

# Welcome Home!

**to the Church you remember....Welcome home to....**



**The 2025 November Chimes**

**United Church of Christ**



## Prayer List

**General Prayers:** Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Larry Crane, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Molly Sheets, Marla Crowthers, Rev. Gunnar Cerda, Ed Hummel and the families of Chuck Meyers, Mike Dunn, Beth Lee, Lois Swonger, & Larry Jones.

### **Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:**

Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Lois Meyers, & Molly Sheets

Please contact Rev. Swisher if you know of any sick or hospitalized members. Remember, if you want someone on the Bea's Blessings prayer chain, you can email the office at [stjohnsunited@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnsunited@windstream.net)



### **Beckham Charles Sheets**

Born: March 26, 2025

Baptized: October 5, 2025

Parents: Makayla Sheets & Dominiick Vanick

Sister: Adelynn Sheets

Grandparents: Angela Sheets, Patrick Sheets & Sandra Vanick

Godmother: Emaleigh Salina

### **Alan Carter Whitesel**

Born: September 20, 2011

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### **Elliana Rose Whitesel**

Born: September 4, 2013

Baptized: October 26, 2025

Parents: Samantha Swartz & Brant Whitesel

Grandparents: Rebecca Swartz & Mike Dooley

Thank you for your continued support! In addition to your giving in person, by drop off, by mail, or by clicking on the donate button on the website, you can also scan this QR Code.



We continue to find new ways to connect with our members and our community that are convenient, secure, helpful, and relevant to the ways in which some people prefer to donate. We thank God for our ability to offer these methods for those who may choose to use them.

**Office Hours** -Monday, Tuesday, & Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For additional times, please call the office at (740) 323-2407 and leave a message to make an appointment or call/text Anita at 740-973-8218. Thank you!



### **November Sunday Worship Hours**

Time to come indoors!

8:00 a.m. Chapel Service

10:30 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary Service

## *IN LOVING Memory*

*Charles "Chuck" Christian Meyers*

Born: June 7, 1929

Died: September 9, 2025

*A member of St. John's since 1969*

*Michael Alan Dunn*

Born: December 29, 1953

Died: September 29, 2025

*A member of St. John's since 1993*

*Elizabeth "Beth" S. Lee*

Born: February 16, 1952

Died: September 29, 2025

*A member of St. John's since 2009*

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home, where her service will immediately follow at 11 a.m. with Dr. Stephen Swisher officiating. Burial will take place in Newark Memorial Gardens. A luncheon for family and friends to follow at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's.

*Lois F. Swonger*

Born: September 12, 1938

Died: October 4, 2025

*A member of St. John's since 2014*

A Celebration of Life will be held in the future. Arrangements are being handled by Brucker & Kishler Funeral Home.

*Lawrence J. "Larry" Jones*

Born: March 5, 1953

Died: October 13, 2025

*A member of St. John's since 1993*

## *Thank you!*

Thank you St. John's and April Kinser for donating school supplies & snacks for our Glory Rising Preschool. We truly value your support and generosity. God Bless you!

For His Glory,  
Stephanie

Dear Friends:

Your dedication to supporting older adults is truly inspiring. Thank you for your generous gift to United Church Homes through the Central Southeast Ohio Association.

Contributions like yours enrich the lives of those we serve at United Church Homes, helping us expand our impact and reach more people in meaningful ways.

Warm regards, Rev. Beth Long-Higgins  
VP of Engagement and Director,  
The Center for Abundant Aging  
United Church Homes

A huge thank you for your continued support to Ben Franklin Elementary. We greatly appreciate you being a part of the Ben Franklin Back to School Expo. We look forward and grateful that you are able to join us each year.

Thanks again,  
The Ben Franklin Staff

Thank you!

Thank you for your expressions of condolences- hugs, cards, poems, a cross. This agape will be treasured.

Dr. Walker (Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker)

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to make Truck or Treat a fun success. Despite the wet weather, we were able to serve over 150 neighborhood friends. The costumes were creative, table decorations were great and the friendships even better.

The Christian Education Committee.



**BUDGET  
PLANNING**

**Mark your calendar**

### **Annual Congregational Budget Meeting**

on Sunday, December 7, 2025

After the 10:30 a.m. Service – copies of the budget will be available after November 17, 2025 and included in the December Chimes issue



Hello friends,

A special Thank You to everyone who helped make our Trunk or Treat event so successful. Hundreds of children and families were blessed with fun candy, unique costumes and delicious hot dogs and snacks. Every single one felt welcomed, seen and appreciated. This is exactly what we are called to offer and you did it. Great job!!

