

Sunset Rays

The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church

November 2021

Newsletter for **SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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"All Saints Sunday"

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The One who sits on the throne said, 'I make all things new!
I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'"
(Revelation 12:1,5-6)*

A little girl was blind from birth. Her mother would sit with her at the window and describe what she saw. In the spring she spoke of the tulips pushing out of the ground, the budding trees, the greening grass. In the summer she described the fullness of the vegetation, the squirrels playing in the trees and when fall came around she described the changing colors of the leaves, and the wispy clouds. The winter brought on drifting snows and frost on the window pane. The little girl had an operation on her eyes, and she could see. When her mother came into the room, she said, "Mother, why didn't you tell me it was beautiful?" Her mother answered, "Honey, I tried, but I guess my words just weren't up to it." When we lose someone close to us there are really no brilliant words which can do justice to the occasion. Our words just aren't up to it. As we mourn our loss, it is difficult for us to see beyond the moment death clouds our vision. It takes time for acceptance to begin and for hope to be restored. We grieve because we loved. Our grief is simply an expression of love. You know as believers, as Christians, physical death is merely the grand pause in life. We see our loved one moving from earthly life to heavenly life. In time we are even able to view heaven through the visionary eyes of Saint John writings from the Island of Patmos. John sees the saints sitting around the throne of God. They are happy. And God himself descends from his throne and wipes away every tear from their eyes, proclaiming that there is no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever. Now, looking very hard, we see him. We see her. Our loved one who has gone before. And we see it. There on his head sits the crown – the crown of everlasting life. You see, there are no obituaries in heaven – only life with God forever!

(adapted: from John H. Krahn)

THIS COMING All Saints Sunday , November 7th, we will worship God and remember those who lived among us but who have now gone to be with the Lord in heaven. We will celebrate their lives and share in Jesus' Holy Communion. Come, let us gather together for a Holy Meal, praise the Almighty and remember our friends and loved ones.

Pastor Tom

Upcoming Church Events

- **October Administrative Council meeting** in Monday, November 15th at 7pm.
- **Sunset Drives Ladies** will meet on Thursday, November 18th at 6:30pm.
- **December Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, November 23rd . Please have all information to church office.
- **November Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, November 23rd



Daylight Savings Time ends



Sunday, November 7th

Keep current with News & Events

submitted by Barry Davis

A friendly reminder that you can find an up-to-date calendar, bulletins, sermons, newsletters, upcoming events and online giving information on our website. Please take a few minutes and browse the site to see what's there. You'll be surprised at how much information is right at your fingertips.

If you have any comments or suggestions about how we can improve our website or our Facebook page, please feel free to contact me at barry8360@yahoo.com

Our website: <https://www.sunsetdriveumc.com>

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sunsetdriveumc>

Prayer List

Our Church Family ...

Lois Dinges
Phyllis Fidler
Kathryn Ford
Dot Gladden
Rosemary Mumaw
Richard and Kathy Sharpe

Our "Extended" Church Family ...

Anthony Rhodes

Prayers for Our Military Families

Will Freds: U.S Army (son-in- law of CW and Peggy Grandle)
Mark Long: U.S Navy (son of Dawn Long)
Chris Mullenax: U.S Army Special Forces
Richard Ruley: US Air Force (great nephew of Michael and Esther Malloy)



In Sympathy

- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to David Peoples and family. David's sister, Anita passed away on Thursday, October 7th.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Mike Dick and family. Mike's brother in law, Ollie Green passed away on Friday, October 22nd.

A Wesleyan Adventure

There is still a few session left, you through November 10th , on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, you are invited to be part of a unique Wesleyan experience as we seek "a way of holy living" as we examine Christian practices of "Doing No Harm, Doing Good, and Staying in Love with God." We would love to have you!!! Pastor Tom

