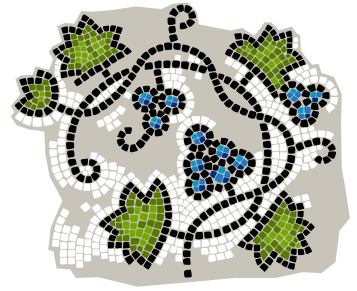


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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

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Pastor's Corner



All Saints' Day

According to information from our denomination we learn that in early Christian tradition saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death. This date was seen as his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was difficult to devote words and time to each one. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

But All Saints' Day has a different focus in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than lifting up saints as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. All Saints' Day then is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. It is a time when we may also pray that we might be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship reads:

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs." It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12.1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12.1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

In our service of worship on Sunday, October 31, we will be a bit schizophrenic. What I mean is that in the service we will remember the day itself—Reformation Day and then we will also recognize the following day—All Saints' Day. At the beginning of our service our hymn of praise will be "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and at the end of the service we will sing together "For All the Saints."

At an appropriate time in our service the names of all the members of our church who have died in the past 12 months will be read and the speaking of each name will be accompanied by the tolling of a bell and an appropriate prayer.

Granted, we Presbyterians may not understand sainthood as others in Christendom do, but we do recognize them—just in a different way.


The Lord be with you ...

David Starkman



Military Overseas
 & Home
 All 1st Responders
 All Educators
 Pastor, Church &
 Officers
 Dawn Hart Branch
 Paul & Betty Carlisle
 Beth Day
 Kathleen Ellis
 Leslie Fox
 Joe Garcia
 Iris Guy
 Mark Harris
 Larry Ickes
 Kathy Orris
 David Smith
 DJ Smith

*Names will remain on the
 prayer list for one month,
 unless requested for longer.
 Please call the church
 office 239-694-2444 if you
 wish to add or delete a
 name.*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-1 MARION ISHIMOTO-YUILLE
 11-9 DANNY (DJ) SMITH
 11-10 BRADLEY MILLER
 11-14 MARGARET ELYARD
 11-20 MIKE LARRANAGA
 11-21 HAZEL ANKNEY
 11-21 ELLIE PATTON

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11-1 BILL & PAM WALLUM
 11-6 GENE & JUDY HUMBARGER
 11-11 MIKE & PHYLLIS LARRANAGA
 11-14 SCOTT & MARY EDMONDS



**Don't forget to set your clock
 back on November 7
 Daylight Savings Time Ends**



Dear God,

I give thanks today for our veterans and their willingness to risk all for the sake of freedom. I pray You will bless them and their families. Protect them and heal them; comfort their hearts and grant them peace. May their dedication and honor never be forgotten.

Amen

FaithTap.com



Wednesdays, November 3, 10 & 17 - 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Connection, dinner and fellowship.

Tuesday, November 16 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm Bob Evans Community Fundraisers, 15% of your check is donated to our church, with coupon.

December 1, 8 & 15 - 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Connection

Sunday, December 12 - 11:00 am *A Very Thankful Christmas Brunch* following Worship. The Church will provide the entrée, please bring your favorite dish to share.

Sunday, December 19 - 10:00 am Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, December 21 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm Bob Evans Community Fundraiser, 15% of your check is donated to our church, with coupon.



Stitch N' Stuff

“And you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for His good purpose.”

In the 1980's Dr. Robert Schuller's daughter was in an accident and had to have her leg amputated. John Wayne sent her a picture of himself with the words, “Be happy, you are loved.” Doesn't that sound like good advice for us all going through Covid19 these days?

While we are smaller in numbers, we are still able to keep up with the demand. We try to be loving and happy as we work with our different items on hand. We could use more people to help cut the items or to sew them to be ready to finish on Thursdays.

We meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please come and check us out to see if this might interest you. If you have questions, please contact Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saints' Day	2	3 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice 6 00 Wed. Night Connection	4 9:00 Labor & Land- scapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff 5:30 Choir	5 World Community Day	6
7 10:00 Worship & Fellowship Angel Tree Names	8	9	10 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice 6 00 Wed. Night Connection	11 Veterans Day 9:00 Labor & Land- scapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff 5:30 Choir	12	13
14 10:00 Worship & Fellowship Angel Tree Names	15	16 7-:00 - 8:00 pm Bob Evans Fundraiser	17 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice 6 00 Wed. Night Connection	18 9:00 Labor & Land- scapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff 5:30 Choir	19	20 Gracevine Deadline
21 10:00 Worship & Fellowship Angel Tree Names	22	23	24 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 10:00 Worship & Fellowship Angel Tree Names 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30				



Buckingham Presbyterian Church and Friends,

What a great response we had for our Chicken BBQ. For those who participated we hope you enjoyed something different. For those who didn't participate, you missed out on a great BBQ Chicken dinner.

I personally want to say a huge THANK YOU to all who came out on a Friday to work and make this such a success. We are fortunate to have such giving members of their time and talent.

Thank you everyone for supporting the Church and the work of the Lord.

Cal Brown
Fundraising Committee Chairman

FUND RAISER TIME
WE HAVE STARTED THE
BOB EVANS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

8940 Colonial Center Drive

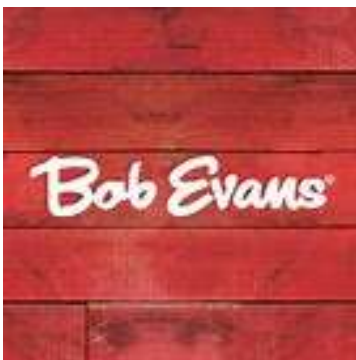
We would like to thank everyone who participated in our first Bob Evans fundraiser of the season on October 19. We hope you enjoyed a night of no cooking and great food.

