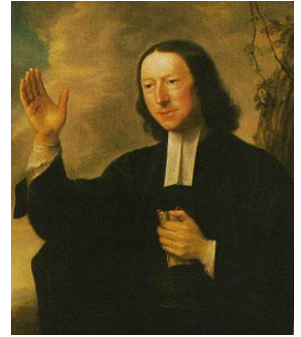


On October 2nd, Pastor Rigo Felico mentioned in his sermon that John Wesley asked himself questions daily to make sure that he was spiritually accountable. Inquiring minds needed to know more!

In 1729, while John Wesley was a student at Oxford, he started a club with his brother Charles. It was soon mockingly dubbed “The Holy Club” by some of his fellow collegians. The club members rigorously self-examined themselves everyday by asking the following 22 questions:



1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else of my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican (a.k.a. tax collector)?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

Let's join “The Holy Club” and see how asking these questions of ourselves can change our lives!



Congratulations to **The Rev. Jay Therrell** on his installation as North East District Superintendent!



Dear North East District Family,

One of my favorite passages of scripture during this season is Philippians 4:11-13. Paul wrote:

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Paul was content and thankful because he knew he could do anything through Jesus who gave him strength. That's a message totally opposite to what we are constantly bombarded with in today's culture. Everywhere we go we're told if we just have more we'll be happy. If we have a bigger car, a better house, fancier vacation, and more fulfilling job everything will be all right. Then we'll be content!

Paul's message is the lone voice in the crowd reminding us that we don't have to give in to that message of more, more, more. We can become content if we take a "time out" for just a moment and remember the source and strength of true happiness – Jesus.

When it gets right down to it, we do have much for which to be thankful. I want to challenge you to spend time each day finding at least one thing for which you can thank God. I promise you'll find your attitude, disposition, and ministry to be much happier and fulfilling.

Please know this: I'm so very grateful to be your district superintendent, and at the top of my list of blessings is all of you. God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving!

All God's love,
Jay Therrell, Superintendent

(Excerpt from the November District Newsletter)

A word from Rev. Barry Andrews, Senior Pastor

November, perhaps more than the other eleven months, gives us a chance to ponder thankfulness. While the thanksgiving holiday is a secular event, it certainly has strong, abiding religious roots.

October, though, has been a month that has given us a variety of events that could serve as models for our thankfulness. In no particular order, then, ponder these things:



- ❖ **Volunteers:** The Pumpkin Patch is winding down, and this marathon event has shown again the willingness of our folks to be at work in the Lord's vineyard. Eight hours a day, seven days a week there has been someone there—often Bud Shutterly—to represent us to our community. Some nearby patches have put out a strongbox for lack of workers, and other churches simply have not had a patch, knowing that they had neither the workers to unload pumpkins or the people to sell them. I'm thankful for this representation of a willing spirit.
- ❖ **NOMADS:** our first NOMAD has arrived, and more are on the way. We are hosting five 3-week projects --- 2 at Faith, 2 at Christ UMC in Neptune Beach, and 1 at Ft. Caroline. I'm thankful for the workers, and for Faith, who not only has built a campground, but has also been willing to let it be used for the good of others. Thanks for a servant's heart, seeking to use ours to bless others.
- ❖ **Pastor Appreciation:** Several of my preacher buddies note that their churches do very little, or, sometimes, nothing at all, during this month when congregations express, in tangible acts of kindness, appreciation for their pastors. Faith has been very kind to Pastor Rigo and me over the years, and we are thankful. Again, it shows a broad Spirit at work amongst us.
- ❖ **Providence:** I am struck at how close we came to extreme disaster with Hurricane Matthew. Having lived through a few hurricanes, both inland and on the coast, I have some appreciation just how quickly, and badly, things can go wrong in a building storm. God was good to us, and many others, as the storm came up the coast, and we were, for the larger part, spared. Thank you Lord for your providential care.
- ❖ **Church Family:** Last, but not of the least significance, is the blessing of this body of Christ. Through life and death, high and low, strength and weakness, we move on, together. It is certainly God's Holy Spirit at work, and it only really works when we surrender our lives to his control. What a blessing it is, then, when we can share life together.

Let's resolve to live lives of thanksgiving, with an awareness of the blessings we have, and the wealth of God's Spirit, shared with us. God bless you during this season, and may you, and all of us together, be a blessing for others.





ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day is November 1st, and we will celebrate it in church on November 6, 2016. In 1789, John Wesley called All Saints' Day "a day that I peculiarly love."

