



Roger's Ramblings

by Rev. Dr. Roger Clayton, Jr.

David appointed certain of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the Lord, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel.

– 1 Chronicles 16:4, NRSV

The month of November is a special month that is always dedicated to a special holiday that has all people in the US giving thanks for the bounty of the previous year. Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to come together and give thanks for all the wonderful things that have happened over the past year before the nativity scenes, Christmas trees, and wrapping paper consume our lives.

However, like so many other holidays that span an entire month, like Christmas and Easter, we tend to forget that while it's natural and powerful to celebrate the holiday at its appointed and appropriate time, it doesn't preclude us from celebrating those special events throughout the entire year. Giving thanks is the exact same thing.

There were many other things that needed to be done in the Temple and at the Arc of the Covenant in order to fulfill the requirements laid down by the Law. However, David knew that at the heart of everything that they did was giving thanks to God. No matter what was going on, there is ALWAYS something to give thanks to God for. Spend this month saying thanks to your family, friends, and, especially, God. But let's not forget the other 11 months of the year to do the same thing.

Thanks In All Things

by Travis Fraser, Director of Youth Ministry

Our topic for this newsletter is “Thanks in all Things” which is fitting knowing Thanksgiving is right around the corner. But if I’m honest this is HARD. How are you supposed to be thankful when you’re running late, or when you get a parking ticket; what about when you stub your toe? Are you thankful when that not so nice guy cuts you off in traffic? No, you’re not. In those direct moments it’s almost impossible to say “thanks for that” unless you’re being sarcastic! It’s true it’s very hard, but, as I strive to teach our youth, when your relationship with Jesus is so intimate that you consider him a friend, it starts to get easier. I talk to Jesus like he is my best friend, he rides shotgun with me everywhere I go. Having Him in the front seat means I may not say thank you to the guy that cut me off, but I will watch my words and I will say thanks when I reach my destination safely. Having Jesus by my side constantly helps to put that thankfulness in the forefront of my mind. I’m thankful I wake up, thankful for my beautiful family, and thankful for my friends. I’m thankful that there are men and women brave enough to serve our cities and nation and keep us safe, I’m even thankful that I have the toe to stub! I’m thankful for this church that I have been a lifelong member of and now, proudly, am thankful that it is my job! I thank God because he steered me to my spot here with the youth and thankful that they keep me young and on my toes!! So, as you finish reading my thankful article look to your left, smile at Jesus your greatest of friends and give him a huge THANK YOU. Then keep him right there and talk to him like a friend. Then it not only makes it easier to turn to him in the tough times, but it’s even easier to turn to him in thanksgiving.



November Birthdays

11/04 - Esta Barnes
11/06 - Kora Hitchcock
11/07 - Cody Champion
11/07 - Tori Whitfield
11/10 - Zora Norton
11/12 - Patti Stephenson
11/13 - Michelle Cousineau
11/14 - Maureen Keller
11/14 - Mina Leonhart
11/14 - Denise Williams
11/16 - Landon Navarro
11/17 - Richard Christie
11/18 - Adolph 'A.F.' Supak
11/20 - Roger Clayton, Jr.
11/20 - Carson Noles
11/23 - Jo Morrison
11/24 - Kent Conner
11/24 - Karen Purdy
11/26 - Chip Latcham
11/27 - Emily Wallace

November Anniversary

11/14 - Gene & Tina Lawhon
11/16 - Jim & Barbara Baughman
11/16 - Ken & Linda Gusnowski
11/27 - Wayne & Glenda Voigt
11/28 - Tom & Penny Bagby

November Wesley Value Meals

- 11/05 - Chicken Tacos
 - 11/12 - Jambalaya
 - 11/19 - Chili & Fritos (Turkey Build)
 - 11/26 - NO MEAL TONIGHT
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November Events

11/02 & 11/05 - All Saints Remembrance
11/09 - Rev. Lauren Yates Guest Preaching
11/10 - CoM Meeting
11/11 - Methodist Men Meeting
11/15 - Methodist Women Luncheon
11/16 - St. John's Exodus
11/17 - Single Board Meeting
11/19 - Turkey Build at Wesley Value Meal
11/22 - Come Home for Christmas



St. John's Methodist Church

**Hanging of the
Greens Worship
Service**

Sunday, November 30, 2025
Sanctuary 5:00 PM

Reception after service 6:00 PM
in Family Life Center



St. John's Methodist Church History

St. John's has been a part of the Georgetown Community for over 140 years.

We started as a group of Swedish immigrants who joined together in their homes to study, worship and pray and built our first church building in 1882. At that time, we were known as the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Brushy Church (Svenska Metodistkyrkan at Brushy). The original church stood at the intersection of Westinghouse Road and FM 1460. Our church cemetery is still at this location.

In 1906 we moved to town, to our present home at 311 E. University Avenue, and in 1938 we changed our name to St. John's Methodist Church. In 1968, when the Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, St. John's became St. John's United Methodist Church.

In 2023, St. John's disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, changing our name to St. John's Methodist Church and joined the Global Methodist Church.

Come join us and share in our rich history and heritage of celebrating God's love.



ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH

MATCHING GRANT UPDATE

As of October 27, 2025

Funds to Match	\$50,000	
Total Funds Received to Date	\$61,138.70	122.28%
Funds received OVER the "Funds to Match"	\$11,138.70	22.28%



ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025 DATA

Table of income, expenses, and net total

	Church Activity YTD	Church Annual Budget
Income	\$446,946	\$541,848
Expenses	\$431,337	\$610,183
NET	\$15,609	(\$68,335)

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