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Zoom Youth Group

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES!

Andrews UMC will be packing 36 shoeboxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD again this year.. OCC sends these shoe boxes to kid's all over the world. We will be collecting items for the shoeboxes (see list below). You can drop those items off at the church Monday-Friday 8am-12pm or contact Robby Morris by texting 704-942-8769 to set up another drop off time. **National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23, 2020, so the deadline for bringing items is Sunday, November 8th.** We will be packing the items in the shoeboxes that week, so stay tuned for day and time. If you are interested in helping pack the boxes in person, please let us know. Wearing masks will be required, and we will make sure all surfaces are clean and safe for you when you come.

Items needed to pack boxes:

- **"WOW" ITEMS:** soccer ball w/pump, doll, stuffed animal, musical instrument, shoes
- **TOYS:** toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries),
- **NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, wash cloths, combs
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils, and sharpeners, crayons and markers, notebooks and paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculators
- **ACCESSORIES:** socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry and watches, small flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

Keep in mind that combinations of these items have to fit into a "shoebox". All of these items together will not fit in a single shoebox, so you don't have to buy all of them. Each shoebox will be filled for a girl or a boy.

Thank you for your participation in this ministry!



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Pastor Tom's Message

The older I get the more I return to the past. My memory seems to be working overtime to relive moments of joy and comfort, while at the same time remind me of my foibles (nice word for bad decisions). While it appears that the foibles want to take center stage in my memory pageant, I diligently work to bring the more comfortable times to the fore.

So here we go with a seasonal reflection from my childhood. As a shy kid I did not enjoy school. I was a wallflower; or at least I tried to be. I sat in class with my head down hoping beyond hope that the teacher would not call on me for anything. Never worked out as I hoped. I was called on quite often. I was always prepared, however, fear of making a fool of myself and being laughed at assured I would not respond in the affirmative to any request. I dreaded Monday morning, and the dread only increase as the week and the year wore on. Except for the short period of time between Halloween and Christmas. Nothing changed with my fear of exposure in class. However, my focus of my surroundings changed.

You see, and perhaps you remember something similar in your past. Beginning with the Halloween holiday each teacher, kindergarten through sixth grade, decorated the room with cardboard cutouts of ghosts and ghouls for Halloween; pilgrims and turkeys and Native People at Thanksgiving; and concluded the holiday season with Santa and reindeer, snowmen and snowwomen, Christmas trees and various ornaments hung about the room. There was something about the change to fantasy that was comforting to me. Even now when I think back on those days, I feel a sense of warmth and safety, joy and happiness.

I long for those feelings in this pandemic driven, caustic atmosphere of 2020. The fantasy ghouls of childhood Halloween seem to have put on skin and are walking among us sowing discord and fomenting anger and hatred among the family we call America. I am no longer a child, at least chronologically, and as childish as it seems and is, I'm looking for those cardboard cutouts as I search for a sense of comfort in the madness of today.

There are no cardboard cutouts. And the childish desire for momentary relief from an uncomfortable reality is not to be found hanging on the wall of a distant memory. The words of the Apostle Paul jolt me from memory to the present, reminding me that childish ways fade with age and more mature thinking is required to face the moment. And this requires a



November Highlights

- 1—All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall back!
- 8—Charge Conference
- 11—Veterans Day
- 26—Thanksgiving Day—
Church Office Closed
on 26th & 27th
No Welcome Table
- 29—1st Sunday of Advent

Charge Conference

Our annual church Charge Conference is scheduled for November 8, 2020 at 12:00 noon, Pastor Tom Jolly presiding.

More information on how to attend this Zoom meeting on inside page.

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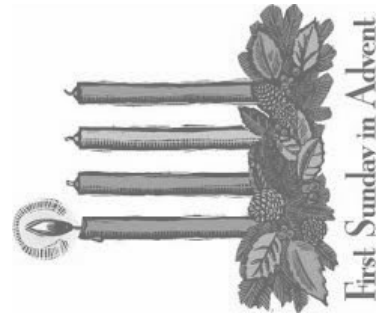
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Birthdays