All Saints Day is coming up the first Sunday in November where we will honor all of those in our Faith family who have transitioned in the last year. This will be a touching time of remembrance. Be sure to join us Sunday, November 2.

As you can readily see, the Holiday Season is in full swing. Christmas tree cakes and iced vanilla Oreos have replaced candy corn and candied apples on the shelves of grocery stores across our community. Wrapping paper and bows and Christmas items of all kinds may be found in stores and decorating our streets.

Christmas is just 8 weeks away and we have a number of very special, unique and meaningful services planned for the Advent and Christmas Season. Including a German language Christmas week service.

But first we have Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving to experience. On Veteran's Day Sunday, November 9, we will honor those who have served and those who continue to protect and defend our Nation here at home and around the world. On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, we will highlight Thankfulness.

I like this quote from Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, "The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for." That is so true, friends. As we are grateful, we activate within ourselves and around us the ability to both appreciate and attract appreciation in the situations and scenarios of life.

One last thing. The other day one of our Church members said to me, "You know recently Pastor Steve, each month when I read the Chimes, I feel like I have been in worship." What a beautiful statement and deep compliment. I hope each of us feels the same.

Have a noteworthy November. I'll look for you in Church and around the Community.

Pastor Steve

**IDOP**

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
*for the* PERSECUTED CHURCH

**November 2, 2025**

More than 360 million Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith in Jesus.

**WE ENTER THROUGH OUR FRONT DOOR  
BECAUSE WE CAN!**

To observe the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church where many have to hide their Christian faith in fear of persecution, we, here at St. John's, are encouraging everyone to enter through the front door. Enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary as you walk up the front steps while remembering and praying for those who cannot worship in freedom as we can.





**Starting November 2, 2025 at 8:00AM**

The Outdoor Drive-In Service will be moving indoors for the colder months.  
Join us indoors for early worship.

*Journey Together: Our Year of Bible Discovery*  
**Reading the Bible in a Year as a Congregation**

**Fruitful Vines: 7 Reasons to Read the Bible in a Year (Excerpt 3)**  
by Melissa Kruger

**Reading the Bible through in a year helps you:**

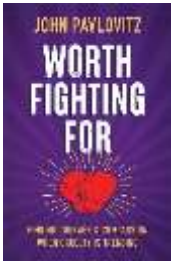
**Learn New and Unexpected Things About God**

Whether you've walked with the Lord for one year or for fifty, there is still so much to learn about God. Each time I read through the Bible I realize that the theological boxes I try to fit the infinite God of the Universe into are insufficient. We all have views of God that are skewed in some way. We must wrestle with the God who forgives David for murder, but condemns Uzzah for touching the ark when the oxen stumbled (1 Chron. 13:9). A full read through forces us to reflect upon all aspects of God's character and allows us to know Him in new ways.

**Bible Reading Plans**  
are available in the Fellowship room or on our website at  
[www.stjohnsnewark.org](http://www.stjohnsnewark.org).

**ASK THE**  
*Pastor*

If you have questions as you read the Bible this year, submit your questions to Rev. Swisher and he will answer them as time allows. You can submit your questions in the box in the Fellowship room or you can submit by email at [www.stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net](mailto:www.stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net).



The Book Study Group will continue to meet on Thursday's in November at the River Road Coffee House in downtown Newark on the square at 11am. We will meet November 6, 13, and 20 but not the 27th. (HAPPY THANKSGIVING) The new book we have chosen is titled "Worth Fighting For, Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty Is Trending" by John Pavlovitz, a pastor from Wake Forest, North Carolina. In this book he shares ideas for courage and hope as we as Christians attempt to share love and compassion with those in need, especially in today's troubled times. The book is available online. We look forward to welcoming you to our discussion table.



## ***St. John's Little Free Pantry***

**Take what you need. Give what you can.**

### **Our little food pantry needs your help.**

To replenish our food pantry every day we need your help every week. There are collection boxes near each entrance to the Church. Those attending the drive-in service can give your donations to one of the ushers as you enter the parking lot. People have asked what types of food is needed so here is a list of some suggestions. Keep in mind that many of the people using this pantry have limited cooking facilities.

Ollie's, Dollar Tree, and Aldi's are good places to find these foods at good prices.

Cans with pull tabs when possible and no glass containers!

