

Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter November, 2023



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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

11/12 – Ramona Arbogast
11/12 – Jim White
11/19 - Phyllis Brock
11/24 – Anthony Warner
11/26 – Wanda Evans
11/26 – Anna Chambers

Anniversaries

11/3 – David and Amy Frayer
11/7 – David and Julia Blanchard

Don't forget to set your clock back this Saturday night so you arrive on time for worship at Beulah – 9:30 am
Monterey – 11:15 am

Nov 5, 2023 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 am clocks are turned backward one hour to 1:00 am. Sunrise and sunset will be one hour earlier on Nov 5 and there will be more light in the morning. I'm not mentioning the hour of sunlight we will lose in the evening.....



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 5 – Those interested in joining the church, or learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian, have been reading the book, “*Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*”. Their first discussion meeting will follow worship this Sunday at Monterey PC.

November 7 – Election Day

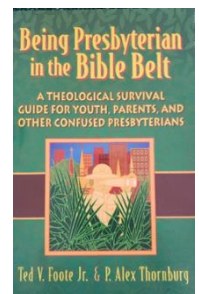
November 9 – Monthly meeting of Beulah and Monterey **Presbyterian Women**, 1:00 pm via WebEx. They will cover Lesson 3 and the annual Thank Offering will be collected. Additional information on page 2 of the newsletter.

November 12 – Secondary youth (grades 6-12) from both churches will meet at Monterey Presbyterian at 12:30 to plan the youth service on December 10. Lunch will be provided, and pickup time will be 2:00 pm. Mark your calendar now for the 12/10 service, which will be held at Beulah.

November 12 – Beulah PC Congregational Meeting to elect elders for the class of 2026. Reverend Roxana Atwood will serve as Moderator.

November 19 – Youth and adults will meet at MPC after the worship service for a fellowship meal together and to work on 2 mission projects. We will be assembling VPAS bags that will be delivered the first week of December to seniors on the MOW route. MPC has committed to providing 10 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, which will be sent in collectively with other churches and individuals from Highland County. More information on both projects on page 2 of the newsletter.

November 23 - Thanksgiving



PRAYER LIST – *Garland and Lillian Dever, Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Mike Armstrong, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, and Deidre Jones.*



Presbyterian Women will meet Thursday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. The meeting will include a business meeting, Thank Offering presentation, Bible Study (Lesson 3: A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ), and Gift of the Heart Project. Money for the Thank Offering should be given or mailed to Sharon Brock before December 1, 2023. Checks should be made payable to Beulah PW and on the memo line write Thank Offering.

Use the following link to log on to the PW meeting: <https://pianotuning.my.webex.com/meet/rasimms2000>

PW Thank Offering

Each year faithful givers demonstrate their thankfulness to God through giving to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. This program began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. A century later, the newly formed Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) adopted the Thank Offering as one of the two grant making programs of the national organization. Since then, more than 1,600 different projects in the United States and around the world have benefited from the generosity of thousands of Presbyterian women through an offering that originated with the vision and leadership of one thankful woman. In 2023, twenty-eight applications were reviewed and seven projects were selected for funding. More than forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. Donations to this project should be given or mailed to Sharon Brock before December 1, 2023. Make your check payable to Beulah PW and write *Thank Offering* on the memo line.



The November issue of Sunrise, the Presbyterian Women's newsletter, is now available on the website at:

<http://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women/>.

Items needed for the holiday bags for VPAS recipients receiving Meals on Wheels and Operation Christmas Child:

Here are the items needed for the bags and/or shoe boxes to be assembled on 11/19 at **MPC**. If you prefer to make a cash donation you can leave a check with Betty Gail Hiner. Designate in the comments section of your check that it is for "Advent Mission Projects". There will be boxes on the kitchen counter in the fellowship hall for your donations. Put whatever you wish to donate in a box and we will divide them so items go to the appropriate project.