We think of the inspirational people with whom we worship on Sunday, and those across the world we will never meet. We celebrate fellow United Methodists who inspire us, and those of other denominations whose lives encourage us. Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

And in our local church, we remember those who have gone before us. This year we especially remembered:



Marie Baugher
03/26/2015



Bernelle Merriam
10/28/2015



Louise Macarages
05/03/2016

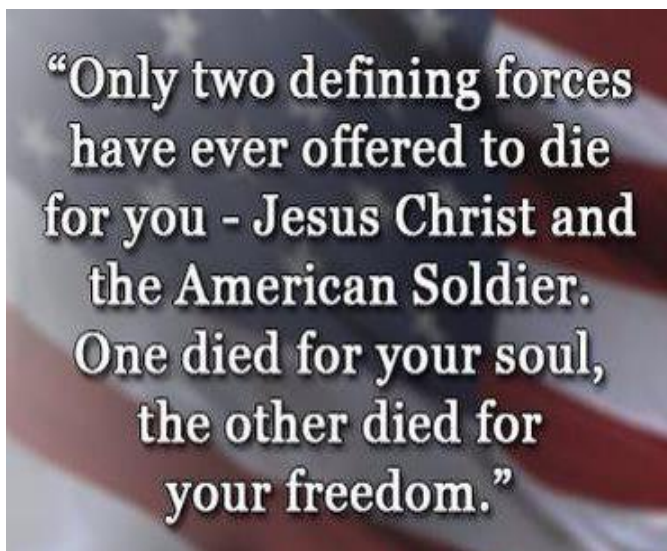


Pauline Kilday
05/14/2016



Sara Holbrook
10/22/2016

For more information about All Saints' Day, visit <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/all-saints-day-a-holy-day-john-wesley-loved>.



**THANK YOU TO JESUS
AND TO OUR VETERANS!**

Congratulations to Rev. Barry for winning second place in the UCOM Chili Cook-off!



Below is a copy of the ad running in our Northeast Florida's November District Newsletter, etc. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to apply. Please pray that we will quickly find the youth minister God is calling to our church.

Part-Time Youth Minister Needed

Faith United Methodist Church, 4000 Spring Park Road, Jacksonville, is seeking a part-time youth minister to continue in an existing youth program, starting in August, 2016.

Faith UMC is a small-membership, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural church in the Englewood/ St. Nicholas neighborhoods on the south side of Jacksonville that has a large campus, including a gym and ball field, and a dedicated youth ministry building.

Those interested in applying should:

- Feel a call to this ministry;
- Want to be a part of the larger ministry of this church and cooperative youth ministry in Jacksonville.

The church is located in a lower middle to middle class area, with many immigrants nearby. Spanish language skills would be a plus, but not required. Housing may be available. Please make inquiries to: faithumcpastor@comcast.net, or call 904-228-4094.



DESC

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October 24, 2016

Dear Faith United Methodist Church,

Last week DESC received 50 hygiene kits which you all collected, sorted and donated to us. It appeared to me when I was bringing in the boxes that you all made individual cloth bags for them too. They are very, very nice.

Many of the folks that come to ask for food and clothing also need personal hygiene products. We share these kits with people as needed.

Thank you for your kindness helping to coordinate the drive and for delivering all the kits to our program.

Sincerely,

David R. Tuttle

Interim Executive Director



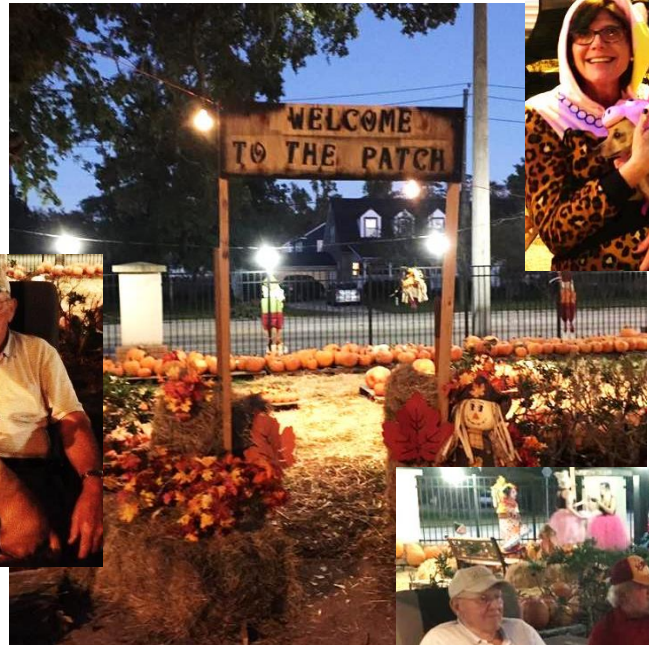
No matter whom you vote for or who wins, we can be proud to know that:
Many U.S. presidents have Methodist ties.

