



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name



Operation Christmas Child

There are items in the Narthex of things needed to make our 150 boxes. Please take one or two and have them back by November 12. The shipping cost will be \$9 per box.

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Patricia Thomas.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men of the church are invited to join them in fellowship.

Well Wishers

The Well Wishers will leave to go on their Myrtle Beach trip at 9:00 on Monday, November 6. They will return on Wednesday afternoon.



Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacons Meeting on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 in the Library. All current Deacons and newly elected Deacons are encouraged to attend.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based health screening, will offer a preventive health event on Wednesday, November 29. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation; and a bone density screening. There is a Wellness Package which includes all five screening for \$149(\$139 with our member discount.) All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. You can register by calling 1-888-653-6441 or go online to lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

Youth News



The Youth will meet every Sunday in November from 12:05-2:00. The first hour will consist of lunch and play. Starting at 1:00 they will practice on the Christmas play. All that would like to have a part of the Christmas play needs to attend. They will also participate in the Harvest/Hungry Walk on November 4. The sign-up sheet is on Facebook.

November Birthdays

3 Charles Harrison
 3 Margaret Phillips
 5 Ralph Kelly
 5 Peggy Englehardt
 5 Vivian Simpson
 5 Corey Gunter
 6 Rachel McKenzie
 9 Lorraine Lassen
 9 Michael Douglas
 9 Kirk Pedley
 10 Paula Harrison
 10 LaFay Pickard
 11 Marie Buchanan
 11 Kathryn Gardner
 11 Barbara Pierce
 13 Blake Herring
 14 Kanten Harrison
 16 Todd Williamson
 16 Abby Williamson
 16 Emma Rosser
 17 Wes Gunter
 17 Peggy Groce
 18 Florence Hughes
 18 O'Neil Shepherd
 18 Isaac Watson
 21 Keaton Haas
 21 Brennan Haas
 24 Vivian Cox
 26 Shannon Godfrey
 26 Rusan Harrington
 27 Stephen Holder



Community Thanksgiving Service



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The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church. There will be a joint choir and worship led by the various ministers from Edgewood Presbyterian, Jonesboro Heights Baptist, Jonesboro Presbyterian, Jonesboro United Methodist and Shallow Well. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshment afterwards. Come and celebrate this time of thanksgiving with others.

Bible Readings for November

1 - Psalm 48
 2 - Psalm 65.
 3 - Psalm 66
 4 - Psalm 67
 5 - 1 Chronicles 13:1-14
 6 - 1 Chronicles 14:1-17
 7 - 1 Chronicles 15:1-24
 8 - 1 Chronicles 15:25—16:7
 9 - 1 Chronicles 16:8-43
 10 - 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
 11 - Ezra 7:1-10
 12 - Ezra 7:11-28
 13 - Nehemiah 8:1-18

14 - Nehemiah 12:27-47
 15 - Esther 9:20-32
 16 - Job 42:1-17
 17 - Psalm 21
 18 - Psalm 24
 19 - Psalm 81
 20 - Psalm 84
 21 - Psalm 87
 22 - Psalm 92
 23 - Psalm 100
 24 - Psalm 104
 25 - Psalm 105
 26 - Psalm 106
 27 - Psalm 113
 28 - Psalm 115
 29 - Psalm 116
 30 - Psalm 118



There are many times in the year outside entities are grateful for generosity and helping spirit demonstrated by our church towards them. We really are focused on thankfulness in the season of Thanksgiving. Everyone seems to be. How wonderful is it to see that Shallow Well United Church of Christ is very conscious and responsive to needs in our community and across the world.

In the last sixty days we have offered \$1,500.00 for aid to Hurricane Harvey's survivors in Texas. We generously have given \$967.33 towards the repair of the vehicle of Jennifer (Dot Warner's granddaughter) and Jonathan Bridges in Ethiopia. You can see their newsletter on the information board in the Narthex.

We now have the opportunity to join our community by sponsoring our walkers in the November 4 Harvest/Hunger Walk. These funds are distributed to the organizations that are designated by the donors. The walk benefits: Outreach Mission, HAVEN, CUOC, Family Promise, The Breadbasket, Meals on Wheels and Back Pack Pals. Please be a part of this! We'd like to have all donations in by November 12.

Please remember our monthly food donation for CUOC. November's food of focus in macaroni and cheese.

THANK YOU ALL for being a very critical part of the church's outreach.



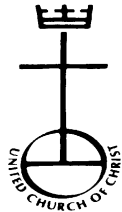
Kairos

Each year Kairos Volunteers at Southern Correctional, Troy, NC, collect new greeting cards to give to the Residents as part of their Christmas Box from the Institution. Mary Griffin and Judy Watson have taken on the task this year of sorting and bundling the cards we have collected. More than 10,000 cards have been donated to Kairos for this purpose. The cards have been sorted according to type and now need to be bundled in packs of 20 assorted cards. We will meet at the fellowship building on Thursday, November the 9th at 9am to begin this process. We are asking for your help. If you are willing to give some of your time to help us, we would be so appreciative.

