



November 2024

Gratitude

**Psalm 107:1-3: "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!"**

Some people in my family are already listening to Christmas songs and watching Hallmark Christmas Movies (Chris, Ben and Amelia). I, however, am holding the line in the Jones family - we should not think about Christmas until after Thanksgiving! I may never change my mind about that, but I have changed my mind about how we think about Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving should be a daily practice, rather than a day or season of the year. The psalmist says simply: Give thanks to the Lord. Nowhere does Scripture say, "Give thanks once a year."

This does not mean Thanksgiving isn't a wonderful time to lift extra prayers of thanks and praise, but the practice of thanksgiving, should be a daily discipline. I use the word discipline to help us remember its roots - it comes from the word disciple, which means learner. We are learners and followers of Christ if we practice disciplines. Those disciplines include giving of time, talents, and treasure to Christ, committed prayer and Bible study and thanksgiving. So, whether you have been singing Christmas carols all year round, or you wait until the week before Christmas, may this Thanksgiving be a time of thanks and praise and an opportunity to examine our daily practices.

How can we give thanks every single day? I want to especially take time to give thanks this month for all the spiritual leaders in our congregation and particularly for those who serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons. These are people who, in their walk with Christ, are called to serve and grow as disciples by giving their time, talent, and treasure as spiritual leaders in our congregation. I am thankful for all who serve. We remember this month, too, those who are rotating off from active leadership and those who are rotating on. Deacons who are rotating off: Rebecca Carr, Molly Collins, Sonya Noble, and Rick Shireman; Elders rotating off are: Suzanne Collins, Jean Gilliland, Peter Olson, Scott Panter, and Julian Cline. Rotating on and being ordained as Deacons are: Kimberly Rentz, Elizabeth Watanabe, Katherine Bowen, Dale Luengen. Rotating on and being installed as a deacon: Mary Gilreath. Rotating on and being ordained as Elders: Brac Panter, Rebecca Carr, Eliza Johnson. And rotating on and being installed as Elders: Nancy Kelly and Jean Gilliland.

If you have a moment, lift a prayer of thanksgiving for all our leaders and share your thanks with them. And I invite us all to daily give thanks to God for all God's goodness in our lives.

Pastor Leigh

Faith Development Upcoming Dates

Sunday, November 3, 10, 17, 24
Sunday School for all ages, 10 AM

Sunday School Classrooms:

- Children PreK-2nd Grade Room 161
- Children 3rd-5th Grades Room 159
- Youth--Upstairs in Youth Room
- Adults--Cornerstone Room and Room 114
- Nursery care is available from 9 AM - 12:15 PM

Monday, November 4, 7 PM
Faith Development Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 10:30 AM
Cornerstone Room
Study: *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull

Thursday, November 14 - Bible Study, 7 PM
Cornerstone Room
Romans for Everyone, by N.T. Wright

The Power of Prayer - Please be in prayer for the leaders of our congregation, our Elders and Deacons, and for those who are rotating off from active service and those who will be ordained/installed on **November 3rd** in worship. Our Session retreat will be Saturday **November 2nd**. We give thanks for all our leaders and ask God to be with us as we all seek to worship and serve.

Hymn Sing! On Christ the King Sunday, **November 24th**, our worship will be filled with voices lifted in song to praise God! We will be singing your favorite, most beloved hymns! To do so, we need to know what are your favorite, most beloved hymns! Look for the insert in the bulletin and a message in the Friday Constant contact where you can share the titles of your favorite hymns and we will spend Christ the King Sunday lifting our voices and singing our praises of our Savior!

Scan this QR code to let us know your favorite hymns by November 6th.



Friendship Table
Food Drive

Current FT pantry needs:



Canned goods:

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| <i>Cream of Mushroom soup</i> | <i>Cookies</i> |
| <i>Cream of Chicken soup</i> | <i>Fruit cups (not applesauce)</i> |
| <i>Green beans</i> | <i>Lemonade mix</i> |
| <i>Peas</i> | <i>Ice Tea mix</i> |
| <i>Carrots</i> | <i>Microwave single meals packages to use when we run out of food.</i> |
| <i>Baked beans</i> | |
| <i>Tomato sauce</i> | |
| <i>Diced tomatoes</i> | |

Save the Date! *Hanging of the Green* will be Wednesday December 4th at 6:00 PM. Make plans to join us for this special time to begin the holy season of Advent.

Children's Choir has resumed!

Our children's choir rehearsals have resumed Sundays at 9:15 AM as they prepare a Christmas play for the Christmas season. It is very important for all our children and middle school helpers to be present for these rehearsals. If you have questions or need more information, contact the church office.

The shopping cart is outside the sanctuary for donations. Thank you for always being supportive of this ministry.

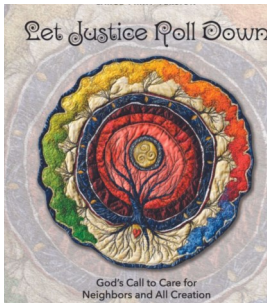
From the Session:

At its stated meeting for October the FPC Session:

- Welcomed Tom and Joyce Shaw into membership by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church in Winder.
- Approved a plan for Cody Carver, candidate for ministry under the care of the church, to lead the Oct. 27 worship service.
- Approved the baptism of Dolly Pearl Tucker.



**Sunday, November 3,
at 9:00am in the
Fellowship Hall.**
All men of the
church are invited.



The monthly Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* will meet Thursday, November 7 at 10:30 AM in the Cornerstone Room.
Lesson Three focuses on Food Justice with scripture of Exodus 16: 13-18; Psalms 65:11-14 and Hosea 4: 1-3. Guest speakers will be Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan from the UGA Extension Office. All are welcome!

