



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Nov 5th**

All Saints Sunday  
(BOTH SERVICES)

**Nov 5th**

Church Yard Clean  
Up Day

**Nov 19th**

Pizza Lunch for All  
After 2nd Service

Potluck at 6pm

**Nov 23rd**

Happy Thanksgiving

## Worship through November

All Saints Day is November 1st every year, but we observe it on the first Sunday of the month. That sets a tone for remembering leading up to Thanksgiving.

### November 5: They Showed Us the Way (All Saints and Communion Sunday)

9:00 is a service when we light candles and remember those who have died. We give thanks for those who helped us grow up in life and faith, focusing on the words of Matthew 5:1-12. We also spend some time talking about the state of the church, looking back over our changes and adventures together over the past year, and talking about where we're going.

11:00 is all about the future. Christians are supposed to have hope, but we live in a world that denies hope. Grab hold of your hope in Christ, and carry the torch of Christ forward! 1 John 3:1-3. We'll also spend some time talking through our plans for the coming year.

### November 12: They Defended Us (Veterans' Day)

9:00 The day after Veterans' Day, we thank those who have given so much to serve their country in the cause of peace and justice. Joshua 1:9 and Psalm 33:20-22.

11:00 We choose what and whom to trust. The Bible clearly recommends that we trust God above all. How can we put that trust into practice? 2 Timothy 1:7 and 2 Samuel 22:2-4.

### November 19: They Struggled for Justice

9:00 Micah 6:8-12 sets a great standard for how we ought to live, and how our society ought to be. Bless those who have pushed us to live up to that standard!

11:00 Matthew 25:31-40 talks about how Jesus might evaluate our lives—by our service to others first and last! Think about those who model service, and call for justice in us!

### November 26

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Jeremy is away with family. We'll be blessed to have Eddie Sanders, Jr. filling in during both services.

**Don't forget to FALL BACK Saturday evening, November 4th**

## **Kids Christmas Program**

Kids in our junior worship program will be performing a Christmas program on Sunday, December 17th at BOTH services. To get ready for this exciting holiday performance, our kids will be practicing EVERY SUNDAY BETWEEN SERVICES FROM 10:00-10:45 until the program. ALL kids are welcome to join us for practice and performance.

## **Church Yard Clean Up**

The trustees are holding a yard cleanup day Sunday, November 5th at approx. 10:30am. Bring your work clothes and yard tools and lets, together, make our yard look manicured and ready for the upcoming season. Questions can be directed to Steve Schultz at 744.5571

## **All Saints Sunday**

As a meaningful way of remembering those dear to us whom we have lost, our church has set aside All Saints Sunday on November 5<sup>th</sup>. On this day, a list of those being remembered is read during the service and a bell will be rung in their memory. If you would like to remember someone, please contact the church office. Anyone you love, without regard as to their connection with our church or the year they died, can be memorialized. Note: Only new names received this year will be read aloud during the service; last year's list will be in printed format. Don't remember if you added your loved one last year? If you have a moment, check out the 2016 list located on the bulletin board in the gathering room.

**NOTE: RECOGNITION WILL BE DURING BOTH SERVICES.**

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### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Poinsettias are available for purchase to be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Orders must be received no later than **Sunday, Nov 26th** and payment must be included with your order. Please contact Wendy in the church office with any questions at 231.744.4491 or wendy@communitychurchumc.org

### **Poinsettia Order Form**

I would like to place an order for \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$8.25/ea

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

## **Hospitality Training**

Are you interested in becoming a better welcoming person to our church? Do you want to make ALL people who walk through our doors feel comfortable and at ease? Then you're welcome to a hospitality training with Pastor Jeremy **Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary. In one session, learn what it takes serve, greet, care, and warmly welcome everyone who comes to CUMC.

## **Wanted: Artificial Christmas Trees**

If you have any well-maintained artificial Christmas trees you are no longer using and would be willing to part with, can you please contact Wendy in the church office at 744-4491 or wendy@communitychurchumc.org. The Worship Committee is interested in using them around the church this holiday season.

## **Save the Date**

The Sarah Circle is planning a cookie walk on November 12 between the two services. It will be a fund raiser for the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission trip our youth go on each summer. All proceeds will go to the project. A variety of homemade cookies will be sold by the pound. Members of the congregation are needed to help with this by donating cookies to be sold. Otherwise plan on bringing extra cash to upgrade your stash of cookies before the holidays. Contact Ingrid Porritt for more information at 744.4485 or ing18@hotmail.com

### **November Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1—Ric Fritz
- 2—Kim Zelinsky
- 3—Terri Williamson
- 5—Sandi Harryman, Kevin McClurken, Dan & Avis Holcomb\*
- 6—Linda Noble
- 8—Jack & Jean Moore\*
- 9—Jennie Beck
- 10—Elaine Anderson
- 12—Chuck Mullally
- 13—Linda Kaare
- 14—Fred Bleakley, Marlene Slorf
- 18—David Bywater
- 22—Kim Wood
- 24—Joe Barcroft
- 28—Jim Greenert
- 29—Roy & Sharon Beetham\*
- 30—Arlene Brooks

\* denotes anniversary

If you would like to include news into the monthly newsletter, please submit an announcement form to the church office by the 20th of each month by dropping it off or emailing to:

wendy@communitychurchumc.org

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## Return Service Requested

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The church office will be closed  
Thursday, Nov 23rd and Friday,  
Nov 24th in honor of the  
Thanksgiving holiday.

For emergencies, text Wendy at  
231.638.7616. All other non-urgent  
matters, email Wendy at  
wendy@communitychurchumc.org

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