



# THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Dear friends,

In this season of gratitude, we have so much to be thankful for: a loving community of faith, an active body of Christ, and most of all – the steadfast love of God, who journeys with us daily. I continue to be thankful for you: your dedication to serving our community, and your ability as a church to keep your priorities in line with the Gospel. You are a church whose doors are always open – on Sunday mornings, but also on Monday through Saturday. Your reputation is well known and your generosity is felt throughout Pulaski and Southwest Virginia.

Because of your commitments, we continue to:

- Welcome hundreds of neighbors to Daily Bread for lunch each day
- Provide an affordable, top-notch Preschool program
- Share God's welcome with neighbors in need – through Narcotics Anonymous, the Free Clinic, Emergency Needs Task Force, and the YMCA
- Shape the next generation of children and youth through Bible studies, Boy Scouts, and Youth Group
- Glorify God through music, worship, and prayer each week.

The ways that God is at work through you could not fit on this page. Lives are transformed here at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson Ave.

As you make your financial plans for 2018, please consider how you can support the ongoing ministries of this congregation, as we seek to build up God's Kingdom together. Your giving is a prayerful and personal decision, yet it is one that will be felt all throughout this community and beyond.

We will dedicate our gifts to God during worship on **Sunday, November 12**. Please join us for this special day of worship. If I can be helpful to you as you make your decisions, do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

Melissa McNair-King

*NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN*

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, November 13th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We will be studying lesson 3 *Cloud of Witnesses: In Community with the Living Word*. Scripture background for this lesson is Hebrews 1:1-3a; Genesis 1:1-5; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 1:1-5 and Hebrews 4:12-13. All are welcome to join us. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship time after the meeting.

Church Women United will be observing *World Community Day* on Friday, November 3rd, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary of Randolph United Methodist Church. The theme is *Kindling New Fires for Peace*. A pot-luck lunch is served following the service. All are welcome.

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From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, November 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. Phyllis Vice will continue to lead us in the lesson of Today's Heroine: Mary, Part Two, page 158, Volume II of *Women Who Dare To Believe*.

Our service project will be to bring needed items to prepare Children in Worship bags. Suggested items are: crayons, Bible-story coloring or activity books, simple crafts, stickers.

Our meal theme is Thankful for our Veterans. November 11th is Veterans Day. To give thanks and honor our fathers, grandfathers, or other relatives and family friends who made sacrifices for our freedoms such as religion, bring a favorite dish of theirs. Drinks will be provided.



Presbyterian Women –  
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** is *All Saints' Day*. We will remember our members who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year on Sunday, November 5th.

**COMMUNION** will be served on Sunday, November 5th.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** on Sunday, November 5th. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Join us on Sunday evening, November 5th, from 5:30 - 7:00 in the Manse for pizza, devotions, and fellowship. Save the date for Wednesday, November 8th, when we will cook again at Wonderful Wednesday!

**DEDICATION SUNDAY** for 2018 pledges will be November 12th.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS** to the church office for the December newsletter no later than Thursday, November 16th.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** A community-wide Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. It is hosted by the Pulaski County Ministerial Association. Location and speaker to be announced.

**DAILY BREAD** will have their annual Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 22nd.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on November 23rd and 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Following worship on Sunday, November 26th, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, and then stay to "hang the greens" in preparation for the Advent Season! Members and friends of all ages are encouraged to help us prepare for Advent by decorating the sanctuary.

### COMING SOON – THE “LITTLE FREE PANTRY”

In September, a group of volunteers assembled several “little free pantries” as part of the Go Pulaski County day of service. These pantries have been looking for a home – and our church is partnering with Daily Bread to be a host location! The “Little Free Pantry” is a small, outdoor receptacle. Anyone can give, and anyone can receive. It is not intended to be a full-service pantry. It is a safety net, and a supplement to the wonderful feeding ministries in our area. Be on the look-out for this little pantry, and stop by any time with small food items to share (canned goods, individually-wrapped crackers or snacks, fruit cups, etc).



**CHECK IT OUT!**



November begins with the celebrating of those who have gone on before us with All Saints' Day on the first and ends with the celebration of giving thanks for all we have been given. These two celebrations encompass the human lifespan. The following books will be on display in the church parlor during the month of November. Check them out!

**082 KAR** A Continual Feast: Words of comfort and celebration collected by Father Tim by Jan Karon

**128 WIL** On Being Human by Woodrow Wilson

**128.5 NEW** New Meanings of Death

**133.9 BUR** Heaven is for Real: A little boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back by Todd Burpo - This true story, retold by his father but using Colton's uniquely simple words, offers a glimpse of the world that awaits us.

**133.9 MOO** Life after Life: The investigation of a phenomenon - survival of bodily death by Raymond A. Moody

**248.48 MCM** I'm Human - Thank God by Robert M. McMillan

**301.43 MAG** Maggie Kuhn on Aging: A Dialogue

**811.5 RIC** Heart Gifts by Helen Steiner Rice - A joyous volume of poetry that reminds us of God's continual presence and loving guidance.

**CH FIC MAH** Making Friends by Margaret Mahy - Small Mrs. DeVere's large dog Titania and large Mr. Derry's small dog Oberon serve as instruments that bring their masters together in an unexpected but quite successful friendship.

If there is a book you would like to read from our church library but are unable to get it, give Phyllis Vice a call (980-3106) and she will be happy to get the book to you. To check out a book write your name and the date you are taking the book on the card that is in the pocket in the back of the book. Place the card on the black and white spotted box (the card catalog) on the shelf nearest to the windows.

## *Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!*

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

We start off with a family dinner every Wednesday night! Following dinner, the children will have choir. The adults will have Bible study with Melissa McNair-King, centered around the book of Romans.

Plan to make Wednesday church nights a part of your regular routine! It is a special time of learning and growing together as a church family. The suggested "offering" for dinner is \$4/person or \$15/family. This is anonymous, and give-as-you-can. Everyone is welcome regardless.

Thank you to those who are serving in November:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cooking Team</b>	<b>Clean-Up Team</b>	<b>Program</b>
November 1	Ron, KD, Pam	Andy, Jessie, KD	God's faithfulness for Israel (Romans 9-11)
November 8	Youth Group	Joe, Michelle, Ashley	Faithful obedience (Romans 12-15:13)
November 15	Thanksgiving Potluck (turkey provided)	Larry, Phyllis, Bernice	Mini Service Projects
November 22	N/A	N/A	N/A
November 29	Barry, Violet, Carla	Ernie, Barbara, Mary Catherine	Paul's reason for writing (Romans 15:14-30)

### **Thanksgiving!**

We will celebrate Thanksgiving as a church family on Wednesday, November 15. The turkey is provided – please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

We will then have an opportunity to show our gratitude for God's faithfulness by serving others – join us as we make Christmas cards for homebound members, and hygiene bags for the residents of Fairview Home.



# Thankful

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**DATE:**

**LAY READERS:**

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:**

**11/5/17**

Jordan Phillips

Communion

**11/12/17**

Bonnie Spivey

Dianne Wallace

**11/19/17**

Dave Spivey

Mary Catherine Williams

**11/26/17**

Chasity Stevens

Jessie Woods