

# CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE LINK

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## FROM THE PASTOR

We're entering into the holiday season. Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year's...there's a lot coming at us over the next few weeks. We need an opportunity to stop and take stock of this year. It's been a challenging one. Even so, it's good to take a moment to be thankful before we plunge into the craziness that these days will surely bring us.

For starters, worship has resumed. There were a few months without it, and I know that many of us (myself included) knew that it was not safe, but also knew that a week without Sunday worship in it feels incomplete. I am thankful that we're meeting again, and although some of those protocols are hard, we are thankful that they have us on the road to whole worship services again. Especially toward the end of this month when we go back to singing!

Along with in-person worship, we have celebrated Confirmation Sunday. That Sunday when young people acknowledge the promises made on their behalf at their birth and they take these promises as their own. The covenant becomes shared and everyone joyfully bears witness to the idea that God has never broken God's end of the agreement.

There are many things to be thankful for. What about for you? If you look closely, you'll see that God's promises are kept by God, and in that we all have reason to give thanks.

Grace and Peace,  
Lance

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### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
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## *Music Ministry Notes From Gordon*

Fall is here! It is hard to believe that we are quickly moving toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

The seasonal music will be different from previous years, due to COVID-19. However, the sweet, sweet Spirit will be in our presence as we gather for worship-in-person or virtual. We are fortunate to have such willing, capable, dedicated individuals to share their talents with us during these upcoming weeks.

**November 1– Ladies Ensemble**

**November 29– Ladies Ensemble**

**November 8– Debra McDaniel, Flute solo**

**December 6– William McDaniel**

**November 15– Kent Taylor**

**December 13– Gail Hawkins**

**November 22– Bill Smith**

**December 20—Sandra Roe**

Let us continue to join together in person or virtual to worship, give thanks, and celebrate during these final weeks of 2020!

*Gordon*

## **Rev. Lance Eiland**

### **Sermon Titles**

**His sermon titles will be:**

**Sunday, November 1st- " All Saints" 1 John 3:1-3**

**Sunday, November 8th- "Listening, Watching, Waiting" Matthew 25:1-13**

**Sunday, November 15th- "Eternal Value" Matthew 25:14-30**

**November 22nd- " Being Thankful" Ephesians 1:15-23**

**November 29th- "Cleaning Up" Mark 13:24-37**



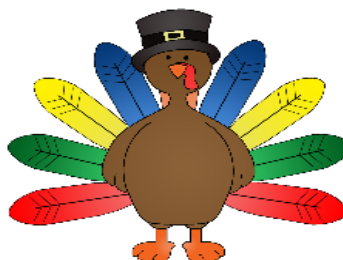
It's ALWAYS the PERFECT time to be THANKFUL!

We are THANKFUL for our ELEVEN Confirmands and their families! What a meaningful service we had on October 18th as we observed each confirmand making a commitment to God and CSUMC! Additionally, we were THANKFUL and blessed to witness Grant Arrington's Baptism prior to his confirmation.

October 18th was also Children's Sabbath. Several young people participated in our worship service, and we would like to give a special SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU to them: Anna Kate Kennedy; Laura Ousley; Maggie Calame; and Martha Ann Beers.

After this service, many Church Street children, Confirmands, youth, and adults visited the Southern Pumpkin Company to enjoy hay rides, Pumpkin "hunts," games, CORN MAZES (thankfully we all made it out . . .), goats, and good food! We all had a blast and are so THANKFUL for the good times provided by the Wendland family and their friends! It was a beautiful afternoon spent in God's outdoors!

Did you know that November is "National Gratitude" month? "Gratitude is more than simply saying, 'thank you.' Gratitude's amazing powers have the ability to shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in our lives. Practicing daily gratitude gives us a deeper connection to ourselves, the world around us and to our Creator." (Nationaldaycalendar.com) The more we use "thankfulness" and show gratitude, the more we notice things for which we are thankful and grateful! Give thanks with a grateful heart . . .



