



# SEMINARY NEWS

The latest news from our church community

## Important Facts

### Calendar

\*10am-2pm Crafty Corner meets in the Café every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

\*Every Wednesday at 2 pm Prayer for Seminary in the Sanctuary

### October Attendance

10/ 9	(9 am)	20	(10:30 am)
10/16	14 (9 am)	9	(10:30 am)
10/23	17 (9 am)	14	(10:30 am)
10/30	14 (9 am)	13	(10:30 am)

Online attendance: 25 + Each Week

### NEW WORSHIP HOURS:

10 AM Blended Service

We hope to continue 9am Traditional service in 2023 around Easter.

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### From the Pastor's Pen:

**Thanksgiving Greetings! God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.**

**While a statement like that may sound a bit “cliche,” we must realize it's true! Much of the world considers Thanksgiving as just another excuse to throw a party or watch football all day. But we, as believers, know it goes far deeper than that.**

**Psalm 100:4 (NIV) “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**I must admit - these past few years have probably been a challenge for all of us. But, I would encourage you to ask the Lord to help you be thankful. Even as we endure these hard times, you have a choice-- to choose faith or fear. Instead of dwelling on fear, begin to think of specific things or people you are grateful for, and express your thanks to the Lord, and watch the difference that can be made!**

**Please join us on Sunday, November 13th at 10am for a Thanksgiving Service As usual, following the service we will have our Annual Thanksgiving dinner!**

**Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Chris**

# WOMEN OF



**Next Meeting:**

- November 8th at 2pm



## The Women of Faith met Oct. 11 at 2pm.

Info discussed:

These woman are always there to help! What are they doing?

- The WOF will continue to have a basket of on-going crafts for sale in the Café!
- The Hanging of the Greens will November 27th & plan to be incorporated into Sunday's Service.

- The ladies are currently preparing items for Holiday bags for Shut-INS confined to nursing homes/homes or centers including handmade cards from the Bright Beginnings Childcare kids.
- We again are collecting items for a Christmas family in need. Details from Claudia Houck will be shared at Nov 8th meeting.

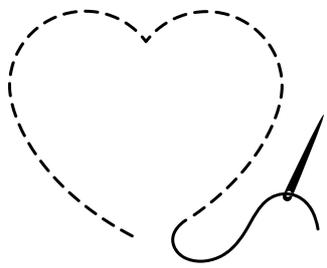
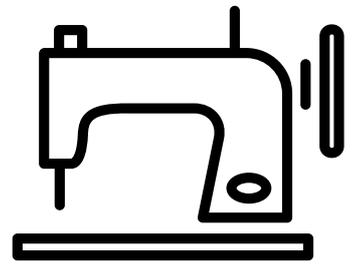
Any questions please reach out to Terri Bartrom Brumbaugh.

## Whats Happening at

# Crafty Corner

Meet every other Tuesday in the Café from 10am-2pm

The December 13 meeting will be a fellowship combined Christmas Party for WOF & Crafty Corner in the Wesley Room. Ham & Scalloped Potatoes will be prepared & members will bring a covered dish to share. A small ornament exchange & a food pantry gift will occur. The program will include a holiday devotional by Terri Bartrom Brumbaugh.





# HELPING HANDS HARD AT WORK

Some of the ladies participated & donated to the Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child.

## What is it???

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in more than 100 countries, with the purpose of sharing God's love through His son, Jesus Christ.



## SCRIPT CARDS

Don't forget gift cards make great gifts! They always "fit" – not too big or not too small and always "in style"! Proceeds from Scrip gift card rebates support Vacation Bible School at Seminary! We'll be placing a few orders in November and December. See Jenny Gross or Vicky Eisenhut for details!

Seminary received a quarterly check from Kroger for \$107.14! We have 46 households who are signed up to support Seminary through Kroger's Community Rewards Program. This doesn't cost you anything and benefits children's ministries at Seminary!

To sign up go to Kroger's website, click on the tab for Savings, then click on Community Rewards. For additional assistance contact Tom or Jenny Gross or Steve or Vicky Eisenhut.



June's delicious dessert that was shared at lunch time!

# HANGING OF THE GREENS

An Invitation to the public to join us at  
Seminary Church of Roanoke

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**Sunday, November 29th  
at 10 am**

Join us for a worship service explaining why we place an evergreen tree, decorate with holly & ivy, light candles & place a manger on the alter during this holiday season.

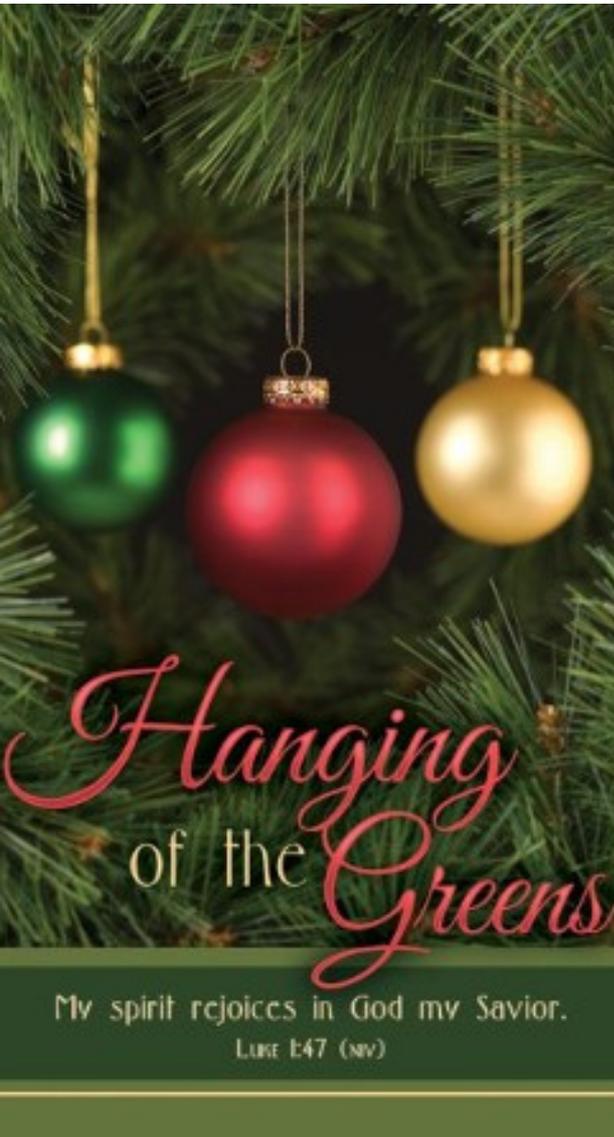
Experience the joy & real reason for the season, as we sing familiar Christmas carols & hear special guest musicians share their favorite Christmas music. Our children will be told about a special project they can participate in during December.

