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# The Link

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## **Psalm 107:8-9 (NRSV)**

**8** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**9** For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Blessings my friends of Jordan Memorial UMC and happy November. Yes, November the season of bright lights, Christmas trees, and decorations. Wait, what? It’s not time for all that yet! Like it or not though the stores have been putting out holiday merchandise for a while now, but there is something about how the season really ramps up the first of November. Now there is nothing wrong with Christmas, it is a wonderful time, one our family enjoys. In fact, by the time, you read this I am sure most if not all of the parsonage will be decorated. But I do believe as a society we have gotten so accustomed to jumping into Christmas we miss this season of Thanksgiving.

The Psalmist share many verses in which they are expressing thanks to God. Now we should be in a spirit of Thanksgiving all year but there is something about the holiday that forces us to stop and pay attention to the blessings we have. Many times, the hectic holiday season has us running from place to place and Thanksgiving has become little more than a time to have dinner with the family before rushing out to stand in long lines for the latest holiday deals. (I will never understand Black Friday). This year, and during the month of November I want us to focus on being truly thankful. In a world full of negative political ads, mass shootings, and drug overdoses it is easy to get caught up in the negativity that surrounds us. I am not suggesting that we ignore the issues that plague our world, but I am saying that if we only focus on the negative, we will miss the beauty that God has placed right in front of us. What do you have to be thankful for this season? I am thankful for God, for His unending love, for his daily presence, and for this opportunity to share in ministry with all of you. I am thankful for my wife and

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**Our Sincere Thank You!**

Jaidy and I want to express our deepest gratitude for the wonderful gifts and cards we received for Pastor Appreciation Month. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words. We especially love the Nativity Scene that was a gift from the whole church! We are blessed to be in ministry with each of you and look forward to many more years to come! Thank you, thank you, thank you for making us a part of the family at Jordan Memorial and making ministry in this special place a joy to be a part of!

Chris & Jaidy Smith

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family that supports me and loves me. I am thankful for each of you, for the wonderful family at Jordan Memorial that has embraced Jaidy and me to where we feel we are part of a family. I am thankful for Sunday morning worship, Jordan's Closet, Community Meals, Mission work, small group on Thursdays and each moment I get to interact with each of you. I am thankful for the air I breathe and a warm bed at night. Life is not perfect, but I am blessed and have every reason to be thankful this season, don't you? I hope before the busyness of Christmas we can pause and truly give thanks. Thanks for all that God has done, is doing and will do in us. Below you will find some blanks with dates to fill in. I want you to keep your copy of the Link handy and fill in each day something you are Thankful for. Many people do this 30-day challenge on social media, but I want to challenge you to fill in over the course of November 30 things you are thankful for. It truly helps to change our focus and point us towards a spirit of Thanksgiving in all we do. Happy Thanksgiving!

Rev. Chris Smith

# General Information

## Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

## Choir Practice

Choir Practice is Wednesday's at 7pm.

## Craft Circle Group

Craft Circle Group meets every Thursday at 3pm in the fellowship hall. All crafts are welcome.

## Handbell Practice

Handbell Practice is Wednesday's at 6pm.

## Walking Group

The walking group is meeting in Franklinville at 8am on Monday—Friday.

## Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee.



## Growing Together

Growing Together will be November 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM All are invited to come! We will open with a time of devotion with everyone at the beginning and then the ladies will join Jaidy for a craft while the men join Pastor Chris for a time together.

## Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at New Union UMC in Asheboro. 1293 Union Church Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205 Our District Superintendent Laura Auten will be presiding. This is where we approve our budget, officers, committees, and reports from the previous year. All are welcome to attend and be a part of this important process in the life of the church.



**Daylight savings time** ends on Nov 6. Remember to set your clocks back an hour.

**Decorating for Advent** is Tuesday, November 22 at 6pm. Please come and decorate our beautiful sanctuary!

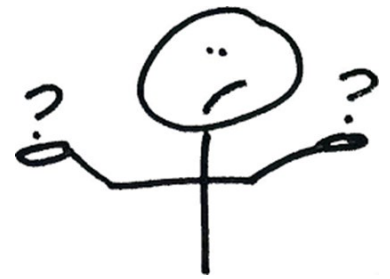
## Christmas Food Box



Remember we are collecting donations for the Nehemiah Project. We have committed to 1200 cans of Green Beans. We have arranged for Carlie C's to order the cans for us so we could get in bulk. We are asking for financial contributions to help pay for the green beans. Any additional monies raised will be given directly to the Nehemiah Project to help purchase additional food items.

