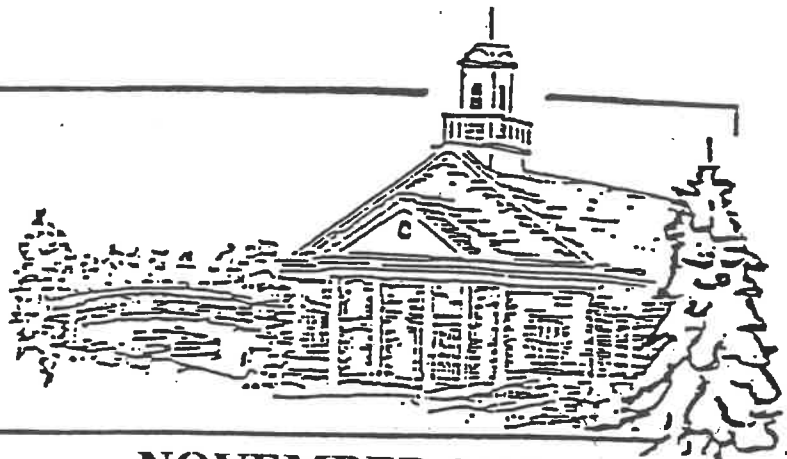


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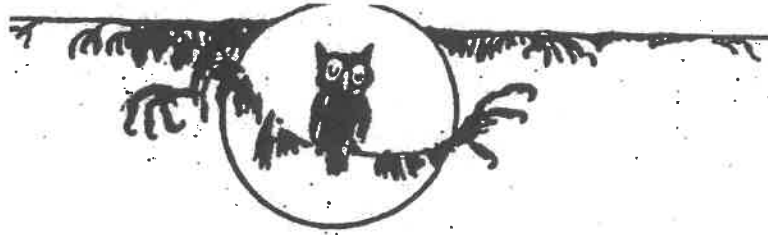
NOVEMBER 2018



Happy
Thanksgiving



From the Pastor:



Dear Friends,

Welcome to November! Some of my favorite community and liturgical events are coming up between now and the end of the year.

First, All Saints Day is November 1, but we will celebrate with All Saints Sunday worship on the 4th. We will remember those who have had an impact on our faith journeys and give thanks.

The thanks-giving continues throughout the month as we have our annual congregational meeting and lunch on Nov. 18 and hear about the mission study process for Community Presbyterian going forward. This will lead us to the pastoral search process later in 2019. It is important that ALL of you participate, in prayer and in person over the coming months.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about what we do for others in the community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Please find a way that YOU can help someone during this time. This can include just a visit or a phone call - for many, this can be a lonely and isolating time.

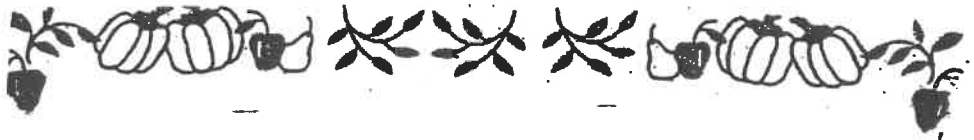
I am giving thanks for all of you. In just two months of here, I have been welcomed, inspired, and challenged. I look forward to next month as we begin our Advent journey up to the celebration of our Savior's birth.

In Christ,

Pastor Lay

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:13,14



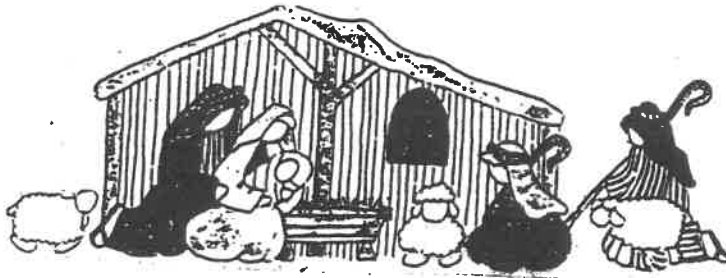
SESSION - Attendance

September 30	78		
October 7	55	October 21	56
October 14	63	October 28	78

Jean Hileman, Clerk

Come and be a part of the youth fun at After Hours Youth Group. Bring a friend and enjoy free time to enjoy games, friendship, improv skits and more. We meet every other Friday night from 7:00-9:00 pm.

NOTE: In November, After Hours Youth Group will meet ONLY on Friday, November 9th because of the Thanksgiving holiday.



CALLING ALL ACTORS!

Our annual Christmas pageant will be presented during worship service on Sunday, December 16th. Please reach out to Bonnie Canevari (908-230-0778) or mbcanevari@verizon.net by Thanksgiving weekend if your child would like to participate so Bonnie can finalize the cast list.

