

Bethany

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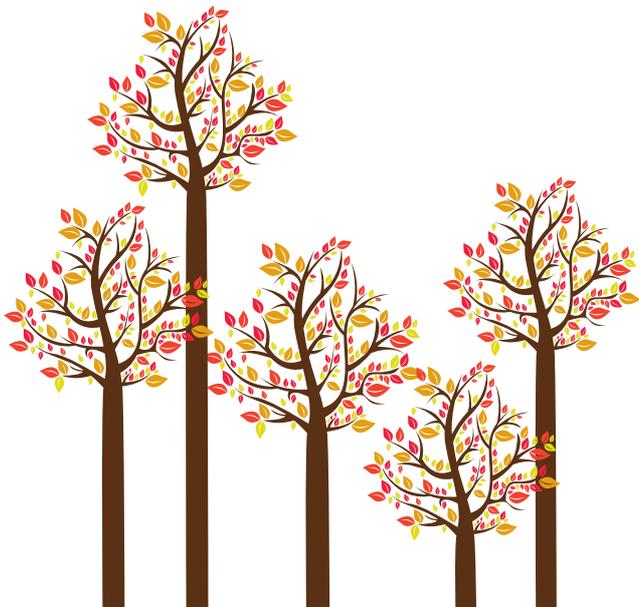
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The sweet month of October is here. October is a busy time for us United Methodists to connect this year. Like last October, again we connect virtually. Annual Conference for Mountain Sky Conference is in the middle of the month, and the United Methodist Women's meeting is at the beginning of the month. I look forward to connecting to the United Methodist church as a whole as we vote, hear updates, and share news. I am eager to hear Bishop Karen's preaching, and enjoy Zooming with my deacon colleagues. With everything going on, I hope to not be so busy that I can't take time to enjoy the bright leaves and autumn skies. Fall is a wonderful time to reflect, catch our breath, and take the next step.

For Bethany UMC we are slowly moving ahead - pipes need to be repaired, furnaces need to be replaced, and more and more advertising needs to be done to fill our mission center next summer. And, so, I take this time to breathe with you - breathe in the crispness of the season and of the challenges, breathe out our doubts and our fears, and then breathe in the love and grace of the Holy Spirit who permeates every cell of ourselves and our church. So, let's move into the new season, the sweet season of autumn and breathe deep. Amen.

Love, Pastor Denise

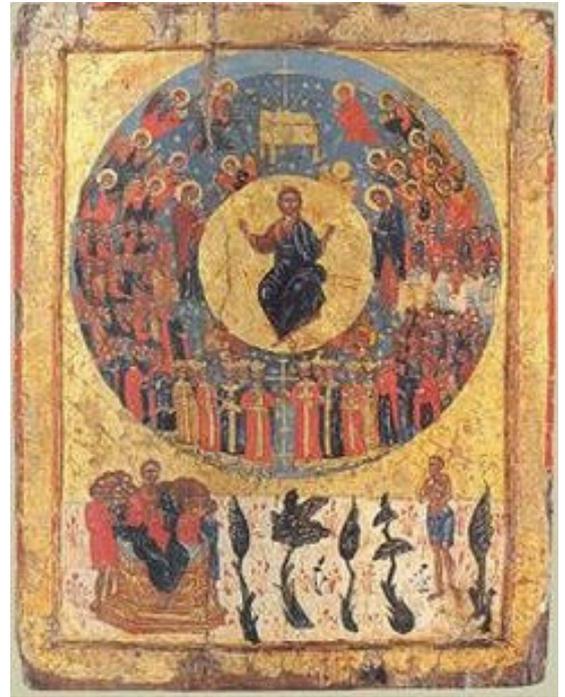


In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her “birthday” as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

All Saints' Day



All Church Conference

Sunday, December 5

2:00 p.m.

UMW Annual Meeting

October 9

**Pastor Denise will be
presenting the program
with Rev. Nani Arning.**

Bible Study

Calvary UMC has invited us to be part of Wednesday morning Bible study. Rev. Nani Arning leads the class. Since it is on Zoom, I invite anyone who would like to come to Bethany and participate with me on my computer to be here next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. If you would like a book (\$14), let me know and I will order one for you on Amazon.

The study is: The Difficult Words of Jesus by Amy Jill Levine

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

In The Difficult Words of Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.



All Saints Day Worship Service - October 31

This year's All Saints Day Worship is actually on All Hallows Eve, and we will celebrate our loved ones who are now part of the great cloud of witnesses.

Please bring a photo and a special object of the people you wish for us to all remember. We will place them on the altar and we will have a time for story telling.

October 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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11AM Worship

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World Teacher Day

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11AM Worship

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Indigenous Peoples day

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11AM Worship

Terry Thompson BIRTHDAY

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International Sloth Day

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Reptile Awareness day

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11AM Worship

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11AM Worship

Lectionary Readings

October 3, 2021

-Job 1:1, 2:1-10
-Psalm 26
-Genesis 2:18-24
-Psalm 8
-Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
-Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021

-Job 23:1-9, 16-17
-Psalm 22:1-15
-Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
-Psalm 90:12-17
-Hebrews 4:12-16
-Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021

-Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
-Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
-Isaiah 53:4-12
-Psalm 91:9-16
-Hebrews 5:1-10
-Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021

-Job 42:1-6, 10-17
-Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
-Jeremiah 31:7-9
-Psalm 126
-Hebrews 7:23-28
-Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021

-Ruth 1:1-18
-Psalm 146
-Deuteronomy 6:1-9
-Psalm 119:1-8
-Hebrews 9:11-14
-Mark 12:28-34

Liturgists

October 3, 2021

Lataine

October 10, 2021

Eva

October 17, 2021

Mary

October 24, 2021

Lataine

October 31, 2021

Eva

Our Bible Book of the Month is Job. We will delve into some of these scriptures of wisdom, and I encourage you to read as much as you can to get an idea of the good news there is in Job.