

November Link

As we all know, the Covid-19 outbreak has effected just about every aspect of each of our lives. From masks to social distancing; to disruptions in work, school, and family; and in the closing of larger gatherings including our churches. Because of the uncertainties surrounding the effect on PVUMC of these disruptions, we delayed the payment of Apportionments to the Methodist conference. While your giving has allowed us to meet the rest of our financial obligations during this time, giving has been reduced overall and we are concerned that we will not be able to honor our commitment to Apportionments. This important program supports the greater church's charitable giving, supports the overhead expenses needed to administer the Conference (including PPE and the grant that made possible our virtual service!), and supports Pastors with training, insurance, and retirement. We ask as we near the end of our financial year that you consider giving something extra so that we may meet this important obligation.

Steve Bailey

Finance Chair

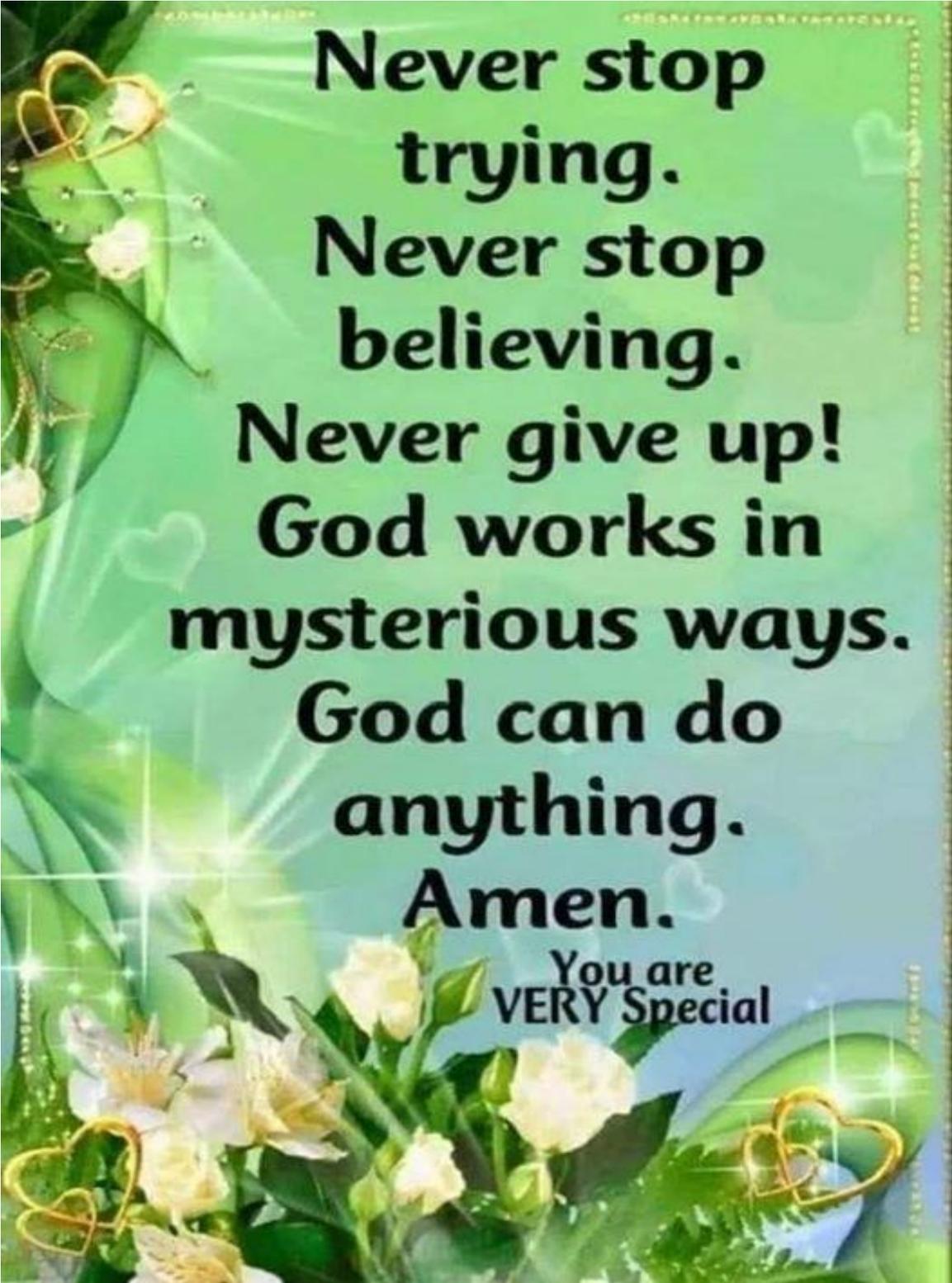
Turkey Solo

My wife and I have been living in this house for over 17 years now, and this year, we've seen our share of new critters in the yard. Sure, we've seen the usual suspects: squirrels (my wife's favorite), chipmunks, birds, groundhogs, etc., and of course plenty of deer; the most endearing of which is a recurring visiting deer with her two youngsters. Mom is lame on her front right leg, but she gets around best that she can. Normally, we pull down the driveway, see a deer, jump out of the car and throw things at 'em and yell "Hey you kids get off my lawn". . .but not her. . . we see her and have a bit more compassion for her and frankly, we never see her eating anything but weeds, so well there's that.