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Celebrating Over 175 Years of Ministry



November Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: Nov. 5: Ava Baldwin, Elyse Baldwin; Nov. 12: Jackson Godfrey, Caleb Johnston; Nov. 19: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; Nov. 26: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin.

Altar Flowers: Nov. 5: open; Nov. 12: open; Nov. 19: Sammy Poe; Nov. 26: open.

Deacon on Call: Nov. 5: Gary Bullock; Nov. 12: Jerry Batchelor; Nov. 19: Beth Hass; Nov. 26: Ken Herring.

Greeters: Ruth Morris; Jennifer Watson

Trustee to lock/unlock: Greg Kelly.

Ushers: Kenny Cotton, Jimmy Maddox, Ray Norris, Wayne Barber, Mark Jones, Randy Gunter, Chris Godfrey.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Jada Holifield, Katie Kelly, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas

John's whole life was about the sea. At an early age, he became a sailor, eventually joining the Royal Navy of Britain. He loved the life of the sailor and he lived it. He was a coarse and vile man who fit right in with all the other sailors. When he left the Navy, he soon became a captain of another boat. This boat carried cargo, but not just any cargo – humans. He oversaw a slave ship. He had no problem with his life's work.

On one journey, the boat that he was in experienced a great storm. Things were not looking good for John. Like many people, he made a deal with God. If he would survive, he would consider this Christianity thing. He did survive, and true to his word, he began to read a Bible and some Christian literature. By the time he got home, he had given his life to Jesus. Unfortunately, he did not give up the slave trade (he did give up drinking and cussing). Eventually, God softened his heart to see the horrors of his trade.

Post slave trade, John became a couple of things. He became an abolitionist who inspired William Wilberforce. Wilberforce would become the most important figure in the fight against the slave trade. John also became a preacher. It took many years to get there, but once he did, he was all in.

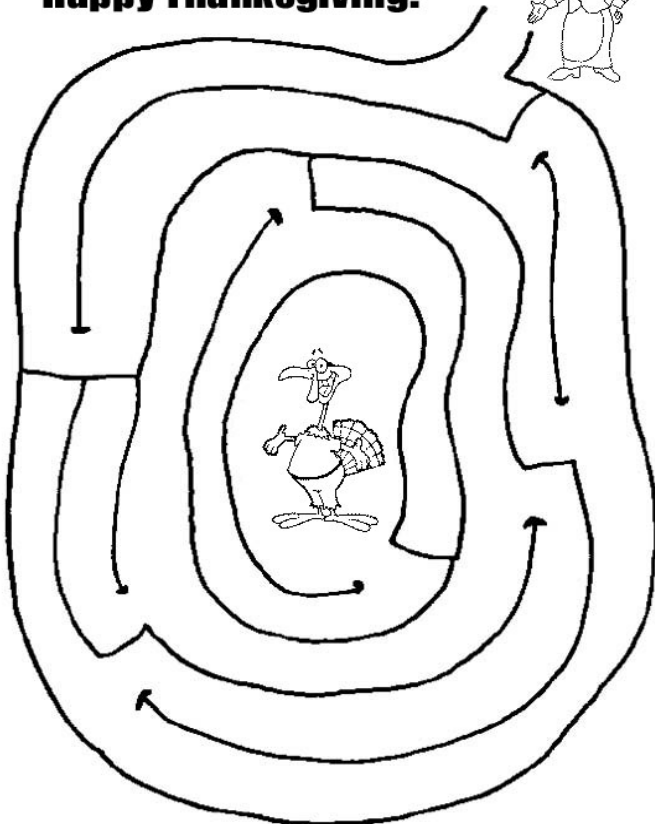
The most famous work John undertook (at least to most of us) was that of a hymn writer. He would try to write a hymn for his congregation whenever he could. He became famous for many of his hymns. We do not sing most of the songs he wrote, but there is one that we all know and love. John Newton, the horrible slave trader, was the author of "Amazing Grace". I imagine that these words were always in his heart from his conversion. A man that was involved in one of the most disgusting trades, knew what it was like to be a "wretch." He also knew how amazing the grace of God is that would save a man like him. Remember, the next time you sing that song – *God used a slave trader to write it.* He can use us to do incredible things, also.



Thanksgiving Word Search

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Happy Thanksgiving!



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| BOUNTIFUL | NOVEMBER |
| CELEBRATE | OVEREATING |
| DINNER | PILGRIMS |
| FAMILY | PLYMOUTH
ROCK |
| FOURTH
THURSDAY | PUMPKIN PIE |
| GATHERING | STUFFING |
| HARVEST | THANKSGIVING |
| HOLIDAY | TURKEY |
| INDIANS | WEEKEND |