

St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
November 20, 2018

Connecting Points

Sunday, Pastor Chris asked us what we were thankful for and my first thought was St. James. So being me, I said it out loud. Obviously, all of us are grateful for God our Creator, Jesus our Christ and the Holy Spirit our Comforter. I am also thankful for the Church universal and this church specifically. As others in the sanctuary shared their thanksgiving responses, I pondered some of the reasons I'm thankful for St. James. I am impressed by your love for one another that reaches out through missions to embrace others with the love of Jesus. The Fall Bazaar was amazing and the needs addressed through the enormous amount of money raised does make a real difference in the lives of so many. I thought about how the Circle of Hope does indeed create hope for people and by doing so lives up to their name. After worship, I found Jennifer White in our other building and she reported to me that most of our Salvation Army Angels have been adopted already. Wow! All of the ways this church serves others by sharing the compassion of Jesus is worthy of thanksgiving. But I am also thankful for the spirited worship experiences we have and those who lead them. It's a blessing to hear our band during the Early worship gathering and our choir and musicians during the Traditional service. I am also thankful for those who provide feature music as well as those who work behind the scenes with our media and sound ministry. St. James is blessed to have many who volunteer as ushers and greeters as well as those who handle logistics, security and environmental ministries. I've already written too much for this article and haven't scratched the surface of why I am thankful for St. James. With Pastor Chris, I would invite you to express your gratitude and specifically to name people and ministries at St. James as you offer your praise to God on Thanksgiving day. We are blessed to experience and share the love of God with others as we make a difference by offering hope. I once heard a pastor say the Church is the hope of the world. I believe the people of St. James know that and live it out. And for that I am thankful!

It's a blessing to be one of your pastors,
Pastor Dean

Wednesday Fellowship Meals
November 28th
Fundraiser Meal for Impact
Donations Accepted

Menu:
Potato Bar
Salad
Children: Corn Dogs & Chips

Name _____

____ Adults

____ Children



MARK THE DATE! ALL
CONNECT GROUPS ARE
INVITED!

November 30th, 6:30pm
FLC

Come learn country line
dancing with your

CONNECT group.

Cost is \$5.00 for dancers, no charge for
watchers.

Bring finger food, snacks or sweets.
Drinks will be provided.

MISSING!!!!!!!
There are 5 long
white tables
missing from the
Family Life
Center. If you have
one or more please
return ASAP!!!!
Thanks

WE NEED YOUR
HELP!!!!
Saturday,
November 24th
9am
Decorate the
church for
Christmas.

WELCOME NEW
MEMBER!!!!!!
Jennifer Ellis

Stewardship Report	November 11th	November 18th
Budget	\$9,521.00	\$9,879.00
Santa Rosa Daycare	\$150.00	\$30.00
Impact		\$200.00
Children's Fund	\$50.00	
Paraguay Mission Fund	\$100.00	
Missions	\$33.00	\$12.00
Trustees		\$100.00
Flower Fund	\$50.00	
Fellowship Meal	\$477.00	
Total	\$10,381.00	\$10,221.00
Sunday School Attendance	143	128
Sunday Worship	241	212

Have you ever asked yourself why someone is an addict? Why can't they just stop?
 Join us and learn why!
 "The Addicted Brain"
 November 29th 6pm—8pm
 First United Methodist Church Florence
 Hosted by Bradford Health Services
 Free Workshop

Prayer Concerns	
Members:	Non Members
Pat Bailey	Lois Allen
Sam Brown	Jackie Berrens
Gene Call	Fred Mitchell
Ben Carpenter	Barbara Pace
Amber & Blaine Delia	Katelin Murphy
Andrew Duessel (deployment)	Susan Gargis
Marjorie Glasscock (Rehab)	Mike Schaaf
Karen Grisham	Joe McGuire
Janice Retherford	Louis Broussard
Nancy Roberts	Grady Smith
Irene Sanders	Louise Patrick
Sarah Triplett	