

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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We give our very busy Stated Clerk a small break by having a member of Presbytery Council write an article on a regular basis. We are grateful to the Rev. [Matt Schramm](#) for his contribution this week. Matt is the Senior Pastor of [Midland-Memorial](#) and the Vice Moderator of Presbytery.

I have a grand total of one wrestling win in my athletic career. I won't mention how many losses, but it's more than one. It was a long time ago — long enough that I wrestled in the 112 pound division — and I only lasted a year. That can probably be attributed to this truth about wrestling that I won't forget: it is hard and it is painful. I heard an interview with a wrestling coach who said that among other things, wrestling is intimate and confrontational.

At MPC we've been studying some of our heritage from the Hebrew Scriptures, including Jacob. Jacob's story has its ups and downs; but, eventually, we come to know him as Israel - One who wrestles with God.

As Christians, our ancestors were the people of Israel. In some spiritual sense, we still bear that name. And we do well to remember it is who we are to be wrestling with God. We pursue an opportunity to have a intimate and confrontational relationship with the one who created and redeemed us, who hears us when we cry out for justice, who knows us better than we know ourselves, and who loves us anyway.

In the Scriptures, over and over we read of God's people wrestling with God. That holds true from the very beginning and is seen even in the life of Jesus, who shares an intimate and confrontational relationship with his Father. God summons us to that sort of relationship, too. In the first chapter of Isaiah, we hear God's invitation to "come now, let us argue it out" as we work with God to seek justice for all (Isaiah 1:1-18 NRSV).

The life of discipleship is not a walk in the park. It's often a wrestling match. Our congregations and our presbytery are not where the wrestling stops and all is well. Instead, we remind one another that we are not alone as we wrestle with who we are called to be as the people of God. We won't be perfect, but may we be found faithful. God be with you as you seek to serve

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Prayer Requests

Prayers that we hold silent in our hearts.

Claire Gordon (8 yr. old) Cancer has returned-seeking new treatments through Mayo Clinic

McEy Neaves – Cancer

Conflicts in Israel and Ukraine

Prayers for those in nursing homes and adult foster care.

Prayers for those in our community suffering loss of loved ones.



NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 5th, 2023

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost Proper
26**

Semicontinuous: Josh. 3:7

Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37

Complementary: Micah 3:5-12

Ps. 43: 1

Thess. 2:9-13

Matt. 23:1-12

November 12th, 2023

**24th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper
27**

Semicontinuous: Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25

Ps. 78:1-7

Complementary: Amos 5:18-24

Ps. 70;

1 Thess. 4:13-18

Matt. 25:1-13

November 19th, 2023

**25th, Sunday after Pentecost/Proper
28**

Semicontinuous: Judg. 4:1-7

Ps. 123;

Complementary: Zeph. 1:7, 12-18

Ps. 90:1-8 (9-11) 12;

Thess. 5:1-11

Matt. 25:14-30

November 26th, 2023

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Semicontinuous: Ezek. 34:11-16

Ps. 100

Complementary: Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24

Ps. 95:1-7a

Eph. 1:15-23

Matt. 25:31-46

FYI

Pulpit Supply for November

November 5th – Rev. Leslie Piper

November 12th – Rev. William Wright

November 19th – Elder Sam McKim

November 26th – Elder Lisa Naveen

PW will again be taking donations for Operation Christmas Child. The last couple of years we have sent a monetary donation instead of filling shoeboxes. A suggested donation of \$25.00 or whatever amount you can donate will be collected between now and November 19th. Please write checks to Presbyterian Women with Operation Christmas Child designated on the memo or give cash to Gayla Todd or Pam O'Connor. We thank you for all donations in any amount!

If you would like to participate in purchasing poinsettias for the chancel this Advent season, please call the Croswell Greenhouse. Poinsettias may be noted as In Memory Of or In Honor Of and will be placed on the chancel Sunday December 10th. Flowers may be taken home after worship service on Christmas Eve.

THANK YOU to EVERYONE for all the contributions of help and product at our annual Fall Harvest Marketplace, held Saturday, October 21, 2023. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Christie Brown and Barb Pabst for the beautiful Christmas Quilt won by our own Randy Bales, and to Al and Cheryl Hosler for the wonderful Toy Chest won by our own Sue Holbrook, your handiwork is so greatly appreciated. Thank you to ALL those who donated baked goods for our Bake Shop, it was an abundance we were not quite expecting but we are SO GRATEFUL for! Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to Randy Bales and Kevin for cooking the delicious luncheon and to the ladies who helped get the meals ready and served to the people. Thank You to Jimmy Kettlewell for his donations of the large sign out front and the pop/water for the luncheon which we are very thankful for.

It takes a lot of hands to put this “bazaar” together and we are so very blessed in this church family to have so many willing hands that help in so many different ways. It was a lot of work, but God blessed us with a lot of fun, fellowship and laughter and an opportunity for new relationships within our small community. We are GRATEFUL for every single person that helped in any way from set up to take down...we cannot do this without you! The funds that we make on the Fall Harvest Marketplace as well as on the Sugar Beet Dinner each year goes mainly to mission projects; locally through the schools and community, for disaster relief and also globally as well as to our Presbyterian obligations.