Soups

Ramen Noodles

Boxed Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Canned Meats (chicken, beef, tuna, ham)

Instant mashed potatoes

Spam

Beanie Weenies

Beef Stew

Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee, Lasagna, or ravioli)

Spaghetti O's

Canned lunch spreads (Tuna, ham, chicken)

Individual box or bowl of cereal

Juice boxes

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Bread

Manwich

Buns

Crackers (small individual sleeves)

Individual packs of cheese and crackers or peanut butter and crackers

Trail Mix

Fruit Cups

Jell-O Cups

Pudding cups

Canned Vegetables

Water

Granola Bars

Individual bags of potato chips

Cookies, individually wrapped

Thanks for your support!

<https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

***"New Star"***

**December 14, 2025**

**at the 10:30AM service**





**St John's Church Council Meeting** was held on October 20, 2025, at 6:40 p.m. Attending were President Jeff Conner, Frank Davis, Chuck Chirdon, Greg Crowthers, Terry Gano, Frances Hill, Gary Kinser, April Kinser, Julie Davis, Brian Lensink, Ken Kroah, and staff members, Anita Chirdon and Kim Workman.

-April Kinser led the group in a devotion based on the book "A Bigger Table, Building Messy. Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz. Jesus calls us to see the Holy in everyday mundane activities such as walking, fishing, or sharing a meal together. The table was the place where he invited others to share time with him and learn about God and each other. The table was a tool of connection, transcending differences, building bridges, and declaring the guest welcome and worthy of hearing.

-The first Sunday in November (2nd) will be the first indoor worship for the early service.

-We received a thank you card from Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker. We had showered her with sympathy cards in memory of the recent death of her mother.

-The congregational budget meeting will be December 7, 2025, after the 10:30 a.m. service.

-On Sunday, November 23, 2025, after the 10:30 a.m. service, we will be decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

-We will be organizing, straightening, and decluttering the closet (by the ramp) in the upstairs hallway in the Education wing to make it more useful for our needs now. There is material available (previously used by the sewing ladies) that should be put to good use. If any church member has use for it, please contact the office or April Kinser.

-Council approved the sale of pizza rolls as a fund raiser for the youth for the mission trip to Kentucky in 2026.

-Our youth will be serving a meal at the St Vincent DePaul Men's Haven on October 28, 2025.

-Council approved an expenditure for roof repair not to exceed \$5000 for necessary repairs.

-Ken Kroah hopes to restart his home repair ministry. If interested, contact Ken Kroah.


-Christmas Eve services will be at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Special Music starting at 7 p.m.

-A Foundation Fund has been started in memory of Michael Dunn.

The meeting closed with everyone joining hands and saying The Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted, April Kinser, Secretary      Jeff Conner, President

***Finances for the Month and Year to Date***

| <b><u>General Fund Income</u></b>             | <b><u>October</u></b> | <b><u>Year to Date</u></b> |  |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Congregation giving (Faith Promise)           | 10,028.00             | 70,711.25                  |   |
| Income from Foundation Fund                   | 10,500.00             | 105,500.00                 |   |
| Income from Emerson Miller Fund               | 3,758.33              | 37,583.30                  |   |
| Total Month & YTD Income                      | \$25,789.33           | \$228,979.78               |   |
| General Fund Expenses (Estimated)             | 22,682.42             | 243,574.94                 |   |
| <b>Over/Under Month &amp; YTD (Estimated)</b> | <b>\$ 3,106.91</b>    | <b>(\$14,595.16)</b>       | <b>( ) = Negative</b>   |



### Afternoon Circle -

*will meet on Wednesday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room of the church. This will be our annual Thank Offering Service. All women are asked to bring the offering from their Thank Offering jars to be dedicated. A mission project will be chosen at the meeting to receive our gifts.*

*Our hostesses for the day are Mrs. Janet Snider and Mrs. Vicky Davis. Our Bite Size Bible Study woman will be Asenath. We will hold a brief memorial service for our member and treasurer, Mrs. Beth Lee. As usual, all women of our St. John's Church Family are invited and encouraged to attend.*

*Please plan ahead to attend our Annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 3, also in the Large Meeting Room at 12 o'clock noon. A dinner of Chicken & Noodles will be served by Creative Catering of Hebron for \$12.00 per person. We will also have our usual Dollar Tree Christmas Gift exchange. Please make your reservations with Mrs. Vicky Davis by Sunday, November 23.*

### AFTERNOON CIRCLE COLLECTS MITTENS, SOX, HATS FOR BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL

During the months of November and early December, the Afternoon Circle will be collecting warm mittens/gloves, sox, hats, scarves, for the children at Ben Franklin School. There will be a basket in the Fellowship Room for you to donate these items. The last day for collection is Sunday, December 14.

