



We Are One at the Cross...

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Letter from Pastor Clay Allard: For All the Saints

November begins with my favorite day, All Saints' Day. It shows just how twisted we have become that we no longer celebrate All Saints' Day—we celebrate the preparation day, All Hallows' Eve, when all the evil spirits have to vacate town because the Saints are marching in. On their way out of town, they "haunt" neighbors by knocking on doors and threatening, "trick—or treat!"

All Saints' Day is the reminder of just how deep, broad, and wide is the loving will of our Creator God. Think of all the times and ways that individuals and nations have come to the end of themselves; empires have risen and fallen, individual fortunes rise and fall. But the love of God in Christ is still shaping, redeeming, healing and changing the world one soul at a time.

The longer I live, the more faces I see in the heavenly choir of witnesses to God's goodness. This world becomes less and less comfortable to me, and the call of that heavenly music becomes more and more my home.

This November, we welcome our confirmation class into that heavenly choir, as they confess their faith, the faith of the Church, in worship on November 11, when we will have **ONE SERVICE ONLY** at 11:00am. Also, on that day, we will have Family Feast, with entertainment provided by the youth of OCPC, who will be putting on a Talent Show. Please come and support these newest souls in our faith community! Bring a dish to share, and rejoice with them!

November 18, the next Sunday, is our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner here at OCPC after our 11:00 worship service. Please see page 3 for suggestions about what to bring for lunch. We are blessed beyond our understanding. Take your place among the Saints! It is an old children's hymn, but it is still the desire of my heart—"They were all of them Saints of God, and I mean, God help me, to be one too."

OCPC Staff:

 Clayton F. Allard II – Senior Pastor
 Rodney Rhoden – Parish Associate
 Linda Searight – Minister of Music
 Marlene Asbjornson – Finance Sec.
 Carlos Powell – Custodian
 Myrtle White – Treasurer
 Jimmie Gardner – Nursery Attendant

November Communion Servers:

9:30am – David Griffin, Jesse Lozano, Ramona Jackson, Juliet Tennison
 11:00am – Mary & Milton Watkin, Kathryn Barton, James Blackwell,
 Jan Sheppard, Pattie Westerlage

November Ushers: help needed

Gratitude: “Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.” W.T. Purkiser



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS:

Bring the item associated with the first letter of your last name.

Put in boxes at back of Fellowship Hall by **Nov 11th**.

A – D	INSTANT POTATOES
E – H	CRANBERRIES AND/OR TURKEY GRAVY
I – L	CAKE MIX AND/OR ICING
M – P	CANNED YAMS OR SWEET POTATOES
Q – T	STUFFING MIX
U – Z	GREEN BEANS

And/Or money for turkeys!

If you know of anyone in need of assistance for Thanksgiving dinner, notify the office, Rodney Rhoden, or a deacon.

“Food, in the end, in our own tradition, is something holy... it's about sharing. It's about honesty. It's about identity.” Louise Fresco



NEED DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR THE HOMELESS in November

Knit hat & gloves, plastic poncho, chap-stick, toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable razors, comb, small hand sanitizer, deodorant, hotel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, small flashlight w/batteries, small umbrella, small Bible, note pads, stamps, hard candy or gum, pencil sharpener, fast food gift cards (\$5 or less) or the best donation: tube socks (needed year round and not donated enough!)

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 28 Voting 1 – 5 pm 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Help set up for Halloween	29 EARLY VOTING AT OCPC 7-7 6pm Elder/Deacon dinner	30 EARLY VOTING AT OCPC 7-7 9:15am ESL Classes	31 Voting 7-7 5:00 pm Praise Team 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 7:30 confirmation class HALLOWEEN Party for ALL 7 – 9 PM	1 EARLY VOTING AT OCPC 7-7 9:15am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do 6:30pm Prayers for Peace	2 EARLY VOTING AT OCPC ends today 7-7	3  TIME CHANGE Turn back your clocks 1 hour
4 9:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 12:30 Bldg & Grounds	5 Meals on Wheels this week M-F	6 9:15am ESL Classes 11am PW CT	7 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir 7:30 confirmation class	8 9:15am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do	9 6:30-9:30 Youth Movie Night	10 PW Breakfast at Bridge 9-3 My Faith Family Youth Assist
11 VETERANS DAY 9:30 Life Together & Other Sunday School 11:00 YOUTH WORSHIP Only one worship Honor Veterans FAMILY FEAST Youth Talent Show	12	13 9:15am ESL Classes 10am PW Circles 5pm Worship Committee 7pm PW Evening Circle	14 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir 7:30 confirmation class	15 9:15am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do	16 11:00am Sassy Chicks	17
18 PLEDGE SUNDAY 9:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Thanksgiving FEAST Bring a dish; rolls & turkey are provided Session mtg after	19	20	21	 Give Thanks Always to God	23	24 Decorate your house today and the church next Saturday!!
25 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday Schools 11:00 Traditional Worship	26	27 10am Together in Mission PW	28 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6 pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir 7:30 confirmation class	29 9:15am ESL Classes 10:30 6pm Tae Kwon Do	30 PW decorate Chrismon tree	Dec 1  10 AM DECORATE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting in December, watch for date! It will be after 11:00 service and its purpose is to review the Pastor's call & elect Elders & Deacons for 2018-2020



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Address Service Requested

November Birthdays



5 Tim Freeman
5 Jan Sheppard
7 Robyn Okra
8 Josh Brining
11 Patricia Jackson
11 Nate Ross
12 Deshawn Parker
13 Clay Allard

17 Charles Green
19 Gloria Beavers
20 Ted Gardea
21 Dorothy Chambers Hayes
21 TJ (Timothy, Jr) Freeman
23 Lonnie Mulkey
23 Lori Varner
24 Phillip Dwinnell