

Grace Presbyterian News

November 2022

All Saints Sunday – November 6

The observance of All Saints Day has been reclaimed by many Protestants in recent decades because in the New Testament the word “saint” means any Christian. We also have the deepening awareness that however intimately God may speak to each of us personally, our faith in Christ is also due to the witness of other people. Parents, grandparents, pastors, teachers, musicians, godly friends, even strangers, have had their roles in our journey of faith, helping us come to know the love of God in Christ. On Sunday, November 6, we thank God for all the saints. If a close family member of yours died since last November 1, and you would like that person remembered in the All Saints service, send the name, date of birth, and date of death to Pastor Mike Krech in an email to jmkrech@yahoo.com

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Morning prayer on Zoom continues each Wednesday in November. We sing a hymn, read Scripture, and pray by name for each person on the prayer list. Email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com to receive the link to join us. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our Thursday night study group on Zoom reads and discusses the book *A Street Cat Named Bob* by James Bowen on Thursdays, November 3, 10, and 17. Send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link and questions for discussion.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study November 8 and 14 – In Person and Zoom

Monthly Bible study for Presbyterian Women meets in November in person and on Zoom. The day circle, taught by Becky Stirling, meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, which is November 8. The night circle, taught by Patsy Krech, meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, which is November 14. Both meetings are both in person in the church fellowship room and on Zoom. The 2022-2023 study book is *Celebrating Sabbath – Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol Bechtel. If you need the Zoom link, please email Patsy Krech at patsykrech@gmail.com

Presbytery of the Mid-South – Thursday, November 10, at Cordova Church

Presbytery of the Mid-South, our regional council, which consists of PCUSA churches and ministers in West Tennessee and southeast Missouri, meets on November 10. Susie Hayes is our commissioner.

Adult Sunday School Class Begins Study of First Corinthians on November 13

The adult Sunday School class will be starting a study of 1 Corinthians on Sunday, November 13. The class meets in the fellowship hall, and adults of all ages are welcome to attend. We read and discuss passages of scripture, with our discussions guided by biblical commentaries. Come and join us as we study this instructive and inspirational letter from the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth. Its message is still very timely for 21st century churches.

John Price, teacher

Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders

The session has called a congregational meeting to elect elders for the Class of 2025. This meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, during worship. The nominees for the Class of 2025, to be presented by the Nominating Committee, are Jere Lawson, John Price, and Matthew Smith. If elected, they would join continuing elders Rosemary Gordon, Sharon Ragghianti, and Becky Stirling of the Class of 2023 and Akwi Aseh, Susie Hayes, and Janet Vawter of the Class of 2024. Nominations of church members by church members may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee to serve if elected.

Pictures of Veterans of the Military for November 13

We will again acknowledge Veterans Day by showing pictures of veterans affiliated with the church before and after worship on Sunday, November 13. If you have a picture to add to our existing collection, please get that picture to Bob Vawter at bvawter@bellsouth.net by Friday, November 11.

Grace PW Gives – November 13 after Worship

At our October PW circle meetings members discussed ways of building community within our group as well as participating in a service project that would help others. This was the result of comments from the members that they enjoyed the shower for Johnson Auxiliary very much. Our next such gathering is after church on Sunday November 13, for a potluck meal and a service project to offer items needed by the VA Hospital. We will also have a few games or activities related to veterans to add some fun to the event.

The wish list is: Lounge pants - All sizes S-3X

T-Shirts (these can be printed T-shirts with logos-nothings with drugs, alcohol, or sexual related, etc.- use good judgment); Underwear- All sizes-women's, boxers & briefs

Footies (non-skid); Fall coat drive: You can donate your gently used coats - Adult S-3X

Gently used books and magazines, not dusty or smelling of cigarette smoke, and not Harlequin romances

Magi Family Sign Up

Magi Family is a traditional way our church has linked families in deeper friendship during the Advent and Christmas seasons. It can be marked by prayer, gifts, shared meals, and mutual support. A fuller description of this opportunity will be in the Sunday bulletin and will be emailed to you separately. Or, for questions you may email Janet Vawter at janet.vawter@gmail.com. Please sign up by November 13 in print at church or by November 19 by email.

Thanksgiving Boxes Service Project – November 20 after Worship

Children and youth are hosting a service project to collect food for families in need. Please donate canned and boxed food items to the church and place them in the donation box in the narthex. The children and youth will stay after church on Sunday, November 20, to box up the items and enjoy a pizza lunch.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Ellendale United Methodist Church

A community Thanksgiving service involving several congregations in Bartlett-Ellendale will be held Sunday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Ellendale United Methodist Church, 7217 Centralia Road. The preacher is to be Dr. Jonathan McReynolds, new pastor of Fullview Missionary Baptist Church.

Thanksgiving Day Shared Meal at the Church at 12:00 Noon

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, you are invited to feast with other church members at the church, beginning at noon. If you can bring ham, turkey, or dressing, please email Janet Vawter at janet.vawter@gmail.com. Please bring side dishes that will complement traditional thanksgiving fare. Fellowship will be wonderful too. Sign up on the friendship pads during the Sundays prior to Thanksgiving so we have some estimate of attendance.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent – Friday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m.

We meet Friday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m. to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Please join us as we set up the Chrismon tree, Advent wreath, and other festive array to enhance worship in Advent and Christmas.

Game Night – Friday, November 25

Game Night in person will be Friday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks as early as 6:30 p.m.

Cookie Sale Returns in December 2022 – more details in the Sunday bulletins

Commitments for 2023

The initial response for financial commitments for 2023, received on Commitment Sunday, October 30, was very encouraging. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have not had a chance to return a commitment card for 2023 and need any assistance, please call Betsy Lewis at the church on Mondays or Fridays, at 901.386.3241 or speak to or email the pastor at jmkrech@yahoo.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Names in <i>italics</i> indicate that the date is that person's birthday		1 <i>Alex Fry Cristaldawn Smith</i>	2 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	3 7:00 p.m. <i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in sanctuary <i>Alaina Hurley</i>	4 <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>	5 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed, Communion, All Saints Sunday	7	8 Election Day 10:00 a.m. Day Circle of Presbyterian Women	9 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	10 9:30 a.m. Presbytery at Cordova 7:00 p.m. <i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in sanctuary	11 Veterans Day	12 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Ruth Ellen Cox Susan Pickren</i>
13 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed 12:00 PW Gives, potluck & service Project for VA Hospital	14 7:00 p.m. Night Circle of Presbyterian Women	15 <i>Akwi Aseh</i>	16 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Mary Tolley</i>	17 7:00 p.m. <i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in sanctuary	18	19 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Cole Price</i>
20 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed, Christ the King 12:00 Youth pizza, service project 6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service, Ellendale United Methodist	21 6:00 p.m. Session Mtg. on Zoom	22	23 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	24 12:00 noon Thanksgiving Day Shared Meal	25 10:00 a.m. Decorate Sanctuary for Advent 7:00 p.m. Game Night <i>Whit Sloane</i>	26 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
27 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed; 1st Sunday Advent	28 <i>Donald Hicks</i>	29 <i>Kevin Bopp</i>	30 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom			

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

Nov. 6 (All Saints Sunday):

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149;
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Nov. 13:

Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 145;
2. Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 20: (Christ the King Sunday):

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 27: (First Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

A Prayer for All Saints Sunday

God of all grace, we thank you that you sent your Son Jesus to break the power of death and bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel. He shared our life, took upon himself our death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Look not on us, but on us as found in him, and bring us safely through the judgment to the joy and peace of your presence. Amen.

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