

## **CARRILEA'S CORNER**

**Dear Grace,**

**The energy feels a little different this morning in our community! Congratulations to our new Mayor, Doug Hendrix and our new city council member Tip Nicholson! We're praying for their leadership and for the flourishing of all who call this city home.**

**Over the last few weeks we have continued to reflect and discuss gathering and hospitality. We reflected on the call to welcome the stranger—not just with friendliness, but with real, risky, soul-stretching hospitality. The kind of hospitality that makes room for someone new not only to enter the space, but to shape it. We asked: What does it mean to be a community willing to be changed by who we welcome?**

**Since then I've been sitting with the tension that naturally follows: How do we stretch wide enough to make room for others—without losing the core of who we are?**

**How do we stay open and rooted? Flexible and grounded?**

**And then last Sunday on All Saints Day, we remembered and gathered in the presence of those who came before us.**

**As we continue reflecting on what it means to gather, I keep coming back to this: How do we gather in a way that honors the past—without being bound by it? Can we hold the presence of our ancestors as part of our identity—not as something that limits who we become, but as soil from which we grow?**

**I also had someone ask me this week: What do we do with ancestors who were harmful, or part of oppressive histories? And I want to say honestly:**

**That's a really good question. And I don't have a neat answer.**

**It's something I'm still thinking about—how we hold memory with integrity and truth, how we reckon with harm without erasing humanity, and how we live in ways that heal the legacy we inherit.**

**Maybe that's part of the deeper work of community, too. To wrestle together. To ask better questions. To stretch—not to breaking, but toward becoming.**

**Let's keep asking, and gathering!**

**Gratefully,  
Carrilea**

**November 2-8, 2025**

## November Birthdays

- 1 - Katelyn McMillan Corcoran
- 5 - Melissa Wardo Hendrix
- 5 - Annabelle Lynn McMillan
- 10 - Chris Brown
- 12 - Layne Barnard Adams
- 18 - Brynn Dansby Lippard
- 21 - Christian Nicholson
- 24 - Casey Adams
- 30 - Clara Rogers

## Anniversaries

- 13 - Ben and Kakki Kudlacek
- 25 - Bob and Lisa Barber

**Our Fall work day will be Saturday, November 8th from 9am - 12pm. Our biggest task will be cutting down some tree limbs. Please join us and bring your chainsaws and mulchers!**

**BEER AND HYMN DATES ARE  
NOV. 18 AND DEC. 6  
6PM**

**Our Thanksgiving Eve service is  
November 26th. 6PM at Grace.**

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AND  
EVERYTHING!**

### BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$87,648.00

Received year to date: \$95,029.26

**OVER** budget: \$7381.26

Weekly needs: \$1,992.00

This Week's Offering: \$2745.00



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