# E-Blast News

## November 15, 2026– November 22, 2026

Dear Saints,

There are times in my life when I have done something egregiously wrong.

I tend to stand in stunned silence, not sure I want to believe what I have done and sure the hammer will shortly fall on me. I too often try to excuse my way out of it but I know what I did was bad and hurtful and that it was I who did it.

Like the Psalmist in Psalm 123, I would like to blame it on those who hold me in contempt - but my wrong is not their fault as much as I dislike them.

Like Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5, it often seems to me that the wrong I do is a great surprise to me. Paul likens it to a thief in the night which frightens me or like labor pains - about which neither Paul nor I know anything.

When I have done something wrong I tend to get in a downward spiral from which I cannot escape.

But then there is grace - forgiveness undeserved. Paul tells us we are children of light and of the day despite what we may think of ourselves. Having been surprised in our arrogance with our guilt, we are even more surprised by this grace. Paul tells us we can act in a proper way because God has not destined us for wrath but for salvation.

That is amazing to me! That is great news to me! It is the only way I'm going to get to salvation! And I rejoice that what is graciously true for me is graciously true for you as well and that we can strengthen one another and see our salvation reflected in each other's eyes. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ

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## *Congregational meeting scheduled*

**A Congregational meeting to elect new Elders is scheduled for next Sunday, Nov. 29 (immediately following the morning worship service).**

**Please plan to attend.**

# A treasurer's request

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward,* Treasurer

# Angel tree set up in narthex

Mision Peniel's angel tree is up in the narthex with tags! Pick a tag (or 2) and purchase a toy. Suggestions for toys are on sheets under the tree. Recommended price range is between $20 - $25.

Place the unwrapped toy in one of the gift bags located next to tree. Don't forget to attach your tag (s) by looping through the bag handles. Place the bag in the provided plastic bin.

Please return the bags no later than Sunday, **DECEMBER 6th.**

# Card class designs original cards

"Today, the cards you create will be of your own design," said director Edit Wildt to her card class. Marilyn Gallant, Susan Head, Jill Maassen, Sue Miller, and Sandra McLauchlan sat in a stunned silence.

Anticipating their shock, some samples were displayed for the class to look at and soon everyone was busily selecting and designing their own cards. The popular Thanksgiving theme prevailed.

At the end of each class each attendee takes home the cards they make. Most send them to someone. Those that want to continue the fellowship with lunch at MyShelley's.

The class meets once a month. Please plan to attend the next session. It's scheduled for December 15 at 10 A.M. in the church office. They will be making Christmas quilting designs. Come be a part of the fellowship.



# Thanksgiving baskets deadline near

**Please help us help those in need**.

Each family will receive a **$30 gift card** for a turkey/ ham/ pie of choice.

Nov 1: 1-2 boxes of each: stuffing mix, instant potatoes
1-2 cans of sweet potatoes

Nov. 8: 1-2 cans cranberry sauce
1-2 cans of green beans

**Nov. 15: 1-2 packages pre-cooked dinner rolls**




If you would rather donate, please add Thanksgiving to memo on your check. For cash use the brown or white envelopes in the pew and mark Thanksgiving on the outside.

Thanksgiving Baskets will be given out on Monday, November 23rd from 9 am -12 pm.

**Due to the large number of families that we will be helping, please buy just the above items only. Deadline for baskets will be Monday, November 16, 2026**

# Christmas is coming: Let the church bell ring!



Mary Presson, Jeff Adams, Marlou Zolkos, Edward Maassen, and Dave Bremer carefully decorate our beautiful sanctuary tree last year.

Next Sunday (November 22, 2026) following the morning worship service, we will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

There's something for everyone! Garlands to hang, A Christmas tree to decorate, Pews to decorate, The Advent candle to assemble, Candles in the window, and wreaths on the doors…. It's a time of great fellowship.

Please mark your calendars and join us for great fellowship as we look forward to Christmas.

# Look what's coming...

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| **Sunday** | **November 15** | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service<br>Ctr. 4 Needy |
| **Monday** | **November 16** | 10:30 Bill's Paper Angels<br>5:30 Session meeting<br>Thanksgiving basket deadline |
| **Wednesday** | **November 18** | 12:30 Bible study |
| **Friday** | **November 20** | 12:30 Men's Luncheon at MyShelley's |
| **Sunday** | **November 22** | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service<br>**Decorate Sanctuary** |
| **Monday** | **November 23** | 9-12 Distribute baskets |
| **Sunday** | **November 29** | **Congregational mtg. after worship to elect Elders** |
| **Friday** | **December 18** | **Poinsettias order deadline** |

# Contact information

***Homebound members' addresses***

*For those sending cards...*

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| Jackie Combs | 9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657 |
| Peggy Dees | 1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266 |
| Norma Fisher | 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266 |
| MaryAnn Treadwell | 11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626 |
| Skip & Terry West | 1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266 |

***Military***

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| CM1 Ryan Maassen | 13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306 |

# *Church prayer list*

**FPC - MEMBERS:** Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

**FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS:** Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Josselyn Lopez, Thomas & Jane Mooney, Amanda Nunez, and Sharon Shatney.

**FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN:** Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, Bjorn Jiskoot, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, Mar-yAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

**MILITARY LIST:** Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

# *Missions at work*

## Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1st Sunday of the month.

**Dec. 6 (next collection date)** **Nov. 16 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED: Sanitary Napkins; body/hand lotion**

You may put them in the back of the church or drop off at the church office.
Your donation is greatly appreciated.

## Arcadia Center for the Needy

**Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

**Next collection date: November 15, 2026**

**NOTE:** You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

# Church information

**Attendance/Offering**

Attendance Sunday: **26** Viewed on Facebook:**10**

Offering: 11-8-26 **- $6,655.00** Year to Date: **$132,469.44**

**Session**

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

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# Celebrations




## November birthdays

November 14—Ted Land

November 19—Logan Adams

November 23—David Maassen

November 26—Edward Maassen

November 27—Don Knoche

November 28—Brian Fender, Jill Maassen

November 29—Cherie Thomas