Honoring Our Military Personnel

- **Jim Branner**, U.S Army- served 1957-1960
- **Trey W Carter**, Special Forces
- **Orville Collins**, U.S Army- served 1966-1968
- **Roger Conner**, U.S Army- served from 1966 to 1968
- **Cathy E. Crist**, U.S Air Force- served from 1980-1984
- **Jonathan DeValle**, U.S Army- served 12 to 14 years
- **Sarah DeValle**, U.S Army- served 12 to 14 years
- **Ronnie Dove**, U.S Army- served from 1966 to 1968
- **Will B Freds**, U.S Army- served from 1997 to present
- **Warren S Garrett**, U.S Army- served from 1956 to 1958
- **Our Dads: Jody Grandle and Bill Hulvey**
- **Guy G Getz**, U.S Army- served from 1953 to 1955
- **Bill Gutschmidt**, U.S Army- served from June 1962 to June 1965
- **Mark Hadley**, U.S Navy- served from 1991 to present
- **Doug Harpine**, U.S Army- served from 1973-1976
- **Carl Grey Hoover**, U.S Army - served from 1951-1952
- **Elwood Hoover**, U.S Army- served from 1943 to 1973
- **Bill Hulvey**, U.S Army- served from 1941 to 1945
- **Glen Hulvey**, U.S Army- served from 1951 to 1953
- **Richard Jacksie**, U.S Army and U.S Air Force- served 7 years
- **David Lee**, U.S Army- currently serving
- **John T. Long**, U.S Air Force- served from 1966-1973
- **Mark E. Long**, U.S Navy- served from 2000 to present
- **Chris Mullenax**- U.S Army Special Forces- currently serving
- **Phillip Mumaw**, U.S Navy- served from 2012 to present
- **Pastor Tom Murphy**, Chaplin, U.S Army- served from 1972-1975
- **Meridith Rhodes Peele**, U.S Air Force- served from 2002 to 2008
- **Sterling Peele**, U.S Army- served from 1997 to 2009
- **David Peoples**, U.S Air Force- served from 1957 to 1961
- **Lester W. Pettigrew**, U.S. Army- served from 1953-1955
- Bruce and Donna Price: **Our Fathers and Uncles**, U.S Army, U.S Air Force, U.S Navy- served from 1950 to 1953
- **F.L. "Diz" Proctor**, U.S Army - Served 1943 to 1945
- **Richard Ruley**, U.S. Air Force- currently serving
- **Wayne R. Runion**, U.S Army- served from 1951-1953
- **Gerald Selke**, U.S Air Force- served 2 years
- **Steve Shifflett**, U.S Marine Corp- served from 1969 to 1971
- **Paul Showalter**, U.S Army- served from 1952-1958
- **Tim Slutman**, U.S Army- currently serving
- **Kenneth Thomas**, U.S Army- served from 1951-1953
- **Wilton Thomas**, U.S Army- served from 1967-1987
- **Dennis Turner**, U.S Army- served from 1971-1973
- **Garnett R. Turner**, U.S Navy-served from 1943-1946
- **Miles Turner**, U.S Army- served from 1955 to 1957
- **Wayne Turner**, U.S Army- served from 1952 to 1954
- **Robert D Wenger**, U.S Air Force- served 20 years



Meals on Wheels

Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS) is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound older adults living in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Meal delivery days are Monday and Wednesday each week. Meals are picked up at 10:00 at "A Bowl of Good" in Harrisonburg on Mt. Clinton Pike. Routes take an hour to an hour and a half to complete. Volunteers use their personal vehicles and are not reimbursed for travel expenses. Training is provided and background checks are required. Practices are in place for safe meal delivery. If you would like more information or a volunteer application packet, please email lauraw@vpas.info or call 540-433-2893

Monthly Newsletter

Do you have any suggestions or ideas for information you would like to see in the monthly Newsletter? Please contact the church office at office@sunsetdriveumc.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had to suspend their knitting get-togethers during the pandemic. Now that the VAUMC has eased up their COVID-19 restrictions, some folks are interested in dusting the cobwebs off their knitting needles and wrapping yarn around them once again. Anyone can participate, no experience required. Needles, yarn, lessons and laughs are all supplied. Over the years, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has reached out to many of our own church members as well as to our extended family and friends. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ministry, please let us know. Thank you

submitted by Bev Thompson



Kingsway Apple Tree Project

Kingsway Prison Ministries is once again starting to collect Christmas gifts for children in the Valley who have a parent who is incarcerated. We have many children in the Broadway/Timberville area who are served by this project. There is a Christmas tree in the narthex with tags containing a child's name and a gift suggestion on it. Please take an "apple" off the tree, sign your name on the clipboard and bring in an unwrapped gift for that child. You don't have to buy the suggested gift; anything age-appropriate is fine. We are so blessed here at Sunset Drive; let this be an opportunity for us to pass along these blessings. The deadline to return presents is *Sunday, November 28th*

They are also looking for donations for the incarcerated parents:
1 6oz tube of toothpaste (any kind) and
wide-ruled 5" x8" writing pads.

