



November is an interesting month.

November begins with All Saints Day, in which the church remembers all those faithful in Christ who have borne witness to their faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The first Saturday in November, this year the 5th, is the end of Daylight Savings time, where we move the clocks back one hour.

From the Pastor

Then comes Election Day, where American citizens (by birth or naturalized) have the privilege and duty of voting for the leaders and issues of their choice.

Some elections are more exciting than others. Some are more hopeful than others. Some are more bitterly contested than others. But if you are an American, please vote.

Christians have a unique privilege and duty to both vote and pray. It is difficult sometimes to see how God is working in elections, but we believe that Jesus is still the King, and that God has not lost control over the world, our nation, nor our lives. In a letter to his young friend, Timothy, the Apostle Paul commanded:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

If you recall, when Paul wrote Timothy, the Roman Emperor was Nero, who would become famous for burning a third of Rome for his new building projects. Nero was no friend of Christians, and yet Paul exhorts Christians to pray for the king/emperor. No matter what political party you belong to, do you pray regularly, fervently for our leaders?

Veterans Day comes next, where we remember and celebrate all who have served this country's armed forces. This used to be called Armistice Day, celebrating the end of the First World War and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The treaty was signed at 11:11 a.m. on 11/11/1918. It has also been called Remembrance Day, which is contrasted to Memorial Day where we specifically remember those who have given their lives in service to the country.

Each Veterans Day, we produce a slide show showing and honoring those who have served. If you or a loved one has served, and you'd like to include their picture in the slide show, please get them to the church office. Scan and email them if you can. Or bring them by and we will scan them for you.

Shoebox Collection Sunday is November 20th, where we will collect and dedicate the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can find shoeboxes and instructions and labels in the entryway of the Worship Center.

Thanksgiving comes next, remembering how the Lord has provided for us through the past year. The tradition is centuries old, and it was a harvest celebration. In America, the tradition dates back to the pilgrims who gave thanks for the crops and the help they received from the Native Americans who helped them adjust to this new land. John Calvin once said that the mark of the true Christian is gratitude, thanksgiving. What are you thankful for?

Finally, the last Sunday in November is usually the first Sunday in the liturgical season of Advent, where we celebrate the coming of God into our history in the birth of Jesus Christ. Full of imagery, singing, celebrating. We love the sights and smells and memories of the Advent season.

November is a terrific month. God is good, and worthy of our praise and thanks.

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Pastor Jim



Notes:

- 1) I will be attending the Arizona Fall League with my friend, Paul Fandl from November 6-11th. Paul goes for autographs of future stars, I go to watch baseball. Watch for your postcard!
- 2) Last week, the session received a letter of resignation from Devon James as Choir Director. It is effective on November 14th, but we are also negotiating the date. We will miss Devon, and will continue to pray for his full recovery from his recent foot issues. Michele has agreed to continue as pianist. Please pray for our search for a Choir Director.
- 3) Choir will rehearse Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are coming, so watch for sales and begin collecting items for your Shoeboxes. Collection will be November 20.
- 5) Prayerfully consider how to serve Harvest, as you may be contacted by someone from the Nominating Committee.

Harvest Baskets

It's that time of year. This year the Deacons plan to donate money received for Harvest Baskets to the Ceres Seventh Day Adventist Church. They have a food giveaway for the needy in our community, which operates year round. We hope you will continue to support this worthwhile program. (Linda Sherman)



Entitlement and Thanksgiving

If I feel entitled, I complain about my job.

If I am thankful, I am grateful to have a job.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the meal I'm eating.

If I am thankful, I am grateful to have food on the table.

If I feel entitled, I complain that the government does not do enough for me.

If I am thankful, I ask what I can first do for others.

If I feel entitled, I complain about my spouse.

If I am thankful, I express gratitude that someone has put up with me all these years.

If I feel entitled, I complain about living paycheck to paycheck.

If I am thankful, I am grateful simply to have a paycheck.

If I feel entitled, I complain about what's wrong with my church.

If I am thankful, I am ever grateful for the freedom to worship.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the deficiencies of different family members.

If I am thankful, I am grateful that I have a family that loves and cares for me.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the lousy weather we're having.

If I am thankful, I am grateful to be a free person regardless of the weather.

If I feel entitled, I complain to God about why He is treating me so unfairly.

If I am thankful, I know that I deserve nothing good, that all gifts are an act of grace.

