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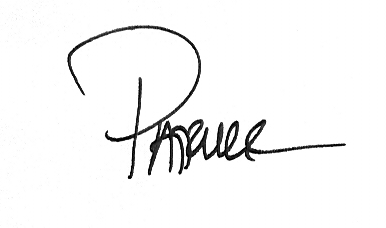
**Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.**

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**Autumn has long been my favorite season. Long before I had read *The Great Gatsby* or attended a high school football game, I was captivated by piles of falling leaves in brilliant shades of red and yellow, by the buckeyes we collected in the nearby cemetery, by the crisp aroma of coal fires, the damp mustiness of the earth, the chill in the morning and evening air. Later, Fall meant the exciting trepidation of a new school year: new opportunities to succeed *and* fail; to learn, both in and out of class; to make friends (and perhaps an enemy or two).**

**This year is no different. With the work of transition mostly completed, Autumn is the season for the next major step: *creating a Pastoral Search Team.* The team will be asked to undertake some pretty important work: creating a document that shows prospective candidates who you really are; evaluating those candidates in light of your strengths and weaknesses, your gifts and your call; and discerning which woman or man is called to walk with you into the future. This is an exciting job, but also a bit scary. It will require diligence, devotion and a trust that God's Spirit will strengthen, guide, and encourage each member of the team, and the team as a whole.**

**I find it interesting in the end how Fitzgerald turned convention on its head by seeing *rebirth*, *new life* not in the *Spring,* where one expects it, but in the *Fall.* In *Gatsby*, Jordan Baker argues *against* the disappointing sameness of life as exemplified in a tense, sultry summer day, contrasting it with the refreshing movement of the days and seasons - each one providing an opportunity for something new and different, if only in a small way. I pray this autumn will be refreshing for us all, and that the new shoots of life we sow might continue to grow and deepen over the coming days and seasons.**



**Music Notes**

November is upon us, and with it, the end of the church year. As we do on the first Sunday of every month, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper on 5 November. The choir will sing *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether*, an anthem composed by Harold Friedell (1905-1958). The native New Yorker penned the anthem in 1945, and it has since become a “contemporary classic.”

On 12 November, we will honor those who have served our country with the hymns *Eternal Father Strong to Save* and *O God Our Help in Ages Past.*

The closing hymn on the Sunday before Thanksgiving will be *Now Thank We All Our God.*  The postlude is based on the same hymn, a glorious interpretation of Martin Luther’s well-known hymn, composed by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933).

The final Sunday of the church year is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26, when we raise up Christ the King. The service will open with *Crown Him with Many Crowns,* the sparkling hymn known as DIADAMATA.

The month of November opened with another *First Friday* organ concert and light luncheon. This is the final program of the year, as the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra will play holiday concerts the first weekend of December. *First Fridays* will return 2 February, complete with the delightful repast so generously provided by First Pres.

We remain grateful to First Presbyterian Church for the continued support of the music program. May you be showered with His blessings during this time of Thanksgiving!

Blessings –

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy



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**A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Dear God, thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you’ve allowed into our lives this past year - the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. Give us ability beyond what we feel able and let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you’d keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed only by our own.

May we be lovers of truth. May the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives – your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen



**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – NOON**

**BARKSDALE ROOM**

**SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE IN BULLETINS**

**MISSION/OUTREACH SEPTEMBER 2023**

* Ordered and received food from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank on September 12 and 26. Volunteers assembled 20 pantry boxes for each order.
* Maintained temperature logs for refrigerators and freezers.
* Food Bank September 7, 14, 21 and 28.
* Purchased eggs, bread, and margarine for Food Bank weekly.
* Updated weekly shopping list for extra options.
* Completed pantry inventory and report: Served 210 individuals and 74 households.
* October: Collected cereal and spaghetti (dry pasta) for Food Bank.
* CROP WALK – Lunch held prior to Walk. Jean Hashagen served hot dogs. *Better Together* Team raised $1,577. First Pres donated $500.
* Next Disciples’ Kitchen is December 7. --Cynthia Hoover, Mission Chair



**SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER MISSION ITEMS:**

**FOOD BANK – CEREAL and SPAGHETTI. (dry pasta)**

**HYGIENE KITS – Individually Wrapped TOOTHBRUSHES**

**PLUS**

**DISCIPLES KITCHEN: HATS AND SOCKS**

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***IN MEMORIAM***

***Rubye Marie McCormick Schwab***

**September 5, 1921 – July 28, 2023**

***Richard “Dick” Lloyd Huff***

**March 21, 1928 – October 13, 2023**

***Mary June Bryant Cook***

**July 2, 1928 – October 26, 2023**

**BIRTHDAYS**



**REV PETTIT’S WORK SCHEDULE**

Monday – work at home

Tuesday and Thursday– onsite First Pres

Wednesday – visitation

Friday – off

**WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE**

Part 5

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is distinctly a confessional and a connectional church, distinguished by the representation of elders in the government.

What’s Presbyterian Worship Like

The Constitution of the PC(USA) suggests that worship be ordered in terms of four major actions centered in the revelation of Jesus Christ: Gathering, Word, Sacrament and Sending.

**Preaching.** “A sermon, based on the Scripture(s) read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord and presents the gift and calling of the gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God’s Word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds. The sermon may conclude with prayer, an ascription of praise, or a call to discipleship. In keeping with the ministry of word and sacrament, a teaching elder ordinarily preaches the sermon.

Other forms of proclamation include song, drama, dance, visual art and testimony. Like the sermon, these are to illuminate the Scripture(s) read in worship and communicate the good news of the gospel. When these forms of proclamation are employed, worship leaders should connect them with the witness of the Scripture(s) to the Triune God”. (W-3.0305)

**Intercession. “**In response to the word, we pray for the world God so loves – joining Christ’s own ministry of intercession and the sighs of the Spirit, too deep for words. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ’s royal priesthood. We affirm our participating in the prayer through our ‘amen’ and other responses”. (W-3.0308)

**Offering.** “Christian life is an offering of one’s self to God. In the Lord’s supper we are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ for the life of the world. As those who have been claimed and set free by his grace, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and or material goods. Every service of worship shall include an opportunity to respond to Christ’s call to discipleship through self-offering. The gifts we offer express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for the needs of the poor”. (W-3,0411)

(*What Makes Us Unique* to be continued)





**VETERANS DAY**

Veterans day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1916 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. Through the years changes in proclamations have been made, culminating in President Gerald Ford’s signing a law which stated that Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, wherever and whenever they had served, would be observed on November 11 from 1975 onwards.

Don’t pass up a chance to thank veterans for their service on any day!

