NEWSLETTER

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Reflections

Bonding n the Mystical Body

All who belong to Christ, having his Spirit, form one church and cleave together in him (Eph. 4:16). Therefore the union of the pilgrim church with the brethren who have gone to sleep in the peace of Christ is not in the least interrupted. On the contrary, according to the perennial faith of the Church, it is strengthened through the exchanging of spiritual goods. For after they have been received into their heavenly home and are present to the Lord (2 Cot 5:8), through him and with him and in him, they do not cease to intercede with the Father for us. … By their brotherly interest our weakness is very greatly strengthened.

Place Yourself at One Another's Service

Each of us has fingerprints that differ from all the other billions on the earth. Our talents are unique in such a way that if we could measure and code them, we should find them as distinctive as our fingerprints.

This is not as preposterous as it sounds. Nature abounds with uniqueness. No two snowflakes, as we all know, are identical in form and outline.

This possession of unique talents is a blessing from God. Everyone is given a variety of talents. They mark us as individuals. Too many of us think that having a talent means having or doing something greater or better than others. This is not what God intended. Many of us can sing, but few of us will be lyric tenors. Many of us can cook, but there are few world famous chefs. Many of us can write, but few of us will be famous poets. Gifts are meant to be used, not compared.

God wants us to use whatever talent or talents we possess in his service. It does not have to be the "best" or a sublime talent as long as it is our talent freely given in his service. Use your special power of persuasion to get donations to feed the needy, or use your talent to teach, educating our young people. If you can write, help with your church bulletin. If you sing, become a member of the choir. If you have a compassionate ear, let those to whom no one listens speak to you.

Use your talents in God's service, whether in your church or in the broader setting of the nationwide or worldwide church. You were blessed with talents by God; return the blessing in full measure by sharing yourself and your talents with God and your neighbors in gracious thanksgiving.

Think…

We live in a Donahue–ized culture in which we sit and watch, hour by hour, the banality that passes for knowledge on television or YouTube, and we rarely think about issues in terms of Christ. We could have used Geraldo, or Sally Raphael, or a number of other equally slick programs.

Question: Can we really sustain the city of man without the influence of the City of God? St. Augustine argued that it was impossible.

Any society, especially a free society, depends on a moral consensus and on shared perceptions. What is ultimate reality? What is meaningful in life? By what standards should we be governed? These common values are the glue that holds society together.

In America the glue is wearing pretty thin. We are in the middle of a moral crisis in which conflicting concepts are fighting to dominate. Are we a people "under God," or are we free to ignore and destroy such concepts? Is there a difference between right and wrong, moral immoral, truth and untruth …? Where do we go?

Prayer Requests

Sharron Lusher and family - passing of her husband Jon

Yvette Messner - health issues

The Macklem family on the recent passing of Patricia Macklem

Matt Kettlewell - Family still trying to get him into a rehab facility in Michigan so they can leave California

Travel mercies for Sally and Gary Pomeroy and for the snowbirds heading south soon.

Those suffering illnesses, hospitalizations, despair, and loss of loved ones.

Those in the military, fire fighters, law enforcement, first responders, and those in government office.

Those suffering from fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and other natural disasters.

Short Welcome November Quotes and Sayings for a Beautiful Month

"Welcome sweet November, the season of senses and my favorite month of all."– Gregory F. Lenz

"The November evening had a bite; it nibbled not-quite-gently at her cheeks and ears."
– Aleksandr Wootton

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

"November at its best – with a sort of delightful menace in the air."– Anne Bosworth Greene

"November's sky is chill and dreary; November's leaf is red and sear."– Sir Walter Scott

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
– Albert Camus

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

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

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

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

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."– Jim Bishop

"Jam on November took away the worries, It was like tasting summer."– El Fuego

"November is chill, frosted mornings with a silver sun rising behind the trees, red cardinals at the feeders, and squirrels running scallops along the tops of the gray stone walls."
– Jean Hersey

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

"Autumn is springtime in reverse."– Terri Guillemets

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

"That soft autumnal time, the woodland foliage now is gathered by the wild November blast."
– John Howard Bryant

Short and Uplifting November Quotes for Your Letter Board

"Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils."– Cyril Connolly

"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn."
– B. C. Forbes

"Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot see a shadow."– Helen Keller

"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."– John Burroughs

"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

"There is a calmness to a life lived in gratitude, a quiet joy."– Ralph H. Blum

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." Vivian Greene

"Be thankful for what you have. Your life is someone else's fairy tale."– Wale Ayeni

"Fear not November's challenge bold. We've books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold. These make amends."– Alexander L. Fraser

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."– Robert Brault

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."
– F. Scott Fitzgerald

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house."
– Nathaniel Hawthorne

"In every change, in every falling leaf, there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow."
– Amit Ray

