



## *Trash & Treasure Sale November 5th-6th 2021*

Dear Church Family,

November is certainly the time of the year when we remember to give thanks to God for all of God's blessings. It is my hope that we, as God's people, always remember to give thanks for all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Our salvation, future and present, are dependent upon what God did through His Son. This year because of Covid-19, we even more need to give thanks to God. Thanksgiving, Advent, and all our regular observances will still look different this year, but more like what we have done in the past. I hope that we will not allow changes to distract us from our true purpose which is to praise God!

I want to thank all the congregation for your cards, notes, and good wishes on Pastoral Appreciation Sunday. Jeannine and I are honored to be a part of this truly great Church.

Trash and Treasure will be held on November 5 and 6, 2021. Please support this long-time ministry of St. John. I want to thank in advance Dave Grey, Suzy Sigmund, and their team that makes all this possible.

Sunday, November 21, 2021, we find ourselves celebrating Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving on the same Sunday. This year, as in year's past, we will receive the congregation's pledge cards to the financial ministry of the Church. I hope that you will prayerfully consider your commitment to God's church for 2022. Also, on this Sunday the community Thanksgiving Service will be held outside at 3:00 P.M. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on Lake Jackson. You are encouraged to bring you own camp chair and participate in this service.

The food ministry that we do with the other churches Highlands Community Church, Grace Church, and St. Agnes Episcopal church will be collecting small to mid-size turkeys Sundays, November 7 and 14, 2021. We will be storing them in the freezers in the Fellowship Hall. The Turkeys will be distributed Friday, November 19, 2021.

The Thanksgiving offering will go to the Champions for Children Foundation as it has for the last twenty-six years. We will do the Turkey Round Up again this year to raise funds for Parkway Food Ministry which will provide a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to the nearly 300 families that utilize that ministry. We have supported that ministry for 10 years. Also, we have been receiving shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child ministry with Samaritan's Purse. This will be a challenge in the current pandemic, but I trust with God's help that we will find a way.

Sunday, November 28, 2021, is the first Sunday in Advent. We will be able to decorate more this year than last year! God bless you in this season.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.

Senior Pastor

## Preaching Schedule

**November 7, 2021**

"All on the Line!"  
Mark 12:38-44

**November 12, 2021**

"Once for All!"  
Hebrews 10:11-25

**November 21, 2021**

"Jesus is King!"  
Revelation 1:4-8

**November 28, 2021**

"The Righteousness of God!"  
Jeremiah 33:14-16

## **NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH**

This November is National Native American Month. This is the month in which we honor those lived in this land long before the Vikings or Europeans "discovered" it. Mistakenly called Indians by Columbus because he thought he was in the West Indies, the indigenous peoples who populated the North American continent were of many tribes and nations. They revered the land and treated it with love and respect. Considered savages by the European settlers who invaded their land, for four centuries fought to keep the land they cherished only to finally succumb in the 1890s, overwhelmed and outnumbered by the new arrivals to their land. The only tribe that never surrendered was the Seminole tribe in Florida and other southeastern states. They're getting some revenge now with their casinos.

To get a true picture of these "savages" read *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown. The book chronicles the plight of people as they were systematically driven from their lands and records some of the eloquent speeches their leaders made before Congress. I would also recommend *The Gospel Of The Redman* by Ernest Thompson Seton, founder of the Woodcraft Indians and a founding pioneer and first National Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. I have copies of these books if anyone would like to read them.

The Sebring Friends of the Library Used Bookstore at 117 E. Center Ave. will be featuring books on Native Americans during the November. Stop by and check us out.

Yours in Christ, D.R. Walker

## **Community Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, November 21 and will be held outside at 3:00 P.M. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on Lake Jackson. You are encouraged to bring you own camp chair and participate in this service.