**In Honor of**

Chris Bailey - Nephew of Colleen Cash Army Airborne

Keith Bare - Son of Polly Bare Navy

Tracy Bare - Son of Polly Bare Marines

Cary Bennett Air Force

Ryan Bennett - Son of Cary and Holly Bennett Army

Shane Bennett - Son of Cary and Holly Bennett Marines

Erwin Berry - Husband of Joan Berry Army

Thomas H Berry - Son of Joan Berry Army

Thomas C Berry - Grandson of Joan Berry Army

Clifford Bosselman - Brother of Bruce Bosselman Navy

Roger Bryant Navy

Kenneth Butler - Son-in-law of Colleen Cash Marines

Carson Craig - Grandson of Ann Nelson US Naval Academy

Mark Cunningham - Brother of Mike Cunningham Navy

Mike Cunningham Navy and Marines

Rodger Doyle Navy

Fred Eddins - Brother-in-law of Mike Cunningham Army

E. G. Fishburne - Brother of Bird Heuchert Army

Brian Hall - Nephew of Don & Jeanne Hashagen Navy

Jim Hall - Nephew of Don & Jeanne Hashagen Navy

Jeffrey Harner – Son of Ruth Kelley Army

Edmund “Buck” Hartley Army

Mark Henderson Army

Mark Robert Henderson - Son of Mark and Sandi Henderson Navy

Jeremiah Henderson - Son of Mark and Sandi Henderson Army

Sandi Henderson Army

Arthur Johnson Air Force

Lewis Kelley - Husband of Ruth Kelley Marines

Mitchell Lawrence Marines and Air Force

Danny Leech Navy

Matthew Little - Son-in-law of Mike and Cathy Cunningham Army

Clyde Reade - Brother-in-law of Phyllis Poluito Army

Houston Roberts - Great nephew of Bob and Mary Scott Miller Air Force

John Stein - Father of Carol Powers Navy

Fred Simpkins - Brother of Charles Simpkins Army

Jim Templeman II - Son of Earlene Templeman Navy

Jim Williams - Brother-in-law of Mike Cunningham Navy

Wes Willoughby - Son of Bird Heuchert Air Force

Will Willoughby - Son of Bird Heuchert Army

**In Memory of**

Dr Gil Ayers Air Force

Norman Anderson – Friend of Bird Heuchert Navy

Edward Bailey - Father of Colleen Cash Navy

Bill Bare -Husband of Polly and Father Army

Hubert Bare - Brother -in-law of Polly Bare Army and Air Force

Buddy Bear - Father of Nancy Bear Hypes Army

Luther Barbour - Father of Nancy Snyder Army

Luther Barbour, Jr. - Brother of Nancy Snyder Army

Raymond Barbour - Brother of Nancy Snyder Army

George Barksdale - Father of Holly Bennett Army

Clarice Barnes - Aunt of Joyce Tipton WAC

Alesandro Beretta - Father of Sandi Henderson Air Force

Beth Penoyer Beretta - Mother of Sandi Henderson Army

Thomas Bess - Father of Joan Berry Army

Thomas Bess, Jr. - Brother of Joan Berry Air Force

Donald Bice - Father of Cynthia Hoover Army Air Corp

William I. Boswell - Grandfather of Anne Vest/Jeannie Curry Navy

Roger Bryant, Sr. - Father of Roger Bryant Navy

Tom Conner - Brother-in-law of Branch Hammock Army

Vinton Cook - Husband of Mary June Cook Air Force

Harold Cunningham - Father of Mike Cunningham Marines

John Curry - Father of Richard Curry Army

George Dixon - Husband of Betty Dixon Army

Irvin Doyle, Sr. - Father of Meg Haislip Army

Irvin Doyle, Jr. - Brother of Meg Haislip Navy

Mark Droughman – Husband of Jean Coast Guard

Pat Durham – Brother of Polly Bare Marines

Ross Elder - Husband of Susan Elder Army

Levi T. Flora - Father of Walt Flora Army

Walt Flora Army

Charles Goring - Uncle of Mark Henderson Army

Branch Hammock Army

Lewis Hammock - Cousin of Branch Hammock Army

Wade Haislip - Husband of Meg Haislip Army

Wade H Haislip - Uncle of Meg Haislip Army

William Hashagen - Father of Don and Jean Hashagen Army

Robert Henderson - Father of Mark Henderson Army Air Corp

Charles Henkel - Father of Kevin Henkel Army

Chuck Heuchert - Husband of Bird Heuchert Air Force

Charles Goring - Uncle of Mark Henderson Army

Lyman Hooper – Uncle of Bob Miller Navy

James Kay - Father of Jeannie Curry and Anne Vest Navy

John Kent - Husband of Lorain Kent Air Force

Barry Kinnaird - Father of Mary Scott Miller Army

Frank Lawler - Father of Jeanne Hashagen Navy

Carl Lesinski - Brother-in-law of Branch Hammock Army

Warren Merritt - Father of Susan Elder Army

E.J. Miller – Brother-in-law of Walt Flora Army

William C. Miller - Father of Bob Miller Navy

Page Nelson - Husband of Ann Nelson Army and Air Force