In the past, we have collected these items and given them to the school toward the end of winter. This year, we'd like to beat the cold and offer these items to the children as the cold winds begin to blow. They can be given as new items to kids who need them, or as replacements for lost items during the winter months. Thank you in advance for your warm donations.



### EXCITING NEWS!

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher will be on the Kevin Shorey broadcast this November!



We're thrilled to announce that our very own  
Pastor Steve will be featured on the  
AM Kevin Club show with his  
Streaming live Nov 14th 7-9pm  
on Apple Podcasts and the AM Kevin Club.  
Join us for an inspiring conversation on  
faith, life, and leadership!

**POSTPONED**



### **Mission and Outreach Focus for October**

We are coming to the busiest time of year it seems with much planning and events from now until the end of the year. Many of the agencies we partner with see the biggest need at this time of year. We have had a request from the LOOK-UP Center to help with their toy drive. This is something new we have not tried in the past. They have asked that we be a "host center" for a collection box for toys. The box will be delivered to the church around October 24, 2025, and will be picked up by the LOOK-UP Center on December 1, 2025. Donations of new, unwrapped toys only, no clothing. There will be a list of suggested items. The box will only be here for six Sundays so remember to donate early if you would like to give. The box will be in the fellowship room.

The St Vincent De Paul Men's Haven is in need of cereal. This month of Thanksgiving, we would like to help these south end neighbors with a cereal drive. Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Room. All kinds of cereal (dry) and individual packets of oatmeal. This collection will continue through November 23, 2025.

We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 23, 2025, and will include the Angel Tree collection for the Salvation Army. Angel cards will decorate the tree and contain wish lists for children for clothing and toys.

Also this winter season, the Afternoon-Circle sponsored hat and mitten collection for children at Ben Franklin school will be ongoing, with items collected going to the school in January.

What a busy winter season this will be. Thank you for your generosity this year in helping to spread the love of Christ through your care for our neighbors and community members.

April Kinser, Council Representative for Mission and Outreach



### **Ralph Devine at Palumbo's**

Ralph Devine will be featured with his Wood Working Hands ministry outreach at Palumbo's Italian Market (937 River Road in Granville) from 5-8 p.m. on November 13.

The event is Free and open to everyone. Any proceeds from purchases of creative woodworking goes to local charities.

This is a fun way to begin shopping for the holidays while supporting our local community.

### **Advent Devotionals -**

The First Sunday of Advent falls this year on the last Sunday of November - November 30, to be exact.

We are in the process of preparing devotionals for the 25 days of Advent based on our beautiful Chrismons. Last year we seemed to have a lot of questions about the Chrismons that decorate our sanctuary Christmas tree in the chancel. So we'd like to answer some of those questions about the history and meanings of these special symbols, and give you some materials to prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Christ Child.

Be watching for these booklets toward the end of this month, November.







## Heaven, the New Creation

by George Koopman's

October 18, 2025 todaydevotional.com

*"For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves". Malachi 4:2*

About four centuries before Jesus came, Malachi prophesied about God's people living joyfully, even frolicking "like well-fed calves." Today the kingdom grows under the watchful eye of the reigning King Jesus, and when he returns, it will be established permanently and perfectly. With "no more death or mourning or crying or pain," we will have life to the full, and we may even frolic like young calves! With paradise regained, we will reign with Jesus in resurrected bodies for eternity. After several people had spoken, a classmate from Ethiopia gave an answer that many of us did not expect. She said, "I think the story of the Bible centers on the story of God as a servant.

But life is often hard for us now. And growing old, as people say, is not for the faint of heart! But one day we will be released from the struggles of this life and freed to live with the Lord forever. In Christ, death has become like a doorway to eternal life with God and the promise of the new creation. Whether we are dead or alive when Jesus returns, the new creation awaits us!

*Father, we long for the day when we are released from our present struggles to enjoy life with you and in the new creation forever. Strengthen our faith as we begin to experience eternal joy even now, in Jesus. Amen.*

## German Language Christmas Service

Celebrate Our Heritage

**December 21 at 3:00 p.m.**

**The service will be in German and English with English translations available. Music by Todd Baldosser and the Newark Maennerchor. Children's Moment included.**

**More fun following the service with traditional German goodies**







On December 14, come and enjoy the Children's Christmas Program "New Star" during the 10:30AM service.

