

NEWSLETTER

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ON GIVING THANKS

Are you afraid of heights? There is a Catholic monastery in Portugal, atop a 300 foot cliff. The only way to reach the monastery is by a terrifying ride in a basket, connected to a single rope pulled by several Catholic monks. One day an American tourist was about to ride up in the basket. He became very nervous when he noticed the rope was quite old and frayed. Timidly he asked, *"How often do you change the rope?"*

One of the monks replied, *"Whenever it breaks!"*

Many people treat relationships that way. Forgetting to tend to relationships. Not talking to one another. Suddenly the relationship snaps and breaks! And people slip away from each other.

God values relationships with us. And the two words that God likes hearing from us is, *"Thank you!"*

Do you recall the painting by Norman Rockwell of a mother and her son sitting in a restaurant booth? Two fellows in the next booth are looking at the mother and son. The two men, apparently not religious, seem puzzled as to why the mom and her child are bowing their heads with hands folded and eyes closed, and are saying something.

Do you know the reason why you pray before you eat your meals? We pray for our meals because Jesus prayed to God before His meals. Before the *Last Supper*, Jesus said thanks to God in prayer. Before performing the *Feeding of the 5,000*, Jesus thanked God. And before Jesus performed the *Feeding of the 4,000*, He prayed. Saying prayers before eating our meals is not a superstition that, if we do not bless our meals with a prayers, the food will make us sick. Here is the real reason why we give thanks to God before eating. God is a Person. And like any person, God appreciates being thanked. Saying thanks to God is also a way of demonstrating to God that we are dependent on the Lord. All blessings come from the Almighty.

I just thought I would mention this in advance of our celebrations on Thanksgiving Day.

Bill Wright, Pastor

Prayer Requests

Sue Holbrook - neck surgery (Monday, October 27th) and recovery

Those in our church family going through tests, surgeries and recovering from recent surgeries.

Those experiencing colds/flu.

Those going through difficult times and suffering recent losses.

First responders (EMTs, Police and Fire fighters) and military active duty and veterans.

THANKS and PRAISE to God for a successful Fall Holiday Marketplace and luncheon, for all those who worked together to prepare for this event and for the ministries the proceeds will be used for.

ALERT

Someone is falsely posing as our Pastor has sent emails to members of First Presbyterian Church, asking for Target gift cards or just asking you to call him. Our Pastor would never ever ask you for either gift cards or money. If you should receive such an email, do not open it, and do not respond. It was not sent by our Pastor. It is a scam. This matter has been reported to the Sheriff's Department.

November Quotes to Welcome a Happy Month

"I am most radiant and full of energy when the leaves are falling and there is a ghost of change in the air."– Anna Madsen

"Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moon rise."– Gladys Taber

"The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully."
– Henry Rollins

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools."– Henry Beston

"I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift."– Dodinsky

"The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of."– Henry David Thoreau

"In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers."– Cynthia Rylant

"Peering from some high window, at the gold of November sunset and feeling that if day has to become night, this is a beautiful way."
– E. E. Cummings

The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playing swirls, and the wind hurries on... A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind."– Aldo Leopold

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all."
– Stanley Horowitz

"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!"– Charmaine J. Forde

Hello November. Let the cozy evenings begun.
– Unknown

"It was November – the month of crimson sunsets, parting birds, deep hymns of the sea, passionate wind songs in the pines."– L.M. Montgomery

"The river this November afternoon rests in an equipoise of sun and cloud. A glooming light, a gleaming darkness shroud. Its passage. All seems tranquil, all in tune."– Cecil Day-Lewis

"Long cold nights mark November's return, grey rains fall, wind walks in the bronze oak leaves."
– Gladys Taber

"So dull and dark are the November days. The lazy mist high up the evening curled, and now the morn quite hides in the smoke and haze; the place we occupy seems all the world."– John Clare

"It was the best kind of November day. Cold and crisp, but not quite freezing, not icy."– Rainbow Rowell

"The August noon in us works to stave off the November chills."– Ray Bradbury

"November wind has a sound different from any other. It is easy to imagine the cave of the winds in some mythical Northland where the winds are born and the gods send them out to conquer the quiet air."
– Gladys Taber

"November. Crows are approaching, wounded leaves fall to the ground."
– Sir Kristian Goldmund Aumann

"Now in November nearer comes the sun down the abandoned heaven."– D. H. Lawrence

"October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds, and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces."
– J.K. Rowling

NEWS TO KNOW: Presbyterian Women will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Rather than packing an actual shoebox we will again this year be making a monetary donation. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are located on the table at the back of the church and may be returned in the offering plate. Donations will be collected between November 2nd and November 23rd.

Veteran's Day

Veterans Day (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with holidays in several countries, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which also occur on the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May: Veterans Day commemorates the service of all U.S. veterans, while the older Memorial Day, which grew out of Civil War commemorations, specifically honors those who have died while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

History

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'".

U.S. Army and Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets march during a Veterans Day parade in Baltimore, Maryland, 2016.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea of a national holiday that would honor all war veterans, living and dead, to be celebrated on Armistice Day. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day".