Looking ahead, the distribution day will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing that here at Jordan Memorial. We will need help on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> to organize and pack the boxes and then again on Saturday to help distribute the boxes.

## Would you like to help around the church but are not quite sure how?



We are launching a new organizational structure that will feature three main ministry teams that will oversee all the ministries both within and outside the church. As you can imagine this would be a lot of work for just three teams to handle. Their role will be to identify and create Focus Teams to handle the various ministries and projects that we engage with through out the year. This is a great opportunity to get involved with a specific ministry that will focus on events or services. We are beginning to put together a list of names of potential folks that could be called on when Focus Teams are needed. Below you will see the three teams that are forming and what their roles will be. If you would be interested in any of those areas, please contact the church office so we can add your name to a list of potential volunteers. By giving us your name that does not obligate you or put you on any committee. It is simply to make sure that when we make calls for volunteers that we are not leaving anyone out that wants to help!

**Journey Team- (Nurture Team)** The Journey Team coordinates, plans, carries out, and evaluates the congregation's ministry in the areas of member care, worship, and educational experiences, including the church school, small groups, regular and special worship services, stewardship formation, and member visitation.

**Connect Team- (Witness Team)** The connect team coordinates, plans, carries out, and evaluates the congregation's witness ministries, helping all know and respond to the love of God in Christ. This team connects the church to the community. It looks for partnerships within the community and ways to share the Good News of God's love to the wider world. This includes our Fresh Expressions of worship, community events, church promotion and communications.

**Impact Team- (Outreach Team)** The outreach team coordinates, plans, carries out, and evaluates the congregation's outreach ministries, including missions, health and welfare, Christian unity, and community needs. This includes our Back to School Bash, Jordan's Closet, Impact Ramseur, the Food Pantry, and financial assistance.



## United Women in Faith

Please join us at our next meeting on November 13 at 4pm. \*Note the time change.\* This meeting will be our annual pledge service along with a time to bring our World Thank Offerings. Those who have participated in the UMW Reading Program are also asked to bring their list of books read during 2022.

Thank you to all who participated in our September Mission Outreach project. We collected 40 gift cards, each in the amount of \$10 for a variety of stores and restaurants. These cards were presented to the Adult Service Division at Randolph County

DSS for their clients. We continue to need funds for the Backpack Pals, which currently serves 11 students. Our next date to provide the food items is November 10.

We look forward to discussing and planning for our next mission outreach project at our November meeting.

See you then!



Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>		Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>		Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	

What I’m thankful for cont.....


# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm	2 Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	3 9am Faith & Fitness Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	4	5 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
6 Charge Conference 4pm Daylight Saving Time end - Clocks back one hour	7 AA Mtg 6:30pm	8 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm	9 Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	10 9am Faith & Fitness Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	11 Veterans Day	12 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
13	14 AA Mtg 6:30pm	15 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5pm	16 Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	17 9am Faith & Fitness Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	18	19 Growing Together 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
20	21 AA Mtg 6:30pm	22 9am Faith & Fitness Decorate for Advent 6pm Jordan Closet 5pm	23 Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	25	26 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
27	28 AA Mtg 6:30pm	29 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm	30 Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	The church office will be closed Thursday Nov 24 for Thanksgiving.		

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Canned Fruit (reg & Sugar free), Sauerkraut, Beets.  
Always a need: Frozen items, Personal Hygiene items, Infant Formula, Baby Food, Diapers.

## November Birthdays

03-Linda J. Williams  
03-Jim McIntosh  
06-Rob Roberts  
07-Jeff Albright  
10-Michael Bodsford  
11-Tara Kurtz  
12-Jerry Cox  
12-Jamie Armfield  
13 - Timmy Elmore-  
14-Nancy Gudd  
15-Justin Stout  
16-Tim Campbell  
18-Eric Allred  
18-Carey E. Campbell

19-Sydney Blake-Sheridan  
19-Joshua Kurtz  
19-Carol P. Deal  
20-Mark F. Albright  
20- Eric Hutchins  
22-Tommy Hoover  
22-Susan Womble  
22-Brian Shackelford  
24-Claudia H. Ihme  
27-Sharon Cox  
28-Jenna Elkins





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**Our next Community Meal is November 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM.**

### Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am

