



# November

## PRESBYTERIAN TIMES



Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the **fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.**” **Then he became** angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, **you killed the fatted calf for him!**”

Luke 15:25-30 (NRSV)

This is from the well known parable of The Prodigal Son. Most people focus upon the wayward son and the lessons learned from his return. But often times we gloss over the incident with the older brother at the end of the story.

The text begins when the older son returns from the field to his surprise of a big celebration with music and dancing at the return of his younger wayward brother. His immediate response was anger to his disobedient, wasteful, immoral brother. He feels cheated because no feast has even been given in his honor, and yet, he has always been faithful. The older son stews in his anger and refuses to join the party regardless of the incessant pleading of the father to celebrate with him.

**I must be honest, but I can identify with the older brother. The longer I live as a “faithful Christian,” I find myself with the wrong motivation of the older brother. His anger reveals his faulty motivation. Often times we think our actions of doing the “right things” for God places us in a special category of respect and honor before God. The problem here is that the older brother has placed himself above his wayward brother. Luke has highlighted his self-righteousness and judgmental behavior. He had failed to see the joy of a sinner coming back to the father. The pharisees were the same way and were the objects of Jesus’ teaching.**

**Self-righteousness prevents us from seeing God’s heart in this passage. The goal of the whole chapter in Luke 15 is something lost and the celebration of what has been found. God’s heart is that those outside of the kingdom of God must be found.**

This redefines what I perceive to be faithful. Faithful is not going through the motions of Christianity like reading my Bible, going to church, going to Sunday school, but being faithful is all about **partnering with God’s redemptive plan for the world. I must ask God every morning, how can I become a part of your plan? How can you use me with the people I encounter and the gifts that I have to demonstrate the love and words of Christ to those around me?**

**My prayer is that we can all learn from the older brother’s shortcomings.**

Blessings, Pastor Eric — erichoey@preschurchky.org, 502-565-6591, cell

**Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.**



- 11/03 Gwen Jenner
- 11/04 Sam Galloway
- 11/04 Jonathan Hoey
- 11/04 John McDougall
- 11/16 Eric Hoey
- 11/25 Donna Freitag
- 11/26 Dorsey Ridley

### Anniversaries

- 11/01 Bill & Peggy Fider
- 11/29 David & Lucy Williams

## Henderson Christian Community Outreach

We will be collecting **boxed macaroni and cheese** for HCCO during the month of November.

We collected 56 boxes of stuffing during the month of October.



Thank you for your generous support of this organization!

## Grand Piano Fund

A special fund has been started to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary.

You can make your contribution in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like to contribute please make sure your donation indicates "Piano Fund"



The flowers in the sanctuary during the month of November are provided by Ruth Clum and Sarah Hardy



The Volunteer and Information Center is sponsoring the Adopt A Family Christmas Express program again this year. You can provide a magical experience for a child on Christmas morning!

The drop off date for gifts is Wednesday, December 8th. They ask that you spend no more than \$100 per child.

Contact the church office if you would like to participate!



Our next PW meeting will be Monday, November 1st. The council will meet in the Library at 9:30 am. The meeting and lesson will be at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are on Lesson 3 of our Women of the Bible study book.

We will gather on Monday, November 22nd at 9:00 am to decorate the church. Please continue to gather dried plants, pine cones, reeds and pods for the naturally decorated tree we will be putting up in the Fellowship Hall. Once we have the tree up you are welcome to add these items to the tree anytime you visit the church.

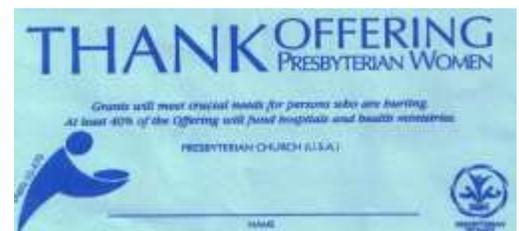
Just as a reminder, we will be having a Christmas Linger Longer Luncheon and inviting our younger women to join us for our meeting on December 6th. So mark your calendar!



At our October meeting the Presbyterian Women made special treat bags filled with fruit, cookies, cheese puffs, quarters and a little note for our friends at Henderson Manor.