Don Persing - Father of Pam Hammock Navy

Corwin Penoyer - Uncle of Sandi Henderson Army Air Corp

John Pinson - Son-in-law of Joan Berry Navy

Charles Poland Army

Conrad Poluito - Father-in-law of Phyllis Poluito Army Ranger

Harold Prettyman- Husband of Olive Prettyman Army

Andy Robeson – Father of Cathy Cunningham Navy

Sandy Sandquist - Father of Warner Sandquist Navy

Richard Snyder - Husband of Nancy Snyder Army

Ralph Sterling Temple, Jr. – Brother of Betsy Ruehl Army

Sterling Temple - Grandfather of Betsy Ruehl Army

Jim Templeman - Husband of Earlene Templeman Navy

Phil Tipton - Husband of Joyce Tipton Navy

Harry Troxell - Father of Ann Bryant Navy

Edgar Quillen - Father -in- law of Ruth Quillen Army

Max Quillen – Brother -in- law of Ruth Quillen Army

John Weeks - Brother-in-law of Walt Flora Army

Gene Wood - Husband of Anne Wood Marines





PRESCHOOL NEWS

We had such a GREAT October!!! The preschool enjoyed all our community helper visitors and learning about how they keep us safe daily. The Waynesboro Fire Department came to visit and teach us about fire safety, as well as about the fire truck and the uniform the firefighters wear to stay safe during fires. Officer Danich and K-9 Nala from the Waynesboro Police Department taught us about K-9 safety and how Nala keeps our community safe from bad things happenings, as well as if someone is lost, she can find them. Our preschool classes were able to explore the cruisers and see the inside of the vehicles.

We want to Thank everyone that helped make our trick or treating possible!! We got to take our field trip to the pumpkin patch with our parents and teachers. We had a fantastic time. Our classrooms learned all the ins and outs of the pumpkins and see what they were made of.

A group of kids in clothing

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A group of children wearing hats

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A police officer standing in front of a group of kids

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A person holding a camera with children in the background

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**RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

**2021 – 2023**

Glennis Kite Bear May 3, 2021

Welby Charles “Charlie” Poland June 15, 2021

Leon Howard Harouff October 29, 2021

Lavelle Phipps Pool October 29, 2021

Mark Anthony Droughman November 14, 2021

William “Bill” Kiser, Jr. May 8, 2022

Gilmer “Gil” Ayers May 24, 2022

Mark Alan Hammock June 7, 2022

Thomas “Tom” Leroy Bellamy September 25, 2022

Branch Reed Hammock October 8, 2022

Michael Stephen “Steve” Doherty November 12, 2022

Lillian Wellner Hryshkanych November 17, 2022

Nancy T. Geer January 1, 2023

Arnett Wayne Tomey February 4, 2023

Walter “Walt” Lewis Flora May 5, 2023

Rubye Marie McCormick Schwab July 28, 2023

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Richard “Dick” Lloyd Huff October 13, 2023

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**November Notables**

**Thursday, November 2**

6-7:30 pm Westminster Food Bank

7-9 pm Waynesboro Symphony Practice

Friday, November 3

12:15 pm First Friday Organ Concert/Lite Lunch

Sunday, November 5

11 am Worship Service

Tuesday, November 7

7-9 pm Waynesboro Symphony Practice

Thursday, November 9

2-4 pm Food Bank

7-9 pm Waynesboro Symphony Practice

Sunday, November 12

11 am Worship Service

Tuesday, November 14

2:30 pm Session Meeting

7-9 pm Waynesboro Symphony Practice

Wednesday, November 15

Noon Harvest Luncheon

Thursday, November 16

6-7:30 pm Westminster Food Bank

Saturday, November 18

3 pm Waynesboro Chamber Concert

Sunday, November 19

11 am Worship Service

3 pm Waynesboro Chamber Concert

Thursday, November 23

Closed Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 26

11am Worship Service

Tuesday, November 28

7-9 pm Waynesboro Symphony Practice

Thursday, November 30

7-9 pm Waynesboro Symphony Practice

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Mr. Craig Cavanaugh

**Maintenance Technician**

Mr. Michael Griffith

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