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## Church Conference 2023 Presentation

Here at Camp Chapel, we are called to worship, make disciples, and serve. As we emerge from the challenges of the pandemic, we are finding our new normal. Our new normal is a mix of restarting or reinvigorating existing ministries and planning to extend our reach beyond the church doors.

Since our last gathering, Camp Chapel has been active. In March, we began a new ministry called “JOY” – short for Just Older Youth. The purpose of these mid-day monthly gatherings is to bring together seasoned adults for fellowship. Attenders bring a bag lunch and drink, the ministry leaders provide desserts and coffee, and play games – especially dominoes. Some of our members provide transportation for homebound persons and others bring along friends.

In May, we rejoiced at the confirmation of six youth – including the baptism and confirmation of one. This was the first confirmation class in more than 5 years. A previously confirmed youth served as a youth mentor for the class. Our newest members serve the community as acolytes, liturgists, and volunteers for VBS and outreach ministries including the Easter Egg Hunt, Children’s Carnival, or yard sale.

A first-time Volunteer Appreciation Day was well-received. The staff showed its appreciation for everything our volunteers do – from serving as ministry team leaders to teaching classes to planting and weeding the gardens and everything in between. In fact, it was so well received that we think it will be an annual event.

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Speaking of gardens, another ministry outreach was the Community Garden. Our members took four garden plots that were unused, invited others to join in, and planted vegetables with the purpose of supplementing our partnership with the Perry Hall Community Food Pantry. The weather and deer proved challenging, but our volunteers persevered.

Vacation Bible School returned to Camp Chapel this year – but with a twist and an addition. Based upon the availability of our leaders, VBS took place in the evening, and we added an adult class to make this a family event. We had fewer children in the evening, but those who attended learned and grew from the experience.

Who would think that a Yard Sale would be a time of hands-on ministry? Camp Chapel does! At our latest yard sale, our white elephant table organizer was able to pray with a vendor who arrived very upset. When other vendors saw what was going on, they also gathered around her for support. You never know who the church might touch by simply opening our grounds.

Our on-going ministries continue to impact our church family and the community. Christian education for all ages is making a difference in the lives of our children, youth, and adults as they stretch and grow in knowledge and spirit. Worship is enhanced by the excellence of our music director and the vocal and bell choirs. Our leadership teams (including Church Council, Finance, Trustees, and age level ministries among others) provide the inspiration, resources, and space for connections among the church and community to thrive.

The Fellowship Hall is once again being used to its fullest. In addition to being the place for adult bible study, children's Sunday School music, and committee meeting space, we also open our doors to self-help and community groups (including the Scouts). Our new kitchen manager worked diligently to renew our license and the kitchen team is once again serving fund-raising dinners.

The Pillow Project sews hundreds of pillows for heart patients and new mothers and the Crochet Ministry creates hats for newborns at Franklin Square Hospital. The 'thank you' notes we receive are evidence that we are touching lives. The Crochet Ministry has also begun providing Prayer Blankets for our babies at their baptism. The film seminar series continues to meet monthly by ZOOM for a presentation and lively discussion. The participants are from the church and beyond.

There is not enough space to list everything that we do, but you can see for yourself that Camp Chapel is fulfilling its call to worship, make disciples, and serve.

Carol



November 5, 2023

We will remember and honor those church members who departed since last All Saints Sunday.

Nancy Akehurst  
Edward Crawford  
Patricia Crawford  
Vivian Gyr  
Peggy Otradovec  
Richard Warren  
Verna Wendel



To my loving flock:

I appreciate your appreciation. I was very surprised by the Pastor's Appreciation Day on October 22. I'm not sure how you know how much I love Fall colors - but the arrangements and bouquet were perfect! Nor do I know how you found out that I love Mexican food - the El Salto gift card will be put to good use (and soon). The words of tribute were wonderful. (Now I know how much our children love lollipops - and me. 😊)

Being your pastor is a joy and a privilege. Thank you for allowing me to do ministry with you.

