



November 2019

# Good News

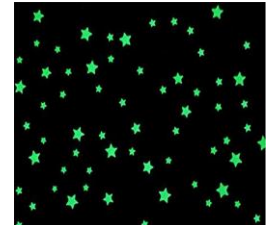
Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

## November 2019

- 11-3 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Education Mtg. Noon  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 11-4 Grace Circle 10:00
- 11-5 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 11-6 Soup Kitchen Noon  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 11-7 Pastor Barb Out of Office**
- 11-10 Council Mtg 8:45  
SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.  
**Pastor Barb on Vacation Nov 10-12**
- 11-12 Centering Prayer 8:30  
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 11-13 Oaks Hymn Sing 10:00  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 11-17 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Family Day Meal  
Mutual Ministry  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
Youth Group 5 p.m.
- 11-19 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 11-20 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 11-24 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evangelism Mtg Noon  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 11-26 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 11-27 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 11-28 **Thanksgiving Day**  
Lingle Room Reserved  
  
Office Closed until  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 11-30 Artists & Makers  
Market on Sumter St.  
8:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

### *Thanking God for Small Pleasures...*

Combining business with pleasure, Duck and I traveled across Georgia and up Alabama, heading for Tennessee, where we planned to pick up two motorcycles to sell. We drove till we were too tired to drive any more, and pulled into a motel in the middle of nowhere, looking for a good night's sleep.



From the outside of the place, we didn't expect much, but to our delight, when we dragged our bags into our no frills, non-descript room, we found that someone had painstakingly painted little stars all over the ceiling! And, when we turned out the lights, they glowed in the dark! We were immediately transported back in time to our first home, when we were first married, where we had stuck little glow-in-the-dark stars all over the ceiling of our bedroom. All of the good memories of our early years together flooded back; the cool night air blowing through the open window, the sheer curtains rising up to float like a ghost towards that star-studded ceiling, and us, falling asleep with smiles on our faces.

What were the chances that we would stumble onto that little blessing? We could not have planned it. Who would think to ask a motel if they had glow-in-the-dark stars on the ceiling before they booked the room? And, how many people before us actually *appreciated* it like *we* did, with our history of the things? It was a God moment for us. We pictured God, like a doting father, smiling as he waited for us to open the door and discover the little surprise he had planned for us, his beloved children. And we were grateful.

This is what Thanksgiving is all about. It's about taking child-like delight in the little, unexpected blessings that God dreams up all the time to please us, for no other reason than we belong to him, and he loves us. It's about paying attention so we don't miss those little gifts, then, taking the time to thank God for them.

This Thanksgiving Day, when you are sitting around the table with family or friends or enjoying a meal in blessed peace, alone with God, take a moment to remember times when God has surprised *you* with an unexpected blessing, and thank God for those small pleasures.

***Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor Barb <><***

*Unless you change and become like children,  
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 18:3*

## Serving Our Lord in November

<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Joe McNutt
<b>Ushers</b>	Grady English and Arthur Jackson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gail Coogle and Bobby Martin
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Jane Ethridge and Mary Haigler
<b>Kyrie</b>	Karen Coogle
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Ava Felker

### **Family Day Dinner: September November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Dale Godfrey, Arthur Jackson, Myrtle Joiner, Joseph & Joy McNutt, Billy & Ginny Martin, Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson

### **Coffee Hour:**

11-3 Gail Coogle	11-10 Mary Haigler
11-17 Jenny Brannan	11-24 Mary Jane Ethridge

### **Flowers:**

- 11-3** Karen Hatten to the glory of God in memory of Rick Hatten
- 11-10** Billy & Ginny Martin in loving memory of their parents
- 11-17** Billy & Ginny Martin in honor of their children and grandchildren
- 11-24** David & Mary Haigler in honor of their grandchildren, Ava and Emma Felker

**Soup Kitchen: Soup Kitchen, November 6th, Dale Godfrey**

### **Sunday School Teachers:**

- K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Angela Cannon
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Susan Martin
- Adult Class Lingle Room** – David Haigler/Jon Coogle
- Adult Class Conference Room** – Wendi Martin

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

11-4 Brett Collier	11-13 Tony Webb
11-8 Langdon Wood	11-14 Dolcie Choppla
11-13 Herbert Coogle	11-15 Jon Coogle
11-13 Freddy & Mary Jane Virden	11-20 Debra Coogle
11-13 Mary Kay Watson	11-30 Gulshanprem Choppla

## **Walk Thru Bethlehem presents “A Musical Nativity”**

Last year’s *Musical Nativity* was well received, and The Walk Thru Bethlehem group is making plans to do it again this year! The musical will be held on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m. at the Preston Williams Center in Montezuma. The Walk Thru Bethlehem script is being adapted to be presented on stage. 25 cast members and a joint choir will be recruited from members of all participating churches.

