

November

PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

In Middle School I had an English teacher, Ms. Krupa, who was a Catholic Nun. She was the strictest teacher I had ever had. She ran her classroom efficiently and orderly, and everyone respected her. (Probably because of her attire as a nun.)



Looking back, I would say she taught me the most as well. I will never forget, an important lesson she taught us before we were dismissed to register for the classes. She said, “Remember, those people helping you with your classes are there to serve you. After they get you registered, don’t grab your registration card and leave, but you must say to them, **thank you!**” If I hear any volunteer telling me you did not say thank you, I am going to string you up from one end of the classroom to the other.”

I have never forgotten that lesson. Saying “Thank you” has become part of my DNA. The older I become, I realize that there are hundreds and hundreds of people who offer service to me in some manner. From the checkout person at Starbucks, to the person who watches over me as a lifeguard in the pool at the YMCA, because of Ms. Krupa’s influence, I always say, “Thank you”... even if the service is not very good.

As the temperature begins to drop and the leaves begin to turn color, we are reminded that Thanksgiving is around the corner. The holiday forces us to pause and say thank you for all the blessings that God has given to us.



As a follower of Christ why do we limit ourselves to being thankful one time of the year? The blessings of God are new everyday. Why do we need to be reminded? I think God made us sinful and selfish people who often look out only for ourselves. When we take our eyes off ourselves, gratitude has the opportunity to move into our lives.

There is a well known children’s song:

♪♪Count your blessings, name them one by one,♪♪
 ♪♪Count your blessings, see what God has done!♪♪

Gratitude is really a discipline where we need to take time at the end of every day to reflect and count our blessings. Some people are really good at that discipline. I am not. So how can I develop a life of gratitude that is more intentional? I like how one writer says, “Rather than waiting until the end of the day to think about what to appreciate, intentional gratitude is beginning the day looking for things to be grateful for.” (<https://www.melaniebnewman.com/the-power-of-intentional-gratitude/>)

I like this perspective. Going into my day looking for ways to be grateful for the life around me, I become more intentional with my gratitude. It fosters a continual dialogue between God and me as I praise and thank God for all the blessings that exist with each moment.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

I hope this November, our lives will be filled with deep gratitude of the blessings around us. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Pastor Eric



- 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 Fidler
- 11/29 David & Lucy Williams

Henderson Christian
Community Outreach

The items needed by HCCO for the month of November are canned vegetables, canned or dried beans and canned fruit.

Thank you for
your generous
support of this
organization!



Due to the sanctuary remodel we will be streaming our Sunday service from the Fellowship Hall which may change the quality of viewing.

You can also stream the service from our website www.preschurchky.org



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

**Volunteer and Information Center
Adopt-A-Family Christmas Express**

The Volunteer and Information Center is sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Express program again this year.

Please contact Sandra in the church office (rather than contacting the VIC directly) **no later than Monday, November 13th** if you wish to sponsor a child or children.

The deadline for bringing your gifts to the church office will be Monday, December 11th.

They ask that you spend no more than \$100 per child.

Contact the church
office now, so you
can provide
a magical experience
for a child on
Christmas morning!



Don't forget to
fall back an hour this
Sunday, November 5th



November Handbells and Chancel Choir Schedule

Wednesday, November 1st
Handbells 6:15
Chancel Choir 7:15

Wednesday, November 8th
Chancel Choir 7:15

Wednesday, November 15th
No Practice

Wednesday, November 22nd
No Practice

Wednesday, November 29th
Handbells 6:15
Chancel Choir 7:15



If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Jones at 812-205-9687. Hope to see you there!



Our Zoom study group meets every Monday at 7 pm.

We are studying about Faith and Courage in the Book of Joshua.

For more information contact Pastor Eric.

Zoom Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403
Passcode: 500727



Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner
Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 pm.

The church will provide the turkey, stuffing and gravy.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, November 6th. The council will meet at 9:30 am and the circle will meet at 10:30 am. Both meetings will be held in the Library this month. Carol McDougall will bring us Lesson 4 in our Bible book study "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver.



After the October meeting Susan Thomas helped organize a service project for us to make Fall goodie bags for the residents of Henderson Manor on Watson Lane. Praying it will be a blessing to all of them. Thank you to all those who participated!

If you would like to participate in the Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child program you can pick up printed boxes and labels in the back of the sanctuary.



The kids in Children's Church will be filling some boxes. If you would like to contribute money to be used to cover the cost of the shipping and gifts, there is a basket on the table for your donation. Thank you!

The deadline for returning the boxes is Sunday, November 19th. For more information contact Evonda Dickinson.



Thanks to everyone who made our Wednesday Night Supper on October 11th a delicious one! We had some friends from St Paul's Episcopal Church join us and we even got to celebrate Gary's birthday!

The featured speaker was Rachel Heath who shared about an amazing place and program called The Port (in the former Gleaner Building on Klutzy Park Plaza Drive).



The Port is funded through a federal initiative called TAYLRD (Transition Age Youth Launching Realized Dreams), which allows KY youth to easily access high quality, developmentally appropriate, youth driven support services. It is opened 3-6pm Monday-Friday and free of charge. The Port provides youth with access to computers, recreational activities, gaming systems, exercise equipment and laundry services along with mental health counseling, job placement services, life skills training, and peer support.



We had our annual Halloween party on Wednesday, October 25th



We celebrated Sandra Kaiser's birthday!





Our outing to Cates Farm was rained out, so we changed our plans and enjoyed a fun afternoon of bowling with families from St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



The Ministerial Association of Henderson will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Service at First Christian Church of Henderson On Sunday, November 19th at 7:00 pm Pie will be served after the service.



Brain Injury Adventure Camp Turkey Trot 5K Walk / Run



The 22nd annual Thanksgiving day 5k Walk / Run will be held on Thanksgiving Day (November 23rd) from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

Registration Fee is \$20. You need to register before November 11th to be guaranteed a t-shirt. You can register online now at <https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Henderson/TurkeyTrot5K2022>.

Run, walk, bring your dog, push a stroller—just come out and support BIAC!

**The church will be used
as a polling location
for the General Election
on Tuesday, November 7th
from 6 am to 6 pm in Hoffman Hall.**



**We encourage you to come
vote and pray that our
church can continue to be
of service to our community.**



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