Hygiene Closet

submitted by Lacey Roberts

We are helping a teacher at JCMES start a Hygiene Closet here at school. We will be collecting items starting next week for students in need at the school. There will be a box placed in the Narthex but if you have any questions, please contact Lacey Roberts or Jodi Clarke. The list of the items needed are on the bulletin board or on the flyers in the Narthex. Thank you, and thanks for donating to such a special cause at our local elementary school.

October Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the September Word Search.

Donna Belle Dove

Ronnie Dove

Lisa Thacker

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

submitted by Judy Post

We are continuing to get back to normal during our worship time here at Sunset Drive UMC. With that in mind, plans are in the making to have the Poinsettia tree in the narthex this year as in previously done. You can purchase them "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" Order forms will begin in the Sunday, November 14th bulletin. Cost of each Poinsettia is \$12.00. Please make check payable to: SDUMC "Flower Fund". There is a limited number of poinsettias ordered. Please get your order in early to insure you get the poinsettia you want. FIRM Deadline of Sunday, December 5th. No order will be taken after that date.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, donated, and worked on the Harvest Day this past Sunday!! Sooo many kids at school are still talking about the hay ride!!! Again, thank you for cooking, working the stations, serving, and cleaning up afterwards!!!

Just a reminder that if you would like to give a donation towards pies or anything left over, please write "youth" in the memo so Sue can keep it in the correct accounts. There is still a pack of hotdogs in the fridge if anyone would like to donate a small amount for them!

Again, grateful for your time and for all of Sunset people for making this a fun event!!

Enjoy your afternoon,

Lacey

Pictures from the Harvest Festival



Happy Birthday

November

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 2 Robbie White, Jackson Freds
- 7 Tom Murphy,, Lois Dinges
- 8 Logan Jordan
- 9 Lowell Fulk
- 11 Sharon Krantz
- 12 Terry Bowman
- 13 Sheila Runion
- 16 Donna Belle Dove
- 18 Micki Peoples
- 19 Chris Hoover
- 20 Preston Cupp
- 22 William Freds, Angie Coffman
- 24 Christie Sengul- Dove
- 28 Sarah Fulk



Happy Anniversary

November

- 21 Chris and Karen Hoover



Happy Birthday

December

- 1 Dawn Murray
- 2 Elizabeth Reeves
- 3 Ken Reeves
- 5 Becky Hoover Harris
- 7 Phyllis Mason
- 8 Hilda Runion
- 10 Brian Craig
- 12 Jaxen Phillips
- 13 David Lee
- 15 Kay Powell
- 17 Gavin Halterman
- 18 Matt Clarke, Natalie Craig, Richard Sharpe, Jess Coffman
- 19 Steve Shifflett
- 20 Will Freds
- 22 Cricket Driver
- 23 Dianne Fulk, Heidi Jordan
- 27 Grayson Hawkins, Bruce Price
- 28 Jeremy Turner, Zach Roberts
- 30 Donna Tinsley
- 31 Lowell Turner

