

BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH e-Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024



November Celebrations

Birthdays

November 12 - Ramona Arbogast
November 12 - Jim White
November 15 - James Mason
November 19 - Phyllis Brock
November 24 - Anthony Warner
November 26 - Anna Chambers
November 26 - Wanda Evans

Anniversaries

November 3 - David and Amy Frayer
November 7 - David and Julia Blanchard



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

Did You Know? In the United States, Thanksgiving is historically a day to praise and thank God for our blessings and ask Him to heal the nation's wounds. Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863.

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving:

"As a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. ...we commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

Leading Our Worship in November:

- *November 3: Rev. Chris Scott
- November 10: Will Cox
- November 17: Rev. Adam White
- November 24: Rev. David Hindman

*Don't miss worship! Remember to set your clock back one hour as Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 3rd.



Prayer List

Norma Reynolds, Patricia Donaldson, Stacie Hooke, Jim White, Chris Weaver (Christy Fields' mother), Keith Beumer, Pastor Jimmy Oliff, Ken Jennings, Tim Duff, Claudia Bedwell, Miles Johnston, Herman and Ann Puffenbarger, Bill Wagner, Becky Magee, Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Amy Vaus, Andrea Lewis, Bethel Crummett and Mike Armstrong.

We offer our condolences to to the family of Michael Weller and to Mary Lou Cox and her family after the passing of Mary Lou's sister, Carole Soukup.

Mark Your Calendar

- **November 1-** All Saints Day
- **November 3** - Daylight Savings Time ends
- **November 3** - Amy Frayer will teach the Heartsaver Course for Adult/Child CPR & AED as well as first aid on Sunday, November 3rd from 2pm - 6pm at Bath County High School. If anyone would like to take the course please let Amy know ASAP by emailing ameyerhoeffer@gmail.com or calling 540-414-1667.
- **November 5** - Election Day
- **November 17:** Monterey Presbyterian will host a 'Mission Packing Party' following worship. See page 3 of this newsletter for all the details!
- **November 28** - Thanksgiving

All Saints Day

On November 1, All Saints' Day is a day we celebrate believers of every time. It's often a day when we honor the faithful who have died during the past year in our own church community. It's a day of gratefulness for those that have passed away who shared their faith with us, and a time to reflect on how we can continue to share our faith with others.



Mission Packing Party

Monterey Presbyterian Church is giving back this holiday season with two mission opportunities on the same day! Before Thanksgiving and Christmas, you are invited to provide supplies to help others, culminating in a Mission Packing Party with a provided lunch after church on Sunday, November 17, 2024!



We will be supplying materials and filling bags for Valley Program for Aging Services, as well as recent graduates away in college. We will also be supplying materials and filling shoeboxes as part of Operation Christmas Child to deliver great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world.

Here's how you can help!

1. Donate the following supplies as you can to Monterey Presbyterian Church:

For VPAS – looking to fill 30 bags:

- Word search, crossword, and other like books
- Candy – peppermint, lifesavers, and chocolate are favorites
- Personal items – Hand lotion, Chapstick
- Granola bars
- Tea bags that are individually wrapped

For Operation Christmas Child:

- Empty shoeboxes
- Personal care items like combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, etc. (no toothpaste or liquids)
- School supplies like pencils, erasers, notebooks, markers, rulers, glue sticks, etc.
- Clothing like clothes, hair accessories, hats, sunglasses, flip flops or shoes, etc.
- Toys like stuffed animals, soccer ball/pumps, dolls, jump ropes, puzzles, coloring books, slinky, yo-yos, building blocks, etc.

2. Attend the Mission Packing Party to fill the bags and shoeboxes with supplies, pray over them, and enjoy fellowship with a provided lunch.

Mission Packing Party – Sunday, Nov. 17th After Church Service
Monterey Presbyterian Church
50 Spruce Street, Monterey, VA 24465

For any questions, please contact Chris Swecker at chrissweck@gmail.com or 540-830-2016.

In October, church members enjoyed fall activities and celebrations including the Hands and Harvest Festival and Halloween.



Emma & Tomi Herold both celebrated October birthdays



Anna Chambers and Lauren Mason during the Color Run



Rowen Hindman and Ava Frayer at Hands & Harvest



The Chambers family after the Color Run





Beulah Presbyterian cooked up a storm for their spaghetti dinner



Young church members & friends enjoy the Great Gatsby Murder Mystery



Halloween Fun

