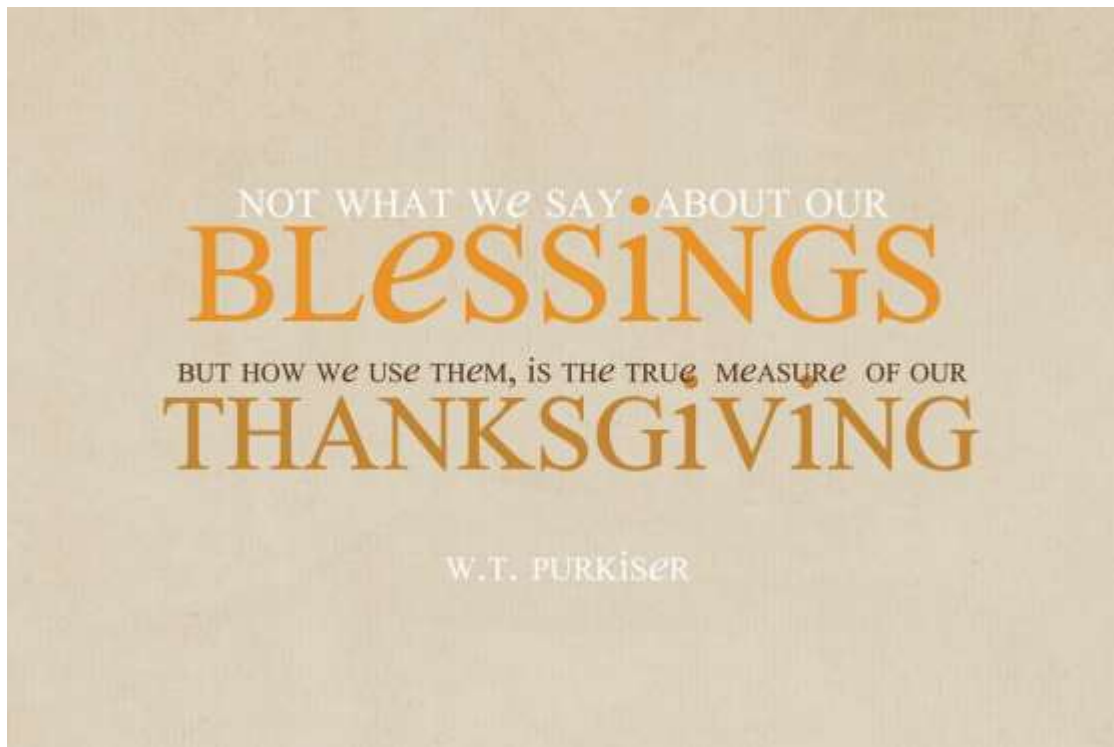


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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
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Pastor's Corner



Liturgical Seasons and Colors

Some years ago in another church I served, during the time of welcome and announcements a person in the congregation lifted his voice and asked, "why is everything green today?" What a wonderful question. He was talking about the paraments. In a sanctuary the term "paraments" is applied to the hangings on or around the chancel, including the table and pulpit.

The reason for paraments is this. Throughout the Christian year, we observe special days and/or seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday), Holy Week (including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day (not always on Sunday), and Christ the King (or Reign of Christ). These

days/seasons, fasts/feasts allow us to move through the life of Christ, from preparation for his birth on the first Sunday of the liturgical year, to the celebration of his return on the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

Although we celebrate special days throughout the liturgical year, not all days are equal in emphasis. During the time of diminished emphasis, the time between the special observations, we have Ordinary Time. Now the term ordinary does not mean commonplace or unremarkable. The term comes from mathematics. We are taught cardinal numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) and ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). Ordinary Time means ordinal time ... counted time. Currently we are in Ordinary Times.

Seasonal terms are clearly displayed in our Sunday worship bulletin. Always take a look at the banner at the top of each style of service. On the second line you will see the term for that particular Sunday.

Now then, as to the colors. We Presbyterians use five: blue, purple, white, green, and red. Simply and easily put and using the order above:

Advent. The color purple or blue signifies solemnity and royalty. Often the color pink is used for the third Sunday (whether the dominant color is purple or blue). Historically and traditionally pink represents joy.

