

November Link

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. it is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name

Psalm 100: 1-4

THANKSGIVING TAKES PLACE WHEN WE YIELD OUR HEARTS TO GOD.

We set aside one day a year to recognize the grace and gifts that we have received from God. It is a day of family and friends and joyous understanding of how very blessed we truly are.

This year, after a seemingly endless time of isolation and uncertainty, we are thankful for loved ones who will be with us and for those not able to be at our table. We know now, more than ever, how precious a touch, or hug or a smile truly can be as simple human contact was taken from us. We need each other! We were never meant to be alone in this life.

And we need God. When we isolate ourselves from God, when we try to maneuver life alone, there will always be a yearning that we may not understand, but the void is palpable. And not on one day, but every day!

We need to yield to God if we are to understand Thanksgiving; not just one moment on one day, but a full and continual opening of our hearts to holiness and grace. Fill each moment of each day with God. Yield to God's faithfulness and glory.

May we, every day, take a least a moment to praise God with Thanksgiving in our hearts. Shout for Joy, for God is with us!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Barbara



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Since i started at PVUMC this past July, you have all been so kind, receptive, and caring. I don't have enough words to tell you how grateful I am.

This past week, I was surprised by your gift of encouraging, beautiful words, drawings from the children and a coffee maker for the office. It has since been put to good use many times to help start my day. Please stop by one morning to share a cup!

Thank you all! I am truly blessed to be here among you

Pastor Barbara



**As long as we have
memories, yesterday
remains. As long as
we have hope,
tomorrow awaits.
As long as we have
love, today is
beautiful.**

**As long as you
have God,
anything and
everything is
possible.
Amen**

Gospels for November

November 7: Mark 12:38-44

November 14: Mark 13:1-8

November 21: John 18:33-37

November 28: Luke 21:25-36

November Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at barb_drew@hotmail.com**

November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Karen Dietz Suzanne Gerber Janet Lagrange Jonah Hurley	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	<u>Children's Message</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.**

November

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
	1	2 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	3	4 6:45PM AA	5	6 8:00AM UMM
7 10:00AM ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School Cluster Charge Conference	8	9 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	10	11 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA Individual Charge Conference	12	13
14 10:00AM Worship Service Sunday School	15	16 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	17	18 6:45PM AA	19	20
21 10:00AM Worship Service Sunday School	22	23 10:00AM Prayer Group 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank 8:00PM AA	24	25 6:45PM AA <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28 10:00AM Worship Service Sunday School	29	30 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA				



Church Humor:

A group of guys I know took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel, and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and asked the father to stand up.

Our pastor was teaching Proverbs 16:24: "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."

The minister then added, "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

My wife leaned over, put her head on my shoulder, and whispered in my ear, "I just love to watch your muscles ripple when you take out the garbage."

Desperate for a child, a couple asked their priest to pray for them. "I'm going on sabbatical to Rome," he replied. "I'll light a candle in St. Peter's for you."

When the priest returned three years later, he found the wife pregnant, tending two sets of twins. Elated, the priest asked to speak to her husband and congratulate him.

"He's gone to Rome," came the harried reply, "to blow out that candle."

November Announcements

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE

On November 7th at 3:00 PM, we will have annual Parish Church Conference meeting with our District Superintendent

The meeting will take place on Zoom. In order to attend, you will need to download Zoom (the download is free) and click on join a meeting.

The Meeting ID is listed below or if you can phone in for audio link only, by calling nearest number (New York)

Topic: NW Cooperative Parish Church Conference, November 7, 3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7108208352>

Meeting ID: 710 820 8352

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Don't forget to fall back! Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 AM. Be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour!

The November/December issue of **Upper Room** is here! Pick up your copy in the Narthex on the Bessie table.

Storm Warnings

As we approach winter, please remember to watch WFSB, channel 3 for any cancellations of meetings or worship due to winter weather. It's 90 degrees today, so it's difficult to imagine snow, but winter will come!

Covid Protocols

Bishop Bickerton has requested for the safety of all, that we return to using masks during Sunday Service even if you have been fully vaccinated. Also, as you enter the church there is a sign in sheet. We ask that you all sign in, so that if we are exposed to Covid we can contact anyone who was in the church with needed information.

Children's Message

If you would like to volunteer to give a Children message during worship, or if you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist (Reader) let Pastor Barbara know.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:00AM to Noon, or by appointment.

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