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WESLEY MEMORIAL

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION High Point, North Carolina

November 2017



From Our Pastor

Generosity: An Essential Element of Living Wisely



"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back --- given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

(Luke 6:38, The Message)

The more generous we become, the more we reflect God. Our God is a God of great generosity and we find great joy by being a people of great generosity. God is not miserly so neither are we. God gives to us so that we can give to others. We reflect the love of Jesus Christ when we sacrificially give for the sake of God's work in the world. We become richer as we give away what we have. This is the mathematics of God's kingdom. We are given time on this earth to prepare for heaven and to prepare to leave a legacy for the people who will come behind us. What will our family learn about us when they study our lives and see how we invested our money and energy?

I invite you to join me and Tammy as we make a pledge on **Consecration Sunday, November 19**, to the ministry and

mission of Wesley Memorial Church. Making a vow of our offerings to God is a biblical practice (*Psalms 22:5; 50:14; 56:12; 61:5, 8; 66:13; 76:11; 116:14,18; 132.2*).

We will have **two services** that morning (9:00 contemporary & 11:00 traditional) with a brunch at 10:00. There will be no Sunday School on Consecration Sunday. Begin praying now asking God what God would have you do. This is an important day in the history of our congregation. What occurs on this day will impact the future of our congregation. If you cannot be with us on Consecration Sunday, I invite you to stop by the church office in advance and make your pledge.

Your pledges will determine our plans for future ministry. I

hope that all of us can grow in our generosity. Jesus frequently spoke in the Gospels about the way we use our resources because it is a spiritual matter. The world around us desperately needs the presence of a strong Church. High Point needs the presence of a strong Wesley Memorial Church.

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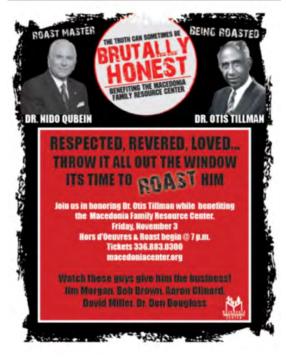
Your support to our congregation is changing the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Between now and November 19 you will have many opportunities to learn more about the life-changing work being done by our congregation. Our congregation has a great history. We need to be faithful and create a great future.

With Confidence in Christ,

Pastor Jeff

A Stewardship Sermon Series, November 12–26





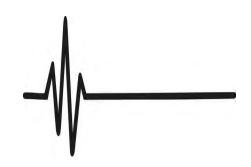


Christmas Memorials

Call Sue Schoch at 336-812-4811
to order wreaths (inside and out), trees and poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one .

Don't wait! Place your order today.





Wesley Memorial's purpose is to create and sustain spiritually healthy followers who live in ways that transform the world. **Stories From Our Hearts** is a way for members and friends of Wesley Memorial to share faith stories of transformation in the world.

My Mission Trip to Lithuania

I have been blessed to go on three trips to Lithuania. Nothing could have prepared me for what I was going to see and be able to do. *Gifts of Grace* is the name of our mission group and they are based at Mitchell's Grove United Methodist Church in Jamestown, NC. You can go online at www.mitchellsgroveumc.com and click on their Link tab and find Gifts of Grace page to find out more about this mission opportunity.



I sing every Sunday at the contemporary services at Wesley Memorial and then I go to Mitchell's Grove UMC and sing at their 11:00 service. I built houses for 35 years and use to sing in a "big beach band". These are my gifts that I can share with all God's people.

There are two wonderful ladies, Libby Myers and Renée Hayes,

who pick out the families in and around the assigned areas. There are so many children in all these families that we help. The people of Lithuania are great. They feed us with what little they have, and we fix what-ever is broken. We complete new and make much needed repairs to the homes. I love to meet the many families and children and what I am thankful for most is when the repairs are done, we are all in tears. They are tears of joy!

