the religious leaders remain blind to it.

As we journey through November, let us embrace these themes of resilience, justice, and revelation. Each story invites us to reflect on our own lives and the ways we can embody courage and compassion in our world. From celebrating the saints who have paved our path to recognizing the transformative power of women like Ruth and Hannah, we are reminded that God's work is alive in us today. Finally, as we delve into Jesus's encounter with Pilate, we'll uncover the deeper meanings of His kingship, encouraging us to seek and promote a kingdom rooted in peace and truth.

Blessings,
Pastor David+

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Home Plate Youth Services - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Family and Youth Group is considering helping Home Plate Youth Services. **Home Plate Youth Services** in Hillsboro is looking for groups to cook dinner at their Hillsboro Drop-In on Thursday nights. Having a group commit to a monthly cooking commitment would help them with scheduling. If you are interested in volunteering—contact Emily Tabb!!! emily.tabb@gmail.com

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair

Here are the Trustees activities for the month of October.

- The shed by the church garden has been removed by Mark McConnell.
- Music Bridge has completed its move from room 7A to the Garden Room.
- The church contracted with A1 Janitorial to clean the cobwebs and insect husks from the outside walkways on a monthly basis.
- The church contracted with A1 Janitorial to clean the windows of the church and Education Wing.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Conference Youth Retreat in Salem Oregon **Nov. 8-10**
- Spill the Tea with Emily @ Insomnia Coffee, Tues., **Nov. 12**, 4:30-5:30 pm. (talk, play games, free drink),
- “SpongeBob” play at Forest Grove HS - ALL INVITED to carpool – Fri., **Nov. 22**, 7 pm.
- Destination Known @ Beyond the Wall rock climbing Sat., **Nov. 23**, 3-5 pm.
- Junior and High School (grades 5-12) Youth Group Sunday, **Nov. 24**, 3-6 pm.



OTHER UP-COMING EVENTS

- **Charge Conference— Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 pm ZOOM**
Please email or call the church office for a link to the meeting.
- **Food Bank Donations** - Please bring cans or boxes of meal such (Hamburger Helper)—or any other donation of food as you are able.

ON-GOING EVENTS

- **Music Bridge** —Mondays, 1-2 pm.—Garden Room
- **Cuidado de Refugio** —Thursday, 7:30 pm—Library
- **Cuidado de Refugio** —Friday, 7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- **Growing Baby**— Monday—Friday, Room 7A
- **SA Group** - Thursday, 7:00 pm - Room 8B
- **Chair Yoga**—Saturday, 10:00 am—Room 8A

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Submitted by Cricket O'Neill

Concerns October 28:

- Pastor David asked for prayers for Rob who was feeling ill
- Pastor David asked for prayers for Virgil whose knee is hurting

Concerns October 20:

- Pastor David asked us to remember to pray for Joy who is still recovering from surgery
- Pastor David asked for prayers for his neighbor across the street who is recovering from surgery
- Melissa asked for prayers for Alexander, her 8 year old nephew, who hit his head during Judo and is off school and will be seeing a concussion specialist soon

Concerns October 13:

- Sandy reminded us that Joy is having rotator cuff surgery on Tues and asked for prayers
- Sandy asked for prayers for Marion who has COVID and let us know that her daughter is taking her to the hospital as she is having a difficult time
- Sandy also said that Jennings McCall is on lockdown due to COVID
- Rob asked for prayers for his Gramma who had a stroke and is exhausting very easily
- Rob also asked for a general prayer for himself as he is needing a calmer mind and to think clearly
- Rob asked for a prayer for safe travels for the Youth on Retreat this weekend



Joys October 28:

- Cricket was joyful to announce she is no longer vegan
- Cricket was also joyful that it is raining as she loves the rain
- Sharon thanked Pastor David for his beautiful piano playing
- Lucinda was joyful that she was at church
- Lucinda was joyful that she got to make cookies yesterday
- Mardean thanked Pastor David for playing The Spirit Song as it holds very dear memories for her
- Emily expressed joy that the soccer season is coming to an end, it means there will be one week that her whole family does not have any commitments in the evenings
- Emily is excited that basketball starts in one week and expressed gratitude for the coaches
- MaryJane was so glad to see someone in costume in the congregation



Joys October 20:

- Melissa said her sister Molly has started a new job with USAID
- Kent said he and Sandy celebrated 54 years of marriage last week. Happy Anniversary!!
- Margaret said her daughter's house sold after a year on the market and they live in a new house in a more temperate climate.
- Amy said praise God for Baseball and that it is close to the World Series
- Rob is so happy that his friend who went to Iceland and England is home safely and is excited he will get to visit him soon and hear lots of stories and see lots of pictures
- Rob Loves his new car and that it is safe and dependable

Joys October 13:

- Rob is pleased for his friend Ty who is travelling in England this week, and asks for prayers for his safe travels and he got a new car and just loves it!
- Mardean said it is such a pleasure to be here with her best friend Sue Fischer. They've learned that they had some distant relatives come East on the original Wagon Train.

LAY LEADER REPORT

Submitted by Chuck Pritchard, Lay Leader

A slight diversion, if I may. “The good news is polio continues to be beaten back. The bad news is as long as it exists anywhere, it’s a threat everywhere.”

So why am I talking about polio? It was a dangerous disease until the mid- 50’s when the first two vaccines came out. How many of you remember getting chest X-rays, then later, a shot (DPT) yearly to go to school? We thought we had it licked so now the kids get a dT (not the DPT) shot and all is good, if they get the immunization.

“Wild” polio has been officially eradicated in the Americas: 1994, Western Pacific: 2000, Europe: 2002, South-East Asia: 2014, and Africa: 2020. The last of the “wild” polio is now found in parts of only two countries: Afghanistan and eastern Pakistan. We may not think as often now about the lame, the crutches and the iron lungs we did in the past. However, recent polio outbreaks in regions where wild polio still exists serve as a source of repopulating the world with this disease.

Getting your boosters, making sure those around you get their shots, maintaining sanitation and adequate food supply is a good start to keep you and your loved ones safe. This is one of the many reasons we collect and distribute food monthly to care for those around us.



SERVING THIS MONTH

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Choir Director	Robbie Boles
Pianist	Alisa Hampton
Coffee Coordinators and Bulletin Boards	Sharon Adame Amy Scott Cricket O’Neill

BIRTHDAYS

Addison Hummel	11/02
Amy Scott	11/06
Debbie Gamble	11/13
Sandy Mueller	11/28



INVITATION FROM CORNELIUS UMC: HATS NEEDED

The folks at Cornelius UMC are inviting anyone who would like to join them in making simple knit hats for distribution to folks who visit their Community Table Food Bank or for inclusion in their Blessing Bags (for houseless folks).

If interested please contact Sarah Casey (971) 226-7546. These hats can be knit, crocheted, or made on a simple loom from home or in the company of the Cornelius Craft Group at 12:30pm every Wednesday. These hats will be distributed the first week of January.