Psalm 69:30

Psalm 100:4-5

Psalm 106:1

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Happy Thanksgiving,

Frances

## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRAYERS

Suzanne Ingram	Caroline Thomas	Jimbo Barrett
John Sherrer	Amy & Jim Sims	Pam Cunningham
Jamie Bedgood	Helen & Peggy Cross	Joanie Looney
Joy Beers	Keith Stephan	Shannon Miller Cook
Jim Kennedy	Blake Flanagan	Cassandra Steele
Shalene Brasington	Wayne Henderson	June McLaughlin
Kirby Scales	Gary West	Mike Milligan
Sharon Hardy	Gail Browning	
Samantha Wilson	Tommy Eiland	<b><u>Home Bound</u></b>
Jeff Cogle	Lynn Moseley	Eloise Trammel
Kent Sullivan	Tracey Craig	Jean Walker
Bob Culpepper	Kathryn Hardy	Nell Woodward
Myrna Hollis	Roger Coleman	Helen Rogers
Randy Smith	Russ Jackson	Ann Pegues
Robert, Sydney & Sawyer	Bill Livingston	Barry Blanton
Olinger	Elizabeth Kilponen	Camille Salter
Lisa Duebelt	Clark Schatz	

## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRESENCE

**Average attendance YTD as of October**

Worship Service: 76



**We hope to see you at the  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**If you miss a service, be sure to listen to the  
prior week's sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am  
on Dixie Country - WDXX 100.1.  
Or on the Church Street UMC Selma  
Facebook page for live stream.**

## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... GIFTS

### MEMORIALS

**John B. Scales**

By: Gale Bedgood

**Kincey Green**

By: Gale Bedgood

By: Dick and Carolyn Dunaway

By: The Smith Family

By: Ann Posey Thomas

**Andy Rives**

By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman

### MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Remember that charitable contributions, in memory or in honor of someone special, are a great way not only to honor them, but to contribute to the work of the Church as well.

### **November Communion Offering**

*The Communion Offering on Sunday, November 1st, will be given to Christian Outreach Alliance Food Bank. Please note on your check or on the envelope for Communion Offering and place in the offering plate.*



Congratulations

Mary Alan Ousley

2020 Dallas County

Distinguished Young

Woman

We are so proud of you!



**I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my....  
SERVICE**



**Providing flowers for the worship service on Sunday is a wonderful way to honor a loved one.**

**If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone. Please contact the church office.**

## **December Meetings**

### **Finance Committee**

**Thursday, December 10th at 5:00 pm  
in the Grist Library**

### **Church Council**

**Thursday, December 10th at 5:45 pm  
in the Grist Library.**

**Please contact your chairperson or  
the Church**

**Office if you will not be able to  
attend the December Meetings.**



**The Annual Charge Conference will be held on  
Sunday, November 8th @ 5:00 pm in Windham Hall.**



**I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my....  
WITNESS**

## **Fall Nursery Workers**

**November 1st- Dawn Wendland**

**November 8th- Laura Beth Boyd/Sterling Harrison**

**November 15th—Callen Free/ Sarah Lloyd Free**

**November 22nd- Angie Thomas/Sarah Thomas**

**November 29th- Leigh Chappelle/Rachel Todd**

**December 6th- Glennis Porter/ Cora Smith**

**December 13th- Daneen Turner/Maryanna Turner**

**December 20th- Callen Free/Sarah Lloyd Free**

**December 27th- Angie Thomas/Sarah Thomas**



## **Still needing information for College Ministry**

**We are updating our information for the College Ministry. If you have a college student, please email the following information to:**

**[pat@churchstreetumcselma.org](mailto:pat@churchstreetumcselma.org) by November 15th.**

**Student name, mailing address, phone number, email, date of birth, school attending, subject major, year (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)**

**We also need volunteers to mentor these students. If you would like to be a mentor call or email the church office. It's a wonderful ministry. It means a lot to the students that are away from home.**



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