WEEK AT A GLANCE

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Monday 11/2
Office Closed
Pastor's Day Off
9AM Pie Making Workshop-Kitchen
1PM Crafty Ladies -Fitz

Tuesday 11/3
10:30AM Book Study - Fitz Room
6PM Executive Discipleship Team-Pastor's Office

Wednesday 11/4
11AM Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary
5:45-6:45PM Handbells Practice - Sanctuary
7-8:30PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday 11/5
5PM Discipleship Meeting- Fitz
6:30PM TLT Meeting- Fitz
Pastor's Study Day

Friday 11/6
10AM-2PM Thrift Shop Open

Saturday 11/7
10AM-2PM Thrift Shop Open

Sunday 11/8
10AM Sunday Service
10AM Sunday School - School Rooms
11AM Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall

McCarthy Scholarship Fund Notice

Thank you all for the interest many of you have expressed in this worthy Fund to help the McCarthy family. We need a little bit of time to set up the proper paperwork internally. Please don't make any contributions until after the Stewardship Campaign. Rest assured that the McCarthy family is very grateful for the prayers and assistance from their church family.

DRESS A LIVE DOLL

The holidays are coming soon and it's almost time for Dress A Live Doll at church! This year we have 6 children and one teenager from the Salvation Army that need Christmas gifts. We'll start Dress A Live Doll on Sunday November 8 when you can choose your person and the new gifts that you'd like to get them. And then for 2 Sundays after that, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22, Marie and I will be available before and after church service to help with selections and collecting any gifts from you. All clothes and toys must be at church by Sunday Nov. 29th. No gift wrapping is needed. Because of your help, these children will wake up Christmas morning with amazing gifts enjoying Christmas magic! ChristmasBlessings, Nancy Peterson 508-737-9674

PIE MAKING WORKSHOP NOV 2 .



Attention all bakers, apple pie enthusiasts, and anyone who is willing to have some fun in the kitchen! We need Elves to work together to make our apple pies for our Christmas Fair. No experience necessary! Karen Dean will lead us. Join us for some fun in our John Wesley church kitchen on **Monday Nov 2, at 9 am -11 am or until we are done.**

Welcome to

JOHN WESLEY
United Methodist Church

We are glad you're here!

We are a welcoming and active congregation which seeks to:

Love God...Love Others...Serve the World.

We invite you to experience meaningful worship services, engaging Bible studies, Sunday school, fellowship, preaching, life-changing local and global mission opportunities and more.

At John Wesley, there is always room for everyone to become a part of something greater than ourselves.

Library

Although October was National Church Library Month, at JWUMC, we will be celebrating it in November! Watch for a celebratory event each Sunday in November to celebrate our library where you can leave one, take one, or return one!

Shout out to all Volunteers. Thank you for serving with so much love

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Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Christmas fair, for all three days, which includes Thursday when we plan to do a final setup. Please contact Kate Finemore at bfinemore36@comcast.net or Carolyn Reynolds at carolynreynoldsrealtor@ gmail.com for any questions or if you would like to serve as a volunteer.

Set up for the Christmas Fair is Wednesday November 11th starting at 9:30. If you are available to help set up tables and move some furniture from the Narthex please plan to attend. Any questions reach out to Brent Finemore at 508-641-6077.

John Wesley's annual **Church Conference** with our District Superintendent Rev. .Byung Moo Lee will take place on Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026 at 6:00PM. We invite those who are able to bring a light snack to share. ***If you are being newly nominated to a team or committee, please make plans to attend.***

Invitation to the Table

Today, as we gather around the Lord's Table, we remember that we do not come alone. We come in the company of the saints—those who have gone before us, those who share our journey today, and those who will carry the faith into generations yet to come. Here we remember Jesus Christ, who welcomed the overlooked, comforted the sorrowful, blessed the humble, and offered himself in love. This table belongs to Christ. All are welcome to receive the bread and cup, to remember Christ, and to be nourished by God's love. Come with your faith and with your questions, with your gratitude and with your grief. Come, for Christ welcomes us.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord, Our God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.
People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

From the beginning, God has loved and cared for all people, sustaining us through every generation. Throughout history, God has been present with those who came before us, guiding them, giving them strength, and inspiring them to live with courage. Through the years, prophets have spoken truth, faithful people have shown mercy, and communities of faith have shared God's love. That love became especially clear in the life of Jesus Christ. Through his words and actions, Jesus showed us what compassion looks like, what forgiveness means, and how we are called to treat one another. Through his death and resurrection, we have been given the promise of new life and the assurance that God's love never ends. Today, we remember that we are part of something much greater than ourselves. We are connected to generations of faithful people who came before us.

