

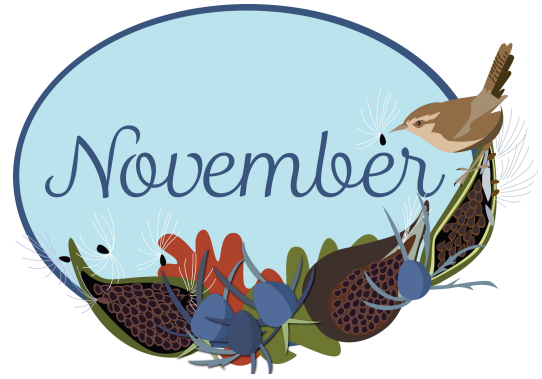
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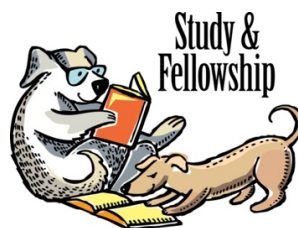


Join fellow Christians as we celebrate **Thanksgiving** together. We will be meeting at **3:30 p.m.** at the **Methodist church** on **6th and Columbia Boulevard in St. Helens**



Christmas Around the World

Advent, a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity, is coming! It begins this year on December 3 and runs until December 24, Christmas Eve. This year the theme for Advent at PPC will be "**Christmas Around the World**," directed by the Worship Commission.



Our **book study** will be continuing in November, on Zoom on Monday, November 6 and 13, evenings at 6:30 pm, led by Pat Berger. We are reading and discussing **Walter Brueggemann's** book, **Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study**. The names we are studying are from Isaiah 9: 6 -- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Come and join us!



November Lectionary Readings

November 1 All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-17;
Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 5 23rd of Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17;
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12. 24th of Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25;
Psalm 78:1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19. 25th of Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7; Psalms 123;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26. Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalms 100;
Ephesians 1:15-23;
Matthew 25:31-46



Attendance

September 17	28
September 24	28
October 1	27
October 8	22



November 3	Rachel Connor
November 3	Darla Knytych
November 4	Sarah Roth
November 7	Gretchen Daly
November 7	Addison Wells
November 10	Jill Turner
November 22	Bonnie Childs
November 24	Mark Dinwiddie
November 30	Becky Frazier



We're having a party! Come to the church on **December 9, at 5 p.m.** for our annual **Christmas potluck**. We will have games (by Anita), singing (by Helen and Sharon), and of course good food! It's a great way to kick off the Christmas season! There will be a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

Meeting Schedules



First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with your church family. **Tuesday, November 7, at noon** in the **library**.

Deacons Meeting



Deacons next scheduled meeting will be **November 7, at 1:00 p.m.** at the church.



Worship Committee,

The Worship and Nurture Committee will meet on the **first Tuesday, November 7,** following the first Tuesday lunch.



Elders Meeting

Session will continue their regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, November 7, at 6:15 on Zoom.**



News From Makindu

I'd like to share with you stories of a few older children we have helped, thanks to your support:

Jahi* is a 17-year-old boy on HIV care and treatment. He had developed deviant tendencies, which led to his refusal to take anti-retroviral medications. Jahi snuck away from the vocational institute that we had taken him to which brought a lot of pressure to his ailing mother, also on care and treatment. Center staff were able to track him down in his hide-out and, with love, explained the dangers of the self-destructive path he had embraced.

Fortunately, Jahi heeded our counsel. He changed his attitude, resumed his treatment, his health has tremendously improved, and he is back at school. He has even agreed to mentor to the young kids on HIV care and treatment.

Mosi* is 18 years old and suffers from muscular dystrophy. He has been attending neurology clinic in Nairobi. In his last clinic visit, the neurologist advised him to enroll in a physiotherapy clinic, which he has done.

Shar* is entering her fourth year of college. She is pursuing a degree in education science and looks forward to a teaching career.

All of these children have grown up calling Makindu Children's Center "home" and we are very proud of their progress.

Diane Richardson, Executive director

October 2023



Our annual Christmas bazaar will be held on **November 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** We will need volunteers to help with the following:

Basket Making Day will be November 8, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bazaar Preparation November 14th -17th, 10 a.m. - ?

Bazaar Decorating Tuesday, November 15

Bazaar Set-up Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17

Changes to 2023 Bazaar:

No lunches served. Simple food items considered: cinnamon rolls, fruit, cheese, pie, coffee, tea, and lemonade served from the kitchen. **The Bake Sale** will provide the option for take-out or eat-in.

No Mission sales. This will be a separate event in the spring and will include vendors.

No Vendors. They will be included in the spring Arts and Crafts Fair.

Be thinking about what you can donate and where you can help.



Pastor Schedule for November

Nov. 5: Reverend Pat Berger

Nov.12: Reverend Conley Zomermaand

Nov.19: Reverend Pat Berger

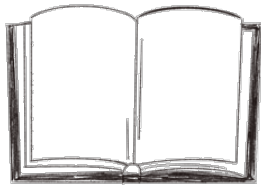
Nov. 26: Reverend Conley Zomermaand

In the meantime, the pastor search committee is interviewing three prospective pastors for the position.



Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Campaign began in October, Elders and Deacon Chair represented stewardship in a short “Moment for Stewardship” each Sunday. November 5 will be Stewardship Dedication Sunday with testimony from Kathleen Dinwiddie and Becky Frazier.



Church Directory

An updated church directory and birthday list will be distributed to the congregation in December.

In the meantime, check the web site for new deacon pictures.



Change for Change

Everyone has been so generous in giving your loose change to the various causes that your Mission Team has chosen. Isn't it great to hear those coins hit the offering plate?

This quarter the change will continue to be donated to the **Amani Center**, which provides help for children suspected to have been abused.



The Kroger/Fred Meyer rebate for the 3rd quarter was \$30.00 for a total of \$98.22 for the year so far.

PDA Support for Israel and Palestine

As violence escalates in and around Israel/Palestine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing humanitarian assistance through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance.

PDA has approved a solidarity grant for a hospital in Gaza and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. PDA's response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions including delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals wrestling with the emotional aftermath of the warfare.

To contribute: Disaster Relief-Middle East (DR000081)

To give by phone, call 800-872-3283.

To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to;

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. BOX 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Or you can donate online at PCUSA.org.
Follow this link:

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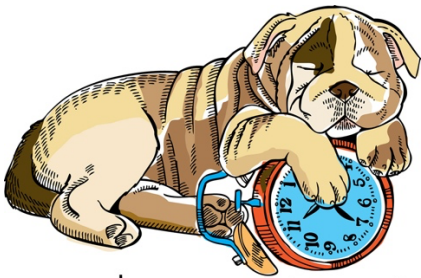
Newsletter DEADLINE

The deadline for the December newsletter is **November 18**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

November 5	Guest Preacher: Reverend Pat Berger Communion Set-up: Linda Liefeld Communion Servers: Linda and Roger Liefeld, Sharon Fraser Greeters: Doris Perry and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee Hour:
November 12	Guest Preacher: Reverend Conley Zomermaand Greeters: Karen Roldan and Becky Frazier Lay Leader: Marilyn Brinster Coffee Hour: Helen Purkerson
November 19	Guest Preacher: Reverend Pat Berger Greeters: Jill Turner and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Sharon Fraser Coffee Hour: Anita Kjos
November 26	Guest Preacher: Reverend Conley Zomermaand Greeters: Helen Purkerson and Carol Jones Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Coffee Hour:



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

November 5



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