With Sincere Thanks to All,

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1

All Saints Day
National Brush Day
National Go Cook For Your Pets Day
Hockey Mask Day

November 2

All Souls Day
Cookie Monster Birthday
Sausage and Kraut Day
World Chili Day

November 3

International Cake Day
Sandwich Day
SOS Day
World Jellyfish Day
Zero Tasking Day

November 4

Color The World Orange Day
National Chicken Lady Day
National Candy Day

November 5

National Love Your Red Hair Day
Play Monopoly Day
Wiggle Jiggle Jell-O Day

November 6

National Basketball Day
National Nachos Day
Saxophone Day

November 7

National Men Make Dinner Day
International Merlot Day

November 8

Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day

Dunce Day

Domino Day

November 9

Carl Sagan Day
National Child Safety Council Day

November 10

Area Code Day
Sesame Street Day

November 11

Veterans Day
Red Lipstick Day

November 12

Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
Fancy Rat & Mouse Day
Family Day

Hot Buttered Rum Day

November 13

Sandwich Day

November 14

International Girls Day
Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day

November 15

National Clean Out Your Fridge Day
Roc Your Mocs Day

November 16

National Button Day
National Check Your Wipers Day

November 17

Do Dah Day
Homemade Bread Day
National Butter Day

Take a Hike Day

November 18

Micky Mouse Day
National Princess Day

November 19

Have a Bad Day Day
International Men's Day
Rocky and Bullwinkle Day
World Toilet Day

November 20

National Childs Day

November 21

Great American Smoke Out Day
National Red Mitten Day
World Hello Day

November 22

Humane Society Day
Shopping Reminder Day

November 23

National Espresso Day
Thanksgiving Day
Turkey-free Thanksgiving

November 24

Mother Goose Day
Black Friday
Random Acts of Kindness Friday
You're Welcome Giving Day

November 25

International Hat Day
National Play with Dad Day
Orange Day

Buy Nothing Day

Shopping Reminder Day

November 26

National Milk Day
World Olive Tree Day

November 27

National Jukebox Day
Tie One On Day
Slinky Day

November 28

National Day of Mourning
Red Planet Day

November 29

Sinkie Day or Dine Over Your Kitchen Sink Day

Square Dancing Day

November 30

Blue Beanie Day
National Mason Jar Day
Stay Home Because You're Well Day
Cities for Life Day

WEEK EVENTS

- Wk 1 Drowsy Driving Prevention Week
National Fig Week
Give Wildlife A Brake Week
National Book Awareness Week
- Wk 2 Polar Bear Week
Childrens Book Week
Dear Santa Letter Week
National Cider Week
- Wk 3 National Farm-City Week
National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week
- Wk 4 GERD Awareness Week
National Bible Week
- Wk 5 National Family Week
National Game and Puzzle Week
Better Conversation Week
National Deal Week

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Adopt a Turkey Month
Banana Pudding Lovers Month
Family Stories Month
Historic Bridge Awareness Month
Sweek Potato Awreness Month
Picture Book Month
National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
National Inspirational Role Models Month



From your little Church Library in the corner....

The Mess Detectives, starring Bob and Larry, are back again to sort through another mess and help kids learn that laziness doesn't pay. Laura Carrot has been taken prisoner by the laziest Veggies ever – the Couch Potatoes. This may be their most dangerous case yet. How will they save Laura from the lazy spuds? Check this book out to discover the answer! **The Couch Potato Caper**, by Doug Peterson. (Yellow Dot - Children)

Elijah....He defied Jezebel. He thundered warnings to Ahab. And he became the greatest of all the prophets. A powerful biblical story that will live forever. **Elijah**, by William H. Stephens. (Teal Dot – Bible Studies)

Joseph Girzone retired from the active priesthood for health reasons and took up his lifelong dream of writing. In this novel, the author creates a gentle man named Joshua with a simple message that could revolutionize the church...."It is a message that changes everyone it touches. And no one who reads it will ever forget it." **Joshua the Shepherd** by Joseph Girzone (Purple Dot - Fiction).

Just a few suggestions for your late fall/early winter reading pleasure!!



Happy
Birthday

6th .Ashley Fockler
14th .Diane Todd
15th .Connor Kinsley
27th .Jeanette Thompson




21st Kirk & Lonnie Smith
22nd Will & Emily O'Connor



Dates to Remember



NOVEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1  PW Mtg. 10:30 a.m.	2	3 	4
5 Fall back Standard time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. Turn clocks back one hour. Daylight saving time returns the second Sunday in March. 	6	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14 Sessions Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	15 Book Club 12:30 p.m. Thumbs Up	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26 Hanging of the Greens	27	28	29	30		

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Shop Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago,
One day saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store.
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.
I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere.
And one angel said, "My child shop with care."
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.

And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.
First, got some patience, love was in the same row
Further down was understanding, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or two of faith.
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost for He was all over the place.
I stopped to get some strength and courage to help me run the race
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered, needed some grace.
I didn't forget salvation, for salvation that was free.
So, tried to get enough of that, to save you and me.
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill
For I thought had everything to do my Master's will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw prayer and just had to put that in.
For I knew When I stepped outside I would run right into sin,
Peace and joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
Song and praises were hanging near so I just helped myself.
Then, said now how much do I owe?
He just smiled and said, Just take them everywhere you go.
How much do I really owe?
He smiled and said, My child Jesus paid your bill a long time ago.

—Lorine Woody

KIDS CORNER



Thanksgiving Word Scramble

ntnkavshgiig _____

utraiedtg _____

sevhtra _____

lssesgbni _____

orcoucniap _____

ndiinsa _____

rlipsimg _____

oembenrv _____

pkpmnui _____

snftgfui _____

hftnkual _____

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fstea _____

ahgetr _____