We will rehearse after worship on December 2nd and 9th. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 15th...time to be determined.

TRUSTEES REPORT

NOVEMBER 2018

A successful Fall Cleanup Day was held on Saturday, October 20, despite overcast skies and the repaving of Meeting House Lane which blocked vehicular access to the church parking lot. A big THANK YOU is extended to the "small but mighty" crew who cleaned windows and switched from screens to storms in the sanctuary and assembly room, trimmed shrubs, cleared fallen branches, weeded and clipped the garden along the front driveway and helped clear out the woods around the manse. We are grateful to Cub Scout Troop 177 for once again providing the extra man-power needed to accomplish these many activities.

As we head into the winter season, we will begin planning future 2020 Capital Fund projects, as well as keep up with the normal maintenance issues that occur with maintaining any property, i.e. heating, plumbing, lighting and water drainage. The sanctuary roof will need replacing in the near future, as well as a consideration of how to solve the problems caused by repeated clogging of gutters and downspouts.

Since November is the month of Stewardship and election of new board members, let it be duly noted: The Board of Trustees welcomes new board members willing to serve in any of its many varied vital capacities, whether you love tending the gardens, are a do-it-yourselfer with home-improvement projects (how many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?!), and/or have financial expertise, we need you! Please consider joining the Trustees and helping maintain and improve our church properties in the years to come.

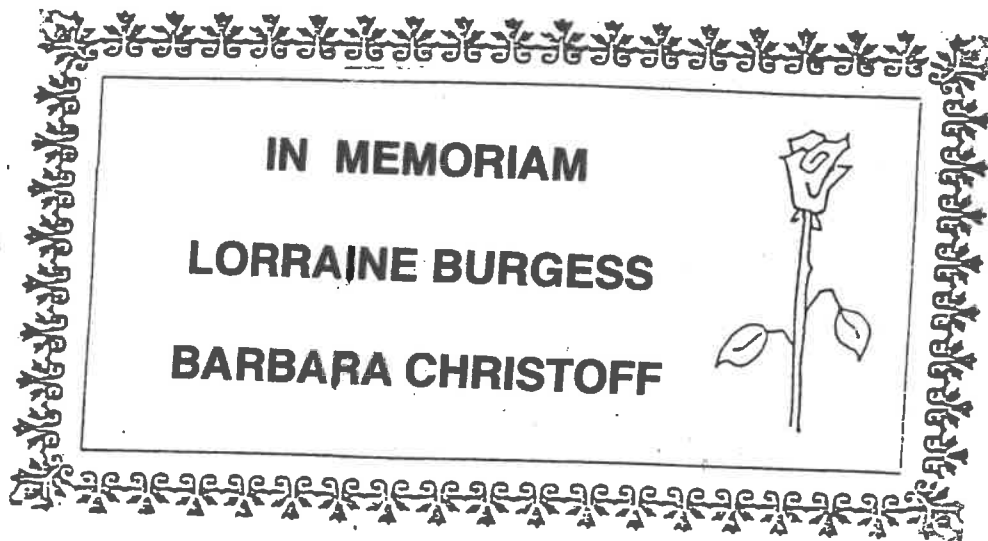


DEACONS REPORT
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From the Deacons: Upcoming activities / volunteers needed!

Monthly service at Manorcare – Sunday, November 18th from 2-2:30 pm. Please offer your fellowship and help serve refreshments after a brief sermon given by Pastor Gillis.

Our church is once again providing **Thanksgiving food for those in need in Elizabeth**. The Cub Scouts will conduct their door to door canvas collection of non-perishable foods on Saturday, November 17th and deliver it to the Assembly Room. We ask our congregants to provide frozen turkeys and chickens. Please leave them in the freezer in the garage (the refrigerator in the kitchen has no freezer compartment.) We need volunteers to help load and deliver all the food on Monday, November 19th at 9:30 am. Please join us – many hands make light work





November 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Time Change	2 WE GIVE THANKS	3 Election Day Bake Sale	4 Trustees 7:00 PM	5 Deliver Food Book Group 1:30 PM	6 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	7 FOOD DRIVE
8 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 PM	9 Men's Group 12:15 Newsletter Deadline	10 Lunch with Leigh 12:30 pm	11 Deacons 6:30 PM Session 7:00 PM	12 Thanksgiving Day	13 Musical notes illustration	14 Turkey illustration
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

EVERY SUNDAY
10:30 AM
Worship Service
11:30 AM
Coffee Hour

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM
Nursery School

THURSDAY
5:00 PM
Children's Choir
6:30 PM
Bell Choir
7:30 PM
Chancel Choir



From the Treasurer: Winter is almost here. We are in our fourth fiscal quarter, and our expenses are ongoing. Please verify that your contributions are up to date.

