

Upcoming Events:

November 5: No Adventurers

November 7-9: Pathfinder Varsity Reveille @Camp Kulaqua

November 8: Children's Church 11:30am

November 11: Church Board Mtg 7pm

November 14: WHAM Youth Group, 7-9pm/ United Prayer Conf. Call 8:30-9:00pm

November 15 Fellowship Luncheon; Vespers 5PM, Week of Prayer begins

November 16-22: Week of Prayer 7:30pm

November 20: TAA School Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

November 22: Progressive Dinner Social 6pm

November 26: No Pathfinders/ Adventurers/ Prayer Meeting

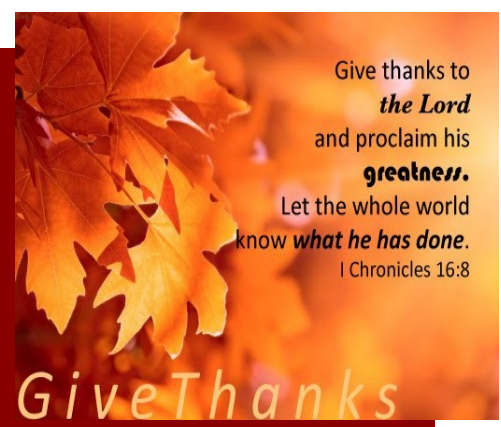
November 27: Thanksgiving Day!

November 28th: WHAM Youth Group, 7-9pm

November 29: No Vespers

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Give Thanks

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Highlight

Written by Leif Penrose

Stewardship

God has asked us to acknowledge Him as the source of life. 1 Peter 4:10 "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. " Let's start with a little math and then a definition. Formula A: Time x Effort x Resources x Societal Value = Money. Definition of Stewardship: "The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

When the word stewardship is used around the Adventist church we think of it as relating to only money. However, both the formula and definition give us a broader understanding. Money is the conversion of my time, energy and stuff into an easily used unit of barter. The society we live in adds another factor, "Societal Value" to the mix. The time, energy and resources of Joe the Plumber are not seen in society as having equal value as the time, energy and resources of Suzy the CEO, Brenda the home maker, or Louis the police officer. But Joe, Suzy Brenda & Louis convert their time, energy and resources into a unit of barter called "money". Back in the day when the tithe was brought in it wasn't necessarily converted into money. 2 Chronicles 31:5 "As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything". We acknowledge God as the provider of all that we have by giving back a percentage of our time, energy and resources. What is required and what is requested? **Required by God** is A: 10% of your increase (we call this Tithe) and B: 1 day out of 7 (we call this Sabbath). A: Leviticus 27:30 "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." B: Leviticus 23:3 "There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of Sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the Lord." **Requested by God** is A: daily communication (called daily devotions or prayer) and B: a response of offerings relative to the amount of blessing you are thankful for (We call this offering) Psalm 50:23 "Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor Me, and to the blameless I will show My salvation."

Sunset Calendar

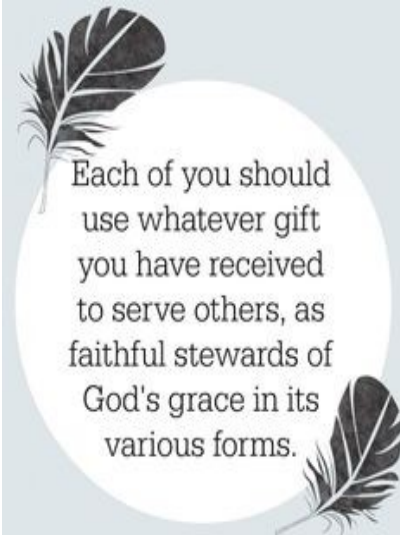
November 1st:
Sunset: 6:45pm

November 8th:
Sunset: 5:40pm

November 15th:
Sunset: 5:37pm

November 22nd:
Sunset: 5:34pm

November 29nd:
Sunset: 5:33pm



1 Peter 4:10

November

Birthdays and Anniversaries

11-01 Bella Garcia	11-18 Rhett Nowotny
11-02 Daniella Williamson	11-19 Tom Caramella
11-03 Jada Mack	11-20 Delia Francis
11-03 Charla Lagasse	11-20 Ron McElroy
11-05 RC Wyatte	11-20 Bodeler Declasse
11-05 Art Brown	11-21 Domingo Gonzalez
11-06 Leroy Hunter	11-21 Marissa Fronda
11-09 Tavier Wright	11-23 Marie Godwin
11-12 Robert Fronda	11-24 Victoria Marrero
11-13 Carmen Cordova	11-24 Niani Spencer
11-13 Matthew Vance	11-25 Jennifer Johnson
11-16 Kimberly Forbes	11-28 Donna Bailey
11-17 Angel Sanchez	11-29 Joaquin Mendoza
11-18 Edward Francis	11-30 Grace Rondeau



11-03 Darrell and Theresa Mayo, 35 years
11-06 Bill and Brenda Johnston, 38 years
11-06 Bob and Judi Fulton, 52 years
11-18 Art and Lavita Brown, 37years
11-21 Tom and Cerena Caramella, 23 years
11-26 Bob and Millie Armstrong, 37 years

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Health Nugget

Written by Jacquie Frimpter, RN
Kick the Sugar Habit!

It's that time of year again....

The holiday's always seem to trigger the flu season. It seems to start with Halloween and end with the New Year. Have you ever wondered why? I have a theory. Do you want to hear it? Actually, I'm going to tell you anyhow. I have noticed that this is when we begin to indulge in all sorts of "sweets" and "goodies". The stores are full of large economy sized bags of candy. Most are wrapped in individual size pieces, so it doesn't hurt to have just one of two, does it? The weather changes, even in Florida...and we feel like baking. Why not? The holidays are just around the corner with Thanksgiving, Christmas and of course, the New Year's celebrations just waiting to indulge. Did you know that Sugar lowers your immune system? When your immune system is low you are now susceptible to picking up the germs and bugs that are floating around. Don't take my word for it, monitor it for yourself. Teachers notice that after the first big candy holiday, Halloween...many students are out sick. There are also many other reasons to Kick this Habit...weight gain, mental health issues such as coping with stress and mental clarity to just highlight a couple. Not to mention that there are absolutely no health benefits whatsoever in sugar. Sugar has no vitamins, no minerals, no fiber, and no protein. Empty calories do nothing to enhance this great body Temple with which our Creator has blessed us.

Why not honor Him and strive to stay well this Holiday season, kick the sugar habit!