Christmas. White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity. Typically, white Sundays represent transitional days between fast/festival seasons.

Epiphany. White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity.

Baptism of the Lord. White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity.

Transfiguration. White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity.

Lent and Holy Week. The color purple is used to represent solemnity and penitence. Often the chancel is stripped of furniture and color for Good Friday. Sometimes there appears a cross draped in black for a service on that day.

Great 50 Days of Easter White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity.

Ascension of the Lord. White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity.

Pentecost. Red is used as a color that represents fire or power.

Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, Christ the King/Reign of Christ White and/or gold are used for celebration and purity.

Ordinary Times. Green is used for spiritual growth.

Enjoy the seasons. See you Sunday ...

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All Military Overseas & at Home
 All 1st Responders
 All Victims of Hurricane Ian
 All Educators
 Pastor, Church & Officers
 Debbie Anderson
 Lenny Barshinger
 Dixie Battin
 Bourdeau Family
 Harriet Brandt
 Carlisle Family
 Daughtry Family
 David Farmer
 Scott Gallaway
 Joe Garcia
 Kelly Graham
 Rodney Green
 Cliff Gridley
 Diane Harland
 Larry Ickes
 Betty Jones
 Phyllis Larranaga
 Lehman Family
 Sheri MacIntyre
 Gerald Marsh
 Joe Miller
 Molina Family
 Katherine Nolen
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 Alishia Smith
 Sue Tiso
 Sherry Wilmer

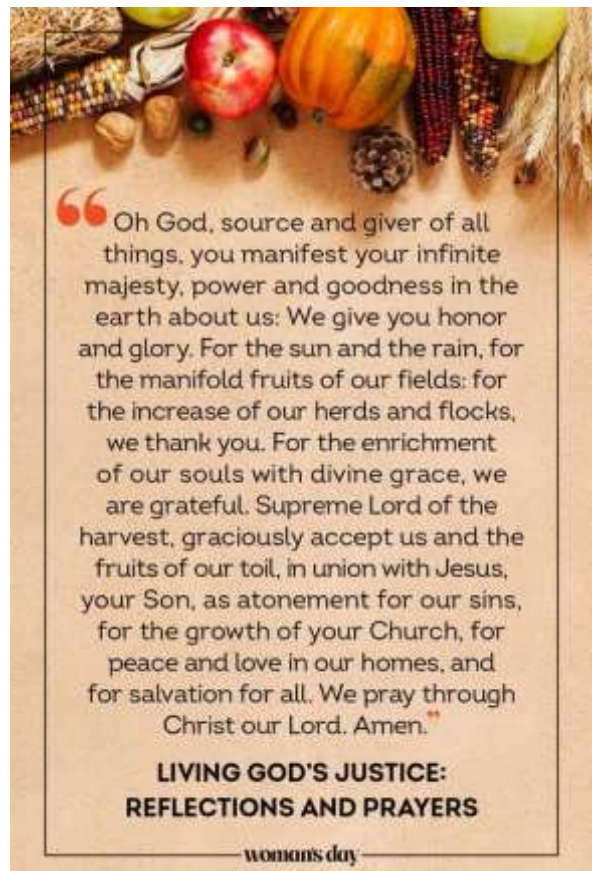
Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

NOVEMBER 1	BILL WALLUM
NOVEMBER 1	MARION ISHIMOTO-YUILLE
NOVEMBER 6	TAMMIE VOUGH
NOVEMBER 9	D.J. SMITH
NOVEMBER 10	BRADLEY MILLER
NOVEMBER 15	LEE MOODY
NOVEMBER 19	MARGARET ELYARD
NOVEMBER 20	MIKE LARRANANAGA
NOVEMBER 21	HAZEL ANKNEY
NOVEMBER 21	ELLE SWAREZ PATTON
NOVEMBER 26	JIM SHUBERT

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER 1	BILL & PAM WALLUM
NOVEMBER 6	GENE & JUDY HUMBARGER
NOVEMBER 11	RANCE & PAT BODINE
NOVEMBER 11	MIKE & PHYLLIS LARRANGA
NOVEMBER 14	SCOTT & MARY EDMONDS



SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays at 11:00 am—Fellowship follows each worship service. Please come and join us!

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm—Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm—Wednesday Night Connection

Saturday, November 6 at 2:00 am—Set your clock back one hour!

Friday, December 2 at 4 pm—Fish Fry

Sunday, December 12 - 11:00 am *A Very Thankful Christmas Brunch* following Worship.







Nursery Attendants

November 6 - Vicki McWhorter
 November 13 - Janell Webb
 November 20 - Alexis Brown
 November 27 - Margaret Elyard



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Meeting 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff</p>	<p>4</p> <p>World Community Day</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>22nd Sunday after Pentecost Daylight Savings Ends</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Election Day</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Labor & Land- scape</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Christ the King/ Reign of Christ</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection</p>			

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Kindness is a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, consideration, rendering assistance or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward in return.

Kindness is a topic of interest in philosophy, religion, and psychology. Kindness was one of the main topics in the Bible. In Book II of "Rhetoric", Aristotle defines kindness as "helpfulness towards someone in need, not in return for anything, nor for the advantage of the helper himself, but for that of the person helped."^[1] Nietzsche considered kindness and love to be the "most curative herbs and agents in human intercourse."^[2] Kindness is considered to be one of the Knightly Virtues.^[3] In Meher Baba's teachings, God is synonymous with kindness: "God is so kind that it is impossible to imagine His unbounded kindness!"^[4]

Over the years people have been generous and kind in helping others. While there is none more so than Jesus, there are many stories to share. We are going to begin a feature in each newsletter highlighting some of those people ... perhaps Tom, Dick or Harry who lives down the street, a rock star, a movie star, a local businessman, a child, a school teacher, a sports figure, a singer, who knows—but it is inspiring to see how others give and help with no expectation of anything in return.

A random act can be as simple as buying someone behind you in the drive-thru a coffee or lunch. Perhaps the mother in line at the grocery store checking to see if she has enough money for her purchases, or it can be reaching out to your neighbor or someone in your community to lend a hand in these turbulent times. Think about how you can choose to pay it forward.



Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
John Graham

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterman

MOBILE LAUNDROMAT STORY

Herb (pictured below with Rob) was riding his bike in Harlem Heights recently and happened on Rob and the mobile laundromat. Curious, Herb asked what was going on ... and Rob told him he was doing people's laundry, for free.

Excited, Herb said "oh my gosh, my house flooded and I have all of my clothes in garbage bags and it's all just getting moldy right now - how does this work?"

Rob told him he'd be back the next day and just to bring the bags of laundry and Rob would get them done for him.

Herb's excitement dwindled, "Man ... all I have is this bike, my car flooded too and I live pretty far from here ... I can't haul 11 bags of laundry on my bike."

Rob said, "Give me your address, I'll come park the mobile laundromat in front of your house tomorrow and get your laundry done."

And that is what Rob, founder and owner of Fort Myers Brewing, is up to today ... making sure Herb has some clean, dry clothes for the weekend and next couple of weeks.



“Kindness is having a generous heart and having a selfless personality.”

Search ME O Lord

Search me, O God,
And know my heart today;
Try me, O Lord,
Know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be
Some wicked way in me;
Cleans me from every sin
And set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord,
For cleansing me from sin;
Fulfil Thy Word,
And make me pure within.
Fill me with fire
Where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire
To magnify Thy Name.

Lord, take my life,
And make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart
With Thy great love divine.
Take all my will,
My passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord
In me abide.

O Holy Ghost,
Revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival,
Start the work in me.
Thy Word declares
Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now,
O Lord, I humbly plead



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How it works:

From your Phone -

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.*
- 2. Select the menu (3 bars in lower right corner) scroll down to bottom and select "Settings" select "AmazonSmile."*
- 3. Select "Buckingham Presbyterian Church" as your charity.*

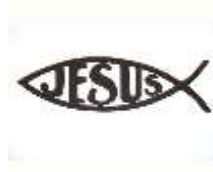
From your PC browser - just type smile.Amazon.com, log on to Amazon account as usual and select box that says choose your charity then select Buckingham Presbyterian Church.



