BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

e-Newsletter

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November Celebrations

Birthdays

November 5 —Ruth Scott
November 12 - Ramona Arbogast
- Jim White
November 15 - James Mason
November 19 - Phyllis Brock
November 24 - Anthony Warner
November 26 - Anna Chambers
- Wanda Evans

Anniversaries

November 7 – David & Julia Blanchard



O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.

- Samuel F. Pugh

Thanksgiving exists as a national holiday due in large part to the efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale who believed a day of thanksgiving was necessary to heal a country torn apart by Civil War. Hale, the 'Mother of Thanksgiving' was also a prolific writer of Christian hymns and poems including Mary Had a Little Lamb and Our Father in Heaven.



"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17

After a tenure in Florida, where seasons were described as "Hot, Tourist, Hotter, and Hurricane" I can say I am grateful to be back in the mountains, and back into Seasons of the Year, where one can tell the difference. I enjoy all the seasons, yes, even Winter, yet my favorite season is probably Fall. Fall is when there grows a nip in the air so sweaters and vests can come out, the days grow shorter, and leaves begin to die, usually with magnificent color, I find myself mesmerized by it all, and ready to curl up in a blanket in front of a fire.

There is another feeling which grows within me as well; a feeling of gratitude. I feel gratitude and thanksgiving that I am able to live in an area where I may witness such changes. I feel gratitude for the beauty I saw and remember from the summer flower beds as I prepare them for rest and renewal. I sit in awe of a God who can do all of this and so much more and that I am God's servant.

That is the joy of the seasons we are approaching; awe and wonder over offering thanks for all God has given us and how we can share our lives and our faith story with others, and the reverence, curiosity, and miracle of the Advent season and Christmas.

The quotation above was written for a church, however, it was also written for us. We are called to always give thanks to God, in all that we do and all that we say. Often our actions speak louder than our words. When we live in Christ, we have answered a call for Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, a call for us to love and serve him with our hearts, minds, souls and lives, and a call to share the Love of Christ with everyone.

I look forward to learning how you all are the Hands and Feet of Christ, and how we can support and strengthen those ministries and open our hearts, eyes, and lives, to see new places and ways we are called to give thanks to God through our words and deeds.

Peace,
Olivia



Did You Know? The New Testament Greek word for giving thanks is eucharisteo. Jesus used this word on the night of His betrayal when He broke bread, linking gratitude directly to the sacrifice of the Lord's Supper.



Prayer List

Laramie Botkin and family, Karen Hartman, Teri Hindman, Jo (Ann) Jennings, Gallan Malcolm, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Miles Johnston, Cary Johnston, Casey Ralston, Joe and Ruby Simmons, Miriam Helmen, Carol Furr, Becky Magee, Ramona Arbogast, Marlene Reynolds, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox.

We pray for healing, peace, love and a spirit of unity for our country and the world.

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, November 1: Monterey Presbyterian will hold a meet and greet with our new minister, Rev. Olivia Haney following worship. Enjoy some coffee, drinks, goodies, and fellowship time as we give her a warm welcome to our community.

Sunday, November 8: A congregational meeting will be held at Beulah immediately following worship at approximately 10:30am for the purpose of electing two new elders.

Wednesday, November 11: Monterey Presbyterian's session will meet at 4:45pm in the fellowship hall.

Thursday, November 12: Beulah Presbyterian Women will be assembling and delivering Angel Care Boxes beginning at 9:00am in Beulah's fellowship hall.

Sunday, November 15 : Following 11:15am worship, Monterey Presbyterian will host lunch and a special 'Mission Packing Party' to package gifts for Operation Christmas Child, for local seniors, and for our college students. All are invited to worship, dine, and share the love of Christ by helping assemble gift bags.

Thursday, November 19: In preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons, Beulah PW is organizing an evening of decorating beginning with supper at 5:00pm. All Beulah members and friends are invited to join the fun and fellowship!

Thursday, November 26 : Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29 : First Sunday of Advent & 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at McDowell Presbyterian Church.

Teri Hindman is recovering from surgery after fracturing a kneecap. Teri and Rev. David Hindman would appreciate prayers. Get well cards can also be sent to:

Teri Hindman
143 Carriage Point Lane
Glen Allen, VA 23059





Beulah Presbyterian members and friends pitched in to help at a Clean-Up Day held at the church on Saturday, October 15.







Beulah Presbyterian also sent off the bounty of paper products that they gathered throughout October for the Highland Food Pantry.









On October 25, Monterey Presbyterian hosted a special thank you lunch in honor of Will Cox and all that he has done for our church community over the last two years.







The beautifully crafted bird house that Fred Frye made as a thank you gift for Will Cox is already installed and being enjoyed at the home of Bill and Mary Lou Cox.