The families are thankful and we are blessed for doing these things and meeting these wonderful people. I thank the Lord Jesus for telling us to go out and be a "fisher of men" and be His hands and feet. My life has been so blessed because of this wonderful mission group.

I am thankful for the **Wesley 100 Men's Group of Wesley Memorial UMC** for sponsoring me, and Mitchell's Grove UMC for having such a mission where I can give back and let my brothers and sisters in Christ at Wesley Memorial be a big part too.

Thank you and be blessed,

David Caudle

Macedonia Family Resource Center

The "Soul of the Community" dinner was very successful thanks to the people of Wesley Memorial.

We would like to thank the church staff, particularly **Chris Massey**, and the members of your church for hosting and supporting this event and with your help we raised (netted) over \$5,600. As you know Macedonia Family Resource Center has been an integral part in revitalizing the south side area of High Point. **We are providing positive role models and activities for the youth as well as adults living in the area.** Thru your continued support we will continue to make a difference in High Point.

Thank you,

Board members of Macedonia Family Resource Center







JoAnn Clifton, Director 336-884-4232 jclifton@wesleymemorial.org

Susan Kelley, Associate Director 336-884-4232 skelley@wesleymemorial.org



We are very proud of our children! Our students raised \$1,417.38 for our Children's Crop Walk for Hunger.

WMS Special Dates

Monday, November 20, 11 am, Dining Hall

Pre-K 4's Thanksgiving Feast & Singing for families.

Friday, December 15, 12 -1:30 pm, Dining Hall

Family Event! Lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus! All children and families are welcome to bring their lunch and see Santa!

Tuesday, December 19, 11 am, Sanctuary Kindergarten Family Christmas Program.

Check it out – Our Wesley Memorial School Facebook page and our new website for pictures and updates on what is happening in and around our halls.



Wednesday

November 22

Thursday

November 23

Friday

November 24

Our Wesley Memorial School Children in Mission...

November is all about being thankful for what God has provided us and sharing it with those in need. Our children are putting this lesson to work in two ways this month.

DONATIONS OF CANNED & DRY FOOD ITEMS to fill the pantry at Open Door Ministry. In addition, we are helping the Fairview Backpack Ministry and Feeding Lisa's Kids with the collection of specific food items to help create Holiday meals. After our classes sort and count and graph their collections, they will help load the van with all the items they have brought in. This is always a wonderful demonstration of our caring for others at work! Even if you don't have a child in our program, we welcome your donations. Please contact JoAnn or Susan for specific needs.

ANGEL TREE COLLECTION Begins – Each class is preparing Christmas gift bags to be distributed to children of incarcerated parents during the holidays. Our children learn that they are helping other children to have something special at Christmas.

Our Thanksgiving time would not be complete without having a special celebration with our children and families. Our Kindergarten classes will have a special Thanksgiving Feast and celebration in their classrooms. All four of our Pre- K Four-year-old classes will have a special Thanksgiving luncheon in the dining hall and will sing songs that they have learned during their weekly music class.

Kindergarten Open House

Our currently enrolled Pre-K Four parents are invited to our Kindergarten open house on Friday, November 17, 2017 in the Children's Gathering area, 9:15 – 10:00 am.

With your child now in Pre-K, you have probably wondered what "Kindergarten Readiness" really means. We invite parents to talk with JoAnn Clifton and Susan Kelley about readiness and participate in a guided tour. Parents will be able to talk with our Kindergarten teachers (Audrey Miller & Dawn Miller), see displays of class projects, and get a close-up look at our students at work!

Wesley Memorial School And Harris Teeter



If you are a Harris Teeter VIC member, please link your card with our school code – **4419**. If you are not a VIC member, would you please consider becoming one? Our school will receive 2% of your HT brand purchases every time you shop. These funds will go into our Rainbow Scholarship Fund. You can link up to five schools to your VIC card.

Wesley Memorial School Autumnfest Photo Album













Rev. Erin Beall

Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation & Contemporary Worship 336-812-4815 ebeall@wesleymemorial.org



adult spiritual formation

Heaven, the Afterlife, and Theology: What Do We Really Believe?



