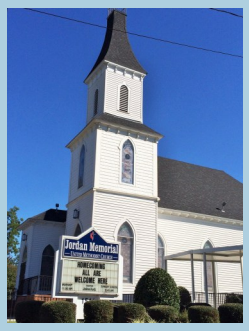
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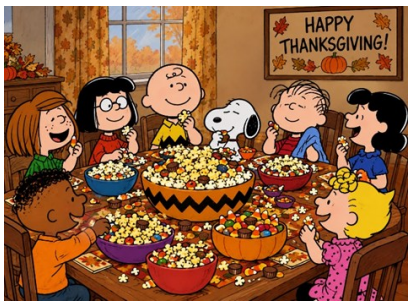
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By the time you read this, the midterm elections will either be underway or just behind us. Maybe the results went the way you hoped. Maybe they didn't. Either way, there's a good chance you're feeling something strong, whether relief, disappointment, energy, or plain exhaustion. Politics has a way of dividing us, sometimes even at the dinner table, and sometimes even in the pew. The question for us as a church and as a community is what do we do now? I believe our beloved Peanuts characters have something to offer us as we think through what we do next.

As we continue our Parables of the Peanuts, I want to stop and look at the characters Charles Shultz gave us to see if there is something we can learn from them. Think about who is in that neighborhood. Charlie Brown is a lovable worrier. Lucy is certain she's right about everything. Linus carries his security blanket and his theology. Peppermint Patty is loud, loyal, and often wrong about the details. Schroeder would be happy if everyone just let him play his piano. Pigpen can be recognized by the cloud of dust that follows him everywhere, and then there's Snoopy, who lives by his own rules and is still somehow part of the family. They don't agree. They argue over who's the better pitcher, what things mean, and whose turn it is. Yet they keep showing up at the same ball field, the same pumpkin patch, and the same table.

Franklin joined the gang in 1968, when Charles Schulz added him to the strip in a time of deep national pain and division. He wasn't introduced as a lesson. He was just a kid on a beach who helped Charlie Brown find his ball, and then he was a friend. The circle got wider, and nobody had to give up who they were to fit in it. In *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, Peppermint Patty invites herself and her friends to Charlie Brown's house for dinner. It's a little presumptuous and messy. The meal is a disaster, with toast, popcorn, and jellybeans on a ping-pong table. Charlie Brown, who never meant to host anyone, ends up with a full table anyway. The dinner isn't perfect, but everyone is there, and it's good.

That's the picture I'd like us to carry out of this election season. When we disagree, the easy move is to shrink the circle. We stop listening, and we decide that those who see things differently must be foolish or worse. The harder and holier move is to widen the circle. Paul writes in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, in order to bring praise to God." Notice that Christ didn't welcome us because we'd earned it, agreed with him, or voted the right way. He welcomed us in the middle of our mess, and he asks us to do the same for each other. This is how

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Please send mail and pray for our Homebound

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Dear IMPACT Ramseur

Thank you so much for building Doris Burgess ramp! She is so pleased and feels much safer getting in and out of her home.

Thank you for sharing God's Love with Seniors in your area!

Blessings, Connie Russel, NC BAM



Thank you for all the cards and tokens of love that were expressed for Pastor's Appreciation Month, we are truly blessed!

Pastors Chris and Jaidy

Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser

Please mark your calendars for December 6 for a hot dog lunch fundraiser following the church service. All donations will be designated towards completing our 2026 Apportionment. Look forward to seeing YOU.

Announcements!

Leadership Team Meeting	Sunday Nov 1st at 4:00 PM
SPRC Meeting	Sunday Nov 15th 3:00 PM
Care Team	Wednesday Nov 18th 10:00 AM

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we praise God. Not just with hymns and prayers, but by living in unity with one another.

Our differences are not a threat to the body of Christ. Paul reminds us that the body has many parts, and the eye can't tell the hand it has no need of it. The neighbor who sees the world differently may be the very person God uses to stretch your thinking, soften your heart, or show you something you would never have seen alone. Our diversity of thought can help us grow, if we're humble enough to let it. None of this means pretending we don't care or that convictions don't matter. Lucy and Linus will never fully agree, and they don't have to. What holds them together is something stronger than a shared opinion, they belong to each other.

