



*The John Wesley Journal*

John Wesley United Methodist Church, directed by prayer and the Holy Spirit,  
shall be a worshipping, caring group of believers who make  
and equip disciples for serving Jesus in the community and beyond.

# November 2021

Hello Team JWUMC!

Our Discipleship Campaign is coming to a close - beginning in September, running through October, and wrapping up in early November. During this time we look at our discipleship specifically in the areas of scripture, presence, gifts, service, prayer, and witness. We reflect on how we have done, and we consider what priority we want our faith to have in our lives as we plan for the future. Each week we fill out commitment cards (or forms online), committing to the following year.

This has become one of my favorite times of year because I get to learn about you and how you are growing and changing in your faith walk. Every week, I pass out cards (and make online versions too!) that have little check mark spaces for you to choose as you grow in discipleship. And every week I get many back with notes written on them about how you plan to live out your faith in the coming year. And every week my heart grows warm and I smile as I read these notes. I love being your pastor!

I know that life has been anxious and frustrating many times over the last several years, but I am glad that I get to go through those times with you. It is my joy to see and hear about how God is working in your lives. It is my privilege to pray for you and your families.

I love you and I love being your pastor!

In Peace,

Rev. Bethany Douty



## What's Happening in November

EVERY SUNDAY WE WORSHIP LIVE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/JWUMCWorship/live/>

- \* **Sunday School Classes** Adults and children, meet immediately after the worship service - we invite you to join us!
- \* **Book Club** November 1st. We will begin our new book titled '*Group Hug*' *Strengthening Fellowship Bands*: the no homework Women's bible study by Christine Tate. Contact Liz Jordan for a book or more information. The leader is Barbara Williams.
- \* **Choir Rehearsal** Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - see Angelyn H. for more information.
- \* **Roblox Group** meets on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. A virtual small group. See Xander or Pastor Bethany for more information.
- \* **Line Dancing** Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Murrow Fellowship Hall. Contact Ed and Mei Frayer for more information.
- \* **Second Harvest Food Bank** Drop off your non-perishable donations before church on Sundays. Please remember only dry, *shelf stable* foods, **no fresh food**. The cart is in the narthex under the coat rack, for your convenience.

1st - All Saints Day

7th - All Saints Sunday

**11th - Veterans Day Office Closed**

**24th–26th - Office Closed for Holiday**

**25th - Happy Thanksgiving!**

28th - First Sunday of Advent

Special Offering - Student Day

### APPORTIONMENT UPDATE

Every month, John Wesley UMC sends about \$2,000 of the money in our offering plates to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church as part of something that we call apportionments. Apportionments are the funds used by the local and global United Methodist Church to do ministry around the world. Each month we will highlight one of the funds our apportionments support. John Wesley has paid 100% of our apportionments since 2015, and we are on track to do so again this year. It is our joy to send these funds off each month!

### November's Apportionment Highlight: Episcopal Fund

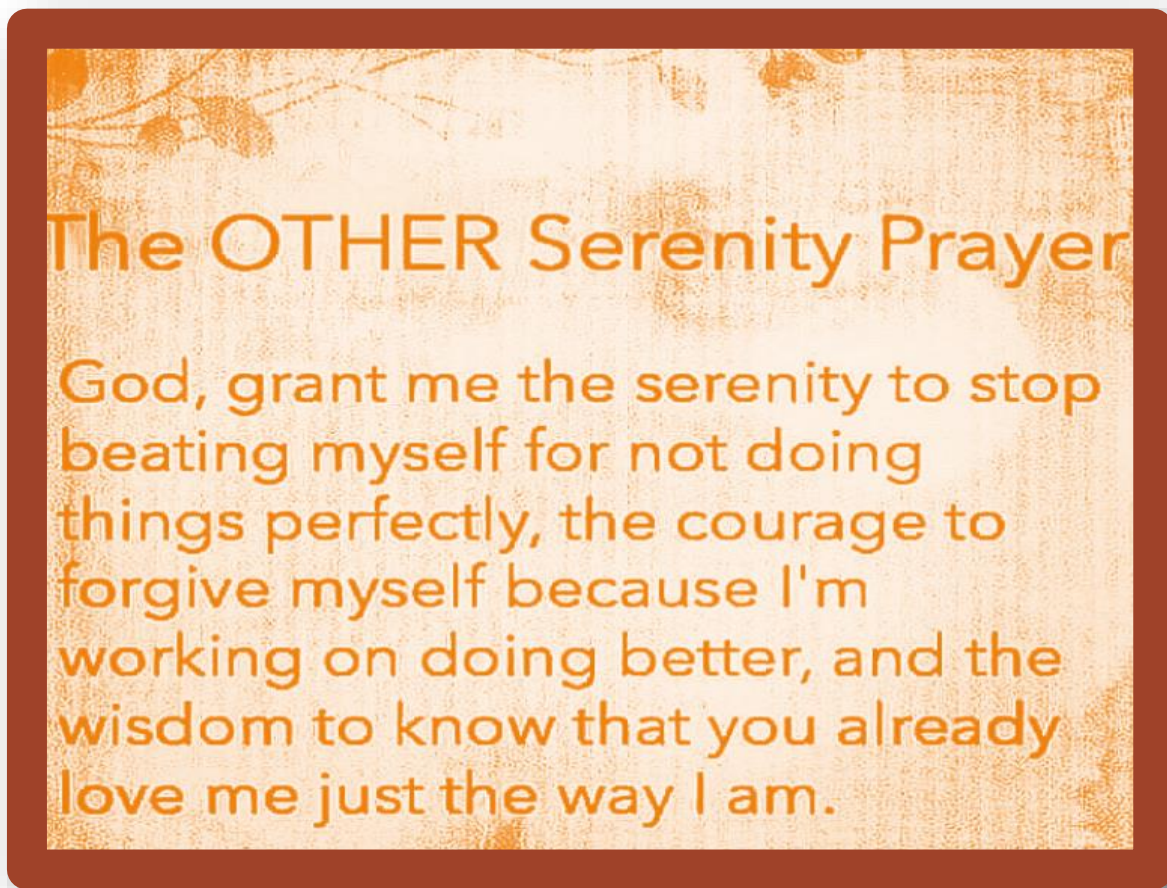
John Wesley will contribute over \$1,400 toward the Episcopal Fund this year through our apportionments. This money goes toward supporting active bishops here and around the world. This fund provides the salaries, moving expenses, pensions, disability coverage, medical insurance, professional travel expenses, and housing expenses for our bishop and others around the globe. Thank you for supporting this local and global mission with your offering!

Rev. Bethany Douty  
Senior Pastor  
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Tallahassee, Fla.

## Praise and Prayer

Please continue to prayer for all Military Personnel and all First Responders

- \* The lost
- \* Annabelle Pafford
- \* Jackson
- \* John Govans
- \* Jane (Phyllis' sister)
- \* Emily (Pat L.'s daughter)
- \* Mary and Bob Peters
- \* Little Lambs Preschool
- \* Douty Family
- \* Gordon Palmer
- \* Jann Pettway and family
- \* Ann Horn
- \* Steve Kauffman
- \* Sylvia Owens
- \* Bertha Jones
- \* Lawrence Heitmeyer
- \* Sue Walker
- \* Judy Parris
- \* Valma Berry
- \* Junie Redon
- \* Frances McClellan-Godfrey
- \* Sheran Rivers
- \* Megan Strickland
- \* Sara Ann Harkey
- \* Randy Thomason
- \* Cuba
- \* Church of the Savior, our sister church in Cuba
- \* Medeod Des Garcia
- \* Nigeria
- \* Pastors Leo and Cleivy Garcia in E. Angola, Africa
- \* Jonathan and Satomi McCurley in Japan
- \* America
- \* An end to Covid-19
- \* Peace



Submitted by Debi Brigman

## **Giving Thanks with a Grateful Heart**

Psalm 116:12-14

How can I repay the Lord for all the good things He has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

**NOVEMBER** – the month when our nation celebrates a two-day “Thanksgiving” holiday and pauses to give thanks for the rich harvests and other blessings of the year. It has become both a religious and a secular holiday as many churches mark the actual day (Thursday) with a morning service.

The equivalent of Thanksgiving in the Caribbean, especially the English-speaking Caribbean is a celebration known as “Harvest Sunday.” It is traditionally observed on a Sunday in November in Protestant churches, but more recently by most denominations. The purpose of this holiday, a remnant of British colonialism, is to celebrate the food that the land had provided and to give thanks for the people whose labor make it possible for us to have such bounty.

For Harvest Sunday, the church and chancel area are usually adorned with flowers and baskets of fruits and vegetables, some of which is provided from home-grown flower and kitchen gardens. The opening procession is full of ritual, with adults and children alike taking part carrying some of the harvest. In churches in some countries that were former British colonies, many of the traditional harvest hymns we know are still sung, accompanied by organ or piano, or in today’s cultural climate even guitars or steelpans.

After the harvest is blessed during the service, it is donated to senior citizen homes for their meals program. Extra donations made on this Sunday go to local missions in support of the less fortunate, and flowers are sent to the sick and shut-ins. The service usually ended with the age-old hymn – “Now thank we all our God.”

Overall, it is a very colorful, prayerful experience, uplifted by the rousing singing of Harvest hymns, and a passionate sermon that leaves the congregation exuberant with Joy.

THANKSGIVING! HARVEST SUNDAY! For your blessings, Lord, we give you Thanks.

Olivia Ahyoung





# November Birthdays

2	21
Craig Dennis	Glen Kitchens
4	25
Ann Todd	Ted Cox
7	26
Robert Peters	Lisa Dove
13	Nkechi Ichite
Kathy Fearon	



## A Call To Mentorship from Leon County Schools

### Message:

Leon County Schools is recruiting mentors for the 2021-2022 school year. Students are matched one-on-one with mentors and meet weekly from September - April. The mentor provides academic assistance, guidance, support and encouragement to the mentee. Mentors play a vital role in inspiring students to realize their goals and reach their full potential. The time commitment is usually between 30-45 minutes each week.

Thank you for considering becoming a vital member of the Leon County Schools' community involvement team. By serving in this capacity, you will most certainly make a positive difference in the life of a student.

### To become a mentor:

- 1) Complete a Leon County Schools Volunteer Application/Mentor Agreement Form at the following link: <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>
- 2) Attend one mentor training session. Please sign up at the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BADAE23A1FB6-mentor>

If you have any questions, please email Kelli Walker, District Volunteer Coordinator at [walker7@leonschools.net](mailto:walker7@leonschools.net) or contact her by phone at (850) 487-7800.

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## Remember Samaritan's Purse

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**



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Amplified Bible

**<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonderful acts to the children of men! <sup>9</sup> For He satisfies the parched throat, And fills the hungry appetite with what is good.** Psalm 107:8-9 Amp

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