Please join us each third Tuesday of the month. Our next dates are:

November 23 and December 21

When you present your coupon with your bill at the checkout, Bob Evans will donate 15% of your bill to our Church. You have the choices of eating in, calling in an order or ordering on line, with the last two you can pick-up inside or curbside. When ordering be sure to tell the person you are talking to, you need them to add a coupon from our Church so we get credit. This is a great way for the Church to make some extra money and you won't have to cook a meal. This is good any time that day from open to close. We will be emailing a coupon that you can print or you can pick one up at Church the Sunday before.

Cal Brown
Fundraising Committee Chairman





While Misión Peniel is still not accepting clothing, the following is a list of their needs at this time: baby diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors. Their food needs are rice, beans, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dry cereal and oatmeal. You may drop these items off in the church narthex.

An updated list of session members will be available following the meeting on Sunday, October 31.

Psalms of Thanksgiving

Psalm 7:17 ~ I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Psalm 28:7 ~ The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

BLANKET DRIVE

The blanket drive was a success! Stitch N' Stuff made 50 blankets, eight blankets were donated, and \$240.00 was collected to buy additional blankets.

THANK YOU!



"If the only prayer
you ever say in your
entire life is thank you,
it will be enough."
- Meister Eckhart



Buildings and Grounds Update

I will be leaving in October and not returning until April. My son has a large project in New York and requested my help on managing. As of this writing my replacement has not been determined. I want to thank; Warren Bleckley, Cal Brown, John and Kelley Graham, Joanne Lose, and John McWhorter for all of their efforts...thank you...thank you.

First, I want to highlight our Memorial Gardens. This area was developed for quiet time and meditation for your loved ones who have passed, and your time with God. Take time and visit this area. Joanne Lose has done a marvelous job of maintaining the flowers and shrubs. We have added an additional cement bench with water fountain (donated by Weezie Emberger and Delores Massaro). Two other cement and one wooden bench are also there for your comfort. The memorial plaque board is being updated with the following: Lu Benson, John Brandt, Rose Mary Fleming, Dick Nickeson, and Doris Whitaker. Please stop and enjoy our Memorial Garden.

I also want to highlight the work being done by Kelly Graham. Kelly, with the help of Warren Bleckley, have cleaned up the area from the Cross to around the windows on the north side. Bushes around the Cross have been reduced to a height of about two feet. Kelly has also planted tall flowering plants in front of the Cross and she has started to add cement pavers to the north window area with a plan for benches and a walk way. Let us know if you have any suggestions for our gardening.

John McWhorter has been doing a great job of keeping our repair costs to a minimum. Recently John replaced a bearing on the John Deere lawnmower. I believe that job would have cost us, at least, a couple of hundred dollars more. Cal Brown, Warren Bleckley, John Graham, and John McWhorter have been maintaining the lawns and shrubs...great job.

Mary Nolen donated the plants on each side of the church entrance doors. Thank you Mary, they are a nice addition.

Finally, we rented a high lift and reinstalled our American flag. The lift was also used to trim the palms and trees.

Bob Peterman



ANGEL TREE

The Mission Committee has developed a way to provide gifts for the needy children of Tice Elementary School without attendees taking the tags from the tree that is normally in the Narthex of the church.

Tice Elementary School has many needy children out of the 500 that attend. We will be providing a toy and clothing for each of the 48 children, identified as some of the neediest by the school, just a bit different than in the past.

We are asking members and friends of Buckingham Presbyterian Church to choose a child from the list, purchase the gifts requested (both toy & clothing) and return them wrapped with a gift tag identifying the child's name and teacher's name by Friday, December 10, 2021, to the Narthex of the church.

We have the list of children's gifts and I or someone from the group will be available after church on October 31 and every Sunday thereafter to distribute to those wishing to get their angels in person. You can also place a phone call (9 am – 9 pm) to discuss and choose your gift choices with Grace or Vicky.

For those of you not wishing to shop for a child, we have shoppers willing and able to be at your service and would request a separate donation to be made to the church with the notation of Angel Tree on your check or envelope. We expect the cost to be approximately \$40.00 (or more) per child.

NOTE: I will be unavailable from 11/3 through 11/16, since I have the opportunity to visit my granddaughter in England. During this time please contact Vicky Mari to get your angel selection.

Grace Johnston
302-750-5991

Vicky Mari
724-420-2194





Adult Sunday School Bible Study

On December 5, we will begin our Winter season Adult Sunday School Bible Study. We will be using *Feasting on the Word*; a PCUSA curriculum. Build background knowledge and prepare for our pastor's sermons with this study that is based on the common lectionary - Bible passages. Our Bible study is from 9:00 - 9:45 am. All are welcome to join in this shared study and fun. For more information please call Vicki McWhorter at 239-823-6534 or the church office for more information.

Wednesday Night Connection

Wednesday Night Connection is back and began on Wednesday, October 20. WNC is a Wednesday night study that meets for shortened, specific topics off and on throughout the year. The evening begins with dinner (dessert too) and fellowship and continues with a study led by Pastor Tim.

Pastor Tim will teach a class on the Lord's Prayer. Joining for dinner is optional. For a \$5.00 donation you will receive a Fellowship meal prepared by volunteers. The meal begins at 6:00 pm. If you prefer, you can come for just the study which begins at 6:30 pm. For more information check the upcoming Sunday Bulletin or with Pastor Tim, Vicki, or the church office.



All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:15



I am the vine
you are the branches
John 15:5

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“May your heart and mind
be open enough to receive
the blessings of new month.”

Happy November