"How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of the spring!"– Edwin Way Teale

"November is the month that reminds us to be thankful. For the big things, for the small things and for making a spring that will come in due time so much sweeter."
– Rip Miller

"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

NEWS TO KNOW

With Christmas quickly approaching Presbyterian Women will again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Due to the increased shipping cost of the boxes we will be sending a monetary donation rather than packing individual boxes. If you would like to participate envelopes are on the table at the back of the sanctuary and may be left in the collection plate. Please make checks out to Presbyterian Women. The final date for collection is November 22nd.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day, annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It is observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and on the second Monday in October in Canada. Thanksgiving is a day when families and friends gather to express gratitude for the year's blessings over a shared feast. The holiday has evolved from a harvest celebration to a national tradition of togetherness and thankfulness through centuries of tradition building, mythmaking, and cultural change.

The American holiday is rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie.

The First Thanksgiving: Myths and Facts

Thanksgiving is believed to have originated as a regional celebration in colonial New England (now in the northeastern United States). The American Thanksgiving may have been modeled on a 1621harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth (now in Massachusetts) and the Wampanoag people. The celebration in Plymouth is commonly called the first Thanksgiving. Plymouth's Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going out "fowling," possibly for turkeys but more probably for the easier prey of geese and ducks, since they "in one day killed as much as…served the company almost a week." Next, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate, doubtlessly unnerving the 50 or so colonists. Nevertheless, over the next few days the two groups socialized without incident. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast, which included the fowl and probably fish, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables, and beer. Since Plymouth had few buildings and manufactured goods, most people ate outside while sitting on the ground or on barrels with plates on their laps. The men fired guns, ran races, and drank liquor, struggling to communicate in broken English and Wampanoag. This was a rather disorderly affair, but it sealed a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Philip's War (1675–76), in which hundreds of colonists and thousands of Native Americans lost their lives.

Why Do We Eat Turkey on Thanksgiving?

As celebrated in the United States, the holiday of Thanksgiving usually revolves around a bountiful meal. Typical dishes include bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and, above all, turkey. How did turkey become the centerpiece of this feast?

It is often assumed that today's Thanksgiving menu originated in an event commonly referred to as the "first Thanksgiving." There is indeed evidence of a meal shared between Pilgrim settlers at Plymouth colony (in what is now Massachusetts) and Wampanoag people in late 1621. But there is no indication that turkey was served. For meat, the Wampanoag brought deer, and the Pilgrims provided wild "fowl." Strictly speaking, that "fowl" could have been turkeys, which were native to the area, but historians think it was probably ducks or geese.

What's more, the Pilgrims do not appear to have considered this meal a milestone worthy of special commemoration. No 17th-century reference to it exists beyond a letter written by Plymouth colonist Edward Winslow. For the Pilgrims, giving thanks for the autumn harvest wasn't a new concept. As a tradition with roots in European harvest festivals and Christian religious observances, "days of thanksgiving" were fairly common among the colonists of New England. Throughout America's colonial era, communities held their own unofficial Thanksgiving celebrations, and few people associated them with the Plymouth settlers. By the turn of the 19th century, however, turkey had become a popular dish to serve on such occasions. There were a few reasons for this. First, the bird was rather plentiful. One expert estimated that there were at least 10 million turkeys in America at the time of European contact. Second, turkeys on a family farm were almost always available for slaughter. While live cows and hens were useful as long as they were producing milk and eggs, respectively, turkeys were generally raised only for their meat and thus could be readily killed.

Third, a single turkey was usually big enough to feed a family.

From your little Library in the corner….

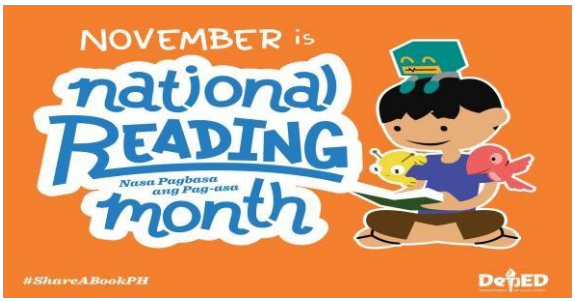
"Imagine a land so dry that every drop of rain is like pure gold. And in the middle of this arid land there is a village filled with people who need more than just a few buckets of rainwater to survive. Fortunately for them, Tobias lives nearby." From **All You Ever Need**, by Max Lucado. (Yellow Dot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

Listen. Do you hear it? "Somewhere, between the pages of this book and the pages of your heart, God is speaking. And He is calling you by name. From **When God Whispers Your Name**, by Max Lucado. (Famous Authors – Gray Dot)

"Do you feel trapped in the machine of excess? Jen Hatmaker was. Her friends were. And some might say that our culture is. Jen once considered herself unmotivated by the lure of prosperity, but upon being called 'rich' by an undeniably poor child, evidence to the contrary mounted, and a social experiment turned spiritual journey was born. This is the true story of how Jen took seven months, identified seven areas of excess, and made seven simple choices to fight back against the modern-day diseases of greed, materialism, and overindulgence." From **7: An experimental mutiny against excess**, by Jen Hatmaker. (Self Help – Golden Beige Dot)

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Enrich your life!! Read!!!!!!