## Upcoming Events

### **Trash & Treasure Sale**

Annual Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, November 5th 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 6th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Love Offering**

The annual Christmas Love Offering will start November 28, 2021. Gifts to the Pastor and staff will be collected for 3 Sundays and be presented on Sunday, December 19. Details on giving procedure will be in the Sunday bulletins during the collection weeks. Thank you for your generosity. SPRC.

### **Decorating For Advent**

Monday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. we will be decorating the Sanctuary for the Advent Season. Everyone is welcome!

### **Christmas Town Bazaar**

Doesn't seem possible that the Christmas Town Bazaar is only a month away (Saturday, December 4th). Final preparations are under way. Watch for the sign-up sheet for the Baked Goods Table. Anyone who has made bazaar items at home can bring them to the Church at any time. Bring them to the office with Bazaar written on them and the items will be put in our craft room. We will be setting up on December 2 and 3. If you would like to help please call Linda Morwick at 863-382-1886. We would appreciate all bake goods delivered by Friday December 3rd. Thank you for all of your help. And please come to the Bazaar, we have some beautiful and unique items for sale.

Linda Morwick, Judy Perkins, Carolyn Ross

### **TURKEY ROUND UP**

Happy Fall everyone! With Thanksgiving just around the corner it's time to turn our hearts to those families in need. We are ready to kick off our Turkey Round up by partnering with Parkway Ministries beginning October 24th. We are seeking donations of \$15.00 for Thanksgiving meals for needy families. You may make your donations at the door on Sunday mornings, at the altar rail in an envelope marked Turkey Round Up, or at the Church office thru November 15th. Let us continue to spread God's love by providing for many that very often have no Thanksgiving at all. Blessings to all, Lora Todd, Missions Chair.

## Just A Reminder!

**Upper Room Daily Devotional.** November-December devotionals are now available in the narthex and the Church office.

**Memorial Service.** Memorial Service for Rev. Don Swope Monday, November 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**Church Office Closed.** The Church office will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. Happy Thanksgiving!

Drive, Sebring, FL 33872, when sending mail to the church.

**Your Help Needed.** Would the person that gave me Ohio State banners to make please contact me . Cathie Bates 863-385-3932.



# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual  6:00 p.m. Women's Study Group	2  2:00 P.M. Pastor's Bible Study	3  1:30 p.m. Building Committee Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Setup for T & T	4  2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual   Setup for T & T	5 8:00 a.m. T & T Sale  2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual	6 8:00 a.m. T & T Sale
7 Worship Services In-Person 7:45 & 9:30 a.m. (Also Virtual @ 9:30 a.m.)  10:30 a.m.	8 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual  6:00 p.m. Women's Study Group	9 10:00 a.m. St. John Crafters  2:00 P.M. Pastor's Bible Study	10 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual  6:00-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual	12 8:00 a.m. Lifeline Screening  2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual	13 10:00 a.m. Alanon
14 Worship Services In-Person 7:45 & 9:30 a.m. (Also Virtual @ 9:30 a.m.)  10:30 a.m. Class Meeting	15 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual  6:00 p.m. Women's Study Group	16 2:00 P.M. Pastor's Bible Study  <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	17 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual  6:00-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual	19 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual	20 10:00 a.m. Alanon
21 Worship Services In-Person 7:45 & 9:30 a.m. (Also Virtual @ 9:30 a.m.) 10:30 a.m. Class Meeting	22 11:00 a.m. Swope Memorial Service 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual 2:00 p.m. Decorating Sanctuary for Advent 6:00 p.m. Women's Study	23 10:00 a.m. St. John Crafters  2:00 P.M. Pastor's Bible Study	24 2:00 p.m. Daily Word-Virtual  6:00-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25 Church Office Closed  	26 Church Office Closed  	27 10:00 a.m. Alanon
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**Monday - Tuesday** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch from Noon-1:00 p.m.)

**Thursday-Friday** 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

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### **Online Ministries:**



*The Daily Word: M, Tu, Th, F 2:00 p.m.*

available at [stjohnsebring.org](http://stjohnsebring.org)  
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