



November 2023



***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

Paul's words about prayer are some of my favorite in Scripture. Paul reminds us of the centrality of prayer for all our lives and especially for our relationship with God. One of the most central and important aspects of Christian living is the practice of prayer. This November, I invite everyone to take time to focus on this practice. How can we grow in our prayer practices and in our relationship with God?

Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, professor at Columbia Theological Seminary and author of *Christian Prayer For Today* will begin the conversation on November 12th at a potluck luncheon after worship. Our Session has been studying this book this past year and Dr. Moore-Keish has agreed to come and speak with our entire congregation about how everyone can grow in our understanding and practice of prayer. Her book provides fresh help for understanding and revitalizing prayer life, challenges readers to engage all senses while in prayer, and invites us to grow in our understanding of this chief exercise of faith.

Reading the book in anticipation of this visit is not necessary, but if you wish to do so copies are available for purchase on Amazon and Christianbook or can be borrowed from the Church Office. As we look toward the holy Season of Advent, there is no better way to spend the time before Advent than to focus on how, why, and when we pray and how prayer invites us into a deeper relationship with our Savior.

*Pastor Leigh*

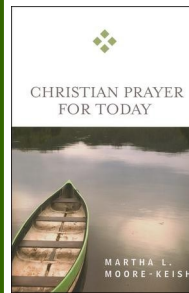
## Giving Thanks For Our Leaders

The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians: ***I never stop thanking God for you. I always remember you in my prayers. I pray that the glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better.*** There are no better words to express our gratitude for those whom God has called to serve as spiritual leaders in our congregation. This month, we rejoice and give thanks as we ordain and install new leaders, thanking God that they have received and responded to God's call to serve. And we give thanks to God for the time, talents, energy, and gifts that have been given by those rotating off. **Rotating off this year are: Deacons:** Anne Marie Benton, Elizabeth Bowen, David Steinken, and Kyle Tucker; **Elders:** Jimmy Cline, Kathy Farnon, Beth Gaines, Mary Gilreath, Robert Sims, and Meredith Gaines; **Trustee:** Carolyn Noble. **Coming on to serve are Deacons:** Elizabeth Bowen, Sandy Bridges, Faith Burke and Cindy Sims; **Elders:** Jenny Brannan, Julian Cline, Tinsley Cline, Kathy Farnon, and Trey Gaines; **Trustee:** Ann Cummings. Being a spiritual leader in the church is an incredible opportunity to come to know Christ better and these leaders have all offered their hearts to God and their willing hands to be a part of the body of Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for them and all who lead this congregation.



## Together For Joy!

Thank you to everyone who has lifted voices and hearts and prayers and time, talents, resources, as we come together for joy to praise God and to open our hearts and lives to all that God is doing in and through this congregation for the coming year. Thank you to all who have offered a commitment to Christ for this coming year by submitting a pledge card. If you would like to offer a pledge for the year, it is not too late! You may do so online or pledge cards are available in the church office and in the sanctuary. We have much to celebrate in this congregation and many reasons and ways we come together for joy.



## Pot-luck Luncheon & Christian Prayer For Today

On Sunday, **November 12th**, at a Pot-luck luncheon immediately after worship, we will welcome Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, author of *Christian Prayer For Today*, and a professor at Columbia Theological Seminary. Our Session has been studying Dr. Moore-Keish's book, *Christian Prayer For Today*, this year and she has accepted our invitation to come and share more about the book and nurture our prayer practices. All are invited for this opportunity to learn and grow as disciples. Copies of the book are available on Amazon and Christianbook.com or if you would like to borrow a copy, contact the church office.

**Pot-luck lunch** - Please bring a side dish to share, fried chicken and drinks will be provided.



## HOPE & JOY

Come from the overflow of giving

NOVEMBER IS THORNWELL EMPHASIS MONTH. LEARN MORE AT [WWW.THORNWELL.ORG](http://WWW.THORNWELL.ORG)

A SPECIAL THORNWELL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES & ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FILL YOUR THORNWELL TURKEYS WITH QUARTERS!





## Sunday, November 5th 9:00 AM

Join us for the Men's Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having guests and a short presentation from Jim Nicklas on **"Men Build Men"**. This breakfast is a PERFECT opportunity to get to know other men of your Church family. God has called out to each of us. No matter where you are on your journey, we all benefit from each other and sharing God's Word together. Please come and join us and feel free to invite other men as well!

