

The Spire

UPCOMING SPIRE DEADLINES:

November 18th @ 2:00pm

December 16th @ 2:00pm

Dear Friends,

We are heading into the month of Thanksgiving, and this is the time to remember that we are called to not just one day of good food and gratitude but to center every day in Thanks Living.



What is Thanks Living? It is remembering that God is the source of every good gift, that nothing can separate us from God’s love, and that in life and in death we belong to God. Knowing ourselves connected to God, we can live courageous lives of generous sharing because we are not afraid of the future.

Thanks Living means before we criticize someone, we remember three things about the person for which we are thankful. Thanks Living means each day listing five things for which we are grateful. Thanks Living means adjusting our perspective so we find what’s right in a situation, rather than looking for the worst.

Thanks Living allows us to cry out and scream at God when we hurt. After all, Jesus cried out to God from the cross, and his lament echoes in us and around the globe whenever there is injustice, violence, or devastating loss. We live thankful that we have a big God.

Thanks Living is what impels us to give generously to the church so that our ministry can grow and make a difference, both in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. Your stewardship letter will be coming to you soon.

Thanks Living means we vote in these elections, because we are thankful to live in a democracy and so we exercise our right to vote as stewards of our citizenship.

Thanks Living: “Whatever you do in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3: 17

Thanks Living means I’m grateful for all the work that went into our wonderful Pumpkin Fest!

I thank God for you!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Caroline

Here is a picture from our Pumpkin Fest, taken by Gertrude Turner:



Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, remembrances and the wonderful cake - all part of the delightful surprise celebration of the 34th anniversary of my ordination. It was a joy to share the day with Delaney on her Confirmation!



All Saints Celebration

We are celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6. We will have candles for members and friends of the congregation who passed away since last year’s celebration. If you would like to have a candle for a loved one, please let the church office know by Wednesday, November 2.

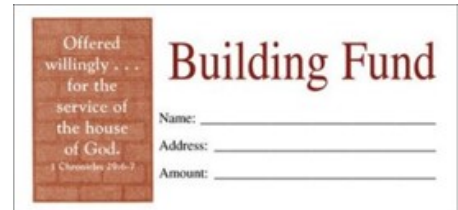
November Birthdays:

1 Roger Tosten 6 Darren Bryner
 6 Maranda Ore 29 Dottie Hutton



BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund balance is currently \$13,238.75.
 Thank you for your continued support.



**Monthly Church Financial Snapshot
 September 2022**



Financial Snapshot

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received/Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Weekly Contributions	\$7,916.57	\$6,080.00	- \$1,836.67
Outside Support (special collections and Memorials & Facilities Income)		\$2,805.38	Total Income: \$8,885.38 Net Ordinary Income: (\$9,192.06)
Expenses	\$16,301.35	\$18,077.44	

Now available the September 2022 Statement of Activity

Contact Gloria Socks, Treasurer

Session in a nutshell

- Session is happy to welcome Delaney Stains as an official member.
- Outreach Committee will provide 10 chickens to the Waynesboro Community and Human Services for Thanksgiving.
- There will be a shoe-box collection for Operation Christmas Child.
- The Community Care Task Force is collecting 50 5-lb bags of potatoes to hand out to the surrounding community.
- Spiritual Life Committee is coordinating a meal for the residents of New Hope Shelter on November 2nd.
- Christian Education Committee is planning an Advent craft and Bible study.



2022 Advent Devotionals

It is the tradition of The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro to provide each family with an Advent Devotional, selected by the Spiritual Life Committee. Over the years we have enjoyed various devotionals and have accumulated a surplus of them. To utilize the Advent Devotionals, we currently have on hand, this year we are giving you the opportunity to choose one of the following.



- “Prepare Ye the Way” by Andrew Bartelt
- “Unto Us a Child is Born” by Henri J.M. Nouwen
- “The Fullness of Time” by Henri J.M. Nouwen
- “From Heaven to Manger” by Danielle Bean
- “Hope-Full Living: The Season of Advent” by a collection of authors
- “Hope-Full Living: Celebrate the Season of Advent” by a collection of authors
- “Moving Toward the Manger” by Martin E. Marty

On Sunday, November 13th you will have the opportunity to choose your devotional for this year’s Advent Season. Quantities are limited and are first come, first serve. Gina Brown will assist you with your selection on this day. Devotionals will be mailed to our Homebound Members and be available for Congregation members through November 27th.

