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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

This year has either sped by or dragged by, according to our individual perspectives on the world, COVID, impatience, frustrations and hope, separated socially, yet returning to an environment of close-knit fellowship.

On November 7th, All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for all the saints of the Church, known and unknown, the "sainthood" of loved ones near and dear to us, and our own "sainthood" effected by our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

On November 28th we enter the Church's New Year, the First Sunday of Advent, the four Sundays preceding and preparing for God's mightiest action, the birth of his Son, Jesus the Christ, in which he entered our history to transform it and our lives. The world forever changed because of God's intervention of his love for us and to us. The word "Advent" is from the Latin meaning "to arrive, or arrival or coming". We use blue during the season, symbolizing hope and loyalty. This Advent, we begin cycle "C" in the lectionary readings, where the Gospel read on Sunday will be predominantly from Luke.

This faithful and generous congregation has held together since March 2020 because we were and are, concerned about each other, have faith in each other, and love each other, trust in God revealed in Jesus the Christ, and thus express that sustaining love Jesus has for each of us, a love, as disciples, we share with others.

A joyous and hopeful Advent for each of you, as we prepared for the coming not only of Jesus as a child, but also as a judge to set all things right in this turbulent, yet beautiful world that God created and will redeem.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don



Advent - A Season of Preparation

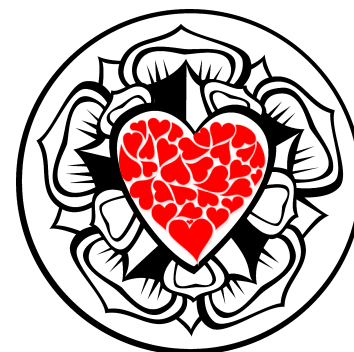


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*



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From Our Council President

Hard to believe another month has gone by! November we begin the new Church Year and usher in the Christmas season in a month.

October 17th we celebrated Pastor with a gift card, cake, cookies and coffee after worship. Folks were free to decide if they are comfortable participating in the coffee/fellowship hour. We gifted Pastor with the remaining cake to share with his family.

We will vote on filling two Council positions at our December church meeting on November 12th. Council will review applicants at our meeting this month.

If you have not had a chance, please peek in the nursery to see the new floor installed by Adam Krumm. It looks great and compliments the flooring throughout the church.

Please remember to pray for our congregation, the Call Committee and our School. Stay tuned for news on ideas to grow our numbers and outreach to the Ocean View Community and beyond!

Peace, Gail Davidson, Council President

Council Minutes - September 13, 2021**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: K. Sutton, D. Midgett, J. Byers, E. Wilson, T. Garvin, T. Taffee, G. Davidson,
Pastor Wilson Absent: M. Hoyt.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The stove did receive an offer but no return call
- B. Opening and closing of church, unlocking and locking of doors, turning off/on heat/AC. Lee will open and a list will be made up and posted in the Eagle and on the bulletin board.
- C. Adding a sign with direction on entry to church. POC: D. Midgett. 1st T. Taffee, 2nd K. Sutton
- D. Reinstate Coffee Hour after church. All members agreed.
- E. On August 25, 2021 a phone vote was taken of the council members for Cindy Huffman to use St. Matthias Hall for a meeting of her sewing group on Saturday, September 25, 2021. All council members agreed, no abstentions or no votes.
- F. On August 19, 2021 D. Midgett had a phone vote on door and roof repairs. A broken roof drain was repaired by A Better Handyman for an estimate of \$4,00 to \$5,00. (Leak was in the Library and Music room.) and also repair of doors to make them more secure and weather proof.
- G. Contract with Orkin cancelled.
- H. Update on the LED lights.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Roof repairs plus new leak found and repaired by Jim Ripley.
- B. Estimates on lawn service,
- C. Update on stove.
- D. Update on parsonage.
- E. Filling Council vacancies. Will need Nominating Committee. This will be discussed in the December Council Meeting. K. Sutton and E. Wilson agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- F. Web page: K. Sutton left message for Ken Whitaker regarding updating the web page.
- G. To replace or correct the way the banner is hung in the Sanctuary.

We celebrate All Saints' Sunday on November 7th remembering those who left us this past year.

Margie Gish resumed Home Communion- no contact style. After phoning the recipient, she leaves the communion elements in a bag on the outside door. If you know of someone who cannot attend service and desires Home Communion, please leave a message on the church phone.

The Choir offers special music each week. Please contact Lee Hendricks or the church office if interested in lending your voice on Sundays. Practice is Wednesday evenings at the church.

Those interested in performing any of the worship duties (Altar Guild, Lector, Communion Assistant) please contact Karen Sutton who prepares the monthly schedule. Training is available for anyone interested.

Barb Stockman maintains our Prayer Chain. You can email or call her with requests. She also is in charge of the church archives.

I am looking forward to celebrating the holidays with my church family!

Respectfully submitted, Gail Davidson, Chair



**Worship
Attendance**

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
September 5, 2021	?	?	?	?
September 12, 2021	15	7	0	22
September 19, 2021	35	8	0	43
September 26, 2021	?	?	?	?
No reports submitted for September 5th and 26th				

November Birthdays

08 ~ Jackie Byers
 11 ~ Tara Taffee
 14 ~ Ashtyn Page
 17 ~ Sylvia Kay
 20 ~ Kathleen Orebaugh
 24 ~ Louanne Titus
 24 ~ Ellen Greene
 25 ~ Mary Anne Whiddon
 25 ~ Ronan Shaffer
 29 ~ Wendy Gulley

November Anniversaries

18 ~ Judy ♥ Steve Swedburg
 43 years



Call Committee Update

At this time we are in a holding pattern. I am hopeful by Spring, the pandemic will be either waning or behind us and we can resume our efforts.

Gail Davidson, Call Committee Chair



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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson

Vice President: Deborah Midgett

Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson

Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

**If your mailing information has changed,
please notify the Church Office.**

Thank you!



From the Financial Secretary

We have been fortunate that, in spite of the pandemic, we have dedicated members who have continued their financial contributions to our St. John family.

Our year-to-date receipts total \$84,262.60 through September.

This leaves 15,217.40 to meet the year's budget. With God's help, we should be able to meet our projections for the year.

Counters have asked that if you are giving to more than the General Fund, in addition to marking the front of your envelope with the separate funds and amounts, you would please write separate checks for each fund. For example:

General Fund \$20.00

Easter lilies \$10.00

marked on outside of envelope, and two checks enclosed, one for \$20.00 and one for \$10.00.

It would also help to put your envelope number on each check. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sutton

