

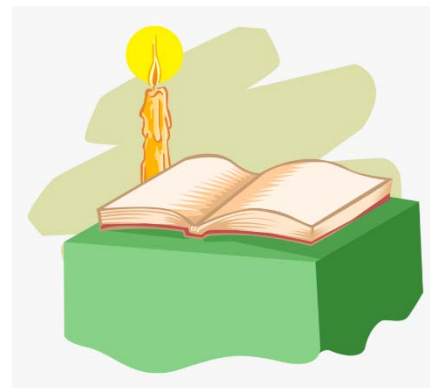
# Gray Weekly News



**Week Leading to Sunday, November 6th, 2022**

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 6**

The United Methodist Book of Worship says: *“All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word.”*



This Sunday we will remember, celebrate, and honor the saints who have gone before us by reading their names as part of our Great Thanksgiving Communion liturgy. We are not limiting our celebration to only those who have died during the past year. Cards will be provided for you to write down the name(s) of those you would like remembered, the cards will be collected during the offering, and Pastor Beth will do her best to read them. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office.



## **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

### **All Saints Sunday**

Hag 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Thess 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you are unable to come in person, you can watch our livestream at [graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com](http://graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com) or [graymemorialumc.org/youtube](http://graymemorialumc.org/youtube), at 11 am or any time after that at [graymemorialumc.org/](http://graymemorialumc.org/)



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

### Prayer Requests

Herb Yohner and his wife, MaryAnn  
Abby's Mom, who has passed this week  
Jenn's Mom  
Helen Hutchison  
Anita's friend, Lori  
Those suffering from substance abuse  
Travel mercies  
Luana Collie  
Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother  
Art and Betty Varnadore

## COAT DRIVE FOR ASTORIA PARK ELEMENTARY

Throughout the year, Gray Memorial has organized various donation drives in an effort to broaden our local impact. **This November, we are collecting new and gently used coats** for Astoria Park Elementary School!

We have been made aware that there are several students in need of coats for this season, and our donations will be put to good use. We will be collecting donations through the end of the month.



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## HELP US WITH OUR HARVEST TABLE!

The second Sunday in November we will create a HARVEST TABLE as part of our worship service. We hope to collect canned goods and bags of fruit (like apples and oranges) to help families have the best Thanksgiving possible. If you know of a family that could benefit from receiving the items collected as part of this special offering, please let Pastor Beth know. Everything collected will be distributed first to GMUMC families, then to Astoria Park Elementary and/or Ruediger Elementary, and any remaining items will be donated to Second Harvest food bank.

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## THE CONTINUING UMC

You may have heard that Killearn UMC recently voted to “disaffiliate” or leave the United Methodist Church. Gray Memorial has no plans to take a similar vote. **No vote is needed to stay in the UMC.** The main issue prompting some churches to consider disaffiliation is the possibility that the UMC may become more inclusive to LGBTQ+ individuals, including removing prohibitions on ordination for “self-avowed practicing homosexuals” and same-gender marriages. No church will be required to have an LGBTQ+ pastor or host same-gender weddings. These decisions will be left up to the SPRC and Trustees committees of each church.

Pastor Beth is available to discuss any and all aspects of this with you. Several Church Council members also agreed to make themselves available if you would like to talk about this with someone other than Pastor Beth. They are: Mike Hutchison (Chair), Wayne Maxwell (Finance), Todd Clark (Trustees), Norma Adams (Treasurer), Kim Maxwell (Lay Leader), and Susan Hutchison (Recording Secretary).

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Nov. 2	12 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 3	10 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Nov. 6	11 am	Worship Service All Saints Sunday
Monday, Nov. 7		Church Anniversary
Tuesday, Nov. 8	7 pm	Finance Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday, Nov. 9	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 10	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, Nov. 13	11 am	Worship Service