Practice will be during the 9:00 and 10:30am Sunday school classes.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 30. Advent readings will be available in the bulletin, in the Fellowship Room and online.



***Read the Bible in a Year: Our Journey Together.*** We're starting month 3 of our year long journey together. There are reading plans available in the Fellowship Room and on the website. If you get stumped on a particular section drop a note in the "Ask the Pastor" question box found in the Fellowship Room or send an email.

Forged Youth group for ages 12 and up meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Devotions, games and local mission planning.



**Bible Discovery Zone Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Class** - at 9:00AM

**Youth Class** - at 9:00AM

**Elementary Class** – at 9:00AM

**BDZ Extended (for elementary ages)** – at 10:30AM

**Cradle Roll** – Nursery care available during the 10:30AM service.

**November Worship Service Duties**

Ushers: Frank Davis, Jeff Conner, Terry Gano, Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

**Cradle Roll**

2 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
9 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
16 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
23 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
30 Avery Nagel/Volunteer

**Cantors**

2 April Kinser  
9 Diane Reef  
16 Todd Baldosser  
23 Julie Davis  
30 Charles Dudley

**Bible Discovery Zone**

2 Brian Lensink & Youth if needed  
9 Marla Crowthers & Youth if needed  
16 Elaine Gard & Pat Farley  
23 Frances Hill & Youth if needed  
30 Julie Kroah & Youth if needed

**Sunday Sound Worship Team**

2 Ken Kroah  
9 Karson Ewing  
16 Ken Kroah  
23 Karson Ewing  
30 Ken Kroah


**Sunday Video Worship Team**

2 Julie Kroah  
9 Tom Lawyer  
16 Julie Kroah  
23 Tom Lawyer  
30 Julie Kroah





# November

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| <p>26</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00am Bible Discovery Zone Elementary Class in BDZ Classroom</p> <p>9:00am Youth Class</p> <p>10:30am Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Service</p> <p>11:30am Youth Group Meeting</p>  | <p>27</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>10:15am Chimes Assembly</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>   | <p>30</p> <p>11:00am Thursday Book Study- Building Measy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz - at River Road Coffee on the Square</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p>         | <p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p>                | <p>1</p> <p>Set Your Clocks Back</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>Change your clocks tonight!</p>  |
| <p>2</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</p> <p>International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</p> <p>6:00am Chapel Service</p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00am Bible Discovery Zone Elementary Class in BDZ Classroom</p> <p>9:00am Bible Discovery Zone Elementary Class in BDZ Classroom</p> <p>9:00am Youth Class</p> <p>10:30am Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings</p> | <p>3</p>  | <p>4</p>   | <p>5</p> <p>1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Mission &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Thursday Book Study- "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is Trending" by John Pavlovitz at River Road Coffee on the Square</p>                               | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p>  |
| <p>9</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>6:00am Chapel Service</p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00am Bible Discovery Zone Elementary Class in BDZ Classroom</p> <p>9:00am Youth Class</p> <p>10:30am Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Service</p> <p>11:30am Youth Group Meeting</p>  | <p>10</p>   | <p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>7:00pm Finance &amp; Stewardship Meeting - Prepare Budget</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am Christian Education Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>  | <p>13</p> <p>Thursday Book Study- "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is Trending" by John Pavlovitz at River Road Coffee on the Square</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>14</p> <p>2:45pm Music Committee Meeting</p> | <p>15</p>   |
| <p>16</p> <p>6:00am Chapel Service</p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00am Bible Discovery Zone Elementary Class in BDZ Classroom</p> <p>9:00am Youth Class</p> <p>10:30am Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings</p>  | <p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Church Council Meeting - Proposed Budget Approval</p> | <p>18</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>   | <p>20</p> <p>Thursday Book Study- "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is Trending" by John Pavlovitz at River Road Coffee on the Square</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>21</p> <p>10:30am Chimes Assembly - ?</p>    | <p>22</p>   |
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| <p>30</p> <p>Advent</p> <p>6:00am Chapel Service</p> <p>9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00am Youth Class</p> <p>10:30am Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Service</p>   | <p>1</p>  | <p>2</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Mission &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p> | <p>4</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p>   | <p>5</p>  | <p>6</p>  |



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8:00 a.m. Outdoor Drive-in Service  
10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Service  
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### **LIBRARY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER**

***Life Lessons with Max Lucado: Books of Ruth and Esther.***

***By Max Lucado.*** A study of the books of Ruth and Esther.

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