

# FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

## NOVEMBER

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**15 SUNDAY-** United Methodist Men's breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (8:30am)

**15 SUNDAY-** Youth Sunday

**18 WEDNESDAY-** Parent's Night Out (6:00-7:30pm)

**22 SUNDAY-** Advent Workshop (12:00-2:00pm)

## DECEMBER

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**2 WEDNESDAY-** Hanging of the Greens dinner in the Fellowship Hall (5:30pm)

**2 WEDNESDAY-** Hanging of the Greens service in the sanctuary (7:00pm)

**5 WEDNESDAY-** Service Saturday: Gifts for Guests backpack assembly, volunteers appreciated (1:30pm)

**5 WEDNESDAY-** Service Saturday: Christmas Soup Kitchen, volunteers appreciated (3:30-5:30pm)

**6 SUNDAY-** Youth Christmas Party

**24 THURSDAY-** Christmas Eve Service (5:00pm)



This Friday at 6:00pm John Kilzer leads us with Jim Duckworth, Doug McMinn, Ashley Davis, Dave Smith

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Parents! Take advantage of our once-a-month Parent Night Out for children ages 3-12. For children under three, the nursery is available. We will serve a kid-friendly dinner and then have art and music activities.
- Tuesday Bible Study: Matthew Bogart will present information and pictures from his summer trip to Vietnam & Cambodia. (10:00am)
- Service Saturday on December 5 includes our Gifts For Guests Project. The gifts are backpacks filled with useful items assembled at 1:30pm and distributed to soup kitchen guests from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Backpack sponsorship opportunities begin after service today—\$20 per backpack.
- Purchase your Hanging of the Greens tickets in the vestibule (\$15/Adult, \$5/Child under 8, \$40 maximum/family). Dinner will be provided by the very talented Harriett Sprott!
- New atrium blog post! Email Rebecca (BecnBrad@aol.com) if you'd like an invitation to join the blog.

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Monday-** Mary Ann Sandidge  
**Wednesday-** Patti Smith  
**Friday-** Allen Wilkinson



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### TODAY'S USHERS:

Don Tyson, Bill Denton,  
John Buxton, Carla Shirley,  
Bob Miller, Walter Day

### TODAY'S ACOLYTES:

Christopher Williams,  
Zoe Winton

### ALTER FLOWERS:

In loving memory of the wedding anniversary of Ann and Leroy Hiding, given by the Hiding Family.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
25th Sunday After Pentecost  
November 15, 2015  
10:50 a.m.

## Words of Welcome

### Prelude

“Hankey”

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

### + Call to Worship

Each and everyone of us  
**are comprised of stories.**  
Each and everyone of us  
**are shaped by our choices.**  
Each and everyone of us  
**are shaped by Your words.**  
Each and everyone of us  
**are shaped by the words of our neighbors.**  
Each and everyone of us  
**ask you to help shape us in Your image.**

**Amen**

### + Processional Hymn—UMH 156

HANKEY

“I Love to Tell the Story”

### + Welcome Statement

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+ *Congregational Response*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to  
God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth!

\* Please be seated. \*

*PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

*St. John's UMC Reconciling Statement:*

The Youth Group at St. John's United Methodist Church in Midtown Memphis affirms Christ's call to engage in ministries that bring reconciliation and wholeness to all persons.

Our hearts, minds, and doors are always open to individuals of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and those in recovery and those who are willing to be in recovery.

We strive to be a community of spiritual growth that reflects compassion towards all God's children, engaging in prophetic and pastoral outreach to Church and society.

*Joys and Concerns*

*Centering Hymn—UMH 451*

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*Prayers of the People*

**WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF**

**Rev'd Johnny Jeffords**  
**Rev'd Renee Dillard**  
**Rev'd G. Scott Morris**  
**Rev'd John Kilzer**  
**Matthew Bogart**  
**Scott Elsholz**  
**Zachary Ferguson**  
**Lyn Stewart**  
**Emma Martin**  
**Kristen Berning**  
**Bill Dozier**  
**Robert Phillips**  
**Rose Holmes**

*Senior Minister*  
*Discipleship Ministries*  
*Associate Minister*  
*Recovery Ministries*  
*Music/Worship Ministries*  
*Organist*  
*Youth/Young Adult Ministries*  
*Church Administrator*  
*Office Manager*  
*Office/Communications*  
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*Anthem*

David Haas

“You Are Mine”  
Mary Thomas, Soprano

*Scripture Reading:* Romans 10:17—NRSV

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes  
through the word of Christ.

*Sermon*

Sydney Shelby

“Shaping My Story”

*Scripture Reading:* Psalm 150:1-6—NRSV

Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
    praise him in his mighty firmament!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
    praise him according to his surpassing greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
    praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
    praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
    praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!

*Sermon*

Mary Thomas

“My Song”

*Invitation to Table*

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon*

\* Silent Confessions \*

*Assurance of Pardon*

... in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

+ *The Peace*

*Sharing of God's Tithes and Offerings*

*Offertory* arr. John Carter  
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

+ *Doxology—UMH 94*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION*

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*Taking the Bread and Cup  
The Lord's Prayer  
Sharing Holy Sacrament*

*Prayer After Receiving*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you  
have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the  
strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SENDING FORTH*

*Invitation to Journey*

+ *Hymn of Response—UMH 701* HEAVEN  
"When We All Get to Heaven"

+ *Sending Forth to Serve*

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude* arr. Larry Shackley  
"I'm Gonna Sing—Ain't-a That Good News?"