Grace and peace,  
Carol





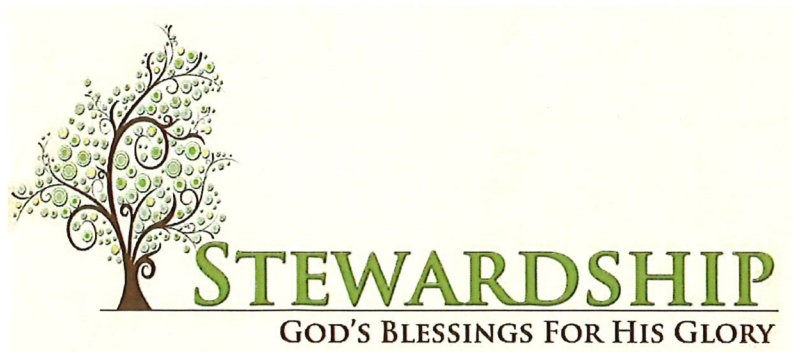
# Annual Stewardship Campaign

On behalf of the CCUMC Finance Committee, I am requesting each member take a moment to contemplate how good God has been to you and your family even in these difficult and turbulent times as we move forward into 2024 and beyond, how important Camp Chapel UMC is to you, and what you want to contribute to the support the various ministries of our church so we can continue to gather, grow and serve in our Perry Hall community.

When you plant an acorn, a tree grows. When we plant our acorns together, a forest grows. We can do more together than we can apart. On November 5, you will hear a challenge to prayerfully consider what we will plant through your prayers, presence, financial gifts, service, and witness. On November 12, members will share testimonies about why they give of their time, energy, and witness to God through the missions and ministries of the church. From November 5 through November 19, we will receive your pledge cards in the offering plate or by mailing the card back to the church office. Together we will increase God's kingdom.

We look forward to receiving your estimate of giving for 2024 because it helps us to budget appropriately for the next year and offers you an opportunity to feel like you are truly a part of every good thing that happens in or because of Camp Chapel's faithful response to the will of God.

Winston Bain  
Finance Chairman





**JOY (Just Older Youth)**  
Wednesday, November 1  
12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Join us and enjoy an afternoon of lunch, games and fellowship with other Camp Chapel members. Bring a sandwich and a drink for lunch (dessert will be provided). Feel free to bring your favorite board game, cards or dominos. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. **All Are Welcome**

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## SHREDDING FUNDRAISER

We are thankful to everyone who supported our October paper shredding fundraiser whether by your donations or your time. The event would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers: Mason Dziuk, Angela Gaskin, Judy Homberg, Debbie & Shawn Kalendek, Mike Ryan, and Cheryl Welsh.

Even though we chatted with some lovely folks during this event, our turn out was poor. We made money after paying for the truck, but decided we would not have another fall event. Please mark your calendar for our next scheduled paper shredding fundraiser on May 18, 2024.

Thank you, Lisa Dziuk

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## FALL TEA

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual tea was very successful. We had a lot of nice comments on the food. I like to thank everyone that came out to help make this event a success.

Karen Warren

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## CROP WALKERS

Thanks to our Crop Walkers for helping to raise money to fight hunger in our community and around the world.



## PUMPKIN PAINTING

Special thanks to everyone that attended the Pumpkin Painting event on Sunday October 22. We had over 80 people in attendance! Pumpkins were glittered, feathered, gem studded and painted in every way possible. Special thanks to: Lisa Dziuk, Becky Gardner, and Joan Kronner for volunteering your time to help make this event such a success. What a wonderful afternoon of fellowship! Looking forward to next year!



Jackie Brawn



Thank you again for supporting Arrow ministries. You made seven children have a little more dignity by carrying their belongings in a suitcase when they move to their new foster home. We have collected over fifty suitcases so far. Keep them coming to the box in the hall and I'll get them to Arrow ministries. Thank you again and again.

The mitten tree will be up after Thanksgiving but this year along with mittens, I would like to make it a SOCK tree. Socks are the most needed item in shelters. So, let's fill our tree with socks for everyone, men women and children. Thank you!!!