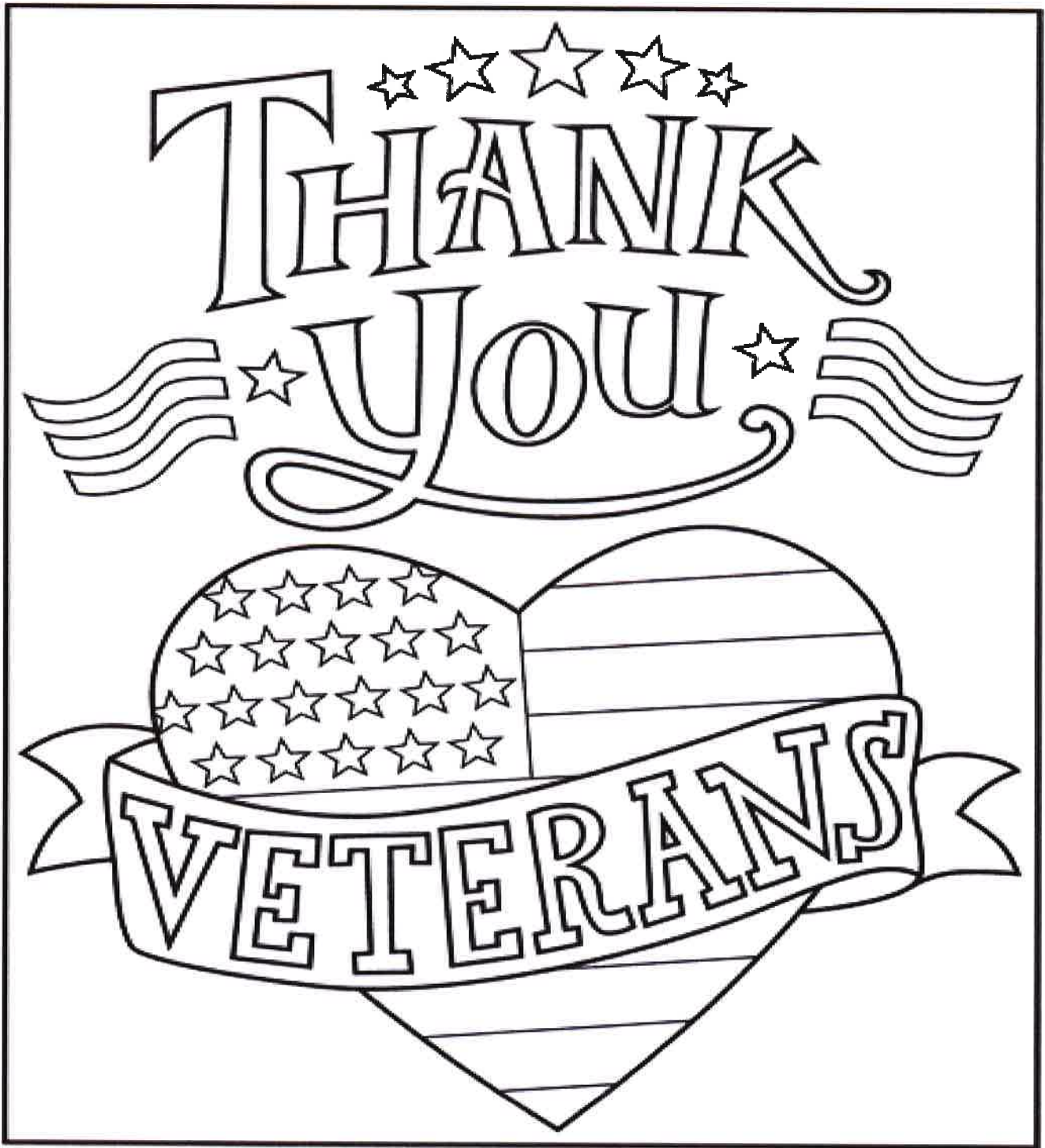


Happy Anniversary

December

- 17 Larry and Kay Bowman
- 23 Sterling and Meredith Peele
- 31 Dave and Micki Peoples