## *From the Session:*

### Following are the highlights from the 10/17/2023 Session Meeting:

1. Elders and Deacons (Class of 2026) shared their faith journeys with the Session and were approved as new Officers subject to installation and/or ordination.
2. Jean Gilliland was approved as a commissioner to the 10/19/2023 Cherokee Presbytery meeting.
3. Two requests to use our space by AA were approved.
4. A plan to lease the space formerly occupied by Cherokee Presbytery is being evaluated.
5. Scott Panter reported that four FPC buses have been sold.
6. Rich Gaffoglio reported that the recent Book Fair netted \$1550 for the Pre-School.
7. Kathy Farnon reported that 100 participants are expected for the Fall Festival.
8. Mark Bridges reported that 49 of 102 Pledge Cards have been turned in toward the 2024 Budget.
9. Pastor Leigh reported that the Session Retreat is set for 11/4/2023.



### **Hanging of the Green Wednesday November 29th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary**

Celebrate the coming light of Christ with our new Hanging of the Green Service!

This year, our Hanging of the Green Service is new and designed to be engaging for all ages and stages. Come one, come all, as we prepare our hearts to welcome our Savior and prepare our Sanctuary for this Holy Time. To volunteer as readers or helpers for this Service, please contact Pastor Leigh.



Help those in need stay warm this winter. Donate gently used coats all sizes, for our Friendship Table guests. Please drop-off donations in the Cornerstone Room.



### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CARTERSVILLE**

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

**2:00 pm – 7:00 pm - Fellowship Hall**

All presenting donors will receive a gift and a \$10 E-Gift Card. Your name will also be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$5,000 Gift Cards.

For more information, to schedule an appointment, & to do RAPIDPASS, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **firstprescartersville**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



### **Music Basics!**

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the fundamentals of music or see if you could join the choir? Here is your chance! A learning music fundamentals group is meeting Thursday, Nov. 9th, 16th, and 30th at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. You may come to one or to all meetings.





## Blessing of the Animals October 7th



*November 20-24*  
*Preschool Holidays*

*November 22-24*  
*Church Office Closed*

**Please note: The Wednesday  
Prayer Group and Coffee House  
Bible Study will take a break during  
November and December.**



## Lunch and Learn on Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

Thank you to Carrie Panter Trotter who led an incredible Lunch and Learn to help us all learn more about this very important topic. This Lunch and Learn was so popular that we want to know what else you would like to know about! **What are some ideas for future lunch and learns? Are there topics that you would like to learn about?** If so, please contact Elder Kathy Farnon or call the church office!



## First Presbyterian Pre-School

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### Events for November

- ♥ 3 Year Old Field Trip to Finding Nemo Jr. @The Grand November 2
- ♥ Fall Pictures November 7 and 8
- ♥ Schoolwide Field Trip to Carlton Farms November 10
- ♥ Thanksgiving Celebrations will take place Tuesday, November 14 and Friday, November 17
- ♥ Thanksgiving Break ~ Nov 20-24
- ♥ Pre K @ Kindergarten Field Trip to The Nutcracker @ The Grand November 30

## November 2023



November Bible Verse:

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The preschool has had a busy October! We had Fall Break, the Kindergarten ABC Fashion Show and we finished the month with our costume parade and parties!

We have another exciting month ahead!  
(See Events)



*Above:* One of our creative Fall bulletin boards!

*Below:* Jorja Godfrey investigating a cicada molt shell in Science class.







### **Thank you for a wonderful Fall Festival**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a huge success! The families that came enjoyed Trunk-or-Treating, crafts, face painting, the Cake Walk, and so many more fun activities.

Thank you for inviting your family, friends, and neighbors.

Thank you to all who decorated a car and handed out candy, those who volunteered their time to help out during the festival, and to all who donated baked goods for our Cake Walk!

The whole community had a wonderful time in fun and fellowship!