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1

All Saints Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Extra Mile Day
Forgiveness & Happiness Day
Give Up Your Shoulds Day

Nov. 2

All Souls Day
Color the World Orange Day
Cookie Monster Birthday

Nov. 3

Cliché Day
Sandwich Day
World Jellyfish Day
SOS Day

Nov. 4

National Candy Day
Use Your Common Sense Day

Nov. 5

Firewood Day
National Men Make Dinner Day
Wiggle Jiggle Jell-o Day

Nov. 6

Fountain Pen Day
National Basketball Day

Nov. 7

National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonda Day
Pumpkin Destruction Day
Sadie Hawkins Day
Sausage and Kraut Day

Nov. 8

Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day
HBO Day

Nov. 9

World Freedom Day
Carl Sagan Day

Nov. 10

Area Code Day
Sesame Street Day
Windows Day

Nov. 11

Armistice Day
Forget-Me-Not Day
Red Lipstick Day

Nov. 12

National Pizza with the Works Day
World Pneumonia Day

Nov. 13

Domino Day
Sandwich Day
World Kindness Day

Nov. 14

International Girls Day
Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day
National Family PJ Day
National Block It Out Day

Nov. 15

I love to Write Day
National Bundt Pan Day
National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day

Nov. 16

National Button Day
National Check Your Wipers Day

Nov. 17

Family Day
Homemade Bread Day
National Butter Day
Take A Hike Day

Nov. 18

Mickey Mouse Day
National Princess Day
National Apple Cider Day

Nov. 19

Great American Smokeout:
Have A Bad Day Day
International Men's Day
National Parental Involvement Day
Red Shawl Day
World Toilet Day

Nov. 20

Name Your PC Day
Universal Children's Day

Nov. 21

National Red Mitten Day
World Hello Day
World Television Day

Nov. 22

Do Dah Day
Mother Goose Day

Nov. 23

National Espresso Day
Wolfenoot

Nov. 24

Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day
Fairy Bread Day

Nov. 25

Tie One On Day (Honors Aprons)

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Day
National Milk Day
World Olive Tree Day
National Alan Day

Nov. 27

Black Friday
Buy Nothing Day
National Day of Listening
Random Acts of Kindness Friday

Nov. 28

Red Planet Day
Small Business Saturday

Nov. 29

International Jaguar Day
Secondhand Sunday
Square Dancing Day

Nov. 30

Blue Beanie Day
Cider Monday
National Mason Jar Day
National Personal Space Day
Stay Home Because You're Well Day

WEEK EVENTS

- Wk.1 National Fig Wk
National Book Awards Wk
Childrens Book Wk
Wk 2 Dear Santa Letter Wk
National Cider Wk
World Kindness Wk
National Young Readers Wk.
Wk 3 Roc Your Moc Wk
American Education Wk
Wk.4 National Bible Wk
National Family Wk
National Game & Puzzle Wk
Better Conversation Wk

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Banana Pudding Lovers Month
Family Stories Month
National Georgia Pecan Month
National Family Literacy Month
Peanut Butter Lovers Month
National Scholarship Month
International Games Month
Manatee Awareness Month
National Adoption Month
National Gratitude Month

From your little Library on the corner....

“Imagine a land so dry that every drop of rain is like pure gold. And in the middle of this arid land there is a village filled with people who need more than just a few buckets of rainwater to survive. Fortunately for them, Tobias lives nearby.” From **All You Ever Need**, by Max Lucado.

(Children - **Yellow Dot**)

“A wagging tail. A goofy, floppy-tongued smile. An excited bark when your keys jingle in the door. Dogs are truly one of God’s finest creatures, a marvelous gift for us humans.” This book is a delightful collection of true stories that celebrate the dogs in our lives. So curl up on the couch with the special dog in your life....and enjoy!” From **The Dog Next Door**, edited by Callie Smith Grant.

(Self-Help, **Golden Beige Dot**)

“Vacation. The very word has been foreign to Episcopal priest Tim Kavanagh. Now retired from tending his flock in the village of Mitford, he is making good on a promise to show his wife, Cynthia, the land of his Irish ancestors.” The personal favorite of author Jan Karon, this book continues the well-loved Mitford series. From **In the Company of Others**, by Jan Karon.

(Adult Fiction – **Purple Dot**)

Gray, windy, chilly fall days mean hot chocolate, plaid throw and a good book!!



6th Ashley Fockler
11th Jeff Durecks
14th Diane Todd
15th Connor Kinsley
29th Steven Porrett



1st Linda Fuller & Bill Ginther
14th Stephen & Rhonda Porrett
22nd Will & Emily O'Connor

Dates to Remember



NOVEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1. 
2. 10am Worship. Communion	3	4. 	5.	6.	7.	8.
9. 10 am Worship	10	11. Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm 	12.	13.	14.	15.
16. 10 am Worship	17.	18.	19.	20. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	21.	22.
23. 10 am Worship 30.	24.	25.	26.	27. 	28.	29.

November 23rd, the Baptism of Roman Mackay

November 30, 10am Hanging of the Greens Service

November 30, the Baptism of Noah Bales

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KIDS CORNER

THANKSGIVING FOOD MATCH

Match the ingredient on the left to the food item it would most likely be used in.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Crispy bacon | 1. Green bean casserole |
| 2. Yeast | 2. Sweet potato casserole |
| 3. Corn syrup | 3. Rolls |
| 4. Canned pumpkin | 4. Stuffing |
| 5. Cornmeal | 5. Gravy |
| 6. Onion straws | 6. Cornbread |
| 7. Cranberries | 7. Brussels sprouts |
| 8. Sharp cheddar cheese | 8. Macaroni and cheese |
| 9. Turkey drippings | 9. Pumpkin pie |
| 10. Corn kernels | 10. Cranberry sauce |
| 11. Day old bread | 11. Creamed corn |
| 12. Marshmallows | 12. Pecan pie |