

# Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

## November 2022

### *Pastor's Corner*



It has been just over a year since I joined the Community Presbyterian Church family as your interim Pastor. Serving you in that role, and leading you in worship and preaching have been, in every way, among the greatest joys and privileges of my life. It is not without great sadness that I recognize that the end of the year is fast approaching.

But this is not a "farewell letter." Rather, I wanted to share some of what I have observed and experienced about you, the congregation of Community Pres.

As I have accompanied you in the process of finding, calling, welcoming and joining with your next pastor in stepping into the future that God has planned for you, I have experienced a growing sense of excitement about where the Spirit is leading you. And while we don't know what that future will look like, my confidence in that future has steadily grown. Your love and genuine concern for each other, for your community, and for God are more than sufficient to meet the challenges and uncertainties that are always inherent in a pastoral transition.

My hope is that you will embrace this period of transition not simply as a task of finding a new pastor, but of recognizing that in these changing and turbulent times, God is at work among you creating something new and vital. I am convinced that the influence you are positioned to have in St Maries and beyond is far greater than our modest size would suggest!

As you consider your pledge of financial support for the upcoming year (nobody's favorite topic, but the only way the church is able to fulfill its calling) I hope you will see it as an opportunity to meet the challenges of uncertain times (financial and otherwise) with a faithful recognition of who God is

calling you to be, and the work God has given you to do.

I am so blessed and proud to be part of this church family, and to walk alongside you as we all do our best to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

With great love and gratitude,  
John



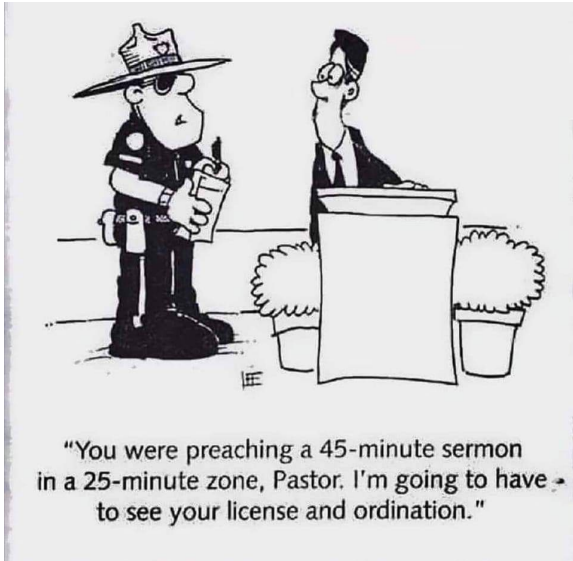
Penny Carpenter	11/04
Beverly Wilson	11/05
Pete Dirlam	11/09
John Bouwman	11/13
Bert Johnson	11/14
Marjorie Martin	11/15
Katrina Spier	11/18
Kelly Scott	11/23
Keith Oakes	11/24
Rayna Farrell	11/26
Sharon Armstrong	11/29

"When you help somebody, it helps them, but it can help you more. That's what we should do as human beings. I never quite understood why we have to let religion and politics and things like that stand in the way of just being good human beings. I think it's important from that standpoint just to feel like you're doing your part, doing something decent and good and right."

-Dolly Parton



November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving



## Facts About November

Traditions and festivals include All Saints Day, Mischief Night, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, and Stir-Up Sunday.

The name comes from the Roman word 'novem' meaning nine, because it was the ninth month in their Roman calendar.

Few people find November pleasant. The Anglo-Saxons called November 'Wind monath,' because it was the time when the cold winds began to blow. They also called it 'Blod monath,' because it was the time cattle were slaughtered for winter food. The poet T.S. Elliott called it 'Sombre November.' Sir Walter Scott, in his long "Marmion," wrote in 1808:

'November's sky is chill and drear,  
November's leaf is red and sear (withered)'

The first week of November has always been a time of festivals and celebrations marking the end of harvest and the beginning of winter.