Wednesday Nights
Oct. 25—Nov. 15
6:30—7:45 pm
Circle View Room
with
The Rev. Erin Beall

2017 Advent Devotional Request for Submissions

Our 2017 theme this year is *Emmanuel: God With Us.* Please consider writing a devotional telling how God has been with you through this past year or last Christmas, or how God is journeying with you presently. Feel free to include Scripture, hymns or carols, even a prayer if you feel so led. All submissions may be emailed to Erin Beall or turned in to the Front Desk. Thank you!

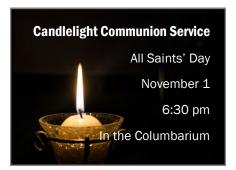


Tuesday, November 21 11:45 am, Dining Hall

Please make your lunch reservation by Friday, November 17 (336.884.2204)

Lunch Menu

Turkey w/ Dressing • Mashed Potatoes/Gravy • Green Beans • Cranberry Sauce • Bread • Pumpkin or Pecan Pie • Sweet Tea & Water







Steven Nelson

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Edge of Adventure

Sunday, November 5 6:00-8:00 pm

These nights are open to all 12th grade students and their friends. We will have dinner together and lots of fun and fellowship. Meet at the Eskews' House (221 Hillcrest Drive).



Dinner is provided and fun guaranteed. Please feel free to invite any of your 12th grade friends. We are honored to come alongside seniors during their last year of high school as they journey to the edge of a new adventure next year. We look forward to getting together this month!



Sunday, November 12 Meet in "The Underground" at 5:30 pm

Our monthly gathering for all students in grades 6-12 to bring friends, have some fun and enjoy being together building and growing community. Only God knows what might happen!



We have had a great semester so far and can't wait to meet new friends and grow in our faith together!

GUYS SMALL GROUPS

Time: 6:30-8:00pm (1.5 hours) Who can come: All guys and their

friends 6th-12th grade

Location: "The Underground" (we will play in the Fellowship Hall and outside

too weather permitting)

Food: Drinks and Snacks are provided.

What to bring: Just yourself and a

Leaders: Steven Nelson, Scott Bassinger, Trip Dixon, Nolan Clinard, Trey

Childress



GIRLS SMALL GROUPS

Time: 6:30-8:30pm (2 hours)

Who can come: All girls and their friends

6th-12th grade

Location: Nelsons' home (1016 Wellington Street)

Food: Bring your favorite snack to share!

Drinks are provided.

What to bring: \$10 for Living Crazy Love Study Guide (if you haven't already

paid) and a friend!

Leaders: Jessica Nelson, Michele Lane, Mary Cullen Dixon, Kim Brown, Maeson

Kelley

Fall Fundraiser



The Wesley 100 have graciously allowed Student Ministries the opportunity to sell Christmas wreaths this year. We will also be selling several bottled items (i.e. cider, syrup, vinaigrette, honey) and really cute tabletop Christmas trees (they come with red bow, white lights and gold beads). We will have a booth at this year's Carolina Christmas Bazaar at our church! Come out and support

our student ministry on Saturday, November 18. We will have forms and tables throughout our church in November where you can also purchase one of our items. Please consider supporting our students for their 2018 retreats, camps and mission trip. Proceeds from our fall fundraiser will help our students attend these trips and strengthen our student ministry community!



Ward Street Outreach Dinner

Date: Thursday, November 30 Time: 4pm-7pm Location: Ward Street UMC, 1619 W Ward Ave What to bring: Yourself, friends, and family!

What to expect: Joy from serving and loving our neighbors! Questions? Call/Text Steven Nelson at 910-232-6064

Student Ministries

Fall Retreat

We had an amazing time last month with our trip to Fort Caswell, NC! This weekend included 25 churches and 1,200 students worshipping, sharing meals, and hearing from a powerful speaker named Joseph Sojourner. He challenged our faith, shared the gospel and is also a Christian rapper! Our students really enjoyed that. We also enjoyed community with each other during group kick-ball/wiffle ball and when we were able to reflect on what we had heard and learned during our own church group time too. Our students had a blast exploring the forts and they loved the beach! We definitely plan to go back to DNOW Caswell next fall!









