Dear United Church Members and Friends,

This Sunday is All Saints' Day, when we remember those who died this past year (since last All Saints' Day) and entered God's glory as members of the great cloud of witnesses. We will offer a prayer near the end of the service and say the names of those members of The United Church we lost this year. We are also invited to remember and give thanks for those people in our lives from past years. A candle will be lit for each member named aloud.

Our reading this Sunday is that chapter of great hope near the end of Revelation (and the Bible!) when the writer—identified as "John"—describes his vision of seeing "a new heaven and a new earth" and the "new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven". It is an arduous and confusing journey to read all of Revelation up to Chapter 21. But there is no denying the hope and glory of the verses we'll read. There is mystery, however. This vision presents what painters, composers, poets and preachers have tried to describe and express throughout the ages; and what believers have tried to grasp through listening and imagination. But it is something that is beyond all description, artful expression, comprehension and imagination! Because what we see and know about life around us will all be gone. What replaces it is inconceivably "new"! Nevertheless, this text is part of the biblical canon and God's word of truth and hope to us. It is a reading and a vision we've been given in this life… that we have the privilege of receiving—despite all its mystery that words, hymns, stained glass windows, and sermons can only point.

Join us for worship this Communion Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary or online at Unitedchurchla.org.
Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-5
Sermon: "No More"

TIME CHANGE: Set your clocks BACK on Saturday night!

Classes begin at 11am.
The adult class will meet in the CE Lounge.
The John class will begin meeting again next Sunday, November 8th.

Trunk or Treat is TODAY from 4-6pm in the church west parking lot.

All-Church Work Party is TOMORROW, Saturday, October 31st from 9am to 12noon (meet on the church plaza).

Grace and peace,
David