ANYHOW, I got off track a bit this year we've also seen some new creatures, a fox graced us earlier on, and this morning, my wife texts me "there's a turkey on the bridge" (yes, we're in the same house and text back and forth all day, now stop shaking your head). Again, we've been here for 17 years and have never seen a turkey on our property. A beautiful example of how God is using this mess of a year to show us who's really in control (He is -- God's in control). Of course, my response to the turkey being on our property is "Good, just in time for Thanksgiving".

And that got me thinking. This Thanksgiving is going to be different, "It's a pandemic Thanksgiving Charlie Brown" comes to mind. And while we may be still trying to figure out what we're doing for Thanksgiving considering our relatives may have already called and said "Don't come"—I know mine did (not like I was going anyhow). But this year, maybe our thanks needs to be a little bit different. Maybe this year, instead of all gathering around a huge table like Jesus did, and having a 472-course meal starting with pasta and ending with pie, maybe this year we can think a little bit simpler. Think of a meal with your immediate family and be thankful for them, for the closeness you can have with them through the love of Christ. Less like the images of the last supper (a seder) and more like the laughing Jesus picture we've seen from time to time, that you can imagine JC hanging out with his best friend Lazarus and his sisters Mary & Martha. Jesus loved spending quiet special intimate time with Luzzy & Co., so let's focus this year on our small Thanksgiving. Give it to God and I promise you'll be more thankful than you've ever been before.

Blessings Always
Pastor Mike and Karen Antici



**Never stop
trying.
Never stop
believing.
Never give up!
God works in
mysterious ways.
God can do
anything.
Amen.**

You are
VERY Special

Scriptures for November

November 1: "Actions of men; Don't stop believing": Acts 5:18-32
 November 8: "Actions of men; Just a stones throw away": Acts 7:54-60
 November 15: "Actions of men; That man at that place, by the thing": Acts 10:1-36
 November 22: "Actions of men; To an unknown god": Acts 17:16-34
 November 29: "Stewardship; Time": Genesis 14:13-20, 1 Peter 3:18-20