Confirmation Retreat and Spookywoods

Wednesday Dinners 5:30 pm

Prepared by our Wesley 100 Holy Chefs and served in the Dining Hall. Please contact Cynthia Reddick at the Front Desk (336.884.2204) to make a reservation.

November 1

No meal due to Weekday Conference

November 8

Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Apple Sauce, and Dessert.

November 15

Turkey w/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Dessert

November 22

No meal due to Thanksgiving

November 29

Pork Tenderloin, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas Bread, and Dessert.







Rev. Jared Stine

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care 336-812-4813

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Wholeness & Healing

The Wholeness & Healing Service is a special worship experience designed to help participants with illness, sickness, or grief. The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, sozo, is the same as that of salvation or wholeness. If you are seeking balance, harmony or wholeness of body, mind, or spirit, come and be a part of this special evening. All are welcome. A reception sponsored by the Stephen Ministry will follow in the Asbury Room.

Stephen Ministry



Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care

without judgment. If you are grieving a loss or struggling with any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 336-812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

Rise Against Hunger:

A blessing across generations



Thanks to all of you who participated in our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event in mid-September. It is so inspiring to come together and work as a community of faith to meet the needs of the world. This year all 36,000 meals we packed were shipped to Nicaragua to support children in an orphanage. In fact, since 2005, Rise Against Hunger has helped to provide over 310 million meals to 74 countries. God is so good!

As Erin, Jeff, and I welcomed people to the event this year, a woman came and asked if it was ok if her mother helped serve. She stated that her mother had dementia, but as long as she could sit, she could follow



instructions and help. We said, "That's wonderful!" and we found a place for her to serve. The woman also brought her daughter, with special needs, and asked if she could serve, too. Daughter, mother, and grandmother were side by side all afternoon, sealing bags of meals to help transform the world.



Sherry Sink is a Wesley Memorial member who helps coordinate this service project every year. She said, "I love that we at Wesley Memorial get to touch lives in third world countries where the only food a child receives for the day is a meal we packed and was shipped by Rise Against Hunger. There is nowhere else to get food in these villages. And I love the fact that this event is for young and old, families and singles, and people with disabilities. Everyone participates, everyone has fun, and the end result is children many miles away receive a basic need-a nutritious meal."

Thanks again to all who helped make this service project a success. Special thanks to Dwight Steed and members of his Rotary Club, Furnitureland South, who joined us to pack more meals than we've ever packed before! May God bless the children who receive these meals. God has already blessed us as partners helping to build the Kingdom of God!

Debbie Foust

Director of Children's Ministries 336-812-4804

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Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 3

4:30 pm Activities and 6 pm Dinner



There will be many wonderful new activities for families to participate in together, as well as some cherished traditions at this year's Hanging of the Greens. There will be fun and fellowship for all ages beginning at 4:30 pm. We will come together for dinner at 6 pm In the Dining Hall. Following dinner, we will have a "Carol Sing" and a brief interactive Hanging of the Greens service and nativity. Res-

ervations are needed for the Soup and Sandwich dinner. Cost for adults \$4, \$2 for children 11 and under. Please make reservations by Tuesday, November 28 by contacting Kim Suda at ksuda@wesleymemorial.org.