Mt. Zion – St. Luke will participate again this year in this excellent outreach ministry, telling the story of Jesus’ birth through song. Each church’s choir will rehearse the songs at their home church, and then come together for one joint rehearsal. If you would like to sing in the choir, rehearsals are at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary. Set-up, clean-up and behind the scene helpers are needed. If you would like to help with this ministry event in this way, contact Mary Haigler at 478-244-9726

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## **Artists and Makers Market November 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

The Artists and Makers Market will take place on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and the vendors will be offering great merchandise with Christmas gifts in mind! The other businesses in town will also be open for your shopping pleasure. So, come join us in downtown Oglethorpe on Sumter Street, starting at 8:00 a.m!

Deer Dash 5k Run/Walk will be the same morning starting at 9:00 a.m. In addition, the Boys & Girls Club art contest will take place on this day. If you want to donate loose change to that project, all proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls Club.

Natalie Bradley, Downtown Development Authority Director

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## **Tree Lighting Ceremony in Oglethorpe**

Be sure and join in the fun of the Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall on the evening of Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be Christmas music and a sing-a-long of Christmas Carols led by area church choirs, a chance to visit with Santa, and of course, cocoa and cookies! So, come on out and have some fun while you support your community!

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## **Christ the King Sunday and Advent, 2019**

Long ago, Christ came to live among us as a tiny baby. He lived, suffered, died, was raised again, and returned to live and rule at the right hand of the father. We celebrate his reign on Christ the King Sunday, (November 24<sup>th</sup> this year), which marks the end of the Church year.



The following Sunday, (December 1<sup>st</sup> this year), begins a new Church Year, with the season of Advent. Advent means “coming.” It is the season in which we remember that we are waiting with anticipation for the day when the Lord will come again in all his glory, to take us to live with him in heaven, forever.

Advent is the time in which we prepare our hearts for our Lord’s second coming. It is our tradition at MZSL to observe the season of Advent with either a worship service or an activity in the Lingle Room on the Wednesday evenings that fall in Advent. This year, we will gather in the Lingle Room at 6:30 on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for a simple meal, followed by an intergenerational activity. We will learn about and make a Jesse Tree. This will be fun for all ages, so be sure and mark your calendars and bring your family and friends!



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3 <b>All Saints Day</b> SS/Worship 11 a.m.  Education Meeting Noon  Youth Group 5 p.m.	4 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.   Brett Collier	5 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.	6 Soup Kitchen Noon  Bible Study 7:00 pm	7 <b>Pastor Barb            out of Office</b>	8    Langdon Wood	9
10 Council Meeting 8:45 SS/Service of the Word 11 a.m.  Youth Group 5 p.m.  <b>Pastor Barb on            Vacation</b>	11    <b>Pastor Barb on            Vacation</b>	12 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.  Quilting 10:00 a	13 The Oaks 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Herbert Coogle Freddy & Mary Jane Virden  Mary Kay Watson Tony Webb	14    Dolcie Choppla	15    Jon Coogle	16
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## PRAYER LIST

***Please Pray for Members:*** Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, (Mary Hammock's family - Georgina, Marianna, and David Vanidour), Emily Harvill, Sharon Martin; Zack Martin, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, for our college students, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

***For Friends and Family:*** Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Cuyler Barr, Gene Bradley, Charles Cannon, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, John "Soup Bone" Corley; Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Bob Futrell, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Diane Greg; Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Joseph Hill, Larry Hobbes, Ty Hobbes, Elizabeth Homer Bobby Hosley, Bobby Hudson, Connie Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Greg Kirk, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Corby McClure; Bob Melvin; Crystal Miller, Charlene Oliver, Leigh Powel, Tiffany Richards, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Douglas Smith, Celeste Trilla; Jacob Vickers and Lisa Vissage.

***Serving Our Nation:*** John Edwards.