So do we. What unites us in the love of Christ is stronger than anything that can divide us. As we move out of this election and into a season of thanksgiving, let us be a church known for the wide circle and the full table. Be like Snoopy this month. Dance a little, share the popcorn, and make space at the table for someone. There is room for everyone!

Rev. Chris Smith

General Information

Being the Hands of Ministry

Thank you for being willing to serve by adding your gifts to our worship services!

November Ushers: Brue Ihme, Greg Chaffin
November Communion Steward: Anne Cox
November Acolyte: Cindy Chaffin





Blood Drive is scheduled for Feb 13, 2027.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing class is on Wednesdays at 10:00am, Thursdays at 7-8pm and Fridays at 1pm.. Cost is $3.00.

Ramseur Civitans

The Civitans meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm

AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts Alcoholic Anonymous meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room.



Sunday November 22nd, 4:00 PM Jordan Memorial UMC. We will join with our siblings from Franklinville, McCrary Chapel, and Rehobeth UMC's.

Christmas to Children

It's that time of year again! We have 2 amazing opportunities to help with bringing Christmas to children in our community.

Jordan's Closet is accepting new and gently used toys to be given away in the weeks leading up to Christmas.
We will have the opportunity to adopt local children and to help provide clothes and toys this Christmas season.



Scouts

The boy and girl scouts meet on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Lion's Club

The Lion's Club is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. There is a collection box outside the church office. The Lion's Club also meets in the conference room on the second Tuesday each month from 6-7pm.

Senior Bingo!

Join us the first Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Fellowship hall for Senior Bingo.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

Thanks to all for supporting the soup, salad and dessert fundraiser. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all. All donations will go to supporting our mission outreach. Our next UWF meeting is November 22 in the Conference Room at 2:30. This is our annual Pledge Service and World Thank-Offering. Following our Thanksgiving Service on November 22 at 4 pm, we will decorate the sanctuary for Advent. All are invited to help. All Reading Program participants, please turn in your reading lists by December 1 to Betty Jo





BBQ Fundraiser

We hope you can join us on November 14th, 12:00pm to 5:30 pm for a Bar-B-Que fundraiser to help support the church. You can dine in or take it to go. Cost is $15.00 Look forward to seeing you there!

Special Mission Recognition News



Emily Johnson received a special mission recognition pin during our homecoming celebration in honor of her long-time service to women, children and youth on her 90th birthday.

Donna Urban was honored with a special mission recognition pin on October 18 for her unfailing dedication for the Back to School Bash and for all she does day in and day out for Jordan Memorial.

We give God thanks for these two very special ladies.



November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings End—Clocks back 1 hour	2 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	3 Election Day Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Brownie Scout 5pm Civitans Mtg 6pm	4 Line Dancing 10am	5 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	6 Line Dancing 1pm	7 Jorden Closet 10am
8	9 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	10 Faith & Fitness 9am Brownie Scout 5pm Lions Club 6pm	11 Veterans Day Line Dancing 10am	12 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	13 Line Dancing 1pm	14 BBQ Lunch Fundraiser12-5pm
15 SPRC Mtg 3pm	16 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	17 Faith & Fitness 9am Brownie Scout 5pm Civitans Mtg 6pm Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm	18 Line Dancing 10am Care Team 10am	19 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	20 Line Dancing 1pm	21
22 UWF 2:30pm Decorate church 4pm	23 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	24 Faith & Fitness 9am Brownie Scout 5pm	25 Line Dancing 10am	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	27 Line Dancing 1pm	28
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Ramseur Food Pantry: Corn muffin mix and small bags of rice.

November Birthdays

03-Linda J. Williams
03-Jim McIntosh
06–Rob Roberts
07-Jeff Albright
10-Michael Bodsford
11–Tara Kurtz
12-Jerry Cox
12-Jamie Armfield
13 - Timmy Elmore-
14-Nancy Gudd
15-Justin Stout
16-Tim Campbell
18-Eric Allred
18-Carey E. Campbell
19-Sydney Blake-Sheridan
19-Joshua Kurtz
19-Carol P. Deal
20-Mark F. Albright
20- Eric Hutchins
22-Tommy Hoover
22-Susan Womble
22-Brian Shackelford
24-Claudia H. Ihme
27-Sharon Cox
28-Jenna Elkins



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