6th Ashley Fockler
10th Jeff Durecka
14th Diane Todd
15th Connor Kinsley
20th Ray McAllister
29th Steven Porrett



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

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1
All Saints' Day
Cinnamon Day
Color The World Orange Day
Extra Mile Day
Nov. 2
All Souls Day
Cookie Monster Birthday
Nov. 3
Election Day
Sandwich Day
SOS Day
Nov. 4
National Chicken Lady Day
National Candy Day
National Men Make Dinner Day
Nov.. 5
Appreciation Day
Play Monopoly Day
Nov. 6
National Nacho Day
Pumpkin Destruction Day
National Play Outside Day
Nov. 7
Zero Tasking Day
Nov. 8
Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day
Fill Our Staplers Day
Dunce Day
Nov. 9
World Freedom Day
Nov.10
Sesame Street Day
Windows Day
Nov. 11
Forget-Me-Not Day
Armistice Day
Nov. 12
Chicken Soup For The Soul Day
Fancy Rat & Mouse Day
National Pizza With The Works Day
Nov. 13
Sandwich Day
Nov. 14
International Girls Day
Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day
National Pickle Day
National PJ Day
Nov. 15
I Love To Write Day
National Bundt (Pan) Day
National Clean Out Your Fridge Day
Nov. 16
Teddy Bear Day
Nov. 17
Homemade Bread Day
National Butter Day
Take A Hike Day
Nov. 18
Great American Smokeout Day
National Apple Cider Day
Use Less Stuff Day
Nov. 19
World Toilet Day
Nov. 20
Name Your PC Day
National Peanut Butter Fudge Day
World Children's Day
Nov. 21
Do Dah Day
National Red Mitten Day
World Hello Day
World Television Day
Nov. 22
Mother Goose Day
Stir Up Sunday
Nov. 23
Doctor Who Day
National Expresso Day
Nov. 24
Fairy Bread Day
National Jukebox Day
Nov. 25
National Play With Dad Day
Shopping Reminder Day
Nov. 26
Thanksgiving Day
Flossing Day
Random Acts of Kindness Day
You're Welcoming Day
Nov. 27
Slinky Day
Black Friday
Nov.. 28
Red Planet Day
Nov. 29*
Cider Day
Square Dancing Day
Nov. 30
Blue Beanie Day
National Mason Jar Day
Stay Home Because You're Well Day

Weekly Holidays

Wk 1. National Fig Wk
Polar Bear Wk
Wk 2 Dear Santa Letter Wk
National Split Pea Soup Wk
Wk 3 Young Readers Wk
Roc Your Moc Wk
Wk. 4 National Bible Wk
National Game & Puzzle Wk

Monthly

National Gratitude Month
Peanut Buter Lovers Month
Georgia Pecan Month

November Dates to Remember

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 10am Worship Elder Lisa Naveen	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10am Worship Communion Rev. Kim Stranz	9	10 Decon's Mtg. 6:0 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15 10 am Worship Rev. Linda Fuller	16	17	18	19 Food Give- away 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	20	21
22 10 am Worship Todd Shoudy	23	24	25	26.  .	27	28
29 10 am Worship Rev. Linda Fuller	30					

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November Word Scramble



The letters of the words below are jumbled. Unscramble the letters and write the word on the blank line provided.

1. LOFOABLT _____
2. EENVOLRUT _____
3. ETKYRU _____
4. FINFSGTU _____
5. TNERBIEAH _____
6. YLAMIF _____
7. EPIREC _____
8. EILSFURR _____
9. LERAVT _____
10. PPGSNHIO _____
11. EPI _____
12. OTCA _____
13. ECNOITLE _____
14. AIGSHVINKGTN _____
15. KOOC _____
16. LVHETEEN _____
17. ESVATRH _____
18. SFETA _____
19. LESSA _____
20. NEVRTSEA _____
21. KEBA _____
22. RETEZIINW _____
23. TSROYF _____
24. ADPREA _____



bake	feast	parade	Thanksgiving
coat	flurries	pie	travel
cook	football	recipe	turkey
election	frosty	sales	Veterans
eleventh	harvest	shopping	volunteer
family	hibernate	stuffing	winterize





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New Memorial Garden









HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE 2026