**PLEASE BRING A FAMILY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TO PLACE ON OUR SANCTUARY TREE DURING WORSHIP.**

(Please make sure your name is on it as we will return those when decorations are taken down in January.)

If you would like to be apart of this special service please reach out to Pastor Heather Bunnell or Claudia Houck.

Let the children come,  
Pastor Heather Bunnell



# Leadership

# COUNCIL



## Leadership Council met for discussion on October 25th at 6:30pm

**Romans 12:6-8**

**In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.**

6 Tips to be a successful leader:

1. Encourage Creativity
2. Serve as a Role Model
3. Be Passionate
4. Listen & Communicate effectively
5. Have a positive attitude
6. Motivate Your Followers.

### Summary of Leadership Council Meeting

Everyone from the church is invited to attend Council meetings, except for the portion of the meeting where we discuss employee matters. If you would be interested in becoming a regular member of the Council, please let Pastor Chris know. In particular, we are in need of a Treasurer and someone to head Staff Parish Relations. Please come join us and help shape the future of our church!

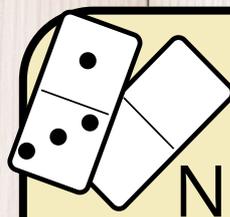
In a special meeting, church finances were discussed. Even though weekly giving is running slightly ahead of last year, expenses are outstripping our weekly giving. The decision was made to move money from funds that had been set aside for "rainy day" items or were in holding in other budget lines to help fund operations. (Funds designated by donors for specific purposes were not moved. They remain as dedicated.)

In the regular Council meeting, on-going staff shortages at Bright Beginnings Childcare, the schedule of interviews for new staff and options for going forward were discussed. Pastor Heather, Vicky, Claudia, Ann McPherren and Dave O'Briant are on a child care task force to help conduct interviews and to check into possible organizations that could help us with daycare. Recommendations will come to Council at the Nov meeting.

We also discussed the need for a stewardship campaign. The return to one Sunday service at 10 am was approved with the possibility of two services again next spring/summer. Celebrations and fun coming up are the Family Game Night on Nov 4, the Thanksgiving service and meal on Sun Nov 13 and the Hanging of the Greens on Nov 27. The meeting was closed with prayer.

The Leadership Council meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.

-Ann McPherren



Upcoming



# November Events

Every Wednesday Prayer for Seminary Church  
2:00 – 3:00pm

**11/4-** Family Game Night 5-730pm

**11/6-** All Saints' Day Celebration  
10:30am service

**11/6-** Chosen Bible Study Week 8 @5-6:30pm  
at the Parsonage

**11/8-** 10am – 2pm Crafty Corner in the Café

**11/22-** Crafty Corner 10am-2 pm in the café

**11/28-** Leadership Meeting at 6:30 pm in  
the café



**BRIGHT  
BEGINNINGS  
CHILDCARE**

## What's Happening @ Bright Beginnings

Hello November,

What a month!!! We certainly have been doing great things in the childcare this past month! Spirit weeks, with the bigger kiddos being on fall break, raking leaves, to painting pumpkins, & learning about them & how they grow! We also have been learning about the letters L, M & N. The Roanoke Library has brought many books down to help with learning. Nothing is better than a child learning through reading. In November, we are learning about Veterans Day, Thanksgiving & harvesting our land! There are great things ahead & we can't wait to share them with you!



# SPOTLIGHT

## SPOTLIGHT SHOWCASE

Claudia has done such an awesome job being a team player. She's gone above & beyond to make sure things are ran smoothly. And her efforts for keeping the church clean & tidy is very much appreciated! Thank you again Claudia!  
**Your a ROCKSTAR!**

## Claudia Houck



Nominations for next months Spotlight can be emailed to [assistant.seminaryumc@gmail.com](mailto:assistant.seminaryumc@gmail.com)

If you would like to be anonymous there is a box & pieces of paper to fill out in the Cafe.

Deadline for this is the 25th of every month

# November Birthdays

Happy  
Birthday

11/3 Carol Johnson  
Wyatt Barry

11/8 Mike Swaidner

11/14 Logan Tyler

11/22 Cara Vetor

11/29 Kay Schreffler

## November Anniversaries

11/11- Shane & Breann McCoart

11/16- Keith & Nancy Hartley

11/20-Jerry & Teresa Bartrom/Brumbaugh

Reach out to Audrey Barry with Birthday & Anniversary Info that needs added.

