

# FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

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## NOVEMBER

**1 SUNDAY**– United Methodist Youth  
(12:00-3:00pm)

**1 SUNDAY**– Service of Healing and  
Wholeness in chapel (5:00pm)

**4 WEDNESDAY**– St. John's@Crosstown  
hosted by Young Adults (7:00-8:00pm)

**4 WEDNESDAY**– St. John's and Food  
Pantry closed during office hours (9:00am-  
4:00pm)

**7 SATURDAY**– Participate in organizing  
the Atrium during Service Saturday  
(10:00am-12:00pm)

**8 SUNDAY**– Commitment Sunday

**8 SUNDAY**– Memphis Empty Bowls  
Project (5:00-7:00pm)

**9 MONDAY**– Charge Conference in  
sanctuary (6:00pm)

**14 SATURDAY**– St. John's Soup Kitchen:  
volunteers needed (6:00pm)

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

**15 SUNDAY**– Youth Sunday

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

## DECEMBER

**2 WEDNESDAY**– Hanging of the Greens  
(5:30pm)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The nursery is available during Tuesday Bible Study (10:00-11:00am)
- Memphis Empty Bowls Project tickets are for sale! Call Kristen in the church office or www.memphisemptybowls.com.
- If you are interested in volunteering for Memphis Empty Bowls Project, please contact Ashley Baker (ashleymccandless@gmail.com) or Alli Dillard (dillard.alli@gmail.com).
- Operation: Swaddling Clothes is in great need of diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6. Donations are truly appreciated!

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Monday** Mary Ann Sandidge  
**Wednesday** Closed- Staff Training  
**Friday** Jim Lindstrom



THE WAY  
a service of recovery

This Friday at 6:00pm John  
Kilzer leads us with Gerald  
Stephens, Joe Restivo, Tom  
Lonardo, and Paul Taylor.



St. John's welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness. We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

## TODAY'S USHERS:

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

## TODAY'S ACOLYTES:

Kristopher Kyle,  
Bradly Thomas

+ Please stand as  
you are able.

**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
23rd Sunday After Pentecost  
November 1, 2015  
10:50 a.m.

## Words of Welcome

### Prelude

Charles-Marie Widor

“Andante sostenuto” from *Gothic Symphony*

### + Call to Worship

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,  
the example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers,  
the loyalty of friends,  
the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children,  
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,  
the blessing of his Spirit,  
the reminder of his words,  
the sharing of his suffering,  
the glory of his resurrection:  
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,  
young and old,  
dead and living,  
articulate and silent,  
strange and familiar,  
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of  
witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**

+ *Processional Hymn—UMH 711*

SINE NOMINE

“For All the Saints”

+ *Community Prayer for All Saints—UMC Book of Worship 415*

**We bless your holy name, O God,  
for all your servants who, having finished their course,  
now rest from their labors.  
Give us grace to follow the example  
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,  
to your honor and glory;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

+ *Congregational Response*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y  
sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -  
fore thee, which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.

\* Please be seated. \*

### *PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

*Old Testament Reading:* Isaiah 25:6-9—NRSV

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

+ *Sending Forth to Serve*

+ *Benediction*

“For Those Who Walked With Us”

For those who walked with us,  
**this is a prayer.**  
For those who have gone ahead,  
**this is a blessing.**  
For those who touched and tended us,  
who lingered with us while they lived,  
**this is a thanksgiving.**

For those who journey still with us  
in the shadows of awareness,  
in the crevices of memory,  
in the landscape of our dreams,  
**this is a benediction.**

May the God of all grace empower and embolden  
us as we carry on along the way. **Amen.**

Jan Richardson, alt. Jeffords

+ *Postlude*

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Praeludium in C Major” BWV 547

+ *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*

*Reading the Role of Those Who Have Gone on  
to the Church Triumphant*

- Peggy “Margaret Stratton” Woods (Dec. 27, 2014)
- Louise Norton (Dec. 29, 2014)
- Carolyn White (June 10, 2015)
- Raymond “Ray” Norton (Aug. 27, 2015)
- Velma Lake (Sep. 30, 2015)

*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 702*

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

HYMN TO JOY

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Joys and Concerns*

*Call to Prayer*

I am the word that leads all to freedom, I  
am the peace the world can - not give.  
I will call yourname, em - brac-ing all your pain, stand  
up, now walk and live! Do not be a-fraid, I am  
with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I  
love you and you are mine.

...we lived our lives together.

**Their memory is a blessing forever.**

...but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**Their souls are bound up in ours forever.**

...we remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**Their memory is a blessing forever.**

...for now the task is ours.

**Their souls are bound up in ours forever.**

...and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**They are alive forevermore. Amen.**

*Anthem*

arr. Howard Helvey

“Saints Bound for Heaven”

Chancel Choir

+ *New Testament Reading*: John 11:32-44—NRSV

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

*“Passing the Peace”  
is a distinct, historic,  
liturgical act. It comes  
from the most primitive  
form of Christianity. It  
is deepest yearning of  
the people of faith that  
knowledge of being  
forgiven our sins resides,  
too, in and with our  
sisters and brothers  
around us.*

*Sermon*

Rev’d Dr. Jeffords

“Called Out of Death”

*Responding to the Word*—TFWS 2205

INCENSE

“The Fragrance of Christ”

Refrain / Vs. 1 / Refrain

*Invitation to Table*

*Corporate Confession*

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky-ri-e. Ky-ri-e e - le - i -  
son. Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

\* 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. Richard Walters

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Micah Pounds, Tenor