

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

November 2023

42nd Annual

Christmas Bazaar

Friday, December 1



9 to 3 pm.

The areas of this event include:

- The Sweet Shoppe led by Kathy Martin
- Christmas Nook led by Pam Anderson
- Raffle led by Sandy & Charlie Treloar
- Country Kitchen led by Kay Cowin
- Silent Auction led by Boni Scheuller
- Swag making led by Sally Grant

It's a joyous event with many, many people participating and many visitors from the community. Look for ways to get involved and have a marvelous time!! Your Christmas shopping will never be more enjoyable or delicious!!

COME FOR LUNCH too
11:00 to 1:00 pm.

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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

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"When dark clouds return to cover the sun we now realize with calm assurance that the sun continues to shine as splendidly as ever. The sun can do but one thing: shine."

-Martin Laird

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November 23



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### Veterans Day November 11





# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) 2023 SCHEDULE

Pick up a green shoebox to fill for a child. There are also jars available for coins. Fill with coins, currency or checks to help to send the boxes to the kids.

**Monday, Nov. 6** 1:00 p.m.  
Packing party to fill remaining boxes at the church

**Sunday, Nov. 12** During worship  
Blessing of the boxes

Boxes will be delivered to the regional collection center the following week.

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Session member Penny Carpenter writes:

I have served on Session for almost 5 years now. My primary role on Session is to serve as chairman of the Worship committee, and I also serve on Stewardship committee. If you read the "WORK OF SESSION", it says....the Worship Committee shall:

1. Order the worship of the church and establish policies for the following: a) Communion, b) Music, c) Wedding protocol, d) Worship service, e) ushering & greeting, f) decor, atmosphere, furnishings, changing vestments, filling candles with oil.
2. Act as a liaison between the pastor and congregation
3. Provide a proposed amount for the Spending Guide annually
4. Write a report monthly for Session meetings.
5. Write a synopsis of activities for the Annual Report each year.

Responsibilities: Fill candles, fill pew items, sharpen pencils, children's clip boards, collect trash, Arrange candle lighters, arrange Pulpit supply replacements, change vestments per calendar, schedule Communion servers, distribute unclaimed flowers, decorating at Christmas and take-down, change out banners, sound booth.

Currently we have 6 members on the committee. We have also taken on updating the Directory which we will be discussing at our next meeting on Nov 5th. We try to meet on the first Sunday of the month but it is not always needed to meet every month.

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## November 26th

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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Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

The 2023 Halloween Party

Again, thanks to all who donated the food items that were needed. The treats were scrumptious!

These people need to be recognized for their contributions to making the party a success:

Leola DeBoer	Ginny Oakes
Jenny Preston	Carolyn Szczerby
Pam Anderson	Jenifer Miller
Kay Cowin	Kathy Martin
Brenda Hiegel	
Pinky Humphrey- photographer	

Our Youth:
Sky DeBoer Wade Preston
Ava Preston Nisha Banjao

I can't make the
world be peaceful

I can't stall tanks
from roaring down roads

I can't prevent children
from having to hide in bunkers

I can't keep a madman from
creating heartbreaking headlines

I can't convince the news to
stop turning war into a video game

I can't silence the sound of bombs
tearing neighborhoods apart

I can't turn a guided missile
into a bouquet of flowers...

I can't do any of that

the only thing I can do
is love the next person I encounter
without any conditions or strings
to love my neighbor
so fearlessly that
it starts a ripple
that stretches from
one horizon to the next

I can't force peace
on the world
but I can become a force
of peace in the world...

oh, Spirit,
let me be a candle
of comfort in this world
let me burn with peace

~ john roedel





Thanksgiving Riddle Me This

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

Total Correct _____

PROVERBS 10

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ACCEPTABLE
 EVERLASTING
 INSTRUCTION
 PROFIT
 SUBSTANCE
 VIOLENCE

AWAY
 FOOLISH
 KNOWLEDGE
 RICH
 THE LORD
 WALK

BLESSINGS
 FOUNDATION
 MULTITUDE
 RIGHTEOUSNESS
 TREASURES
 WHIRLWIND

DESTRUCTION
 HEAVINESS
 POOR
 SHALL FALL
 UNDERSTANDING
 WICKEDNESS

DILIGENT
 INIQUITY
 POVERTY
 SOLOMON
 VINEGAR

Thank you for supporting and giving to St. Maries Community Presbyterian Church in 2023. 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.

Because of your generous support, we have been able 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 continue to 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 2024. **Please return your Pledge Card by November 12th.** The Pledge Cards can be placed in the offering plate or put in Liz's folder.

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

Community Presbyterian Church 2024 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

In addition to supporting our church financially, there are many other ways that you can serve, such as: lighting the worship candles, sponsoring coffee hour or being a lay leader, to name just a few. Both your financial support and active service and Church involvement are appreciated!