Cheryl Welsh

## STREETS OF HOPE

The cold weather shelter will be opening on November 1. They are in need of 20 new pillows. Pillows can be left at the Fellowship Hall. If you would rather donate money, I will do the shopping. Monetary donations can be put in the pew envelopes marked them pillows or SOH.

If you have questions, contact Susan Wallace 410-382-8318.





## YARD SALE

The yard sale September 30th was a great success thanks to wonderful volunteers, Winston Bain, Ali Rezai, Gail and Ed Mathus, Angela Gaskin, Allen Thompson, and Anita Obinger. Special thanks to Arleen Parcover & Gail who generously helped Anita with the church white elephant table and Judy Homberg for helping set up the online vendor payment system to track it all. I am very appreciative of all of you!

A big shout out to the Boy Scouts and their parents for providing the yummy food and beverages as well as helping Anita get the yard sale items up from the basement to the hall and then outside the morning of the event! They helped retrieve signs and haul items back into the hall too. I'm glad we have some young people willing to help and go the extra mile.

And most of all, thank you for God's grace and the Holy Spirit flowing through Anita and other members of the church to help a lost sheep among the crowd in need of our prayers. God is truly good!



Barbara Thompson

Good morning, Barbara!

I really enjoyed myself on Saturday! I met so many lovely people that really appreciated the items I sold for no more than \$1. Many in need of what was my "stuff" that was taking up space in closet, old luggage I gave away for .50 and they insisted on at least \$2 so I gave them another piece of luggage :). They were a family from Bolivia, and they were excited to use for their Disney vacation!

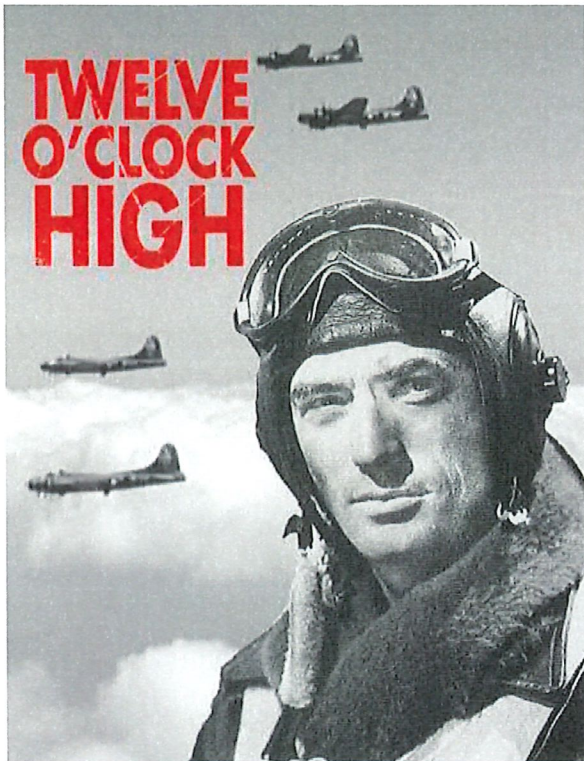
Another purposeful encounter was with a lady from Poland. I had a container of designer purses 👜 I no longer use; they became a treasure for this sweet lady. She was going to be traveling soon to visit her family that can't afford name brand things, so she was thrilled to be able to get them for \$1 and gift them to her family. :)

So many more stories, but what you and your church community put together is appreciated and I know it's a lot of work! It serves a greater purpose, and I am grateful to have been part of a day of blessings for others!! I wish to do it more often!!

Have a blessed day!!  
Cecilia







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Camp Chapel Film Seminar

## Twelve O'Clock High

General Frank Savage whips the 119th bomber group into shape

Saturday, November 18

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Via Zoom

Check the flyer on our web site:

<https://campchapel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/20231119-Twelve-OClock-Flyer.pdf>



Join us for a classic movie and discussion!  
(Zoom information will be sent via email)

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### What Is a QR Code?

Did you notice that blob in the middle of the promotion for the film seminar? It's a QR Code. QR stands for Quick Response. On a smart phone, one can scan the code with the phone's camera or a QR Code reader app and access a web page without having to type the address. If you have an event that you wish to publicize in the *Acorn*, feel free to include a QR Code in your advertisement or event flyer if you feel that it would be appropriate. They can be particularly useful for events that: a) are open to the public, and b) require a registration form. Please be aware that the church office will **NOT** create or provide QR Codes for you.

A QR Code is nothing more than a weird looking picture. To create a QR Code:

1. The event must be included in the event calendar on the CCUMC web site.
2. Use your favorite browser to access the page for the event on the web site.
3. Right-click anywhere on the page and a pop-up menu will appear.
4. Click "Create QR Code for this page" in the menu.
5. When the QR Code image appears, click the "Download" button to save your QR Code in your Downloads folder (some browsers allow you to specify other locations or change the name of the QR Code file before saving it).
6. Insert the QR Code in your ad or flyer as you would any picture.

## GIFT CARDS

Once again, we are selling gift cards for the holidays. For gift cards that you order, you pay the face value of the card and Camp Chapel will receive a percentage of that cost.

Order forms and the retailer list will be emailed. Individuals without email will receive order forms by mail. Printed copies are available at each church entrance.

Completed order forms can be emailed to [office@campchapel.org](mailto:office@campchapel.org), dropped off at the church office or with your check if you are mailing.

You may pay by cash, check or Bill Pay. Make checks payable to Camp Chapel with "Gift Cards" in the memo section. Bill Pay transactions also need to reflect "Gift Cards" in the comments section.

If you mail in your order form with payment, please be sure to address it to Camp Chapel, PO Box 15, White Marsh, MD 21162.

**Credit card payments will not be accepted.**

**Order forms must be received by 12 noon on Sunday, December 3.**

Gift cards will be available for pick up at church on  
**Sunday, December 10 from 8 am–12:30 pm.**

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## CHURCH HISTORY

As the History Committee prepares to move the History Room, we are also updating the History of the Church.

We would like the pictures from the various activities that groups in the church have held both at the church (children's activities, teas, mission trips, etc.) or away from the church.

Please print your pictures and leave them in my church mailbox. Be sure to include locations, dates, the names of people in the picture, etc.

We are also in need of filing cabinets to replace the old rusty ones in the room upstairs. If you have a cabinet, please make arrangements with the church office when you plan to deliver it.

God Bless,  
Doris A. Tarleton and the History Committee







## GIFTS OF LOVE

It's the time of year to think about giving to others. Our church will again sponsor Camp Chapel's "Gifts of Love" campaign. With your generous help, the Circle of Sisters will work on this ministry to provide Christmas gifts for needy local children. We will be working with several schools in our community to bring Christmas blessings to identified families.

The "wish tags" will be posted on the church bulletin boards by **November 19th**. If you would like to purchase a gift or two, just choose a tag, buy the gift and return it UNWRAPPED to the church by Sunday, December 10th. Please attach the original "wish tag" to any gifts you return. This will ensure that each child will receive the proper gift. Also, return a gift receipt if possible.

Some tags will be asking for gift cards. Any amount is acceptable. Please put the amount on the card. This will help the committee or local school counselors provide additional gifts as needed.

**Bins will be provided in the church hall to leave gifts by December 10th.** Thank you for supporting this important ministry! Contact Karen Knauer at 410-440-2293 or [knauerpower3@gmail.com](mailto:knauerpower3@gmail.com) for questions. Thank you for your interest and generosity!

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## FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY DINNER BASKETS

Perry Hall Food Pantry provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to families in need. This is a special time as we celebrate the love of family and give thanks to God. Your generosity makes it possible for these families to enjoy a very special dinner.

Dinner baskets will be distributed on November 18 from 1-3 pm and will include:

Boxed mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, corn bread mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables (corn; mixed vegetables; peas; and green beans) cake or brownie mix and icing, stuffing mix, canned turkey gravy and \$15 Walmart gift card (for meat).