November Schedule

	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
November 1 November 8 November 15 November 22 November 29	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	McKay McKay Slater Lucas Lucas	Shirley Green & Tom Lucas Dawn & Wayne Renfrew Sandy Slemmer & Steve Shaw Shelley Bailey & Steve Bailey Bonnie Slater & Bertha Weih
	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
November 1 November 8 November 15 November 22 November 29	Peck Family Riches Family Volunteer Needed Dietz Family Roberts Family	Karen Dietz Suzanne Hurley-Gerber Shelley Bailey Karen Antici Steve Perry	**May Resume in December**
	<u>Children's Message</u>		
November 1 November 8 November 15 November 22 November 29	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed		
	<u>Lector Readings</u>		
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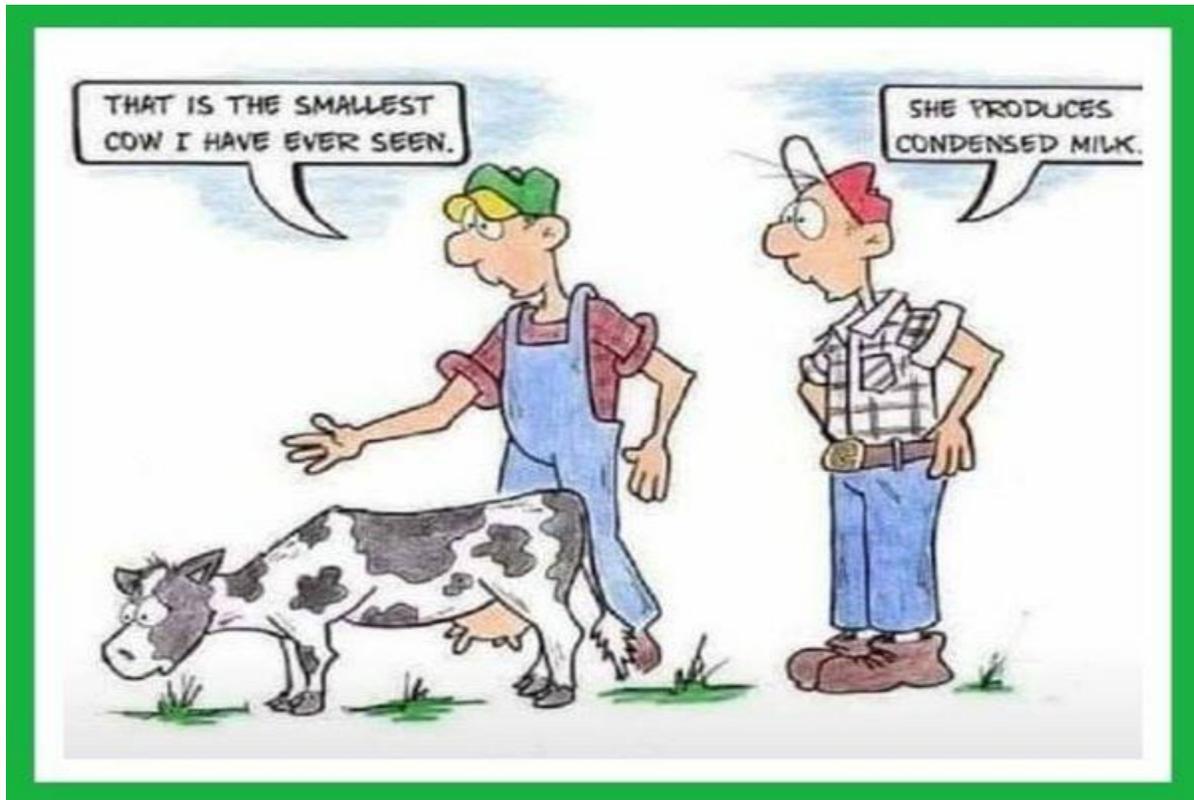
****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 All Saints Day 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	2	3 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 10:00AM Worship Service	9 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	10 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	11	12 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	13	14
15 10:00AM Worship Service	16	17 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	18	19 6:45PM AA	20	21
22 Christ the King Sunday 10:00AM Worship Service	23	24 10:00AM Bible Study 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 8:00PM AA	25	26 Thanksgiving 6:45PM AA	27	28
29 10:00AM Worship Service	30					

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Church Humor:



There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling.

"We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy.

"Don't you understand? We're going to die!!" the first man said.

"You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week," said the second man.

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked "what difference does it make? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to die!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week. I tithe. My pastor will find me!"

One Sunday, after church, Mom asked her little daughter what the Sunday school lesson was about. Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, "Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming."

"Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"

November Announcements

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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