Advent Luncheon & Activity

**Sunday, November 27th following Worship
in Fellowship Hall**



The Christian Education Committee is planning an Advent luncheon and craft. The craft this year will be angels. We will spread the news once the details are finalized.

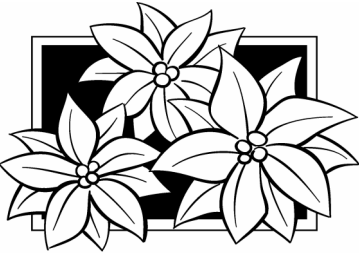
**Sunday morning Bible study group will start up again in November
with an Advent study.**

Watch for more details.



Starting Tuesday, November 15 at 11 am, Pastor Caroline will be leading a study each Tuesday that focuses on the scriptures being used in the upcoming Sunday’s worship. This is a chance to go more in-depth into the lessons, to raise questions and share insights, and to pray for the church, each other, and that God will bless our worship times. Please join us for a one hour study on Tuesday mornings. If you would like to be part of such a study, but aren’t available on Tuesday mornings, let Pastor Caroline know as both a Zoom and an evening option are possible.

It is the tradition of the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, to adorn our sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas Season.



POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia, colors are available in red, white, pink, and marble.

The **cost this year is \$11.00 per plant**, with payment being made in advance.

Please make **checks payable to: The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro** and *note in the memo section of your check “poinsettia”*

To order your poinsettias, complete the order form, attach your payment and return to the church office.

Deadline to order your poinsettia is Sunday, November 20th.

You will be able to take your plants home with you after the Christmas Eve worship service, or it can be given to a Homebound Member of our Church.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please indicate how many next to your color choice:

____ RED ____ WHITE ____ PINK ____ MARBLE

Please indicate your preference of wording:

To the glory of God and ...

In honor of _____

In loving memory of _____

Total # of plants ordered _____ **x \$11.00 = \$** _____

Please check the box if you would like your Poinsettia given to a Homebound Member of our Church following the Christmas Eve Service.

Ordered by _____

*Operation Christmas Child * Shoeboxes*

Once again we will be participating in this great mission outreach project. Every shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel.

Please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact it may be the only gift the child receives.



1.) Shoebox: Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or a girl. Need Shoeboxes? Shoeboxes will be available at the church soon.

2.) Shoebox Gift Ideas:

- "Wow" Items. Soccer Ball w/Pump, Doll, Stuffed Animal, Shoes.
- Toys: Toy Cars, Jump Ropes, Yo-Yos, Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries).
- Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, Washcloths, Combs, Hairbrushes.
- School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons & markers. Notebooks & Paper, Color & Picture Books, Solar Calculators.
- Accessories: Socks, Sunglasses, Jewelry & Watches, Flashlights with extra batteries.
- **VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS - DO NOT INCLUDE IN SHOEBOXES** - Candy, gum, toothpaste, Used or Damaged items, Scary or War-related items, Seeds, Food, Liquids or Lotions, Medications or Vitamins, Glass containers, Aerosol Cans.

3.) PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note or photo to delight the heart of a child.

4.) DONATE \$10 PER BOX : To cover shipping costs

5.) COLLECTION: **Filled Boxes are due November 13th**

Halloween Candy Dropoff

Again this year, the Pillowcase of Sharing will be in the blue wagon in Jessen Hall to receive any leftover, unwanted, or extra candy or other wrapped treats for us to send to Operation Gratitude, which puts them in care packages for military personnel, first responders, and veterans. The Pillowcase of Sharing will accept gifts until November 7.



Community Thanksgiving Concert sponsored by Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches

Sunday, November 20th at 3:00pm

At Trinity United Church of Christ

News from the Community Care Task Force (CCTF)

On Sunday, **October 23**, we hosted our second annual **Pumpkin Fest**, from 3-5 pm in the church parking lot. We had a good turnout from among our neighbors and even had a thank you posted online! Our guests enjoyed hot dogs, games and goodies, face painting, and pumpkin decorating. We finished with larger pumpkins carved to spell out "GOD ♥ YOU," which are displayed in front of the church on Main Street. Many thanks to all who helped make this event so inviting and enjoyable.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue various activities to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors. Below are upcoming events in the works. Please plan to attend as many as you can to help build relationships and community with those nearby, whom God has called us to love.

