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The Messenger – November 2022

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“November”

As we were working on the November calendar for this newsletter and I was adding all the things I forgot to tell Debra about, it dawned on me, “It’s almost November!” (I know, this isn’t exactly a huge intellectual breakthrough, given I was looking at November calendars.) In my head I knew what month was coming, but as it dawned on me that November was here, it meant that the end of the year is basically upon us. In addition to feeling anxiety about the holiday season and all that comes with it, I got reflective about what I’ve done with my 2022. I enter most years with a pretty ambitious list of things I hope to accomplish in the coming 12 months. Some of them are the typical – I’m going to lose 10 pounds this year (only 15 to go), I’m going to be more active; but, some are more atypical – I’m going to tackle a challenging jigsaw puzzle, build something using a skill I’ve never used (working with epoxy resin), and do something others can learn from. (There are more, of course, but you get the idea.) As I look back on my 2022 and the things I hoped to do, I realized I’ve got a lot left undone. Yet I wonder, are those the things that I really need to be doing?

With two months left in 2022, I want to ask you something. Think back to January and all the things you hoped to do, see, and accomplish in 2022. How’s that list coming? I’m not asking this question to make you feel like a slacker or like you need to get to moving these last 61 days of the year. I’m asking because it occurs to me that those goals I set - those ambitious, well-intended, high-minded goals for all the “things” I should do and be by December 31, 2022, might not have been the right goals.

And I’m wondering...are the goals you’ve set for yourself really the things that will lead to a full life and a meaningful legacy (does this word ring a bell for anyone)? All those goals, did they include time for just sitting and listening to your kids talk about the things going on in their lives, for watching the sunset (or sunrise if you’re a morning person), for listening to the birds sing in the early spring, for making a difference in the life of a loved-one or even a stranger, or for watching out for those signs of God’s love and peace? Over these next 2 months, instead of rushing to accomplish all those things you hoped to complete by the end of the year, I want to invite you to consider what God wants you to experience over these next 61 days. Who might God be calling you to learn from in these next 2 months? How might God be calling you to be still and to listen for a new direction as we close out 2022? What new friend is still waiting to be made this year? Where is God showing you his mighty presence?

November is upon us and that means the end of year will be coming very quickly. I want to challenge you to consider not just how you will fill the next 61 days on the calendar, but how God might be seeking to fill and empty you over those coming days.

Blessings,
Chris

Daylight Savings Time ends November 6



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6, 2 AM. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday, November 5.

SS Peter and Paul Turkey Dinner November 6



The annual turkey dinner will be in person, carry-out or delivery from 11 AM to 4 PM. Adult tickets are \$12, and the meal features baked turkey and bone-in ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy and all the trimmings. To have it delivered call (660) 882-6468.

Baby Grace



The monthly distribution will be held Thursday, November 17, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. If you would like to help with the distribution, sorting and sizing, or other aspects of this program, please contact Barbara Wooldridge.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service



The Boonslick Ministerial Alliance will hold their annual Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:00 pm at the First Christian Church. There will be a free-will offering to benefit the work of the Ministerial Alliance. Please join in this community service sponsored by our local churches.

2022 Angel Tree



It is hard to believe Angel Tree is sneaking up on us. Our angels will appear on our tree on Sunday, November 20th. We will need the children's gifts back in the Sanctuary no later than Sunday, December 3rd for the dedication of the gifts. The Angel Tree Party will be held once again at the church on Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m., beginning with a short message in the Sanctuary and soup and sandwiches to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Our Education committee will be joining in this special ministry. Everyone is invited to join with us in fellowship with our "angels". As always, we are so grateful for the way in which our church family supports this Matthew 25 ministry to the children of incarcerated parents. If you have any questions please contact Karma Haller or Debra Windsor. Thank you.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing



We are scheduled to "ring the bells" at Walmart on Saturday, December 10, 2022. We will need volunteers for one hour time slots from 10 AM - 6 PM. Please help to make a difference with every ring. A sign-up sheet will be in the East wing narthex (where we serve refreshments after worship).

Christmas Program Rehearsals Have Begun



Our Children's Christmas program will be December 18 during the 10:20 am worship service. The children will present "A Star is Born". Practices have already begun during children's church.

Coats for Kids



We will again be providing coats for kids who need them in the Boonslick Area. If you would like to contribute, make your check out to Nelson Memorial, UMC and in the memo line put "Coats for Kids" and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. Thank you! Heather Beach.

May your hearts, your home, and your family feel His love this Thanksgiving. Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving!


November Birthday's

3 Brenner Parker, Ben Phelps
 4 Sam Thompson
 5 Alexandria Thieman, Jim Schlotzhauer
 6 Greg Silvey, Chassidy Taylor
 9 Debi Comegys
 10 Danny Rohrbough
 11 Glenn Langston
 12 Cindy Schreck



13 Jim Gann
 16 Matt Pfeiffer
 22 Hannah Curnutte
 25 Campbell Dianne Jackson
 27 Judy Caldwell
 28 Gary Baker
 30 Gayle VonEngeln

November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	2 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge 10:15 am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge	3	4 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	5 9:00 am - "Leave the Leaves to Us" Service Event
6 Daylight Savings Time ends 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Youth Group @ Jackson	7 9:00 am - TOPS 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	8 General Election, Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - PEO, Lounge	9 10:15 am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge	10 6:00 pm - Praise Band Practice	11 Veteran's Day 1:00 pm Baby Grace Sort and Size, Annex 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	12
13	14 9:00 am - TOPS 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	15 6:00 pm - Administrative Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	16 10:15 am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge	17 5:00 - 7:00 pm Baby Grace, Annex	18 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	19
20 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Youth Group @ Jackson	21 9:00 am - TOPS 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	22 6:00 pm - Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service, First Christian Church	23 10:15 am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge	24 Thanksgiving Day  Office Closed	25 Office Closed 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	26 8:30 UM Men
27	28 9:00 am - TOPS 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	29	30 10:15 am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge			