



The Voice

Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Churches

November/December 2017

Saints and Sinners

What is a saint?

Someone who is perfect, someone who did something great, someone who must be way "holier" than us.

Some traditions have specific definitions for sainthood. In the Catholic Church, a saint has to have caused two miracles and be beyond repute. For us protestants we, as in most things, have a squishier definition. We often think of saints around November 1, when we celebrate as All Saints Day. On the Sunday nearest, we often remember those that have gone on to glory, the "saints of the church" that have made us who we are. We also sometimes think of saints as laudable people. John Wesley, Martin Luther King Jr., or other exemplary Christians.

Thinking about who is a saint and why they are is important. Saints provide us with an example to live by. They were real people living in the real world who somehow found a way to live an extraordinary life. They preached the faith, healed the sick, brought thousands to know Christ, and sometimes died for their efforts. In their work and piety and life, we can find heroes to emulate.

But sometimes thinking about these heroes can have a down side. We sometimes put them on too high of a pedestal, so high that we need not follow their example. After all, they were superheroes, and we are mere mortals. Of course we can't do what they did. We can let ourselves off the hook by putting ourselves in the category of "ordinary Christian" and let the saints do the real work.

During November, we are going to take a look at saints, both in our life and the life of the church. There are some notable people that did amazing things for our faith and for the world. It's good to see what we can learn from them. But it's also important to know that they weren't perfect. They all had flaws, just like us. They all struggled, just like us. And none of them probably thought of themselves as saints, just like us.

So think about who made an impact in your life. Who showed you what it means to be a Christian? Who helped you develop your faith? Who laid the foundations, figuratively or literally, for our church? What about these people are we able to emulate?

Peace,

Pastor Joel

Grandma's House

A church bazaar

Friday, November 10 2:00-7:00pm
Serving burgers and homemade soup from 2-7pm

Saturday, November 11 8:00am - 3pm
Breakfast from 8-11am and burgers and soup until 3pm

Crafts - Christmas Gifts
Baby Items - Baked Goods

Come hungry!
Grandma's Kitchen will be open!

Here's what's happening....

Grandma's House – Nov. 10th & 11th.

Annual Charge Conference – Sunday, Nov 12th.

- 9:30 - Worship at South Monterey
- 11:00 - Worship at Hopkins
- 12:00 - Meal at HUM Hall
- 2:00 - Charge Conference at South Monterey

Men's Breakfast at Russo's – Saturday, Nov. 18th
at 8:00.

Sign up at church by Sunday, Nov. 12th.

Dinner Out – Thursday, December 14th at 6:00.

Location to be announced. Once the details are made, there will be a sign up sheet.

This is a family event. We plan to do this Every month on the **second Thursday** of the month. If you would be willing to plan one Of the "Dinner Out" events, please let Pastor Joel or Mitzi know.

Christmas Program – **JOINT SERVICE**
December 17th at 11:00 at HUMC

Youth Group Dates

- November 12th
- November 26th
- December 10th

If you are willing to help with one or more Youth Group meetings, please contact Pastor Joel. Have a Youth Group idea? Tell Pastor Joel or Dawn Green.



November

- 1st – Rick Mack Sr.
- 4th – Isaiah Brooks
- 4th – Lillian DeVries
- 5th – Scott Coffey
- 6th – Jim Galligan
- 9th – Carl Collier
- 11th – Shanna VanKempen
- 12th – Seth Coffey
- 18th – Elijah Mack
- 19th – Sharon Galligan
- 29th – Dominic Tommy

December

- 3rd – Mary Lou Brennan
- 13th – Jennifer Teed
- 13th – Tim McDaniel
- 19th – Kinian Mack
- 20th – Mary Herrema
- 20th – Megan Teed
- 25th – Ethan Green
- 26th – Holly DeVries
- 27th – Sandy Ringler
- 29th – Melanie Velderman



Thanksgiving Basket Needs

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| Instant stuffing (box) | Corn |
| Instant Potatoes | Green Beans |
| Turkey Gravy | Red Jell-O |
| Canned Fruit | Butter |
| Frozen Turkeys (10-12 pounds) | Milk |
| Refrigerator Rolls | Frozen Pies |
- (Donations due at HUM Hall by Nov. 12th.)



December

- 2nd - Dick & Judy Weick
- 5th - Jim & Bert Tew
- 12th - Todd & Karen Collier
- 30th - Bill & Mary Howard



Hello everyone. I would like to say thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers this week. We have had phone calls and food and a lot of support from our church family. Thank you to the UMW for donating a burrito casserole and goulash. I think I have gained a few pounds this week. Despite the few extra pounds though everything was so good that it encouraged me to eat which is a big part of healing. Thank you to Judy Kraft for the lasagna, garlic bread and cookies. Thank you to Marge for the peach pie. It really means a lot that you took the time to make these things for our family. The Edgells offered chicken noodle soup too but as you can tell we were well fed. I am sure Dustin could have and would have come up with dinner for us, but it was such a blessing, for all of us, that he didn't have to. I am sure some of you reading this are thinking wow maybe I should have surgery this sounds wonderful! I can't say it wouldn't be worth it 😊. Anyway Thank you all and we are very blessed to be a part of this group, no family. We will see you next Sunday!

The Jileks

Thank you to Ladies Rejoice for taking Marrion and me with you to see Pastor Tommy and Comfort. We had a fun day and enjoyed being with you. On the way home, Marrion kept saying "What a wonderful day." Thanks again,

Judy Kraft

Thank you, Bob Beck, for providing beautiful, fresh flowers for the alter during summer and into fall. I'm already looking forward to next summer's garden.

Mitzi

Mary & Ken,
Thank you for taking care of the sanctuary and HUM Hall decorations. You do an amazing job!

Thank you to everyone who helps with funeral dinners, missions, birthday dinners, etc. We always have enough food and people to help. You are all very special to me. You make my job as President of the UMW go so smoothly.

Judy Kraft

Pastor Joel's Sermon Series

November

Season of Saints - How the saints in our life and the saints of the church can help us in our walk.

Nov. 5th - Clothing of the Saints

Revelations 7: 9-17

Clothing ourselves in the practices and attitudes of saints of the past.

Nov. 12th - Stories of the Saints

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Telling our story with a focus on God rather than ourselves.

Nov. 19th - Thanksgiving of the Saints

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Thanking God for all that He has given us.

Nov. 26th - Shepherd of the Saints

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Celebrating Christ the King who is the prime example of our faith.

December

Coming Home - In the midst of seasonal homecomings, finding our true home in Jesus' birth.

December 3rd - Looking for a reset

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Christ's arrival offers us the ultimate chance to reset our lives and put ourselves on a different path.

Dec. 10th - Gathering Together

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

We look to home as a place of community and can find that in Christ.

Dec. 17th - Christmas Program

JOINT SERVICE AT HOPKINS UMC - 11:00

Dec. 24th - God makes this world a home.

Luke 1: 46-55

How God making a home with us changes our lives.

Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE*

Luke 2: 1-7

*Watch for details.

Worship Volunteers

If you are unable to fulfill your "assignment", please trade dates.

Let Mitzi know and she will make the change in the bulletin.

November

November Ushers H - Jim & Sandy Ringler,
Bob Beck
SM - Earl Collier & Katie Collier

September Greeters H - Juanita Curtis & Merle Edgell

November 5th

Coffee Fellowship H-Dawn Green
SM- Carl Collier

Liturgist H-Tyler McDaniel
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

Communion Helper H- Judy Beck

Children's Message Pastor Joel

Grace Space/Nursery Mitzi Crowe & Isaiah Brooks

SM Greeters Mary Lou Brennan

November 12th - Charge Conference

Coffee Fellowship H-Judy & Vern Kraft
(Meal after HUMC Service) SM- Don & Judy Collier

Liturgist H-Sandy Ringler
SM - Don Collier

Children's Message Mary Howard

Grace Space/Nursery Joyce & Jaron Horton

SM Greeters Carl Collier

November 19th

Coffee Fellowship H-Judy & Bob Beck
SM-Earl & Linda Collier

Liturgist H-Bert Tew
SM - Carl Collier

Children's Message Linda Burton-Collier

Grace Space/Nursery Dawn Green & Jordan Jilek

SM Greeters Don & Judy Collier

November 26th

Coffee Fellowship H-The Lull Family
SM- Paul Collier

Liturgist H-Judy Beck
SM - Jim Thomas

Children's Message Mitzi Crowe

Grace Space/Nursery Alaina Lewis & Tim McDaniel

SM Greeters Earl & Linda Collier

DECEMBER

December Ushers H- Bert Tew, Vern Kraft &
Ken Herrema
SM - Carl Collier & Todd Collier

December Greeters H- Bob & Judy Beck

December 3rd

Coffee Fellowship H-Mitzi Crowe & Mary Howard
SM - Todd & Karen Collier

Liturgist H- Mary Howard
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

(Dec. 3rd con't.)

Communion Helper Joyce Horton

Children's Message Pastor Joel

Grace Space/Nursery Mandi Edgell & Isaiah Brooks

SM Greeters Paul Collier

December 10th

Coffee Fellowship H-Kirstin & Tadd Heft
SM- Todd & Karen Collier

Liturgist H-Jaron Horton
SM - Carl Collier

Children's Message Alys Edgell

Grace Space/Nursery Marge PUNCHES & Tyler McDaniel

SM Greeters Todd & Karen Collier

December 17th - JOINT SERVICE @ HUMC

Coffee Fellowship H-The Edgell Family
SM- ML Brennan & Nancy Vogt

Liturgist H -Linda Burton-Collier

Children's Message Mary Howard

Grace Space/Nursery N/A

December 24th

Coffee Fellowship H-Bert Tew
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

Liturgist H-Joyce Horton
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

Children's Message Pastor Linda Burton-Collier

Grace Space/Nursery Joyce & Jaron Horton

SM Greeters Jim & Phyllis Thomas

December 31st

Coffee Fellowship H-Jim & Sandy Ringler
SM-Earl & Linda Collier

Liturgist H-Mitzi Crowe
SM - Carl Collier

Children's Message Mitzi Crowe

Grace Space/Nursery Mandi Edgell & Isaiah Brooks

SM Greeters

JANUARY

January Ushers H - Alaina Lewis, Tadd Heft, &
Tom Green
SM - Paul Collier & Jim Thomas

January Greeters H - Bert Tew & Vern Kraft

January 7th

Coffee Fellowship H-The Edgell Family
SM- Paul Collier

Liturgist H-Mandi Edgell
SM - Jim Thomas

Communion Helper H- Linda Collier

Children's Message Pastor Joel

Grace Space/Nursery Dawn Green & Amelia Green

SM Greeters Carl Collier

We love our volunteers.