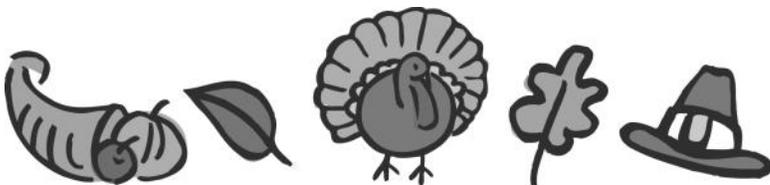
Dear Lord, forgive me for my sense of entitlement.

Remind me to rejoice in all things, and in all things

to be thankful. Remind me to count my blessings.

And remind me when my heart begins to stray from thanksgiving to entitlement.

http://thomrainer.com/2012/11/entitlement_and_thanksgiving/



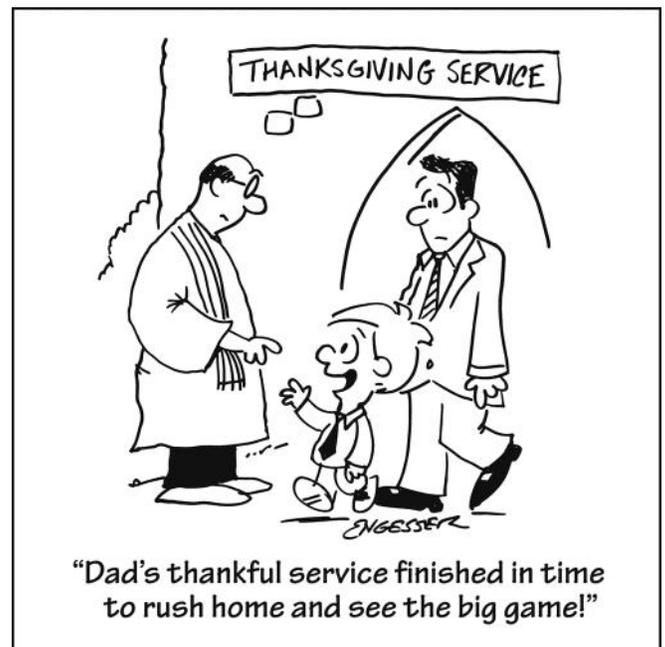
SO MANY BLESSINGS

grat·i·tude

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noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness



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Mission Statement ~ With God in control, the mission of the Harvest Presbyterian Church is to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurture the faith of our church family.

Harvest Leadership 2016

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NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Alpha Circle— 9:30 a.m. Choir—6:30 p.m. Praise Team — 7:30 p.m.	4 Women's Bible Study—10:30	5 
6 Communion Service — 10:30 a.m. 	7 Prayer Meeting — 6:00 p.m.	8	9 Persephone Meeting— 6:00 p.m.	10 Choir—6:30 p.m. Praise Team — 7:30 p.m.	11 Women's Bible Study—10:30 Deacons— 12:00 p.m.	12
13 Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.	14 Prayer Meeting — 6:00 p.m.	15 	16 Session — 1:30-3:30 p.m.	17 Choir —6:30 p.m. Praise Team — 7:30 p.m.	18 Women's Bible Study—10:30 Mariners— 6:00 p.m.	19 
20 Worship Service — 10:30 a.m. 	21 Prayer Meeting — 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Choir —6:30 p.m. Praise Team — 7:30 p.m.	25 Women's Bible Study—10:30	26
27 Worship Service — 10:30 a.m. End of Month Potluck — After Service	28 Prayer Meeting — 6:00 p.m.	29	30 Mousse  Day	1 	2	3

October Sunday School Schedule*

11/6—Nursery: Kendall Meyer, Anette Arias
K-3rd: Beth Stochl, Judy Salyer

11/13—Nursery: Kendall Meyer, Nawatha Reed;
K-3rd: Cynthia Cawley, Staci Edwards

11/20—Nursery: Nawatha Reed, Martha McNamara;
K-3rd: Brandy Meyer, Patti Arbizu

11/27—Nursery: Kendall Meyer, Staci Edwards;
K-3rd: Beth Stochl, Anette Arias

* This schedule may change! Check with Brandy Meyer if you have any conflicts or questions.



Regular Prayer List

Assisted Living:

Donna McRae— *Golden Age Home Care, (memory care)*

Health Issues:

Virginia Irons

Roger Morrow

Dorothy Nelson

Margaret Kuglin (eye)

Patti Arbizu (knee)

Alice Visser (English Oaks)



- ♦ Office hours: Mondays: 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m.; Wednesdays: 1:30p.m.-5:30p.m.; Firdays: 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Friendly Reminders



07—Warren & Cynthia Cawley
14—Kenneth & Martha McNamara



3—Larry Lew
4—Greg Edwards
10—Isabel McKay
15—Terry Arias
25—Tom Bennett