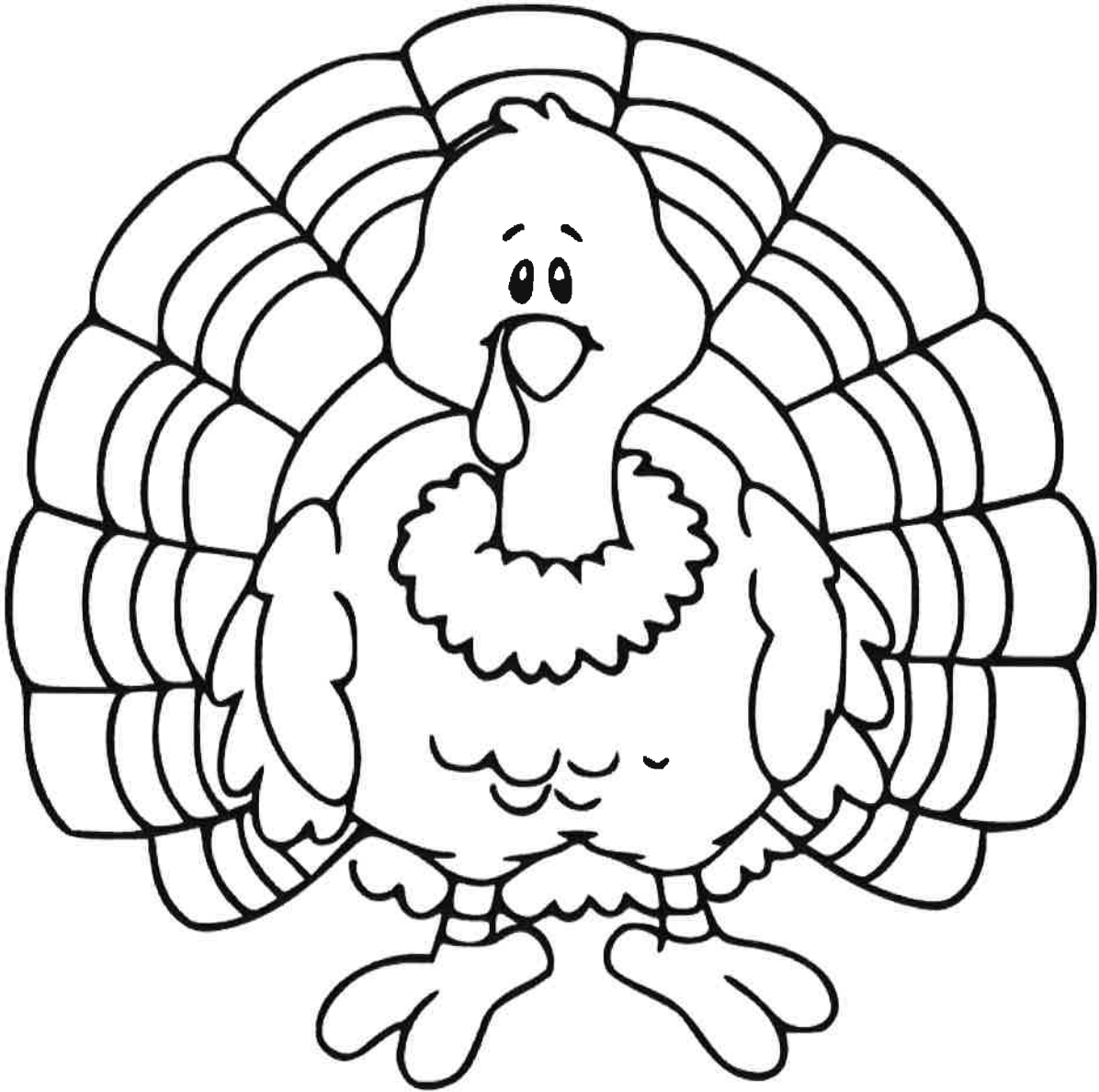




Name: _____

Please color and return to Sunset Drive. There will be a box in the narthex to leave your coloring page. These will be displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex along with a list of Our Veterans and Active Military Personnel.

Happy Thanksgiving



I am Thankful for:

Name: _____

Please color and return to Sunset Drive. There will be a box in the narthex to leave your coloring page. We will have coloring pages displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Watch for new coloring or activity pages next month Newsletter. Open to all ages.

Everything November

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- Airforce
- Apple Pie
- Army
- Blessed
- Coast Guard
- Fall Back
- Family
- Marines
- Memories
- Navy
- Pilgrims
- Plymouth Rock
- Pumpkin Pie
- Service
- Stuffing
- Thankful
- Thanksgiving
- Turkey
- Veteran
- Vote

Name: _____

Please return to Sunset Drive by November 23rd. Those who complete the word search will be listed in November's Newsletter. There will be a box in the narthex to return your word search. Watch for new coloring or activity pages next month Newsletter. Open to all ages.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7 ***see notes All Saint's Sunday Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	9	10 "A Wesleyan Adventure" Bible Study 6:30pm	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	
14 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am Pointsetta orders begin	15 Administrative Council 7pm	16	17	18 Sunset Drive Ladies' Ministry Meeting 6:30pm	19	20
21 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am Wilton Thomas Memorial Service	22	23 November Newsletter Information due Wordsearch due	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26	27
28 First Sunday of Advent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am Kingsway Gifts Due	29	30	NOTES: November 7th: Daylight savings time ends:			