

Grace Presbyterian News

November 2023

All Saints Sunday – November 5

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 5, we thank God for all the saints, remembering especially the four members of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints, Ruth Ellen Cox, Denny Korowin, Bill McGoldrick, and Ken Hathaway.

Commitments for 2024

The initial response for financial commitments for 2024, received on Commitment Sunday, October 22, was very encouraging. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have not had a chance to return a commitment card for 2024 and need any assistance, please call Betsy Lewis at the church on Mondays or Fridays, at 901.386.3241 or email her at eaclewis@yahoo.com. You may also speak to Commitment Committee chair Susie Hayes or email Pastor Mike Krech at jmkrech@yahoo.com.

Annual FUNdraiser for Pinecrest – Sunday, November 5, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at
Shady Grove Presbyterian Church – 5530 Shady Grove Road – Tickets \$75

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 *Learning To See* by Elise Hooper on Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30. Send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link and questions for discussion.

Pictures of Veterans of the Military for November 12

We will again acknowledge Veterans Day by showing pictures of veterans affiliated with the church before and after worship on Sunday, November 12. If you have a picture to add to our existing collection, please get that picture to Bob Vawter at vawter.bob@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 8.

Grace PW Gives – November 12 after Worship

The PW (Presbyterian Women) Gives focus for November is AlphaOmega Veterans Services. A wish list of needs can be found on the tables in the sanctuary or at their website www.alphaomegaveterans.org. Potluck lunch, open to all, will be held after worship on November 12 to highlight this organization and the needs of veterans. The project continues through the entire month of November.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study November 13 and 14 –

In Person and Zoom – Lesson 3

Monthly Bible study for Presbyterian Women meets in November in person and on Zoom. The night circle, taught by Patsy Krech, meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, and the day circle, taught by Becky Stirling meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Both meetings are both in person in the church fellowship room and on Zoom. The 2023-2024 study book is *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. If you need the Zoom link, please email Patsy Krech at patsykrech@gmail.com

Movie Night at the Church – Friday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Presbytery of the Mid-South – Saturday, November 18, at Pinecrest

Presbytery of the Mid-South, our regional council, which consists of PCUSA churches and ministers in West Tennessee and southeast Missouri, meets on November 18. Matthew Smith is our commissioner.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. Location TBA

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is November 23, and while we are not planning a general meal at the church this year, we would like to be aware of those who otherwise have no place to go for a Thanksgiving noon time meal. If this is your situation, please email Janet Vawter at janet.vawter@gmail.com by November 14, and she will work with those who respond toward a Thanksgiving Day noon time gathering.

Game Night – Friday, November 24

Game Night at the church will be Friday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks as early as 6:30 p.m.

Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsing in Sanctuary on Thursday Nights

The Bartlett Area Chorus is a group of Bartlett area folks who love to sing together. They rehearse most Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. and a program is scheduled for Thursday evening, December 7, 2023.

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. For questions you may email Janet Vawter at janet.vawter@gmail.com. Please sign up by Sunday November 26 in church or by email to Janet Vawter at the email address above.

Cookie Sale in December – More Details Coming in the Sunday bulletins

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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 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Alex Fry Cristaldawn Smith</i>	2 7:00 p.m. Book group: <i>Learning to See</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in sanctuary	3 <i>Alaina Hurley</i>	4 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>
5 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed, Communion, All Saints Sunday 4:00 Pinecrest FUNdraiser at Shady Grove Ch.	6	7	8 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	9 7:00 p.m. Book group: <i>Learning to See</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in sanctuary	10	11 Veterans Day 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Susan Pickren</i>
12 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed 12:00 PW Gives potluck	13 7:00 p.m. Night Circle of Presbyterian Women	14 10:00 a.m. Day Circle of Presbyterian Women	15 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Akwi Aseh</i>	16 7:00 p.m. Book group: <i>Learning to See</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in Sanctuary <i>Mary Tolley</i>	17 7:00 p.m. Movie Night	18 9:30 a.m. Presbytery at Pinecrest 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Jim Carter</i>
19 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed, 6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service <i>Cole Price</i>	20 6:00 p.m. Session Mtg. on Zoom	21	22 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	23 Thanksgiving Day <i>Jessie Carter</i>	24 7:00 p.m. Game Night	25 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Whit Sloane</i>
26 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed; Christ the King Sunday Out to Lunch Bunch after worship	27	28 <i>Donald Hicks</i>	29 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Kevin J. Bopp</i>	30 7:00 p.m. Book group: <i>Learning to See</i> on Zoom; Bartlett Area Chorus in Sanctuary		

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

Nov. 5 (All Saints Sunday):

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 34;

Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 12:

Joshua 24:1-25; Psalm 78;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 19:

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 26: (Christ the King Sunday)

Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 95;

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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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