Looking Ahead To Advent



Children's Nativity programs: December 10 at 8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service and December 17 at the 11:00 Traditional Worship Service. Children ages 4 years through 5th grade will dramatize the story of the birth of Jesus. This is a service that has been enjoyed by many generations

here at Wesley Memorial. We will ask for signups for all the parts mid-November. The list of ages and parts are below: Ages 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Sheep Grades 1 & 2-Girls-Angels Grades 1 & 2-Boys-Shepherds, Donkey, Cow Grades 3, 4 & 5-Girls-Shepherds, Angels, Magi Grades 3, 4 & 5-Boys-Shepherds, Magi Grades 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Readers Grade 5 Girls-Mary, Gabriel Grade 5 Boys-Joseph Please contact Kim Suda at ksuda@wesleymemorial.org by December 7 to sign up for a role for your child. Practice will be Saturday, December 16 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. During the 8:30 contemporary worship service on December 10, all children can participate in the impromptu retelling of Jesus' birth. This is a wonderful way to include our long time members, as well as those who may be visiting as we experience this beautiful story once again.

Angel Tree Gift Bags



Collection will be underway mid-November for supplies to fill 40+ Christmas bags for boys and girls who are part of our Angel Tree Outreach. There are

specific items that are requested to be in all the bags and a list of extras. These bags will be given out at the Angel Tree Party on December 16. Please follow the link on the church website:

www.wesleymemorial.org

to Sign Up Genius and enter the items you will bring. Please bring items to the church and place in labeled bins on the Elementary Hall by December 10.

Anne Carroll

Director of Traditional Music Ministries

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Special Music Sundays in November and December

November 5, All Saints Sunday

Three trumpets will accompany the choir for Vaughan Williams' "Old Hundredth Psalm Tune"

November 19, Consecration Sunday

The choir sings Charles Villiers Stanford's "Jubilate Deo"

December 10

Kneeling in Bethlehem, a service of readings and carols by Michael Burkhardt with Chamber orchestra, handbells and lay readers

December 17

Children K-5 sing for worship and participate in the Children's Nativity; Chancel Bells ring for worship

December 24

Lovefeast at 5 pm with orchestra, handbells, anthems and solos.



Children from WMUMC and The Evangelical Haitian Church come together to sing during an 11:00 worship service.



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1800 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items.

You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Contact Lee Huff at 336.884.9165, Karen Sumner at 336.883.8721 or Linda Dale at 336.884.5121.

We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

Gifts received September 2017

In Memory of:

Joseph Michael (Joe) Albany, Jr.: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bass & Family, David & Beth Breece, Anne Davis, Suzie & Butch Farabow, Glenda & Rudy Hinnant, Jim & Sandra Marsh, Harold & Betty Martin, Cynthia Tobin, Angela & Rick Wagner

Geneva Craig: Anne Davis, David Maynard

Tom Dickerson: Beth Dickerson

George Hakim (Brother of Mariana Qubein): Dr. & Mrs.

Paul Coughlin

Betty Lou Hinson Heath: Dr. & Mrs. Paul Coughlin Henry Franklin (Frank) Hunsucker, Jr.: Jim & Sandra

Marsh

Lou Dean Graham Howard: Scepti Bhattacharya, The Carroll Blewster Family, Anne Davis, Lucille Duncan, Shirley Duncan, Lillian Kimrey, Cynthia Tobin

Betsy Anderson Johnson: Dr. & Mrs. Paul Coughlin William Sanders (Father of George Sanders): Dr. & Mrs. Paul Coughlin

Walter Byron Starnes: Jim & Karen Gooding

Horace D. Steadman, Jr.: Dr. & Mrs. Paul Coughlin, Sarah Woollen

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Edward Joseph von der Lippe: Julie Werts
Sue Anderson Wood: Bob & Janie Bass, Jerry Bain, Dr.
Gary & Vivian Biesecker, Mary Ann & Gene Bohi, Herb &
Cheryl Bolick, Dr. & Mrs. Paul Coughlin, 8th Day Unity
Group, Al & Sherrill Elder, Butch & Suzie Farabow, Sarah
Kemm, Wade & Lois Markham, Jim & Sandra Marsh,
Harold & Betty Martin, John & Marianne Mikkonen, John
Peeler, Nancy Perryman, Charles & Vanessa Surles, Patsy