- 1— Josh Rogers, Lynda Kennedy
- 2— Tiffani Hall
- 3— Warren Bookwalter
- 6— Danny Hawk, Dedra Davis
- 7— Joan Este
- 9— Kathy West
- 10— Ann Deese
- 11— Bill Moore
- 12— Mindy Dooly
- 19— Becky Ayers
- 20— Liam Mason
- 23— Caleb Pitt
- 25— Emily Peacock
- 26— Emily Burch
- 27— Charlie McCowan, Julie Aiken

Anniversaries

- 9— Ronnie & Marcia Clontz
- 11— Holly & Travis Salinas



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1—22nd Sunday Pentecost / All Saints Day Worship Online: 10:50 am— YouTube 11:00 am— Facebook Daylight Saving Time ends	2	3	4	5 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— First Baptist Church 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	6	7
8—23rd Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am— YouTube 11:00 am— Facebook 12:00—Charge Conference	9	10	11	12 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— United Methodist Women 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	13	14
15—24th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am— YouTube 11:00 am— Facebook	16	17	18	19 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00—Welcome Table— Former Civitans Group 8:30—Youth Group Zoom	20	21
22—Christ the King Sunday Worship Online: 10:50 am— YouTube 11:00 am— Facebook	23 1:00-6:00— American Red Cross Blood Drive	24	25	26—Church Office Closed No Welcome Table Today Thanksgiving Day	27—Church Office Closed	28
29—1st Sunday of Advent Worship Online: 10:50 am— YouTube 11:00 am— Facebook	30	<i>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.</i> - Colossians 3:15-17				

**The Sanctuary is open on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for individual prayer and meditation. Please observe the necessary health precautions of wearing a mask, maintaining a safe distance from others and having no more than 10 people in the Sanctuary at a time.

.... Pastor Tom's Message continued from front page:

mindset that eludes me in my own strength and intellect.

Still, in my search for comfort and peace, I vacillate between feeling as though I can find it on my own and sensing I need guidance. And from time to time I hear the voice of the Psalmist saying, "my help comes from the Lord" and the promise of Jesus to be with us always in the presence of Spirit of the Risen Christ residing in us and with us. I wish I could say these words always bring comfort, but that would be a lie. However, there are seasons when the voice and the promise resound in my spirit and bring the needed comfort for which I yearn. Thankfully, I am beginning to hear again ...

just thinkin',

- Tom

Sunday, November 8 @12 noon, AUMC will hold our annual charge conference. Since we are still observing physical distancing, Charge Conference will be held via Zoom. On Thursday, November 5, you will receive an invitation to attend the conference via Zoom, with instructions on how to connect. Your attendance via Zoom will be noted just as if in-person. You will be able to vote on the matters of Pastor salary and church leadership as usual ...

There are several families which do not have internet access ... copies of budget, pastor salary/benefits and leadership roster will be mailed via USPS and you can cast your votes via phone call prior to November 8, 2020.

This is not an ideal situation, however, it is how we must handle business at this point in time.

I am asking as many members of Church Council as possible to be present on Sunday, November 8 so that we have a quorum.

Any questions or concerns call Pastor Tom, 336-337-6992.

From the Organ Bench—Hymn Story

by Kerry Archer



Doxology (Old Hundredth) - The four lines of the Doxology have been the most frequently sung words of any known song for more than three hundred years. Nearly every English-speaking Protestant congregation today still unites at least once each Sunday in this "song of praise." The author, Thomas Ken (1637-1711), was a bold, outspoken seventeenth century Anglican Bishop. Left as an orphan in early childhood, Ken was educated at Winchester School. He later attended Oxford University and was ordained in 1662 to the Church of England. His career in the ministry was stormy and colorful. Bishop Ken wrote a number of hymns, and it was always his desire that Christians be allowed to express their praise to God without being limited to just the Psalms.

The tune ("Old Hundredth") is said to be the most famous of all Christian hymn tunes. It was composed by Louis Bourgeois (born in 1510). The first English words to be used with the hymn came from Psalm 100, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," and thus "The Hundredth" was born. Check it out in our United Methodist Hymns on page 95 (I think they should have put it on page 100, don't you?!).

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

- Psalm 100:4

♥ October Honorariums and Memorials

In Memory of Roma Mathis, by Rob and Abby Manchester, by Betty Brewer.

In Memory of Porter Duncan, by Roy and Louise Gilbert.

In Memory of Albert and Rosalind Tovar, by Roy and Louise Gilbert.