A Very Thankful Christmas Brunch

Mark your calendar to join in our all church Christmas brunch on Sunday, December 11 following worship. The church will provide the entree and the congregation will bring their favorite holiday side dishes, salads, desserts, etc.

There will be sign up sheets in the kitchen.



Fish Fry Update

Due to the fact that so many people are recovering from the hurricane, we are cancelling our November Fish Fry.

Our first Fish Fry will be Friday, December 2. Please mark your calendars!

Cal Brown
Fundraising Chair



Stitch N'Stuff

"We can do all things in Him who strengthens us. Matthew 7:11

He gives us relieving power, believing power and then achieving power. I am not perfect but I try to make everything we do in Stitch N'Stuff Sewing Circle perfect for the people who will be receiving the items.

You are welcome to come to our meetings and see how we come up with ideas for the items we make for the various organizations. We meet in Clayton Hall every other week continuing on November 3 until the end of the year. We hope to see more of you at our meetings. If you have any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

PS: Thanks to all who are helping us with poly stuffing.



Musical Notes

“Christmas is coming, Tra-la, Tra-la!” And the Buckingham Presbyterian Choir has great news to announce!

This year, we are planning to hold a 30 minute Christmas Carol Festival before the Christmas Eve service, and you’re invited. Not only invited to attend, but invited to take part. That’s right, we would love to have you join us in singing Christmas Carols both old and new. The only commitment you would need to make is to show up for about 45 minutes each Wednesday of Advent to rehearse our program. In return for your time, you’ll receive a series of free vocal lessons, get to show off your musical chops, and have a lot of fun with a great group of people.

Now you say you want more? You say you’re not satisfied? Well, tell you what we’re gonna do! We will provide you with a 100% guaranteed official choir robe to wear on Christmas Eve!!!! No other Choir will make that offer!

We’re not asking you to join the choir, just join with the choir for this one performance. If this sounds like a deal that you just can’t turn down, contact me, or any other choir member who will fill you in on all the details. We’d love to have you come join with us to help celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

If you have any questions you may contact me at 630-660-6941 or 1126jims@gmail.com

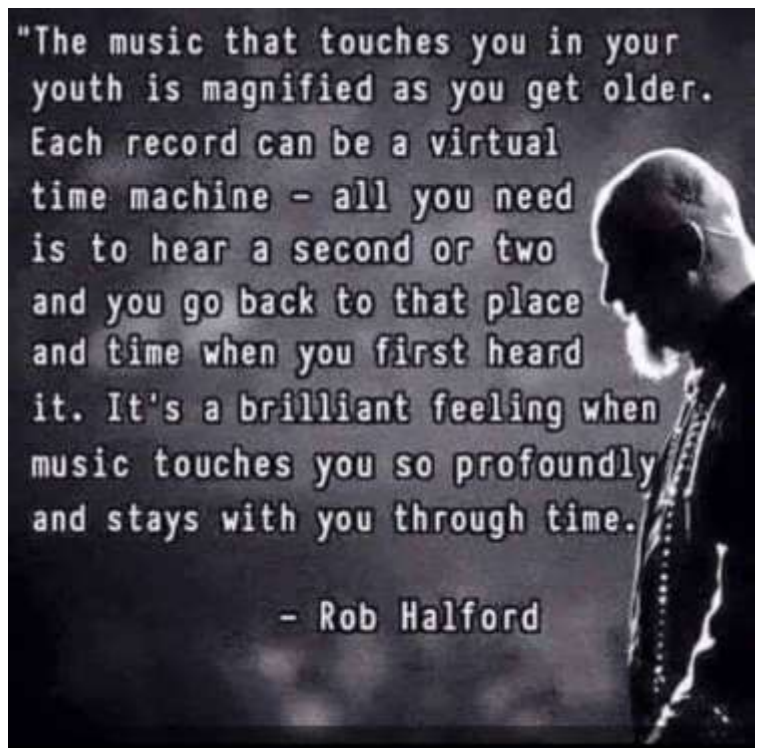
Sing-cerely,

Jim Shubert
Music Director



In Memory

Please keep Betty Carlisle and her family in your prayers as we grieve with them the loss of Paul. We stand in the hope of the promise of the resurrection.





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

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Give Thanks

in all circumstances

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Family Wellness Ministry