Calling all ladies of the church!
We would love for you to join us for fellowship and food on **Thursday, November 21 at 6pm at The City Cellar.**
Contact Courtney Keen 678-431-2145 with any questions.



**Flowering Branch Children's Shelter
Personal Toiletries Drive**
We are doing a drive for the month of November. Shampoo, toothbrushes, mouthwash, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream. The shopping cart is located outside of Sanctuary. Thank you for your donation.

Potluck Lunch

**November 17 after
worship service**

We are celebrating Fall with a good old-fashion potluck lunch. Please come and bring a dish that you would like to share with your fellow FPC'ers - vegetable, salad, dessert - it's all yummy! Drinks and meat will be provided.




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Wednesday, November 6, 2024
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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November 2024



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November Bible Verse:
*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
 His love endures forever.*
Psalm 118:1

The preschool has had a busy October! We had Fall Break, Fire Safety Month, our schoolwide fieldtrip to Carlton Farms and we finished the month with our costume parade and parties! We have another exciting month ahead! (See Events)



Events for November

- ♥ Schoolwide Food Drive for Friendship Table November 1-22
- ♥ Fall Pictures November 5 and 6
- ♥ 3 Year Old Field Trip to Mary Poppins @The Grand November 7
- ♥ Thanksgiving Celebrations will take place Tuesday, November 19 and Friday, November 22



Above: One of our creative Fall displays by the 2 year-olds! *Below:* 3 year-old classes enjoy the fire department visit!





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!

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. 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 November 10.




Montreat College Conference January 2-5, 2025

For more Information, visit
<https://montreat.org/events/ccm25>

College Conference @ Montreat invites college-aged young adults to spend three days in the mountains of Western North Carolina nurturing their faith and connecting with others as they engage in worship, recreation, and critical conversations. This conference welcomes all to know and experience God's word more fully, regardless of each person's religious affiliation, area of study, or where they might be on their spiritual journey.

Through the theme "Unimaginable Possibilities: God's Hope in a Weary World," conference participants will explore the ways in which God sees us, has a plan for us, and offers healing, even when we least expect it.

If you are interested in going, or need financial assistance, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Children & Youth Group November Calendar

Nov. 1-3 - Middle School Retreat at Calvin Center

Nov. 5 (Tues) – Serve at Friendship Table (4:30-7:15 p.m.)

Nov. 10 – Community Youth Group At Nagel's Bagels (5-6:30 p.m.)

Nov. 17 - Youth Group + Children's Group (4-5:30 p.m.)

November Birthdays

1	Debbie King	28	Donna Bridges
1	Joe Klingbeil	29	Charlotte Whatley
3	Jackson Cline	30	Mina Harper
4	Jim Ireland		
4	Karla Wooton		
4	Megan Gregory		
5	Scarlett Warlick		
7	Eliza Johnson		
8	Ross Whatley		
9	Alice Baker		
12	Ann Cummings		
14	Dale Luengen		
19	Harris Pressley		
23	John Zierer		
25	Dick Brannan		
25	Tina Clark		
26	Frank McAdoo		
27	Jackie Thompson		



In November Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Pastor Leigh Jones, Emily Doxey (Preschool), Sharon Ellis (Preschool)

Officers: Betty Dundee (Session), Cindy Sims (Diaconate)

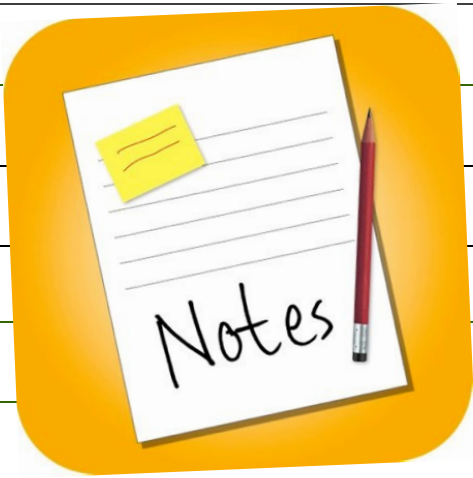
Ministries: Faith Development Ministry

Families: November 1-7: Elizabeth Watanabe, John and Penny Waters, Frank and Beth Weathersby, Ross and Charlotte Whatley, Peggy White

November 8-14: LaRue Whitehead, Benton Williams, Keith Williamson, Earl and Marie Williamson, Hannah and Taylor Wilson (Jackson, Sam)

November 15-21: Karla Wooton and Dylan Sanborn, Randy and Diane Wrinkle, John and Peggy Zierer, Abby Allen, Karen Anderson

November 22-30: Matt and Jessi Bailey (Sam, Judd), Richard and Guill Bailey, Alice Baker, Mike and Cynthia Ball, Elise Bares (Anderson, Johnathan, Edward)



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November Calendar

November 1-3

Middle School Retreat @ Camp Calvin

November 2

9:00am - Church Officer Retreat

November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:00am - Men's Monthly Breakfast

11:00am - Worship/Ordination & Installation of
new church officers

November 4

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

November 5

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

November 6

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

November 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study Group

November 11

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

November 14

7:00pm - Thursday Bible Study/*Romans for
Everyone*

November 17

12:00pm - Potluck Lunch

November 18

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

November 19

7:00pm - Session Meeting

November 21

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out @ City Cellar

November 24

11:00am - Worship/Favorite Hymn Sing

November 25 - 29

Preschool Thanksgiving Holidays - No school

November 26

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

November 27 - 29

Thanksgiving Holidays - Church office closed