—excerpt from the Britain Project



ALL SAINTS' DAY

## November 1

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

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## Veterans Day

## November 11

God bless



Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable).[1][2] It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.[3] Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.[4]

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had died while in military service.[5] Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

## November 24

Thanksgiving Day, annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another.



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### **GREAT LINEUP OF RAFFLE CHOICES @ OUR 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Blackstone Grill from Hughes Ace Hardware  
\$100 IGA Gift Certificate  
\$100 Harvest Food Gift Certificate  
Celebrate St. Maries Gift Basket  
from the following donors

208 Bakery  
Barks and Bubbles  
Blue Goose Sporting Goods  
Casa de Oro  
County Fair/Timber Country  
Fast Eddies  
Grub Box  
Les Schwab  
Lumpy's  
Pampered Foot Care  
Paperhouse  
Sage Works Massage  
Shift n' Grind  
St. Joe Sport Stop  
St. Maries Floral

Pie-a-Month from Clark Carpenter  
40# of Beef by Bill & Kay Cowin  
Handcrafted Quilted Throw by Bonnie Scott  
Cord of Wood, delivered by men of church  
TOPS Gift Basket  
2-900# Hay Bales from Dennis & Pinky Humphrey

Bazaar Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## November 27th

The First Sunday of Advent is a reverent day in the Christian community and offers an opportunity for renewal and the beginning of the holy Advent season. The Advent season marks the ushering in of the liturgical year which is observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the nativity or birth of Christ and his return in the Second Coming.



There is no certainty on when the Advent season came to be, however it was certainly in existence from about 480 with the introduction of a novelty that ordered monks to fast every day in December until Christmas. According to Saint Gregory of Tours, the celebration of Advent began in the fifth century when Bishop Perpetuus directed the start of fasting three times a week, from St. Martin's Day on November 11 until Christmas. This is why Advent was sometimes also named Lent of St. Martin, and by the year 581, all of France was abiding by this practice. In fact, more devout followers fasted every day.

In the 13th century, the fast of Advent was not commonly practiced although it was still generally observed. It was then limited to the period from the feast of Saint Andrew on November 30, until Christmas Day, and falls on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day, or the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

The liturgy of Advent remained unchanged until the Second Vatican Council introduced minor changes, differentiating the spirit of Lent from that of Advent, emphasizing Advent as a season of hope for Christ's resurrection.

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### **Crafty Lady**

I cancelled out the paper,  
I stopped the milkman, too.  
I fired my trusty gardner,  
My own hair now I do.  
The only thing I buy now  
Each time the eagle flies,  
Are the necessary groceries  
And a ton of craft supplies!  
—Gail Brown





# Thanksgiving Riddle Me This

1. \_\_\_\_ Where do turkeys go to dance?
  2. \_\_\_\_ Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?
  3. \_\_\_\_ What should you wear to Thanksgiving dinner?
  4. \_\_\_\_ What key won't open your door?
  5. \_\_\_\_ Why did the turkey cross the road?
  6. \_\_\_\_ What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?
  7. \_\_\_\_ What do you call it when you rains turkeys?
  8. \_\_\_\_ Why did the police arrest the turkey?
  9. \_\_\_\_ What king of music did the Pilgrims like?
  10. \_\_\_\_ What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
  11. \_\_\_\_ Which Thanksgiving food has grandchildren?
  12. \_\_\_\_ What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
  13. \_\_\_\_ What's a baby turkey called?
  14. \_\_\_\_ Rich people eat what on Thanksgiving?
  15. \_\_\_\_ When the early settlers got sick, what did they take?
  16. \_\_\_\_ What's inside a genie's turkey?
  17. \_\_\_\_ The pilgrims' cows came to America on what ship?
  18. \_\_\_\_ What sound does a turkey's phone make?
  19. \_\_\_\_ What do math teachers do on Thanksgiving
  20. \_\_\_\_ What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
- A. Straw-berries  
B. Count their blessings  
C. 14 karats (carrot)  
D. Wishbones  
E. Pil-grims  
F. A peeping Tom  
G. He got the stuffing knocked out of him.  
H. A tur-key  
I. Pumpkin pi  
J. Because he had drumsticks  
K. A har-vest  
L. Wing! Wing!  
M. The Mooooo-flower  
N. The Butter Ball  
O. The Gran-berry sauce  
P. Plymouth Rock  
Q. 100 drumsticks  
R. It was the chicken's day off.  
S. They suspected it was fowl (foul) play  
T. Fowl (foul) weather