Sunday, November 13, 1-3 pm, in the church parking lot: We will have a drive through / walk through **give away of fifty 5 pound bags of potatoes**. We also hope to have a table set up with extra "fixings" for Thanksgiving dinner, which folks may choose from. You can help in several ways to make this a success:

1. **PRAY**, not only for God's blessing on us and our neighbors, but also for the love of Jesus to shine through us and draw others to Him. Pray also for the needs of our neighbors and wisdom for us as we try to support them.
2. **DONATE 5 pound bags of potatoes**, as well as other things you might typically use for your own holiday meal, such as green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, applesauce, stuffing mix, cornbread mix. **Please bring these items to the church no later than Thursday, November 10.**
3. **JOIN IN** distributing the food on November 13.

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?'³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 37-40

Sunday, December 11, 1-3 pm: A Christmas Sing-a-long, with refreshments and possibly some children's activities. Watch for more information, but **mark your calendars now and invite family, friends and neighbors!**

The New Year, 2023: There are many ideas and plans under consideration, but the CCTF welcomes any suggestions you may have; please let us hear from you. (Talk with any of us: Margie Honodel, Linda McFarland, Lori Sutton, Betty Thompson, Gertrude Turner, Carol VanSchenkof, Pastor Vickery, and Brian and Susan Zimmerman.)

Annual Waynesboro Holiday Parade

Saturday, November 19th at 2:00pm

The Showing Christ Ministry Team is looking for Volunteers to help with this Church outreach opportunity, taking place right outside our Church.

Contact Brian Zimmerman if you are able to volunteer!



Prayer Ministry

Church Family Who Need Our Prayer:

- ~ Harry Brooks ~ Martha Rhines
- ~ Virginia Rahn ~ Jim Hale
- ~ Marty Swink ~ Gertrude Stilts

Home Bound Members:

- Shirley Stephenson at Quincy
- Helen Hill at Shook Home
- Chic & Dottie Hutton at Paramount
- Jim Hale at Menno Haven
- Janet Zook
- Marty Swink at Providence Place
- Joan Clemmons
- Virginia Rahn at Colestock



Family and Friends Who Need Our Prayers

Malinda Miller, Michael Kunze, Matthew Tuckey,
Janet Keener, & The Jessens

**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

Please pray for peace for the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine and throughout the world. Also please be in prayer for our church family serving in the military:

- Andrew Glenn - Maranda Ore
- Jesse Thompson - Elliott Swink
- David Henke - Robert Douglas

As part of the TUXIS Ministry, you are invited to send small gifts and/or cards to our active military folks.

*Please contact the office for addresses.
** denotes deployment*



Outreach **Ministry**

Week of November 6th

- ~ C.R.O.S.S.
- ~ Ibrahim/Pioneers

Week of November 13th

- ~ Fruit Belt Farm Workers Ministry
- ~ Millers/BIC World Mission

Week of November 20th

- ~ House of Grace
- ~ EPIC International - Pursley/Turkey

Week of November 27th

- ~ New Hope Shelter
- ~ Henry/Mission to the World

Week of December 4th

- ~ Waynesboro Community & Human Services
- ~ Ibrahim/Pioneers

Prayer Focus

Week of November 6th – Carole Gerhardt, Nancy Glenn, The Michael Glenn Family, Jim Hale, Chris Hamberger, Phil Hammond, Helen Hill

Week of November 13th – Margie Honodel, Chic & Dottie Hutton, Alice Karppinen, Donna Kennedy, Mark & Donna Lipko, Mary Kay McCleary, The Sean McFarland Family

Week of November 20th - Linda McFarland, The Robin Meyers Family, Maranda Ore, Virginia Rahn, Martha Rhines, The Turk Russell Family, Tom & Jeanne Singer

Week of November 27th - Larry & Gloria Socks, Carl & Bernice Solomon, The Jason Stains Family, Shirley Stephenson, Gertrude Stilts, Lori Sutton, Marty Swink

Week of December 4th - Tom & Meredith Thomas, Lois Ann Thompson, The Marty Thompson Family, Roger & Jackie Tosten, Gertrude Turner, Carol VanSchenkof, Carline Vickery

Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, & Showing Christ to the World!

THE SPIRE

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday from 10:15am - 1:15pm

**Public worship is posted to The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro's
YouTube Channel every Sunday.**

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