



The PW Gathering will be held at the church on November 15 at 10:00 am, with Beckie Boggs and Kathy Jones hosting. We are collecting \$5.00 gift cards for the "Rewards Program" at Piney Grove Elementary School. Make plans to join us for food, fellowship and Bible Study. Bring a friend!!!



Christmas Toy Drive for Servants Heart — Again this year, for the month of November, please bring a new, unwrapped toy (any age) with price on it. We will need to deliver these the week after Thanksgiving . . . So have fun shopping!!!!

Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

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Lectionary Texts

November 7
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Ps. 127; 1 Kgs. 17:8-16 and Ps. 146; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 14
1 Sam. 2:1-10; Dan. 12:1-3 and Ps. 16; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 21
2 Sam. 23:1-7 and Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18) or Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 and Ps. 93; Rev. 9+63; John 18:33-37

November 28
Jer. 33:14-16 and Ps. 25-1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-4



Pastor's Corner

"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?"

1 Thessalonians 3:9

Dear Members of MSPC,

By the time you receive this newsletter, November will be upon us. Can you believe it? Time flies when you're having fun. And we are having fun as we do ministry together here at MSPC. Here's part of what's coming up.

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on November 7, and give thanks to God during worship for the saints who have gone before us in faith. Please join us as the names are read aloud and a candle is lit for each person. Also, on that day we will join in a mini-CROP walk after worship as we raise awareness and money for people who are hungry locally and around the world.

On Sunday, November 14, we will observe a very low-key stewardship dedication Sunday. I will not be preaching a stewardship sermon that Sunday. (I hope you don't mind.) You may turn in a pledge card that day or earlier, if you wish. Here's what I can tell you about stewardship. 1. We give out of gratitude not guilt. 2. We give in order to share in the ministry God is doing in the world. 3. We give to grow spiritually. 4. We give generously (as you have already been doing) out of joy.

November 21 is Christ the King Sunday, the culmination of the liturgical year, and the celebration of the Reign of Christ that is already here, but not yet here.

There's Thanksgiving Day on November 25. We rejoice in God's bounty provided for us.

And then, just like that, the first Sunday of Advent is November 28. You may remember that Advent is similar to Lent—it's a period of introspection and repentance. It's also a time when the church looks backward and forward at the same time. We look backwards to the first coming of Christ at his birth. At the same time, we look forward and prepare our lives for Christ coming again in mysterious power and glory to usher in God's perfect peace.

Adult education continues at MSPC with the resumption of Wednesday lunch-time classes on various topics. In particular, I hope to tackle climate change with you soon. We'll start again sometime in November. Check the E-blast for exact dates and details. Meanwhile, thanks to Curtis Moore for continuing to lead our Adult Sunday school classes.

The session is working on goals, a revised mission statement, possible outreach to the community, etc. You'll also note various opportunities to serve, including the Harvest Tree.

Peace,
Jeff

P.S. Our Church Administrator, Barbara Smith, is getting married on November 6. Congratulations to Barbara and her fiancé, Steve! We're happy for these kids.

CALENDAR

- 1 All Saints Day
- 7 Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
Service of Worship w/communion 10:00 am
Observance of All Saints Days
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
Mini-Crop Walk following worship
- 8 Stated Session Meeting 6:00 pm
- 14 Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
Service of Worship 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
- 15 PW Gathering at Church at church 10:00 am
- 21 Christ the King Sunday
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
Service of Worship w/communion 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
- 22 Ministry Committee Meetings 6:00 pm
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 First Sunday of Advent — Hanging of the Greens at 9:15 am; no Sunday School
Cookies and Coffee
Service of Worship 10:00 am
Chrismons to be placed on the tree

Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

- 7 Travis & Sharon Meredith
- 14 Curtis & Mary Moore
- 21 Mary Miller
- 28 Lisa Pianka

COUNTERS

- 7 Sharon Browning & Lynn Cromer
- 14 Jerry & Lynne Cole
- 21 Tricia Bunn & Robert Hamilton
- 28 Sharon Browning & Lynn Cromer

LITURGISTS

- 7 Dianne Dalto
- 14 Rhonda Harrington
- 21 Mary Miller
- 28 Curtis Moore

NURSERY

- 7 Mary Miller
- 14 Brock & Dalys Miller
- 21 Brenda McIntosh & Nancy Hamilton
- 28 Brock & Dalys Miller

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 7 Sharon Browning
- 14 Kelly Hames
- 21 Kathy Jones
- 28 Sharon Meredith

Elders Serving Communion in November

- 11/7 Kathy Jones (#1)
Travis Meredith (#2)
- 11/21 Peter Bonney (#1)
Tricia Bunn(#2)

birthday wishes



Nancy Nestor	Nov 10
Beth Paschal	Nov 14
Clara Hoeffler	Nov 16
Dalys Miller	Nov 17
Gloria Smith	Nov 26
Nancy Hamilton	Nov 28
Carolyn Crane	Nov 29



Forms will be available in the Narthex on November 7 and 14 for ordering poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas season. The cost is \$12.00 each. 6-1/2" pots (larger than last year). They will be delivered on Saturday, December 18. The colors available are pink, white and red.



Will be Sunday, November 28, beginning at 9:15 am. Join with friends as we decorate the church and start off our holiday season. Cookies and Coffee will be served.



CROP Walk Junior at MSPC November 7th

The MSPC Missions group will be conducting a child-friendly mini Crop Walk on November 7th after worship. All ages are invited to take a journey of exploration to learn about families in need.

After worship, you will have the opportunity to stop by three stations set up on or near the sidewalk exiting the church. These three stations will allow all to explore

- ◆ The difference a village well can make.
- ◆ How an egg-laying hen can change the fortunes of a family.
- ◆ A typical refugee meal.

Please join us for this revealing program. Donations for Crop Walk will be accepted.

Are you sheltering indoors but wish you could come to Church on Sunday morning? You can do the next best thing — watch our live stream of the church service. To do this go to YouTube at 10:00am Sunday morning and search for MorningStar Presbyterian. One of the first choices should be our channel name — you will see our logo. Click on that and you will see a selection of videos. The first one on the list will have a red LIVE box in the upper right corner. Click that video and worship with us! If you have any questions about doing this, call Sharon Browning or Peter Bonney.