- ❖ James K. Polk (1845-49) had a conversion experience at a Methodist camp and considered himself a Methodist, though he continued to attend Presbyterian services out of respect to his mother and his wife. Shortly before his death, Polk was baptized and confirmed into the Methodist church by the Rev. John B. McFerrin, the same pastor who was present at his conversion years before.
- ❖ Even Abraham Lincoln (1861-65), who frequently spoke of Christian principles but had no specific church ties, was touched by Methodism. His parents were married by a Methodist minister in Washington County, Ky. Later, at Lincoln's White House, a frequent visitor was Methodist Bishop Matthew Simpson. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Simpson traveled with the president's body back to Springfield, Ill., and delivered the eulogy. In 1864, shortly before his death, Lincoln offered this praise for the young denomination:
 "It is no fault in others that the Methodist Church sends more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals, and more prayers to Heaven than any.
 God bless the Methodist Church. Bless all the churches and blessed be God, who in this our trial, giveth us the churches."
- ❖ While in the White House, Andrew Johnson (1865-69) accompanied his wife, Eliza, to services at Foundry Church.
- ❖ Although never baptized into any church, Ulysses S. Grant (1869-77) regularly attended services at Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. "Grant was very sympathetic with the Methodists," said Patterson, noting Grant was friends with Methodist Bishop John P. Newman, who was present when Grant died of cancer in 1885.
- ❖ Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-81) attended Methodist schools and, as president, attended Foundry Church, a Methodist church in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Lucy.
- ❖ Methodist, William McKinley (1897-1901), was elected president. Early in life, McKinley had considered the Methodist ministry, but later became a lawyer. He remained active at the Methodist Church of the Savior in Canton, Ohio. He served as Sunday school superintendent and trustee.
- ❖ While in the White House, Bill Clinton (1993-2001), a Southern Baptist, accompanied his wife, Hillary, a lifelong Methodist, to services at Foundry Church.
- ❖ George W. Bush (2001-09) entered the office as the nation's first United Methodist president. Raised in Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, Bush became a United Methodist after marrying his wife, Laura, a lifelong Methodist, in 1977. Both attended and taught Sunday school at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. After he was elected governor of Texas in 1994, Bush worshipped at the Tarrytown United Methodist Church in Austin. Today, his presidential library is on the Dallas campus of Southern Methodist University, the alma mater of his wife.

See the full article at <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/many-us-presidents-have-methodist-ties>.

THANK YOU ...

- To Susan Davis, Donna Thouin, and Thomas Garrett who spent many hours organizing, and setting up the Pumpkin Patch;
- To the many people who unloaded the pumpkins off the truck;
- To the many people who volunteered to sell the pumpkins;
- To those who bought pumpkins for our youth fundraiser;
- To Rev. Barry and his innovative signs; and
- To Bud Shutterly we give a special thank you! Bud stayed in his camper on the parking lot; volunteered when no one else did; kept us supplied with boiled peanuts, apples, and oranges; and entertained us so we were never bored. Thanks to Precious too!



**Lesser Known People in the Bible
Mix and Match**

Directions: Match the names on the left with correct clues on the right.
If you can answer all of these without looking in the Bible or any other resource,
Please let Linda know at LLFPickett@aol.com, 904-703-2930, or at church.

1. Mordecai	a. A Syrian commander who went to see Elisha to cure his leprosy.
2. Onesimus	b. A well-respected man whose prayer to God for blessing was answered.
3. Korah	c. This man became king at eight years old and later plead with the Lord to not punish Israel for their disobedience to God’s Word.
4. Ehud	d. The cousin and guardian for Esther who stood up for the oppressed people of God and foiled a plot to assassinate the king.
5. Balam	e. This slave of Philemon was imprisoned with Paul and became a Christian. Paul asked Philemon to forgive this man.
6. Jabez	f. This man assassinated Moab King Eglon, and led Israel in conquering the Moabites.
7. Uzziah	g. This man raised up a mob of Israelites to question the idea that Moses was God’s only spokesperson and to oppose his leadership.
8. Naaman	h. A young king who got leprosy on his forehead after he trespassed into the temple and attempted to burn incense.
9. Diotrophes	i. This man was a selfish and unsubmitive church leader who wouldn’t welcome Christian leaders into his home and even threw people out of the church for trying to show hospitality!
10. Josiah	j. God told this man to pronounce blessings upon Israel and not return to King Balak, but he disobeyed. When confronted by an angel, this man could not see him but his donkey was startled and stopped three times until the donkey asked, “Why have you beat me these three times?” and then the eyes of “The Donkey Guy” are opened to the angel of the Lord and his sin.

