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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dearest Faith,

Psalm 133 is one of my favorites: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" What a joy it is to spend time together as a community.

This past Sunday, we gathered together in the church kitchen before worship and shared coffee and cake and donuts, and it was so joyful just to be together. Thanks to Rachel for pulling it all together! I think we might need to do that again.

We concluded worship that Sunday sharing Holy Communion with each other, and with Christians all over the world as it was World Communion Sunday. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

This coming Sunday, October 8th, my friend Mindy from the Bethel House will join us. She's going to speak to us about the ministry and work of the people at the Bethel House, and I can't wait for you to hear from her. Thanks to Beth for envisioning this connection all those months ago.

On Tuesday, October 10th, Faith UMC will provide a meal to the Bethel House, and I really hope you'll join us! Please reach out if you'd like to help with food or serving or just being present!

What a joy it is to live together as God's people in community.

Grace and peace,
Jed

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MESSAGE FROM LAY LEADER – SUSAN TRANTHAM

“And it rained, and rained, and rained”

I’m sitting at “The Hidden Treasure” on Topsail Island watching the remnants of Tropical Storm Ophelia head north. Last night, the storm produced extremely high winds and waves. The sky opened up with heavy rains and the streets were flooded. Many folks packed up and headed home. The area looks like a ghost town today. During this time, I was reminded of the story of Noah. I re-read Genesis 7-9, the story of the great flood, Noah’s obedience to God, and God’s promise to Noah. God and Noah were both faithful to one another. Noah did everything God commanded of him and God’s covenant with Noah would stand for future generations. I can’t imagine 40 days and nights of rain like we just endured. As we prayed yesterday for the safety of all those in the path of the storm, I reminded myself that prayers reach higher than any flood waters!

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BETH’S MISSION MESSAGE

The leadership team put their heads together with Pastor Jed to create a missions project in support of Bethel House. Keep eyes and ears open on how to help.

PPRC NOTE

October is pastor appreciation month. Please take an opportunity to let Jed know how much he is valued at Faith.



Personal note from Beth:

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have shown.



Stewardship News as of
September 29, 2023

I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”

2023 Budget	\$50,519.00
Needed to date for budget	\$39,404.82
Received to date for budget	\$30,290.00
Behind Budget	\$ 9,114.82
Paid out to date for budget	\$29,269.37

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!



OCTOBER 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

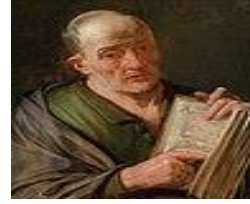
**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP 11 AM**

Sunday School is on a hiatus this fall. We will resume on November 5.



OCTOBER 4 – SAINT FRANCIS DAY commemorates the patron saint of animals and the environment because he loved all creatures and allegedly preached to even the birds. Saint Francis of Assisi is known for his ministry to the poor and underprivileged, his care for nature and animals, and founding the Franciscan order. Son of an affluent cloth merchant, St. Francis of Assisi lived in wealth and ease until God used a meeting with a leper to change his heart.

Francis of Assisi could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Not only did he care for the poor and sick, but he preached multiple sermons on animals, and wanted all creatures on Earth, including humans, to be treated as equals under God. Some of his sermons included stories about birds, fish, and rabbits.



OCTOBER 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist or St. Luke's Day is a feast day to honor Luke the Evangelist, one of the four Gospel writers, and celebrates his contribution to early Christianity, his writings about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and his role as a physician and healer.



OCTOBER 23 – Saint James of Jerusalem' Day is a feast day that honors James the Just, also known as James of Jerusalem, who served as the first bishop of Jerusalem and was a leader in the early Christian Church and celebrates his contributions to the growth and spread of Christianity.



OCTOBER 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude’s Day is a feast that honors Simon and Jude, two of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ, and celebrates their contributions to early Christianity and their missionary work particularly in spreading the Gospel message worldwide.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

12 – Bill & Janie Benson

27 – Mark & Smokey Dooley



OCTOBER 31 – All Hallows’ Eve, also known as Halloween, is a holiday observed on the night of October 31 and is traditional associated with remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and loved ones, and is often celebrated with costumes, decorations and festive activities.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

11 - Debbie Mull

14 - Jeremy Minchew

14 – Bill Benson

16 – Kenny Mull

18 – Vickie Rowland

24 - Pat McCracken

31 – Gerald Trantham