



The Epistle of St. Paul's November 2019

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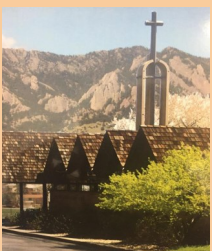
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From The Pastor's Desk...

When you think of November, what comes to mind? As I was sitting in the office writing this article, it was still early in October, and the Christmas decorations have been in the stores for weeks.

Once upon a time, in a land close at hand, November was about the lead-up to Thanksgiving. Christmas was held at bay until the weekend after Thanksgiving (and never on Thanksgiving Day!).

So, what are you thinking about as November begins?

"In early autumn of 1621, the 53 surviving Pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest, as was the English custom. During this time 'many of the Indians coming ... amongst the rest their great king Massasoit, with some ninety men.'

"That 1621 celebration is remembered as the 'First Thanksgiving' in Plymouth. ...

"The Pilgrims did not call this harvest festival a 'Thanksgiving,' although they did give thanks to God. To them, a Day of Thanksgiving was purely religious. The first recorded religious Day of Thanksgiving was held in 1623 in response to a providential rainfall.

"The religious day of thanksgiving and the harvest festival evolved into a single event: a yearly Thanksgiving, proclaimed by individual governors for a Thursday in November. The custom of an annual Thanksgiving celebrating abundance and family spread across America.

"Some presidents proclaimed Thanksgivings, others did not. Abraham Lincoln began the tradition of an annual national Thanksgiving in 1863. Thanksgiving is an enduring symbol from which millions of

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immigrants have learned ‘Americanism.’ While not all native peoples celebrate the day, the story of the Pilgrims and Wampanoag sharing a harvest celebration remains an inspiration to many.”

—From the website of the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Mass.

As I consider the coming month, I am thinking about the lives that will be touched by the ministries of our congregation. I am thinking about the four months we’ve shared together since Belinda and I first arrived in the Boulder. I am thinking about the differences we have, and the common bond we share as people of God. I know I can’t do anything about stopping or even slowing the secular observance of football, shopping and the like, the things that pass for “important” in our culture. What I can do is remember that each day is a gift from God, and every day is a day of Thanksgiving to our God.

Every blessing,

Pastor Charles

All Saints Sunday, November 3

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows’ (Saints’) Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it “a festival I truly love.” On the same day in 1788, he writes, “I always find this a comfortable day.” The following year he calls it “a day that I peculiarly love.”

On Sunday, November 3, we will remember the saints in our life and in the life of St. Paul’s UMC.



Community Events

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on November 7 at 11:45 a.m. at Oregano Pizza at 2690 Baseline Road. It is in the corner of Basemar shopping center. Let Joan Cooper know if you are coming: 303-898-8034.

Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, November 9 (second Saturday) at 8:00 a.m. No reservation needed; just come and enjoy.

Sew What will not meet in November or December.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will happen on Saturday, November 30, at 9:00 a.m. There will be a light breakfast and then the fun begins!



Love Wreath will be hung at the back of the sanctuary in late November. Watch for details explaining how *you* can help support EFAA's holiday gift room with gifts for kids and families.

The Devotional is coming!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Advent/Christmas devotional. (And if you missed out, it's not too late!) We will be printing copies for distribution on November 24. Starting on December 1, the First Sunday of Advent, entries will appear each day on the blog and on our Facebook page.

Theater Notes

Here are schedules for BDT Stage and Candlelight Dinner Playhouse from Fall, 2019 into Spring/Summer, 2020.

BDT Stage

Ragtime: March 7-May 30, 2020

The Sound of Music: June 5-September 19, 2020

Candlelight

The Hunchback of Notre Dame: September 5-November 17

Holiday Inn: November 29, 2019-January 19, 2020

Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical: January 30- March 29, 2020

By the time most of you read this our group of 28 will have enjoyed a performance of Mamma Mia! at BDT Stage. That show will play through February, 22, 2020. I've already heard some interest in Ragtime at BDT so we will be putting a group together for that; it's a little early to book, but keep the dates in mind.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Deadline for *Epistle*: 15th of the month

Deadline for bulletin: Wednesday prior to Sunday

Loving God & Creating Hope & Changing Lives

New Member Invitation

Membership means choosing to belong. At St. Paul's UMC, being a member means belonging to our church family, the body of Christ. We extend our invitation to become members to all who are willing to share in our common purpose: "*Loving God. Sharing Hope. Changing Lives.*"

If you are interested in committing to support the life of St. Paul's UMC through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, contact Pastor Charles. New members will be received into our fellowship on Sunday, November 24th.