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make check payable to Camp Chapel with "Holiday Basket" on the memo line. Submit check to church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. **Deadline for donations is November 11.**



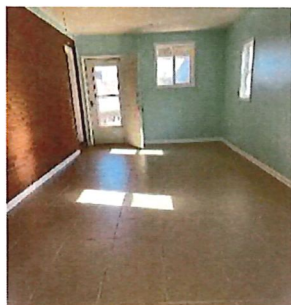
## VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

What a blessing it was to have the opportunity to travel to Dawson Springs, Kentucky last month with Tri-State Hope Builders, a Volunteers in Mission team with representatives from seven different Protestant churches in Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

This was our second trip to this area that was devastated by tornadoes in December 2021. Nineteen residents of the community lost their lives, and many more were injured. Homes are still being rebuilt or repaired, and our team was able to be assigned to seven different work projects through Hopkins County Long-Term Recovery Committee during our two-week stay. Our work included constructing porches, handicap ramps, drywalling, siding, and painting.

We would like to thank Camp Chapel's congregation for their prayers and the Domestic Missions Committee for their financial support. It is an honor and a privilege to participate in this humanitarian effort, and we hope to continue doing so for years to come.

Pat and Mike Ryan



## Old Jesus

When I was too young to know better, I remember daydreaming in catechism class at Saint Michael Catholic School as some nun nattered on about how Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross for our sins. Of course, I'd heard it all before, so my mind tended to wander. At least once or twice I remember fantasizing about building a time machine. With it, I could travel back to Jerusalem. I'd take along some modern weaponry, like maybe a tommy gun or a flame thrower and a bunch of hand grenades. I didn't know enough about ordnance and armament to think any more high-tech than that, and, after all, it was the 1950s and my only sources of knowledge on the subject of guns and ammo were comic books like *All American Men of War*, *Battle Ground*, *Our Fighting Forces*, *Our Army at War*, and of course, *G.I. Joe*. When I arrived, I'd stride up to the top of Golgotha and start spraying those rotten Roman soldiers with hot lead. I'd blow them to smithereens! Then, while the survivors were fleeing in fear from all the carnage I had caused, and before they could send for reinforcements (I wasn't worried about reinforcements – I had plenty of rounds and lots more grenades), I'd take my Lord and Savior down from the cross, bind up his wounds, take him to a place of refuge, and humbly receive his eternal gratitude. Most times that was about as far as I got. At that point, I could feel the presence of Sister standing sternly next to my desk with a ruler poised to strike. The class would be giggling because she had called on me, and in my head, I was too busy shooting up Calvary two millennia in the past to have heard her.

But regarding dreaming of saving Jesus from the cross... Talk about completely missing the point! The sacrifice of the cross is why Jesus assumed a human life and came to dwell among us. I'm a grown-up Christian. I get that now.

But recently I recalled those childish imaginations, and it got me to wondering. What if Jesus had not been crucified so young?

What if Jesus had somehow avoided being executed and had lived to become an old man? What if the high priest, instead of sending Jesus back to Pilate, had said, "Wait, wait, wait. Hang on a minute. This Jesus person does make some interesting points, and the people seem to love him. Why don't we just leave him be and see how this thing plays out? I mean, we don't really *need* to put him to death right now, do we? Crucifixion won't be going out of style anytime soon, and Pilate will still be here next week or next

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year even. No, let's just wait and see where he goes with this. Give him a little more rope. It might be amusing." So, they recommend that he be released. They take back the thirty pieces of silver they paid Judas, and they allow Jesus to continue with his earthly ministry and he continues saying and doing wondrous things.

Many years later, Jesus is sitting in a rocker on a porch surrounded by his grandchildren. Jesus says, "Did I ever tell you about the time I raised..."

"Your friend Lazarus from the dead!" the oldest one, a teenager with an attitude, interrupts, rolling his eyes. "Only about a zillion times Pop-Pop!"

"Well how about the time I turned..."