November marks the time where we focus on what we are thankful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

If you would like to share your blessings to help in this ministry, you may do so by making a donation to Presbyterian Women designated for the Thank Offering. Envelopes will be included in the bulletins during November.



Your generosity is always appreciated!



Our church had a heartfelt sendoff on October 3rd for long time member and friend Nina Jones who is relocating to Cadiz, Kentucky near her daughter and son-in-law.

Special words of appreciation were shared and a beautiful song was sung in honor of Nina during service.

*We will miss you* ♥



God bless you Nina!  
Come back to visit Henderson often!



The **Handbell Choir** rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:00 pm in Hoffman Hall.

The **Chancel Choir** meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:00 pm in the Choir Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Jones.

Please Note: We will not have choir rehearsals on November 17th or 24th.

## *Preparing Decorations for Advent Season*

While we are still enjoying the warm early days of fall, Christmas may seem far off to most of us. However, we need to begin preparations for decorating the church for the Advent season.

We have had several years of use of the bows, ribbons and ornaments that adorn our trees and wreaths, but it is time to freshen those up.

If you would like to contribute toward this, you may include your donation with your offering or send a check made out to Presbyterian Church.

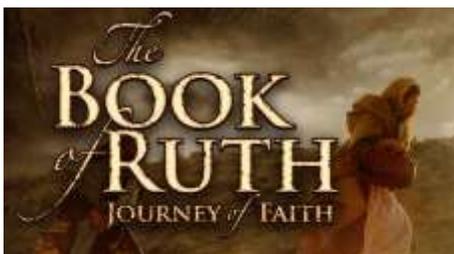
**Please designate it for Advent decorations.** Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

The Presbyterian Women, with the help of Dave Beshear, look forward to preparing the church for this season of anticipation of the birth of our savior. Thank you in advance!



On September 26th a cake reception was hosted by the Adler children to celebrate Bobbie and Martha's **50th Wedding Anniversary** which was on September 18th.

We praise God for their loving marriage!



Please join us for the online Bible study on the book of Ruth on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403  
Passcode: 500727

*Community  
Thanksgiving Service*

**The Ministerial Association of Henderson  
will be hosting a  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday, November 21st at 7:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church  
338 Third Street, Henderson**

**Pie will be served after the service.**



If you would like to participate in this worthwhile program you can pick up printed boxes in the church library.

The drop off date will be November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please include \$9 for the postage with your box.

There is also an option to build a box online for the suggested donation of \$25. Go to [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline).

For more information contact Lucy Williams at 270-724-0922.



**Celebrate the  
season of Advent**

**We are quickly approaching the Advent season. It begins on Sunday, November 28th. Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves to worship the coming of the Christ Child!**

**This year we are providing an advent devotional for the Holy Season. These devotions will be a special “gift” for your Advent journey.**

**These devotions will help you focus on the crib, the cross and the empty tomb. Advent enables us to celebrate the fact that our daily journey with the Lord always leads us to the living Lord who was born for us, died for us and lives in us each day. Now that’s something to celebrate!**

**BRAIN INJURY ADVENTURE CAMP  
TURKEY TROT**

**When:** Thanksgiving Day — November 25th  
9:00 am

**Where:** Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$30 (Kids 12 & under \$20)

**Register Online:** [runsiniup.com/Race/KY/Henderson/2021BIACTURKEYTROT](http://runsiniup.com/Race/KY/Henderson/2021BIACTURKEYTROT)

**All race proceeds help support our mission:  
Achieving is Believing**

**Long sleeve shirts are only guaranteed to participants who register by November 9th.**



# Thanksgiving DINNER

Join us for Thanksgiving dinner  
here at the church on  
Wednesday, November 17th  
at 5:30 pm

The church will provide the turkey.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

## We had a fun family outing at Cate's Farm on Sunday, October 17th!



# Binge Jesus

Binge the first season of The Chosen with us.

What is The Chosen? It is a new series about the life of Jesus based upon Scripture and Imagination.

Sundays in November at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

November 7th I Have Called You by Name  
Shabbat

November 14th Jesus Loves the Little Children  
The Rock on Which It Is Built

November 21st The Wedding Gift  
Indescribable Compassion

November 28th Invitations  
I Am He



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