News from Our Missionary Mozart Adevu

(Excerpted from 3rd Missionary Newsletter-2019)

The way forward to mitigating the effects of climate change on farmers in Ghana

The recent 2019 UN Climate Action Summit was a true call to the entire world to take steps to mitigate against climate change which appears to threaten the ecology and to further exacerbate poverty in Africa. Some 100 farmers in two communities of Osramanae and Jeduako [in Ghana]...faced unprecedented challenges during the last 18-20 weeks of their Field Schools due to lack of rainfall in the major rainy season....Meanwhile, the crops of aubergine (garden eggs), onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and cabbage which received organic treatments of pesticides and fertilizers were doing better than those plots of vegetables that received chemical treatments....Efforts by farmers to improve the efficiency of livestock production through better breeding, health interventions and improving fertility can also help decrease green house gas emissions through decreasing the number of livestock per unit product....Organic agriculture also helps farmers to adapt to climate change because high soil organic matter content and soil cover help prevent nutrient and water loss. These make soils more resilient to floods, droughts and land degradation processes. The farmer field schools in Jeduako and Osramanae also sought to achieve such adaptations and this was directly evident in the better yields on the organic plots in spite of unexpected poor rainfall.

Give to Advance project "Sustainable Agriculture and Development" #982188, Mozart Adevu

Our thanks to Rebecca Glancy for joining St. Paul's staff as Administrative Assistant and to Michele Matthews for agreeing to stay on as Office Assistant. Together Rebecca and Michele will be able to extend office hours (look for a new schedule soon!) to better meet the needs of our congregation and community.

In Our Community

Thanks Giving in the Park, Sunday, November 3, at 12:30 p.m. at the bandshell in the park at Canyon and Broadway. This is an annual event when gloves, socks, hats, and toiletries are distributed to our neighbors who are homeless. This year, the loving church family at St. Paul's has contributed towards the purchase of 60 pairs of socks. (Other items will be donated by Mountain View and Lafayette United Methodist Churches.) Thanks to Belinda Alkula for coordinating the purchase of socks on Sunday mornings during October. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Come share the giving spirit on November 3!



Socks

Join our area Methodist choirs for a big Christmas event at the Heart of Longmont UMC on Saturday, December 14, at 4 p.m. Dr. Arturo Gonzalez will conduct the Flatirons Community orchestra. The combined choir will sing a selection of traditional Christmas carols and some international carols. The evening will end with "Silent Night," which will meld into the "Hallelujah Chorus." If you are interested in joining us please email Jessica Bennett at www.erieumc.org.



A Report on my Third Semester in Medical School

By Selma Adevu

It has been another exhausting 16 weeks of teaching and learning, 2 weeks of revision and 2 weeks of examinations (both written and oral), and I am more than happy to inform you that I have successfully completed my third semester in Medical school. This third semester doubles as our final semester in Phase 1 and leaves us with 3 years of the second phase of our medical education, which would involve mainly clinical work. As expected, this semester was also not without the usual medical school stress and I must admit that there were days when I felt as though I could not pull through. In all these however, the ever-sustaining hand of the Lord guided me through and strengthened me.

Selma Adevu is the daughter of our missionary Mozart Adevu. She is studying to be a doctor at the University of Ghana. St. Paul's has contributed to support her education and her mission.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 11-5 Chris Cole
- 11-5 Karlene Ferguson
- 11-16 Katherine Richardson
- 11-22 Aleks Donaho
- 11-27 Wendy Wheaton

Sienna Rose Pulaski made her arrival on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 8:37 p.m. She was 5lbs 8oz and 17.3 inches long. She is perfect in every way!



NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

- November 3** *“Saints or suckers?”*
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31
- November 10** *“What, me worry?”*
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38
- November 17** *“Can you imagine that?”*
Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 21:5-9
- November 24** *“The king is coming, look busy”*
Colossians 1:15-20
Jeremiah 23:1-6

Address Change

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VOLUNTEERS

	11/03	11/10	11/17	11/24
Fellowship	Daniels	Coopers	Vander Vorste	Vander Vorste
Flowers	Vander Vorste	Coopers	Sandra Jordan	Angela Baker
Lay Liturgist	Angela Baker	Amy Abshire	Angela Baker	Angela Baker

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Day	2
3 All Saints Sunday Communion	4 Yoga with Rebecca 9:00 a.m.	5	6 Chancel Choir 7:30	7	8	9
10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	11 Yoga with Rebecca 9:00 a.m.	12	13 Chancel Choir 7:30	14	15	16
17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	18 Yoga with Rebecca 9:00 a.m.	19	20 Chancel Choir 7:30	21	22	23
24 24th Sunday after Pentecost	25 Yoga with Rebecca 9:00 a.m.	26	27 No chancel choir!	28 Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)	29 Office closed	30 Hanging of the Greens 9:00 a.m.

Coming in DECEMBER

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS ONLINE BEGINNING
DECEMBER 1**

ANTHEM AIRES CONCERT DECEMBER 7

LOVE WREATH GIVING FOR EFAA

SHOE BOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

CANTATA DECEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE DECEMBER 24

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