



Deacons of the Month

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Supper
6:00 p.m.
(reservation required)
6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
Youth and Children

Committee Meetings
7:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Nov 17—24. Have your shoeboxes at the church by Thursday November 13						<i>1 Ste your clocks back one hour tonight before you go to bed.</i> 
<i>2 Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m.</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship	<i>3</i> 12:30 pm Lydia Kitchin Circle 6:30 pm Brotherhood Supper	<i>4 Election Day</i>  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>5</i> 6:00 pm Family Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study 6:30 pm Children and Youth	<i>6 Saxophone Day</i> 	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> 9:30 pm Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship	<i>10 USMC Day</i> 	<i>11 Veterans Day</i>  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>12</i> 6:00 pm Family Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study 6:30 pm Children and Youth 7:30 pm Finance Committee	<i>13</i>	<i>14 National Pickle Day</i> 	<i>15</i>
<i>16 Baptist Children's Home Sunday</i> 9:30 pm Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Dedication of OCC shoeboxes	<i>17</i> 	<i>18</i> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>18</i> 6:00 PM Family Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study 6:30 pm Children and Youth 7:30 pm Deacons' Meeting	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> 9:30 pm Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Svc/Episcopal Church	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>26</i> 6:00 pm Family Supper 6:30 pm Children and Youth 7:30 pm Church in Conference	<i>27 Church office closed</i> 	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30 Advent: Hope</i> 9:30 pm Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship						

SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.

USMC Day—November 10

This day celebrates the birth of the U.S. Marine Corp. On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Marines. It was later named the U. S. Marine Corps with the acronym USMC. The Marines have proudly participated in every U.S. war since their creation. If you see a Marine today, thank them for their efforts in protecting our country. Active, veteran or retired, they deserve our appreciation! Semper fi! (Always faithful!)



Take Me to the River

God often works in unexpected ways. Just ask Naaman, the army commander in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Stricken with leprosy, he traveled to Israel seeking healing from the prophet Elisha. Instead of an impressive display or a grand ceremony, Elisha sent word for him to simply wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was not impressed. “Aren’t the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?” he asked. Why bathe in a foreign, muddy river when the clean, sparkling rivers of home were far more appealing? It didn’t make sense. Yet what seemed absurd became the very path to his healing.

We may not be told to wade into an actual river, but we all face “Jordan moments” in life — times when God calls us to take a step that feels uncomfortable, humbling or completely illogical. It is in those moments that trust and obedience matter most.

Naaman’s story reminds us that God’s power is not limited by appearances or human reasoning. Sometimes the action that feels least likely to work is the one that opens the door to blessing. When God invites you to take the plunge, step into the water. You may find healing and hope waiting there.

—adapted from *Homiletics.com*



North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival
Nov 15, 25—Jan 11, 26

Koka Booth Amphitheatre in Cary lights up again when the Chinese Lantern Festival returns. The cultural festival is heading into its 8th year with larger-than-life displays and evenings filled with cultural performances, music, hot cocoa, and more fun.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Crockpot Lasagna Soup



1 1/2 lbs lean ground beef
6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
3/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper, divided

1 1/2 C finely chopped
yellow onions

1 1/2 tsp salt, divided

6 C beef broth
1 15-oz can diced tomatoes, drained
1/4 tsp crushed red pepper

1 24-oz jar marinara sauce

1 6-oz can Italian tomato paste

8 oz uncooked lasagna noodles—broken into 1 3/4 inch pieces (8-9 sheets)
2 C fresh baby spinach, chopped

1 15 oz container whole milk ricotta cheese
additional red pepper and freshly grated Parmesan cheese for garnish

Cook ground beef, onion, garlic, 1/2 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp pepper in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook until beef is done and onions softened. Transfer to 6-quart slow cooker.

Stir in broth, marinara sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, red pepper, remaining 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper until combined. Cover and cook on LOW until soup is just slightly thickened, about 4 hours, or on HIGH for 2 hours.

Stir lasagna noodles into crockpot until they are submerged in liquid. Cover and Cook on HIGH until pasta is al dente, about 30 minutes.

Stir in spinach the last 5 minutes of cooking. Serve with a dollop of ricotta and garnish with freshly grated parmesan cheese and additional red pepper.

For gluten free, try it with gluten free spaghetti or macaroni.



Saxophone Day - November 6

The Sax is a classical brass wind instrument. It is an essential instrument in jazz bands, symphonic bands, marching bands, and more. It’s only fitting that this great instrument has a day of recognition all to its own.

The Saxophone was invented around 1840. It was created by Adolphe Sax, a Belgian musical instrument maker. The sax is made of brass.

Adolphe Sax, born November 6, 1814, invented 8 types of saxophones: Sopranino, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, Bass, Contrabass, and Subcontrabass.

The first Saxophone ever created was the Bass Saxophone.

The 9th type of Saxophone, the Soprillo Saxophone, was invented in 2004. It is the smallest Sax.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master’s money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

5 x 3 = 15

6 x 6 = 36

7 x 4 = 28

9 x 3 = 27

4 x 6 = 24

3 x 8 = 24

2 x 10 = 20

10 x 4 = 40

9 x 5 = 45

11 x 8 = 88

KEY		
A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV