



# The MESSENGER

November 2021

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*Items for the combined  
December/January edition of  
this newsletter are accepted in  
the church office **through**  
**Monday, November 15, 2021,**  
**9:00AM please.***



*Early submissions  
are joyfully  
accepted.*

*Submissions will be edited for  
clarity, accuracy, and length.*



The sacrament of  
the Lord's Supper  
will be celebrated  
Sunday, November 7.



Daylight Savings time *ENDS* Sunday,  
November 7. Remember to set your  
clocks back one hour before retiring  
for the evening Saturday, November 6.



A complete list of our veterans  
can be found on page 3.

If you do so at no other time,  
please remember to  
thank these men for their  
service to our country this  
Veteran's Day.



See page 5  
for details.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

An anonymous story has it that:  
*"An atheist was walking through the woods admiring all the 'accidents' that evolution had created. 'What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!' he said to himself.*

*As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. Turning to look, he saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran away as fast as he could up the path.*

*He looked over his shoulder and saw the grizzly was closing. Somehow he ran even faster, so scared that tears came to his eyes. He looked again, and the bear was even closer. His heart was pounding, and he tried to run faster. He tripped and fell to the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up, but the bear was right over him, reaching for him with its left paw and raising its right paw to strike him.*

*At that instant the atheist cried, 'Oh my God!'*

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*Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. Even the river stopped moving.*

*As the bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky, 'You deny my existence for all these years, teach others that I don't exist, and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?'*

*The atheist looked directly into the light and said, 'I would feel like a hypocrite to become a Christian after all these years, but perhaps you could make the bear a Christian?'*

*'Very well,' said the voice.*

*The light went out. The river ran. The sounds of the forest resumed. Then the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed its head, and spoke, 'Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful.'"*

Thanksgiving will be upon us in several weeks to provide us with an occasion to reflect on life's blessings, to remember this nation's Christian origins and foundation, and offer thanks to God for his goodness in all things.

In doing so, we connect ourselves to a fundamental theme running throughout scripture – giving thanks to God.

The psalmist offers one such exhortation: *'Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.'* Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving Day provides us one such occasion, a reminder to intentionally practice gratitude for all the good things with which our lives have been blessed.



**Mark B**, United States Army Band, Fort Knox and Germany; 1970-1973

**Ken C**, United States Navy, active duty and reserves; 1964-1968

**Addison C**, United States Army, Counter Intelligence Corp; 1953-1961

**Stu C**, United States Air Force

**Dave C**, United States Marine Corps, Korean Conflict; 1951-1953

**Mike F**, United States Navy, Cuban Missile Crisis; 1960-1962

**Gene M**, United States Navy Hospital Corps, WW II; 1944-1946

**Dick O**, United States Air Force, Korean Conflict; 1951-1955

**Tim R**

**Tom S**, United States Navy, Vietnam; 1966-1973

**Rich S**, United States Army, Ryukyu Islands; 1969-1971

**Craig W**, United States Navy, Vietnam



*Please contact the church office if you would like to share your service record.*

*To the veteran who asked for their name to be removed from this list ...*

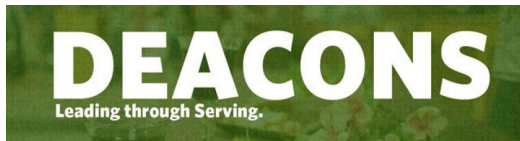


*You know you are a hero in my eyes. Thank you!*

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The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan A, Marianna B, Jane J, and Susy S (Moderator).



William B  
Levi C  
Dottie E  
Fern E  
Dolores G  
Mary M  
Jacquie O  
Lila O  
Carolyn S  
Mary S  
Jim S



## Worship News

As we begin the month of November, your session at First Presbyterian Church, Glendale is working together, trying to discern the safest way forward for Sunday services as the colder weather arrives. Like you, we hope we will be able to be a part of Worship services that will allow more participation and that will also be more celebratory in nature. Please keep session in your prayers as we navigate these important decisions!

November 1 is All Saints Day, which has been celebrated on this date since the year 835. Just as the name suggests, it is a day that recognizes all canonized saints within the parameters of the Catholic church. Some Protestant churches, including PCUSA, continue to note this day in their liturgical year. Presbyterians specifically will often celebrate All Saints Day on the first Sunday in the month of November. The Presbyterian Church, USA describes it this way: "All Saints Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks

for the lives of luminaries of the past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. And we also pray that we can be included in the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm."

As a rule, the last Sunday in the Reformed liturgical season is "The Feast of Christ the King." Revelations 1: 4-8 offers the following: "The Feast of Christ the King is observed to offer thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign." Hymns such as "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and "Rejoice the Lord is King" are often associated with this final Sunday before Advent begins. The timing of this day of thanks and praise aligns in a beautiful way with Thanksgiving, which this year is celebrated only four days later, on November 25.

# Spotlight on Missions

## *It's Grape Jelly Time!*

Your Mission committee will supply grape jelly to VICRC in November as part of their annual 'Holiday Baskets' program.



If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, cash or checks marked 'grape jelly' can be and dropped in the offering basket any time through November 28.



Sundays, October 31 and November 7, you are invited to pick up a box from the Narthex. Inside each box you will find a list of items in the quantity needed to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for a family of 5. We hope this list will make your shopping less stressful and provide peace of mind that you are meeting the needs of your neighbors who need a little extra help during the holidays.

Your Mission committee will tuck a Kroger gift card into each box and the church adds a holiday greeting.

*Boxes should be returned to the Narthex no later than Sunday, November 14.*

Remember to find the number on the box you select and write your name beside the corresponding number on the paper on the table.

Questions about this activity should be directed to Tom Shevlin (513.659.0084).

## *Saturday, October 16, World Food Day, was a good day!*



Our second Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food event of 2021 collected 930lbs. of food, personal care items, and cleaning supplies for Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center.

AND

The Princeton Closet also received a significant amount of food and personal care items.

AND

Over \$3,000.00 in cash and check donations were received.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

*A special* thank you to Dave C for his continued concern for and care of our neighbors who need a helping hand.

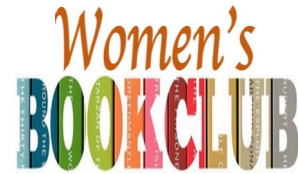
# Women's Fellowship



*All women of the church*

*are invited* to gather for food, fun, and fellowship at the Meritage, Tuesday, November 2; 5:00PM.

If you have questions about this event, please speak with Kimberley L.



*Wednesday, November 3*

*10:00AM-11:30AM*

Bring your favorite beverage and gather in the church library for the final discussion of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*.

Fellowship continues with lunch at The Blue Bird Café.



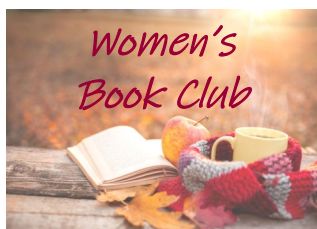
*Thursdays, November 4, 11, and 18*

Gather in the church library—  
no experience necessary.

*A New Book Club Book and Discussion!*

*Wednesday, November 17; 10:00AM*

*All women are invited* to bring their favorite beverage and gather in the church library for this new book discussion. The book is *No Cure for Being Human* by Kate Bowler.



Fellowship continues with lunch at The Blue Bird Café.

You can find the book on Amazon, and likely at your favorite place to purchase or borrow books.

Watch your bulletin for additional discussion dates.

Questions about this event should be directed to Dawn V.

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*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Mallory C .....	2
Jane J .....	4
<i>Jane and Bob S</i> .....	4
<i>Diane and Frank L</i> .....	8
Amy D.....	13
<i>Donna and Dave C</i> .....	17
Maya O.....	18
Susan A .....	19
Alison C .....	22
Susan G .....	23
Jean C.....	24
Donna C.....	26



## *It's Skyline Time!*

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Skyline on Kemper Road, Wednesday, November 10. Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30p



## *Music Live at Christ Church!*

Wednesday, November 10  
at 12:05PM in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Dr. Quinn Ankrum, mezzo-soprano  
and Dr. Michael Unger, organ

Faculty members at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Ankrum, and Unger will present selection of music based on some of the social issues we face in America today.



*Wednesday, November 17*  
*6:00PM-8:00PM*

*Everyone* is invited to food, fun, and fellowship at the Grand Finale! We have a private room and will have a dinner party planning guide prior to the 17th to help us make choices. *Reservations are needed.* The sign-up sheet on the Church House bulletin board will be available through Sunday, November 7, or you may make your reservation through the church office until 1:00PM Tuesday, November 9.



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the Reverend Jeffrey Lang

Worship begins at 10:30AM  
Sunday, September 12, 2021 through  
Sunday, June 5, 2022.

***Church Office Hours***

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM  
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM  
Friday, closed

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***Honoring our veterans***

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice”. In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 3:00PM - Mission Meetings 6:00PM - Wine, Women, and the Word	<b>3</b> 10:00AM - Women's Book Club	<b>4</b> 10:00AM - Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  10:30AM - Worship Thanksgiving Boxes available	<b>8</b> 9:00AM - Session reports due	<b>9</b> 9:00AM - Fellowship Dinner reservations due	<b>10</b> 12:30PM - Men's Lunch at Skyline 6:00pm - Session meeting	<b>11</b>  Office CLOSED 10:00AM - Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:30AM - Worship Return Thanksgiving Boxes today	<b>15</b> 9:00AM - Dec/Jan newsletter items due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00AM - Women's Book Club 6:00PM - Fellowship Dinner at Grand Finale	<b>18</b> 10:00AM - Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:30AM - Worship Food Offering 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Office CLOSED 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30AM - Worship 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	This calendar is a living document subject to frequent changes. Check the website ( <a href="http://firstpresbyterianglendale.org">firstpresbyterianglendale.org</a> ) for the most accurate calendar. Please call the church office with calendar updates.			