### **Children & Youth Group November Calendar**

**Nov. 5** – Youth Group + Children + Dinner – 4:00-6:30 – College Care Package Packing

**Nov. 7** – (Tues) Serve at Friendship Table (4:30-7:15 p.m.)

**Nov. 12** – Pot-Luck Luncheon & Guest Speaker Martha Moore-Keish (after worship) Nursery Care available

**Nov. 29** – Hanging of the Green Worship Service

### **Save the Dates – Summer 2024**

High School Youth Montreat – **June 9-15**

Worship & Music (Children, Youth, & Adults) –

**June 23-29**

Middle School Youth Montreat – **July 17-21**

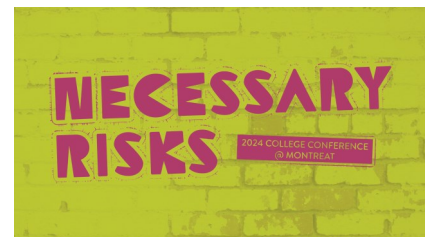
VBS (Tentative) – **July 8-12**



### **College/Young Adult Care Packages**

If you have a college student, young adult, or a child in the military please send their address to [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org). If an address has changed since last spring, please send Andrea an updated one. The youth are going to put together Care Packages in November.

If you would like to donate to the packages, please check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) or drop items/gift cards off in Andrea's office by Nov. 5.



### **Montreat College Conference** **January 2-5, 2024**

For more Information, visit [montreat.org/events/ccm24](https://montreat.org/events/ccm24) Together, in worship, keynotes, and critical conversation groups, participants will explore the necessary risks we may encounter. We will explore the wonderful adventure and paralyzing nature of taking risks and how risks can actually be life-giving.

How do we see risks? Jesus' disciples took risks. We may see the risk as them dropping everything to follow, but maybe the true risk was building relationships with those who were risking it all, who were seeking wholeness through community. Join us as we explore and learn about *Necessary Risks* together.

If you are interested in going, or need financial assistance, contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).

## *November Birthdays*

1	Debbie King	27	Jackie Thompson
1	Joe Klingbeil	28	Donna Bridges
3	Jackson Cline	29	Charlotte Whatley
3	Walker Clark	29	Brooke Bowen
4	Jim Ireland	30	Mina Harper
4	Megan Gregory		
5	Emmanuel Mukete		
5	Scarlett Warlick		
7	Elizabeth Johnson		
8	Ross Whatley		
9	Alice Baker		
10	Cailyn Campbell		
12	Ann Cummings		
14	Lane Baker		
19	Harris Pressley		
23	John Zierer		
25	Dick Brannan		
25	Tina Clark		
25	Cindy Tobin		



## *In November Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Garey Wilkins, Rosemary Purdy (Preschool), Sheila Rosser (Preschool)

**Officers:** Rich Gaffoglio (Session), Elizabeth Bowen (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Faith Development Ministry

**Families: November 1-7:** Justin and Emma James (Hayleigh, Hunter, Hayden), Allyson Jenkins (Dalton), Johnson Family (Drew, Anne Tatum), Andy Johnson, Frank and Faye Johnson

**November 8-14:** Megan Johnson (Ellie, Eliza), Chris and Leigh Jones (Amelia, Ben), Nancy Kaufman, Kathe Keck, Courtney and David Keen (Gracie, Caroline)

**November 15-21:** Andy and Rachel Keith, Denise and Ronny Kennedy, Debbie King, Joe and Catherine Klingbeil (William), Ashley Knight (Isla, River)

**November 22-30:** Laura Layne (Molly), Dale and Laurie Luengen, Broderick Lumpkin, Janet Martin and Larry Eggersman, Bob and Karen Mauney

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## ***November Calendar***

### **November 2**

10:30am - *Sacred Encounters* Women's Bible Study

### **November 4**

9:00am - Session Visioning Retreat

### **November 5**

9:00am - Men's Monthly Breakfast

### **November 6**

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

### **November 7**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

### **November 8**

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

### **November 9**

6:30pm - Music Basics

7:00pm - 12 Women of the Bible Study

### **November 12**

12:00pm - Pot-luck Luncheon & *Christian Prayer for Today*, author, Dr. Moore-Keish

### **November 13**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **November 16**

6:30pm - Music Basics

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @Okinawa

### **November 20 – 24**

**Preschool Thanksgiving Holidays**

### **November 20**

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

### **November 21**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

### **November 22 - 24**

**Church office closed Thanksgiving Holidays**

### **November 27**

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

### **November 29**

6:00pm - Hanging of the Green

### **November 30**

6:30pm - Music Basics

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