Remembering the Saints

On this All Saints' Sunday, we pause to remember with gratitude those beloved members of our congregation and community who have completed their earthly journey. Each name represents a life, a story, and a place in the hearts of those who loved them. We remember their faith, their kindness, their service, and the many ways their lives have touched our own. As we speak their names, we give thanks for the gifts they shared with us and entrust them to the everlasting love of God.

[Reading of Names]

We also remember those whose names have not been spoken aloud today but whose memory remains precious to us. Though their earthly lives have ended, their love remains with us, and we trust them to God's eternal care. And so, with these beloved saints, with the faithful of every generation, and with the great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, we join in the unending hymn of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, we give thanks for Jesus Christ. He proclaimed blessings upon the poor in spirit and those who mourn. He taught that mercy, gentleness, righteousness, and peacemaking are signs of life in your kingdom. He welcomed those who were excluded and healed those who suffered. He gathered people around tables, sharing food, forgiveness, and the promise of your grace.

On the night before he gave himself for us, Jesus gathered with his disciples for a final meal. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup and gave thanks. He shared it with them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me." And so, in remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that through this holy meal we may receive your grace, be renewed in faith, and be strengthened to live as the body of Christ in the world. Bless this bread that we break and this cup that we share. As we receive these gifts, remind us that your love reaches beyond the boundaries of time and place, joining us with the great communion of saints. May your Spirit unite us with Christ, with one another, and with all who have faithfully followed the way of love. And as we remember those who have gone before us, inspire us to carry their witness forward. Through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All Saint's Day

A Service of Remembrance, Hope and Holy Communion
November 1, 2026

Prelude *"My Lord, What a Morning"* Afro-American Spiritual

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering hymn *"Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above" (v. 1, 4)* UMH 709

Call to Worship
Leader: We gather in the presence of God, surrounded by the great communion of saints.
People: We give thanks for those who have walked in faith before us.

L: We remember the prophets who spoke truth, the faithful who stood for justice, and the humble servants who shared God's love.
P: Their courage inspires us, and their witness strengthens our faith.

L: We remember those who taught us to pray, who welcomed us, who encouraged us, and who loved us.
P: Their lives remain a blessing, and their love continues to guide us.

L: God calls us to join that great company of witnesses, living with compassion, mercy, and hope.
P: We are God's beloved children, called to reflect God's love in the world. With gratitude for the past, faith for today, and hope for tomorrow, we come to worship the living God. Alleluia! Amen.

* Opening Hymn *"For All the Saints"* United Methodist Hymnal 711

Opening Prayer
Eternal and loving God, on this day of remembrance, we come into your presence with thankful hearts. We remember those who have gone before us, those shared your love, and helped us discover your grace. We give thanks for those whose faith was strong, whose compassion was generous, and whose ordinary acts of kindness revealed your extraordinary grace. We also acknowledge the sadness we carry. Some memories bring joy, while others bring tears. Meet us in all these places, O God. Remind us that your love is stronger than death, your promises endure through every generation, and your grace still sustains us. May our worship prepare us to become faithful witnesses for those who will follow. In the name of Jesus Christ and with the saints of every generation, we rejoice in God's promise of everlasting life.

Let us sing together. ***Yes, we'll gather at the river,***
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, You have called us your children and invited us to live in your love. Yet we confess that we have not always followed the way of Jesus. We have sometimes chosen comfort over compassion, silence over courage, and judgment over understanding. We have overlooked those who suffer and forgotten that every person bears your image. Forgive us, renew us, and teach us again the meaning of mercy. Give us gentle hearts, courageous spirits, and hands ready to serve. Help us become the people you call us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Hear the good news from the First Letter of John: God calls us beloved children, and that is what we are. God does not abandon us in our weakness. God's mercy welcomes us, God's grace renews us, and God's Spirit continues to shape us into the likeness of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God for a love that never lets us go. Amen.

Choral Anthem *"Marching to Zion"* Lowry, Arr. Hopson

Invitation to the offering
Our gifts are expressions of God's compassion when they provide food for the hungry, comfort for the grieving, welcome for the stranger, and hope for those who struggle. The saints who came before us often served through small, faithful acts of generosity. Today we have the opportunity to continue that witness. With gratitude for all that we have received, and with hope for all that God's love can accomplish through us, let us bring our offerings.

Offertory Music *"Soon and Very Soon"* A. Crouch

* Response *"Give Thanks"* Black Hymnal 2036

* Prayer of Dedication

First Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 Pew Bible p. 958

Second Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9–17 Pew Bible p. 995

Sermon	The Promise of Something More	
Holy Communion		(see insert)
* Hymn	*"When We All Get to Heaven"*	UMH 701
Benediction		
Choral Benediction	*"When the Saints Go Marching In"*	Afro-American Spiritual

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The flowers today are given in celebration of Helen Guy's 91st birthday by Ursula Bohenberger

(*) Signifies stand if able
Bold letters: all are invited to read aloud

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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

— Revelation 7:9