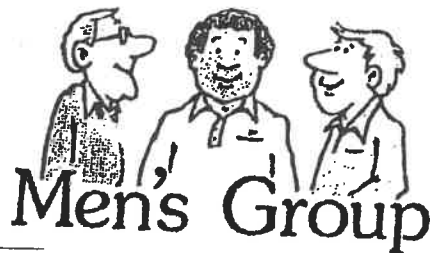
I wish to remind you that all check/cash donations for 2018 must be in the church office by noon on Monday, December 31st. If you plan to donate stock, please initiate the transfer process by December 14th; the stock transfer instructions are in the church office, or you may contact me. Please give the details of the gift; securities are transferred electronically without the donor's name in the information. We also need to know if it is part of your pledge, or designated for the 2020 Capital Fund.

**Thank you all for your attention, and for your generous support!
Louise Sgarro**



- **Election Day Good Eats & Treats Sale** – **Tuesday, Nov. 6th** – please support this fundraiser by baking or making something. Proceeds are donated to local food banks. Donations can be dropped off at the church the day before, Monday, between 5-8 pm, or early Tuesday morning. Contact Diane McCurdy at dianmccurdy@gmail.com or 908-400-1486.
- **Monthly Book Club** – **Monday, November 19th, 1:30pm** – hosted by Connie Fayen, 1032 Sunny Slope Drive. Please let Connie know if you'd like to attend (908-789-3244.) They are reading Lisette's List by Susan Vreeland.
- **Lunch with Leigh** – **Tuesday, November 27th** – meet at **12:30 pm** in the Memorial Room. The group will carpool to a nearby restaurant. Enjoy fun and casual conversation.
- **Advent Dinner** – **Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 6:30pm** in the church Assembly Room. See separate notice for details and to register your attendance.

Volunteer are needed to help with all our activities. Contact Diane McCurdy at dianmccurdy@gmail.com or 908-400-1486 to sign up.



The monthly luncheon will be the fourth Monday of the month instead of the third. These are the dates:

October 29 - November 26 - December 17 (third because of Christmas)
January 28 - February 25 - March 25 - April 22 - May 27 and June 24.



Women's Association Advent Dinner

Wednesday, December 5th * 6:30PM * Assembly Room

The Women's Association cordially invites you to celebrate the

Season of Advent

Please join us for fun, fellowship and food!

Menu

Hors D'Oeuvres ~ Wine ~ Punch

Roast Loin of Pork with Cranberry Sauce

Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Cost: \$15.00 per person + 2 non-perishable food items

Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, November 28th.

Use the form below and return with payment to the church office or place in the collection plate.

You may pay at the door, but you **must** reserve your place by the deadline.

Call Diane McCurdy (908-400-1486) if you have any questions

Name(s) _____ # of guests _____

Amount enclosed _____ Need a ride? _____



All boards and committees, please have your reports in to the church office by Nov. 11, so that they may be compiled in the annual report for the congregational meeting Nov. 18. We cannot predict WHEN a new secretary will be hired, so it is imperative that you stick to this deadline, so that the report can be run anytime during the week. Thank you for your cooperation!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Dottie Collins	20	Ursula Hartmann
3	Olivia Giordano	22	Bill Vetter
5	Joseph Hoy, Jr.	24	Lisa MacGowan
7	Ted Weeks		Slate Reilly
8	Hope Saladino	25	Tracy Saladino Reilly
11	Barbara Burke	28	Elle Peter
14	Robin Gillman Edwards	29	Bobbie Weeks
15	Jay Kelk		Ed Luckenback
19	Bob Kaepfel	30	Kathleen Weeks Flath





CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....This past Sunday everyone enjoyed the Halloween Party - great costumes, good food, crafts, coffee and fellowship - Thanks to all who helped make this a fun event!

.....Thanks to Connie Fayen and many others, lots of sprucing up was done at our Work Day earlier this month. A lot was accomplished, both inside and outside of the church. The workers gathered for a well-deserved lunch afterwards.

.....The Women's Association had their first general meeting of the year at The Spanish Tavern this month. We all enjoyed the dinner and friendship. Our next event will be the Election Day "Eats and Treats" sale. If you can contribute an item or if you can help work at the sale, please let Diane McCurdy know. All monies raised are donated to a local food bank.

.....This coming Saturday night Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back - You gain that hour of sleep you lost last spring!

.....Our sympathy to the family of Debbie and Ray Steinberg on the passing of Ray's mother, Lois.

.....Our sympathy also to the families of Lorraine Burgess and Barbara Christoff, long-time members of our congregation.

.....In our prayers continue to be Erasmus Belden, Wolfgang Gerhard, Anne Zakovic and the Schoenknecht family.

.....We all have much to be thankful for - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



Your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy, and Sara

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