If you had trouble with this puzzle, read the next page!

Answers: 1. d. (Esther 2:5 – 10:3), 2. e. (Colossians 4 and in Philemon), 3. g. (Numbers 16:1-41), 4. f. (Judges 3:12=30), 5. j. (Numbers 22:2-28), 6. b. (1 Chronicles 4:9-11), 7. h. (2 Chronicles 26:4-21), 8. a. (2 Kings 5), 9. i. (3 John 9-10), 10. c. (2 Kings 22-23 and 2 Chronicles 34-35).

if you don't have time to
pray & read
scriptures,
 you are busier than
God
 ever intended you to be.

How to Liven Up Your Prayer and Bible Study Time

If the saying to the left is true for you, you're too busy! No one is saying we should not work. The work of the church and the hope of the Christian world require that all of us work. But Jesus says in Matthew 6:25-34, "... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..." This tells us that our priority should be our relationship with God. For those of us needing a boost in our prayer and Bible reading times, these are some things we can try:

1. **Make a date with God.** Set aside time with God when He will be the only person on your mind. It may be first thing in the morning, in the evening, during lunch breaks, in the car, or time spent waiting. It can be once a day or multiple times a day. Although time alone with God is vital, consider praying and reading the Bible with your family as well. Then put the appointments in your calendar and keep them.
2. **Find a sacred place.** In the book and movie, *The War Room*, we were introduced to the "Prayer Closet". This can be a literal closet, or it can be a place in your home, garden, or anywhere you can be alone with God. It should be away from your phone, TV, computer, chores, or any distractions that can interfere. Find a place where you can keep a Bible; pictures of Jesus, our church, and those you are praying for; Bible commentaries; our church's prayer chain; Biblical maps; notes of things you are lead to pray about; favorite Bible verses; a prayer shawl; and a prayer journal. Fill the space with whatever inspires you to pray and study God's word.
3. **P.R.A.Y.** Don't view prayer and Bible reading times as just another box to check on a spiritual to-do list. Change your mindset from *having to* spend time with God, toward *getting to* spend time with Him.
 - There is no right way to pray, as there is no right way to have a conversation with your best friend. Experiment with fresh ways to connect with God. Enjoy it. Know that God loves you dearly and wants to spend time with you and to hear everything about your life. If you don't know what to say, try using one of the acronyms below. Spend time on each letter (i.e. Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield). Pray for yourself, others, our church, our children, and our land. Pray for whatever is on your heart.
 - For Bible study, consider Bible reading plans, daily devotions, or opening the Bible randomly to see what God puts in front of you. Ask *who, what, when, where, how, and why* to broaden your study.
4. **Change it up.** It is amazing how changing your position can change your focus. If you normally sit when praying and reading the Bible, try standing, kneeling, bowing, or lying prostrate. Pray with uplifted hands. Bow your head or lift your face to heaven. All are acceptable ways to be with God.
5. **Be quiet and hear God's voice.** Listen for the things that God wants to reveal to you through dedicated prayer and Bible study --- insights into your life, relationships, and understanding God's purposes. *Shhh!*
6. **Keep the conversation going.** Short prayers throughout the day are a great way to increase your prayer life. If you only have ten minutes, set a timer so you don't have to look at a clock. Setting aside more time for prayer will change every other part of our day. The same goes for reading the Bible.
7. **Make prayer and Bible study a priority.** Those hoping to find time for prayer and Bible study will likely fail. You have to make time. These spiritual disciplines take time, effort, and energy. "*No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*" – Hebrews 12:11. "I like to compare it to exercise," said Jan Reed. "We need exercise to keep our bodies healthy. We need prayer (& Bible study) to keep our souls healthy."



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See more at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/too-busy-to-pray-find-more-time-in-the-new-year> (a UMC.org feature by Joe Iovino), at <http://www.allcreated.com/build-war-room-prayer-closet-diy/>, at <http://prayer-center.upperroom.org/resources>, and *The War Room* book and movie.

The Faith Flyer



November, 2016

COMING
SOON!

- 11/06/2016 10:30 AM All Saints' Sunday
- 11/13/2016 10:30 AM Veterans' Day Sunday
- 11/20/2016 11:30 PM Thanksgiving Meal
- 11/24/2016 TBA PM Thanksgiving Day Dinner
- 11/30/2016 06:00 PM Hanging of the Greens
- We will collect Socks in December
- 12/18/2016 03:00 PM Choir Cantata with Swaim UMC
- 12/25/2016 10:30 AM Christmas Day Worship Service