VPAS Holiday Bags - Individually foil-wrapped tea bags, word search puzzle books, crossword puzzle books and Chapstick or lip balm, preferably unscented. Life Savers and other hard candies, like peppermints, are also needed.

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child – Here are a few of the items we will be collecting to create 10 boxes:
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Comb or brush, toothbrush, washcloth, fun adhesive bandages nail clipper and file SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pencils and sharpener, pencil case, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, index cards, calculator, scissors, ruler, glue stick, small adhesive tape. You can view the complete list at:

<https://sp-comm-arkfiles.s3.theark.cloud/website/pdfs/OCC/Gift-Suggestions/Gift-Suggestions-PDF.pdf>

Massanetta Springs Confirmation Retreat

February 2-4, 2024 <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/confirmation>

This retreat focuses on broader questions of why we join the Church, what we want our churches to be like, and how we can actively engage in that work. Participants will join mixed small groups to hear ideas from people from different congregations, and also have time with their home group to continue with their own lessons and curricula. The retreat is intended for whatever ages your congregation counts in their confirmation program, recognizing churches do this differently all over.

Whether your congregation has one confirmand or a large group, we can all learn something from each other's church experience and faith journey!

Registration is open!

Friday December 8, 2023: group holds expire, extra spots made available to wait list

Monday January 15, 2024: final day to register

Questions about the retreat? Contact Colleen Earp, Program Director: colleen@massanettasprings.org

Questions about registration? Contact Sarah Grace Hall, Program Assistant:

sarahgraceh@massanettasprings.org

(Information above from Shenandoah Presbytery)

A joyful noise, as well as a great lunch, were enjoyed by all who attended the 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at Beulah last Sunday.

Our next 5th Sunday Hymn Sing will be 12/31 at MPC. What a way to ring in the New Year!



Advent means "coming" and is a liturgical season where we can celebrate:

Christ has come into our world.

Christ is coming into our lives.

Christ will come again to fulfill our hope for a new world of peace and love.

The first Sunday of Advent 2023 is December 3



Stone Chambers left for a week of work and life training at the PERT program in Fishersville in early October. (Amazing the difference in weather in one month.) He enjoyed his experience and meeting new people.



Every once in a while, we are without a person that is an important part of our worship service. On October 15 we didn't have an organist or pianist at MPC, but other musicians stepped in, including Mike Bedwell, Cash Chambers, and guest minister, Adam White. It was a good reminder that worship can take different forms and all of them can be meaningful.

HALLOWEEN 2023





November Pulpit Supply

November 5 – Reverend Chris Scott
November 12 – Reverend Roxana Atwood
November 19 – Wade Meyers
November 26 – Reverend Jim White

Monterey Presbyterian Church is looking for a *Youth and Family Coordinator*.

This is a 6 month position, with the possibility of being extended beyond 6 months. Work schedule would need to be flexible, and on average, 12 hours a week.

Skills needed are:

- Love and follow Jesus
- Excellent relationship skills
- Ability to teach
- Strong leadership skills

Responsibilities to include:

- Planning and implementing monthly programs and other special events for children/youth from infant to college age.
- Gathering, training, and equipping volunteers to accomplish the monthly and special event needs of the Youth/Children's Ministry.
- Directing, developing, and leading discipleship courses for parents.
- Organize and plan community-wide VBS program in 2024.
- Coordinating special seasonal activities for Lent and other appropriate liturgical dates.
- Communicate with parents and youth in a variety of means to meet them where they are and encourage biblical growth.
- Planning mission projects for elementary, middle, and high school-aged children and youth, as well as family activities.
- Work with Session teams and Treasurer to establish and manage the budget for areas overseen.
- Investigate and coordinate camps or mission trips our youth would be interested in attending.

If you have questions or are interested in interviewing for the position, please contact Brit Chambers or Mike Bedwell. You can also respond to the email sending this newsletter.

Lyla and Anna having fun during *Little People's Church*, as they continue to study Genesis.

