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Senior Minister

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

In the book of Revelation John gives us one of my favorite images. Though by

reputation, many think the book is about predicting the end of the world and some apocalypse which we're still waiting for, I think the deeper truth is that John is writing to people living in his time, helping them see the larger picture of what God was doing in their time.

It was a desperate time with Christians being openly persecuted, and there was a great temptation to abandon the Christian faith; as far as most people could tell, all was lost because their Christian brothers and sisters, who had been an anchor for the faith, were passing away. But as the heavens are opened and John peers into the deep mysteries of God's plan, he sees a great host of people who have already been gathered in the presence of the Lamb, where they live in peace and eternal worship. The Elder tells John:

"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

John reassures his Christian brothers and sisters that nothing has been lost that is loved by God.

And in the book of Hebrews, as a number of Christians were headed toward the exits, the author reminds God's people of the stories of those who have gone before and sacrificed so much for their hope. They are the "great cloud of witnesses" that still surround us.

And in the book of 1 Thessalonians, as many Christians became anxious because their expectation of Christ's return was not fulfilled as quickly as expected, and some of the Christian brothers and sisters had passed away, Paul encourages them that they will be "caught up together with them to meet the Lord."

As we come to our celebration of All Saints day, we remember the important place that those who have gone before still play in our lives. They are not lost; their witness continues on in the fulness of God's presence.

**...nothing has been lost
that is loved by God.**

This year as we give thanks for those who have passed away in recent months, we also remember and give thanks for the generations of faithful who have shared our faith and helped make it possible for us to be here. Who comes to mind for you? Who helped you to come to faith? Who was a living witness of Jesus for you? Prayerfully give thanks for their gifts and the hope we have with them in Jesus Christ.

See you at the Table,





Rev. Tom Jones
Associate Minister

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday as we remember people who have died this year.

In communion we remember and celebrate the difference Christ made for us through his life, death, and resurrection. This Sunday we will also remember people who God has worked through and the impact they have had on our lives. Remembering the past and how God has provided important people in our lives can give us hope that he will continue to do the same in our future. Remembering the saints helps us

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realize the rich heritage we have with those who have allowed God to work in their lives. Through the act of remembering, we can be inspired to open our hearts to let God work in us and through us. May we remember the saints that have gone on before us and aspire to honor their example and ultimately our God.

Tom

Youth At Fiddlesticks Farm





Trunk Or Treat

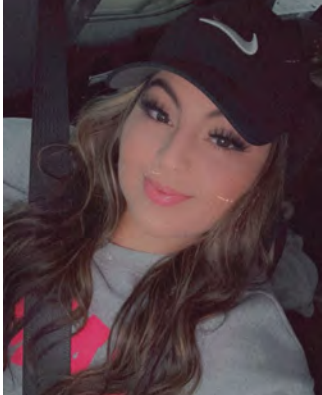




This years Trunk or Treat was an incredible success! We had well over 1,000 people on our church campus enjoying time with their family! Thank you to the over 40 volunteers that made this event possible! You showed every person that stepped onto our campus God's abundant love. I am already looking forward to next year!



Teacher Spotlight



Our CLC teachers are the best!

This week we introduce you to Miracle Gonzalez. This is Miracle's first year at the CLC. Miracle teaches 4-year-old preschool in Room 306. She loves to see little minds grow and see the difference she makes in their lives. Miracle has a 2-year-old daughter. Her favorite color is pink, and cheese sticks are her favorite food. In her spare time Miracle enjoys going shopping or spending time with family. Miracle's favorite quote is "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated." Miracle, we are so glad you are a part of the CLC team!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sunday School

Preschool/Kinder will hear about "Moses and The Red Sea".

1st – 5th Grades will continue watching the "Jesus" movie.

Children's Church

Preschool/Kinder will hear a story about "Daniel".

1st – 3rd Grades will listen to the parable of "The Sower".

Sunday Afternoon

Children will finish any projects for the big sale next week at the church dinner.

Thanksgiving Dinner

"Project Water Buffalo" will have the Montgomery Room transformed into a store. Parents...come support your children!



Chalice Fund Angel Tree Adoption November 10th & 17th!

Benefiting Family Promise Families

**Return gifts to the
church office by
December 11th.**

Prayer List

Those in need of prayer:

Tere Valero
Dave Burgard
Nancy Stanley
Patsy Hill
Fred Yates
Vincent Cooper
Pat Marshall
Ginny Estes
Joshua Harrison
Mary Beth Corbett
Linda Taylor
Lisa Craven
Mark Cranford
Cricket Harrison
Betty Odom
Fred Schwiening
Nicky Rodriguez
Lana Cooley
Carol Cook
C.C. Petteway
Pat Chambers
Kathy Landrum
Sheila Crudgington
Robert Crudgington
Gary Thompson

Military:

Lee Anna Crudgington
Tyler Brown – *grandson
of Lyn Brown*

Families, Friends Beyond**FCC**

Cindy Garcia –
CLC Teacher
Barrett Wood –
cousin of Ginny Estes
Jay Warren –
friend of Pat Marshall

Kairos Conde –
nephew of Olivia Espino
Grayson Pickett –
friend of Jeweli Flores
Al Schorre – *friend of
Sharon Boyd*
Robin Diegan & Jason
Diegan –
cousins of Ginny Estes
Amanda Bryant –
*friend of Dave & Kathy
Cromwell*
Freda Benton
Amanda Lee –
friend of Janice Ford
Reymondo Garcia –
brother of Maria Vinson
Gary Kennedy
*friends of
Lauren & Justin Disney*
Lee Stone –
brother of Jean Jones
Fred Copeland –
father of Lauren Disney
Ed Keah
friend of Joy Singleton
J.M. Moore –
father of Kathy Landrum
Kairos Conde –
nephew of Olivia Espino
Oscar Garcia –
*brother of Amparo
Olguin*

BirthdaysNames in **red** are youth and children

10/12 Austella Berry
10/19 Jim Mauldin
10/19 Lisa Craven
10/23 Meta Jones
10/23 **Evelyn Martinez**
10/26 Peggy Jones
10/28 Lisa Dzuik
10/31 Peggy Davis
10/31 Kristen Hepfer

Anniversaries

10/08 Bob & Martha Trentham
10/17 Jimmy & Leslie Vines





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Sunday, November 10th

Please Join Us For

**All Church Thanksgiving Luncheon
Honoring our Young at Heart**

Immediately Following Worship

**Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish
church is providing Turkey, Ham, rolls & drinks!**

Family Life Center/Gym