"Yeah, yeah, water into wine at the wedding. We've heard it all before!"

Peter is sitting there, and he's a geezer too, of course, and he's grumpy today. "You're the miracle worker, how about you make it so I don't have to get up three times every doggone night to pee! I haven't had a decent eight hours sleep since we retired here to Capernaum! You make lepers clean, so how 'bout smoothing these wrinkles? You make the lame walk, but when are you ever gonna get around to curing my sciatica?"

Of course, for Jesus's purpose in becoming human, not to mention all those prophecies that would need to be fulfilled, eventually he would still have to die for our sins, but it wouldn't have quite the same impact, would it?

"They crucified Jesus? Oh man! What was he, 93? 94?" (A short reflective pause.)  
"Well, he had a good run. What's for supper?"

But no, Jesus didn't grow old, he died young. He was probably 33 years old, a man at the height of his physical powers, charismatic, forceful, strong, and beautiful. Here's the thing: we all know he suffered and was executed, but those are just words. Okay, he stopped breathing and his heart ceased to beat, but that's only the clinical part of his death. Dying on the cross was only part of what he sacrificed for us and for our sins. The full sacrifice of Jesus was not just giving away his human life, it was giving away his human *life*! We all know how he suffered. The scourging, the taunting, the beating, having to carry that cross up to the place of his execution, the nails, more taunting, the agony, the thirst, the tearful farewell to his mother, the feeling of having been forsaken by his God, his father, and finally the giving up of his spirit. That's the story of how he gave up his life. We talk about that all the time. But what we don't talk about is the fact



that in addition to being killed, he also gave away his *life*! He didn't just die, he lost forty plus years of existence on this planet. He abandoned forty years of philosophy and theology. Forty years of parables, of miracles, of wisdom, of accomplishments. It was family and children. It was play. It was work. It was memories. It was friendships. It was dreams. It was loving and it was loss. It was sorrow and it was joy. It was pleasure and it was pain. It may even have been a rocking chair surrounded by grandchildren. It was all this and more – his whole *life* that he gave up!

There's a great scene in the movie *Unforgiven* in which Clint Eastwood's character talks of killing a man. He describes it as stealing from him all that he is and all that he ever will be. Killing a person not only puts an end to them, but also robs them, along with the rest of the world, of their future. Everything they might be, every contribution they might make, every influence they might have, for good or ill, is wiped out irretrievably.

So Jesus not only died, but he also sacrificed his earthly future – everything that might have been. Willingly. Just when his life was beginning. For you and me. This is a part of the great mystery of our faith that we so often don't consider. But we should.

Bill Smith

## IT'S A GOD MOMENT!

I look forward to Camp Chapel's spring and fall yard sales. Although it takes time to organize and prepare, I enjoy speaking with all who come to the Church tables to shop. This past yard sale as I was arranging items on the tables and hurrying to finish before the mad rush of shoppers arrived, I was approached by a woman toting bags and ready to shop. She appeared upset and was crying. She said she was having a terrible day and asked me if I would pray for her. I said I would, we bowed our heads and I proceeded to pray.

I realized rather quickly that the items I worked for hours to organize were no longer that important. The individual for whom I prayed was my mission that day. I do not know the exact reason for her pain. I only know that I was placed at that table at that time to answer God's call.

Anita Obinger



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Gregory	November 2
Arleen Parcover	November 9
Corine Lewis	November 12
Gary Lushbaugh	November 14
Beverly Gyr	November 15
Peter Gaskin	November 16
Cheryl Kempler	November 17
Susan Wallace	November 20
Zak Kempler	November 29

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2023**



## November Lectionary Readings

### **November 1 -All Saints Day**

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769)  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 5–23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

### **November 5 - All Saints Sunday**

Revelations 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769)  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 12–24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 19–25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:1-14-30

### **November 23 – Thanksgiving Day**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
Psalm 65 (UMH 789)  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### **November 26 – Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100 (UMH 821)  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46







Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship Service  
Wednesday, November 23  
7:30 pm in Sanctuary