Total Correct \_\_\_\_\_

# THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH



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| AMERICANS | APPLE        | AUTUMN     | BLESSINGS | BOUNTIFUL  | CELEBRATE |
| COLONIAL  | CORN         | CORNUCOPIA | CRANBERRY | CROPS      | FAMILY    |
| FEAST     | FRIEND       | GOURDS     | GRATITUDE | HARDSHIP   | GOURDS    |
| MAYFLOWER | NATIVE       | NOVEMBER   | PILGRIMS  | PLENTIFUL  | PLYMOUTH  |
| POTATOES  | PUMPKIN      | SHIP       | SING      | SQUANTO    | SQUASH    |
| STUFFING  | THANKSGIVING | THURSDAY   | TURKEY    | VEGETABLES |           |

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– John Baillie –  
 Professor of Divinity and Principal of  
 New College, Edinburgh, Scotland

# Puzzle Solutions

## Thanksgiving Riddle Me This answers:

1) N 2) J 3) K 4) H 5) R 6) Q 7) T 8) S 9) P 10) A 11) O 12) G 13) F 14) C 15) E 16) D  
17) M 18) L 19) B 20) I

October Bible Word Search mystery answer: **GOOD WORKS**

## Thanksgiving Word Search Mysterious Sentence

“The very fact that a man is thankful implies Someone to be thankful to.”

– John Baillie –

Professor of Divinity and Principal of New College,  
Edinburgh, Scotland

## Green Tomato Bread

3 cups flour

¼ tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. salt

2 cups sugar

1 tbsp. cinnamon

2 large eggs

1 cup vegetable oil

1 tsp. vanilla

2 cups finely chopped green tomatoes

1½ cups chopped pecans

Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl. Make a well in the middle. Mix eggs, oil, water and vanilla. Stir well. Add to dry ingredients. Stir until moist. Fold in tomatoes and pecans. Spoon thick batter into 2 greased 8½” X 4½” loaf pan.

Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

Thank you for supporting and giving to St Maries Presbyterian Church in 2022. Your pledges and support have guided us through another year of service and love to our community. Through your pledges each year our church pays for both expenses and ministries.

This past year we were able to rebuild the sidewalk that brings everyone to the Church, and to repaint the exterior of the building. Those major projects are what everyone notices, but just as important is our ability to meet our day-to-day expenses that keep our Church functioning and serving God in so many ways.

As the Session starts their annual budgeting process, planning for the financial future of our Church, we look to you, our members, and friends, to help us in that task. By completing your pledge, you are making a commitment to support your Church, helping to pay for both its expenses and ministries, and giving the Church a glimpse into what we can expect in the coming year. Your pledge is doubly important this year as we work toward finding a new Pastor, providing them with a solid financial foundation from which to lead us in our work.

Thank you again for your support in the past and for your continued support as we move into 2023. Please plan to attend Worship on Sunday, November 20 when you will have an opportunity to return your pledge to support Community Presbyterian Church.

In Christ,

The Stewardship Committee,  
John Hughes, Penny Carpenter, Eric Besaw, Boni Schueller, Liz Hughes

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## Community Presbyterian Church 2023 PLEDGE CARD

*In gratitude for all God's faithfulness, I/we pledge\* to contribute to the ongoing ministry and mission of the Community Presbyterian Church.*

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) intend to give:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per week

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per month

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per year

\*only the Financial Secretary has this information