& Charlie Surles, Bootsy Tucker, Sarah Woollen

Adam Wright: Rick & Jill Holbert

In Honor of:

Jane & Steve Blanchard: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

The Chancel Choir: Lissa Albany, Andrew Albany & Frank H. Wood. III

Barbara & Steve Cloninger: Susanna Wesley Class Paddy Fievet: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

Mary Jane Lindsay: Jane Barrineau

Rev. Dr. Jeff & Tammy Patterson: Lissa Albany, Andrew

Albany & Frank H. Wood, III

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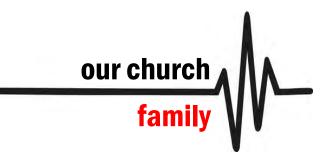
Mary & Scott Pendergraph: Susanna Wesley Sunday

School Class

Ginger Priddy: Jerry Bain

Dwight Steed: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

Pat & Rex Walser: Susanna Wesley Class



In Memoriam

Geneva Spratt Craig September 24, 2017

Warren Strupe Lackey October 6, 2017

Sympathies

Lou Bouldin (Gene) and family upon the death of her brother; **Jim Hunter**, **III** on September 18, 2017

Joe Craig (Keri), Ian Craig, and Ryan Colman upon the death of their mother and grandmother; **Geneva Spratt Craig** on September 24, 2017

Stephen Nelson (Jessica), Avery and Sullivan upon the death of their grandfather and great grandfather; **Rolla Clayborne Nelson** on October 2, 2017

Betty Lackey, Warren (Joni) Lackey, Susan (Mark) Sullivan and Ren (Katie) Lackey, Ross (Tiffany) Lackey, Grace Lackey, Katherine (Paul) Wood, John Sullivan and Peyton, Morgan and Florence Elizabeth Lackey upon the death of their father and grandfather & great grandfather; **Warren Strupe Lackey** on October 6, 2017

Michael (Zoe) Draelos and family upon the death of his mother; **Rosemarie Draelos** on October 15, 2017

Barry (Lisa) Cheek and family upon the death of his sister; **Jane Hatfield** on October 16, 2017

Jana Brotherton (Jim) and family upon the death of her brother **Chuck Van Hemert** on October 16. 2017





UMW Board will meet Monday, November 6, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

The CAROLINA CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR is coming Saturday,
November 18, 8 am - 3pm.
Featuring 75 vendors, Bake

Sale, Silent Auction, the General Store and delicious breakfast and lunch in our Cafe. Free Admission. Proceeds support UMW Mission projects.

Your gently used items and collectibles are needed for the Silent Auction and General Store areas of the Bazaar. Please bring gift certificates, antiques, household items, toys, books and holiday decor to the Dining Hall on **Thursday, November 16.** Items for the Bake Sale should be delivered on Friday.

FAITH Circle organized a Blood Mobile on Sunday, October 8. Twenty-five units of blood were collected. Thank you to **FAITH Circle** and to those who generously donated their time and "the gift of Life".

Patricia Nash, a member of **Circle 6**, has been busy organizing the Media center, particularly the UMW shelf. Here a few books you might be interested in reading.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. True story, Oprah Winfrey is starring in the movie based on this book.

Vicious: True Stories by Teens about Bullying

100 Simple Things You Can Do to Prevent Alzheimer's

Disease and Age-Related Memory Loss

Circle Meetings in November:

Angel Tree - Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 in the Small Dining Room

Friendship - Monday, November 6, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

Circle #6 - Monday, November 6, 7 pm at the home of Lucille Duncan, 606 Huntington. Program by Betsy Hodge "Domestic Violence"

Circle #8 - Friday, November 10, 9:15 am in the church kitchen, making casseroles for the Bazaar Bake sale

Circle #9 - Tues, Nov 21, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Circle #11 - Mon, Nov 20, 11:30 am in Small Dining Room

FAITH Circle will not meet this month



Our Church Offices will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. (USPS 327-700)
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