

CHAPEL CHIMES



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When It Is Beyond Our Control

The journey started out with the sun setting in the west and the stars rising in the east, the water was pretty calm and it had been a long day. On this journey, we were now into our third hour of resting as the water was slapping against the boat, it was soothing. Then the sky lit up with the crack of lightning. The wind whipped up in a hurry and we were now all awake knowing that we were in a storm beyond our control.

As seasoned fishermen as most of us were, this was a storm that had us at our wits end. The next hours were spent wasting away trying to stay afloat, we had lost all sense of control and were at the mercy of the storm, until. Until we experience something we have never seen before. We thought it to be a ghost, but to our surprise, it was Jesus, walking on the water in this storm. "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." He said to us.

Up to this point nothing was normal anymore. We were soaked by the rains and sea. Drained by our efforts at the oars. Jesus, coming to us in this storm was close to being unbelievable. But his words, "Take courage!" reached into my soul and grabbed me.

I don't know where this came from, maybe I was so tired of the storm and ready to give up, I shouted, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come out to you."

"Come on." He said.

Jumping into the water I actually was walking on top of the water. I was overwhelmed with amazement, but that was short lived. The wind and the waves were grating my nerves and I panicked. "Jesus, save me!" I shouted as I quickly began to sink.

Without hesitating Jesus reached down for me and rescued me. He said to me, "You of little faith, what got to you?" Then we climbed into the boat and the storm died down.

The others after watching the whole thing, began to worship him. Saying, "You really are the God's Son."

When it is beyond our control, that is when life and it's storms, it's pandemics, it's discomforts hits us and knocks us out of our control; Jesus is in our storm and He does say to us, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Really? Really! Do you ever feel like your sinking?

Take courage, His hand is there for you.

Reaching for Jesus. -Pat





News and Announcements



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| 11-1 All Saints Sunday & Holy Communion | 11-15 Charge Conference- immediately after worship. |
| 11-3 Election Day | 11-17 Grief Support Group from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. |
| 11-3 United Methodist Women's Meeting at 10 a.m. | 11-18 Discipleship Now, at 6:00 p.m. |
| 11-3 Grief Share Group from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. | 11-24 Greif Support Group from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. |
| 11-4 Discipleship Now, at 6:00 p.m. | 11-25 No Discipleship Now. |
| 11-7 Congratulations to David & Diane on their wedding.
David & Diane Wendlick's Celebration. | 11-26 Happy Thanksgiving! |
| 11-10 Grief Support Group from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. | 11-29 1 st Sunday of Advent, Hope |
| 11-11 Happy Veteran's Day! Thank you! | |
| 11-11 Discipleship Now, 6:00 p.m. | |

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020

On this day we will remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died this past year and have gone on to be with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Church Victorious.

These friends and family members are: Millie Shelton, Dr. George Ricker, Theresa Wendlick, Henry Smith and Lois Cutbirth.



United Methodist Women's Meeting – Tuesday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We are meeting in the Sanctuary to allow sitting 6 feet apart from one another. Please bring a mask to wear. Looking forward to seeing all who are able to come.

Discipleship Now -

Come join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:00, as we get into the Bible and discuss the answers to our questions. It's laid back and you're welcome to join us.

Charge Conference -

Sunday, Nov. 15th, immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. We will have a very short meeting.

Cancellation of our Thanksgiving Day Meal Outreach -

With disappointment, the leadership of this ministry outreach has decided it is best for the volunteers and guest safety during this Covid1-19, pandemic to cancel this event.

Grief Support Group

Theresa Kilgro has been leading a great support group for a couple of years here at Randall's Chapel. This group meets on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. If you have had the passing of a love one, let me encourage you to

check out this ministry and group to find some good support and encouragement. Either contact Theresa or just show up on Tuesday. You can contact the church office if you have any questions.



BIRTHDAYS

4 ROBBIE OVERDEAR
5 BESS SISK
7 CORKY GARDNER,
LORENE NASH
11 JIM AUSTIN
14 ELAINE BROOKSHIRE
17 JO ANN WARREN
18 CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS,
DEB CURRY
20 SHERRY MILLER,
KATHY MAHAN
23 JAMES GREEN
26 KIKI STREET



ANNIVERSARIES

11 HARRY & BETTY WOOD



The Advent Season -

We celebrate the Christmas season in the church with our Advent Season, beginning Sunday, Nov. 29th.

Each of the four Sundays prior to Christmas, we light a candle representing the four gifts given to us in God's giving of His Son, Jesus Christ. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Then on Christmas Eve we light the Christ Candle, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A New Change -

We as the Administrative Council of Randall's UMC in our Oct. 25, 2020 meeting, have voted to change our present Administrative Council and group Committees to become the "Leadership Team".

This has been an encouraging suggestion by our District Superintendent,

Tom Parrish, to smaller churches who are struggling to fill all the committee positions.

The "Leadership Team" will be a made up of 3 groups of three. 3 Finance persons, 3 Trustees person, 3 Nominations person, the church Lay Leader and the church's Lay Delegate and Pastor. A total of 12 persons.

The Leadership Team will select a chairperson among themselves. Members of the Leadership Team will serve for a 3 year period like those committee members did. There will be 3 who serve one year and then roll off. 3 others will serve for 2 years and roll off. 3 others will serve for 3 years and then roll off. New members will be selected by either the Leadership members or an appointed Nominations Committee. Those selected do not have to be from these three committees presently. But can come from or represent one of these three committees.

The Leadership Team will be the group that oversees any new or needed committees. This Team will replace the Administrative Council and Committees, unless a group wants to form a committee.

For example, a group wants to develop a "Missions Committee". This group will form and choose a chairperson and all of their ideas will be reported by their chosen chairperson and report to the Leadership Team their proposals.

The purpose of Leadership Team would then decide if the committee is staying true to the Christian standards and Book of Discipline.

Each church's Leadership Team develops as it best fits the church. Another example is the Leadership Team becomes the SPRC. Staff, Parish, Relations Committee or a separate SPRC is developed under the 'umbrella' of the Leadership Team.

The Administrative Council and Committees will continue in existence through the end of January 31, 2021. This will give us time to select candidates, vote them in as the 'Leadership Team' members through the present Administrative Council. To also give this Team time to start developing as a team.

There are probably many questions you may have about this. Those questions may help us to see more clearly what/how we need to adjust. So, please, as the body of Christ, brother and sisters of Jesus Christ, members of Randall's Chapel UMC, be praying for this new change and Leadership for our church. We are trying to adjust to what is best for our church. Thank you for all your prayers and support.



November



Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	Worship, 10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday 	2	3	Election Day United Methodist Women Meeting 10:00 Grief Support, 10:00 - noon	4	Discipleship Now at 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7	David and Diane Wendlick Celebration 
8	Worship 10:00 a.m.	9	10	Grief Support, 10:00 - noon	11	 Discipleship Now at 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14	
15	Worship, 10:00 a.m. Charge Conference Meeting after worship	16	17	Grief Support, 10:00 - noon	18	Discipleship Now at 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21	
22	Worship, 10:00 a.m.	23	24	No Grief Support	25	No Discipleship	26			
29	1st Sunday of Advent, HOPE Worship, 10:00 a.m.	30								

Thanksgiving Blessings



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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY
NEW TIME
WORSHIP 10:00

WEDNESDAY
ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM