



November 2020

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November

Chapel Challenge

From Julie's Journal

November is one of my favorite months because it is my birthday month and has one of my favorite holidays. Yet, this has been an unusual year and November does not look like it will be "normal" either. Usually we are looking forward to a very busy month, and it will be a busy month, but very different. We will be honoring all we have lost this year as we have All Saints Day on November 1. We also will be remembering and honoring all veterans on Veterans Day. We will be having our Church Conference as usual, but this year it will be on zoom (details inside this newsletter) and a consecration Sunday (again slightly different than usual.) And we always look forward to Thanksgiving...a time to gather together as families, having good food and a day full of gratitude. This year many families will not be able to gather the same way. So much of what and how we celebrate is up in the air because of the pandemic. And it would be easy to just write this year off and see the negative. However, I am choosing to find the joy and gratitude. That will be the theme of the worship series this month. We need to find the joy in the midst of this unusual year and gratitude is one way to do that. We can make it a daily activity to notice those things we can be grateful for. Each day list one to

three things or people you are grateful for. Start with family, then look at friends, look at your vocation, your talents, look at nature around you. All of these things that we have that bring us joy we can be grateful for. Sharing that gratitude with those around you not only changes your day and outlook but also those you share it with. We talk about something being contagious as a bad thing (just look at the pandemic), yet spreading something like joy and gratitude is definitely a good thing!

Also, know that finding joy does not always mean happiness. Joy goes deeper than that. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit that allows us to have joy in in our lamenting and grief even. We will be looking at that in the worship series. Please join us.

Now I know it is a sad thing that we may not get to have Thanksgiving like we are used to. Yet, we can be creative and perhaps start a new tradition. Write a thank you note to those you will not get to be together with. Let them know how grateful you are for them. Give thanks for the relationship you have.

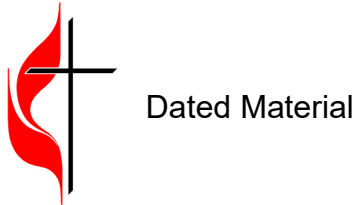
I am grateful for all of you and for this community of faith. I give thanks for each of you and pray for you daily. May you too feel the joy I have for you in this community.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED





Through November we will still be having our worship experiences on the web and through the devotion guides. Each week we will be having a Zoom "Coffee Time" at 10:00 am. Look for the zoom address on the email or letter that comes with your weekly devotion guide. See you on the web! We will have an in-person worship service on November 22 at 10:30 am. Please look on the other page for details. We will still be having our online presence if you feeling safer still at home.

Nov. 1 *Sinners and Saints*
All Saints Day

Nov. 8 *Finding Joy:*
The Joy Inside

Nov. 15 *Finding Joy:*
Joy Even in Lament

Nov. 22 *Finding Joy:*
Through Gratitude
In Person Service with Communion and picking up Advent Home Kit

Nov. 29 *Create.....Hope*
1st. Sunday of Advent

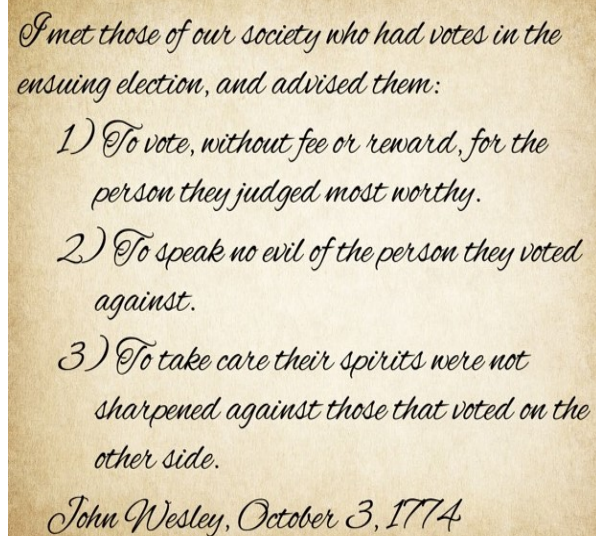
Dec. 6 *Create.... Peace*
2nd Sunday of Advent

COTV Staff

Pastor: Rev. Julie Elkins Lay Leader: Edna Munro
Organist: Mary Ellett Treasurer : Phyllis Lyle
Choir Director: Elaine Harvey

(Julie's Journal continued)

And let me close with this thought. The election will be held and results will be shared (maybe not as quick as we are used to.) and it is very divisive right now. I want to share again Wesley's thought from John Wesley. He wrote this in his journal after talking to some members of his Holiness group who were disagreeing about an election in England.



You are always in my thoughts and prayers!
Together on the Journey!
Pastor Julie

Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for November 19. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by November 18.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Julie Elkins | 11/02 |
| Kay Roberts | 11/13 |
| Jay Jones | 11/15 |
| Janice Karns | 11/16 |
| Gladys Owen | 11/20 |
| Candyce & Randy Schauer | 11/19 |

Henry Brown
Robert and Ellen Draper
Patsy McKinney
Becca McLachlan
Vi Moore
Steve Mohr
Donna & Jim Seaton
Renee Calsmer
Agustin Valdez
Lee Carrick
Betty Rudolph



Kay Roberts
All Healthcare workers
1st Responders and all others having to work in different ways
Fire Victims
Friends and family dealing with illness, treatment, and transitions

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

Church Conference and Church Administrative Board Meeting

Our church conference this year will be on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 pm on zoom. The zoom information will be sent out on Sunday the 8th. If you would like to join us, and you do not receive notice, please call Pastor Julie and she will let you know what to do. All members are encouraged to join in the call. It will be about a half an hour. The Church Administrative Board will be having our monthly meeting following the church conference at 7:30pm.

In Person Worship Service—November 22!

We will be having our first in-person worship service on November 22 at 10:30 am. It will be outside. Please bring your own chairs to sit down. There unfortunately will be no singing or recitation allowed. This service will include communion (with individual wrapped communion elements.) The service will be approximately 30-40 minutes and include prayer, scripture, a homily/reflection and communion. Check in begins at 10:00 am. Face coverings must be worn at all times while on the church campus and a minimum of 6 feet of social distance between household will be maintained. The lawn will be clearly marked. Temperature and symptom check screenings are a part of the registration. If there is inclement weather, it will be cancelled. We are following the guidelines of the United Methodist Conference and the County of San Diego. We look forward to worshipping together live and in person. If you still feel the need to stay at home, we will have our regular recording and devotion guidelines sent out. We will also be collecting our pledge cards for next year.

Home Advent Kits will be passed out on the 22nd as well. These are so we can join altogether in Advent even if we may be socially distanced. If you can not come on the 22nd, we will delivering them to your house.



The church office will be closed on Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day and Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving Day.

Pledges and Stewardship

Traditionally, we have our Stewardship month, pledge drive and consecration Sunday in November. We will still be having it, just slightly different. Be watching for a mailing about our plans. You will be receiving a pledge card, a survey and information about our church and ways you can help. Watch for these in your email or regular mail. You are so incredibly faithful during this time and we gratefully appreciate all that you do.