

THE CONNECTION

CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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November 2023

Dear Cherokee Springs Family,



The name of the above painting is Vertumnus by GIUSEPPE ARCIMBOLDO (1591). When our hearts are continually on the things of Christ, we can see Christ present in any and everything. This painting is no different. Here is a commentary on the painting by Stephen M. Garrett:

“It helps us visualize (maybe in an eccentric way) the change Jesus’s followers will endure as the Gardener prunes and burns the branches that do not bear fruit (John 15:2–6). This process of change is intended to restore (John 15:3) and produce more fruit by the Spirit such that the Gardener is honoured and glorified (John 15:6–8).

What is this fruit? Why does it glorify the Father? Might its manifestation in the Christian life initially appear absurd (perhaps monstrous), while harbouring a deeper meaning and beauty that is disclosed to the discerning? Jesus identifies this fruit as love, a love born counterintuitively through obedience and sacrifice. In the deeds of the disciples, this love glorifies the Father because it conforms to Jesus’s own love (John 15:9–12).

The [appearance] of this fruit in the lives and faces of Jesus’s disciples is not merely for their benefit (John 15:11); rather, it is to be extended into and shared with the world. It is evidence of God’s Kingdom in the present and its future coming (John 15:15–17), where there will be plenitude, flourishing, and abundance—a true ‘golden age’ (Revelation 21–22).”

With Love,
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15am

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bible Study: Tuesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:30pm
Youth: Sundays 5-7pm

Each Sunday bring an item for the Cornucopia

Nov 19th – Hanging of Greens Prep
1:00pm

Nov 26th – Hanging of the Greens Service

Nov 29th – UMW (note date change)

Virtual services offered through our
Facebook page.



*Calendar changes will be announced during
Sunday services and on the
CSUMC Facebook page.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 – Maggie Cantey
29 – Alton Hines

Happy Anniversary

2 – Robert and Terri Newman
19 – Rod and Marie Harley

Sunday Servers

Ushers: Bradley Newton & Gene Cantrell
Alt: Dennis Biddy
Counters: Randy Brown & Mike Webber
Acolyte: Patricia Meyers

READERS

November 5	Rick Van Vleet
November 12	Pam Brown
November 19	Donna Webber
November 26	Hanging of Greens

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

November 5 - "S is for Saints"
Joshua 3:7-17
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12 - "C is for Caleb"
Numbers 13:1-2, 17-33
Psalm 78:1-7

November 19 - "A is for Abigail"
1 Samuel 25:18-20
Psalm 123

November 26 - Hanging of the Greens



Thanksgiving Cornucopia

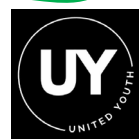
Let's fill it up!

Nov 5 – Rice, Beans, or Pasta
Nov 12 – Canned: Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Spam etc.
Nov 19 – Canned vegetables, soups etc.

Donations will be given to the Liberty UMC food pantry

Mark your Calendars:

Dec 11 – UMW Christmas (Donna's)
Dec 15 – Church Christmas Party
(Pizza provided, bring a dessert)



Nov 3-5 Immerse Retreat
Nov 19- Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 26 – No Youth

*Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list.
If you have a new prayer request or update, please text them to 864-921-0662.*

*Deadline to submit next month's newsletter info is: Nov 20th
Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email info@cherokeespringsumc.org*