



**Guided by the Word of God, led by the Holy Spirit, and motivated by the love of Christ and all his people, United Presbyterian Church, an intergenerational community, celebrates God's glory by fostering Christian growth.**

**Therefore, we value fellowship, Bible-centered messages, music, and faith expressed through worship and commitment to our community.**



I wanted to briefly talk about how we care for one another in this congregation. I don't mean being nice to one another or not having conflict in the church. I mean congregational care, member support for those among who may be in need of expressions of the church's love and support. I want to start with a couple of practical items for consideration.

If you are hospitalized and would like a visit from someone in the church please let me, the church or someone else know. The days are long gone when I could go to the hospital and get the Presbyterian list. HIPPA has changed how I can get the information so please let us know.

I take your medical confidentiality seriously. I do not share your medical information with anyone without your permission, that includes the office and my wife Christine. It doesn't happen often but sometimes there is a request that a situation go no further than me. So please be explicit with me or others who you ask to pray for you if it can be public knowledge (like the Sunday prayer list) or remain strictly confidential. Sometimes I am out of the loop and that is ok. Please let me know of a member's need if you have permission, sometimes I already know but have been asked not to share but it is better to tell me than assume I know what is going on with a member or friend of the church.

I believe that pastoral care or caring for members is a ministry and calling of the church rather than just the work of the pastor. We have 3 care groups that are charged with supporting and praying for members of our congregation. If you do not know who is in charge of our care group, please call the office. It is good for members to visit, call, pray for and send cards to our members who are hurting, shut in, or just need a word of encouragement. Help me help our members know they are loved and not forgotten by their church.

I am still getting to know our members but if you are someone who might be considered a shut-in or might need home communion occasionally during the year, please let me know and I will make a point to reach out. I know some people wouldn't want the pastor to come visit and others expect it please let me know your preference.

If you need to talk, or have an appointment at the church, or simply need me to pray with and for you please let me know.

This is slightly off topic but throughout my ministry I have discovered that people have different ways they prefer to be contacted (phone, email, or text) please let me know what works best for you. I will often check in with a member without making an in person visit.

Grace and Peace.

Mike O'Neil



# November 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 7 AM—2PM Loin's Club Eye Clinic CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS
5 Time Change COMMUNION Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person Youth Planning Mtg. O/C John Wasson	6 5:30 pm Inreach	7	8	9 6pm Outreach	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 10:00 am - 3 pm Session Retreat
12 Goodland Academy offering Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person o/c John Wasson	13 6:00 pm Property	14	15	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED  PASTOR OUT THU 21	18
19 NOISY OFFERING Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person o/c Marsha Fincher PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE	20 6:30 pm PW CHAPTER 3	21 5:30 pm S&F	22  OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	23	24	25
26 Sunday School Worship shared on Facebook and in person o/c David Williams	27 6 pm session	28	29	30		

# Session Highlights



2024 Budget was approved. If you would like to see a copy it will be available in the office.

Children and Youth Ministry - Pastor Mike is having a planning meeting November 5.

Outreach - Socksgiving Starts November 5th. Spirit of Giving Distribution Dec 9th.

Upreach— Hanging of the Greens after worship Nov 26th. Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. (Lessons and Carols)

Pastor Report - PILP loan application, approved by session. Will be sent to PILP for approval.

Grace and Peace

Rev. Mike O'Neil  
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## Mike's Mission Activities so far:

- Fundraiser for FISH (Hunt County Shared Ministries)
- Organizational meeting for National Night Out
- Camp Gilmont Capital Campaign Kickoff
- Tour Teacher's Supply Closet
- Tour of FISH (Hunt County Shared Ministries)
- National Night Out
- Attended Bras for the Cause fundraiser
- Goodland Academy 150th Anniversary and Open House







Presbyterian Ladies had a night out at Billito's



Galaxy S20 FE 5G



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For the safety of our children, ALL people who work with our children are put through a background check!

## Outreach Opportunities

**The Noisy Offering** for the fourth quarter will benefit the Warmth Drive for at risk senior citizens. These individuals will receive a blessing box which contains a sweatsuit, fall resistant house shoes, socks, blanket, battery-operated flashlight, a nightlight and a pair of gloves. The November date for the Noisy Offering is November 12.

**Socksgiving** will begin November 5 and run the entire month. Please bring new socks of various sizes and genders. These are given out at Spirit of Giving. There will be a collection box located in the Commons to drop off your sock donations.

**The Spirit of Giving event is Dec 9.** Everyone is invited to attend and help distribute the socks and other items.

**Food pantry items** continue to be needed. There is a critical need for the food we provide to a sector of our community. Keep in mind that many of the people taking advantage of the items are homeless and without the means to open a can that is not a pop top, or the ability to heat the items. Foods that can be eaten cold and contain protein are the most important, specifically canned meats such as tuna, chicken and spam, ravioli, peanut butter, granola bars and Vienna sausages are great choices. Your continued support of this outreach is greatly appreciated.



# Children and Youth Corner

Upcoming youth activities:

Youth planning meeting after service on the 5th of November.



The Children and Youth Ministry is looking for more volunteers to help with Children's Church. Children's Church meets each Sunday right after the pastor's Children's sermon except for Communion Sunday.

Even if you aren't called to teach a lesson we need a volunteer to be in the classroom with the teacher each Sunday. If you can help us with this very important ministry please contact one of our committee.

We would think you were an angel.

Sharon Leonard

Marcie Penland

Melanie Marsh

Bettina Zvanut



Children's Church



Just for KIDS



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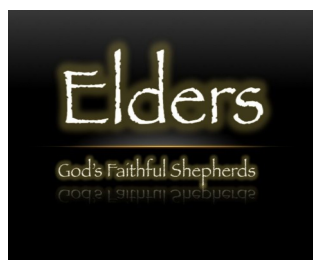
Happy Thanksgiving  
From Daily Dish  
Magazine



Gobble Gobble!



**ELDER ON CALL**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**MARSHA FINCHER**



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If we missed your birthday I very sorry. Please let the office know the date so I can add it to my list.



- 1 Jylien Castillo
- 3 Barbara Price
- 5 Christine O'Neil
- 11 Stenson Sanders
- 13 Billie Jo Campbell
- 18 April Mudie
- 19 Kendal Petty
- 21 Maddie Marosek
- 29 Nicole Lorraine
- 30 Polly Adams, Rachel Lancaster



Children's Church is being held for children from the ages of 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Following the Children's Sermon children will go with the leader to the children's area for worship.

Parents are asked to pick their children up after the worship service is over.

## GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 5 Kathy Hogue  
November 12 Marcie Hardaway  
November 19 Amy Morgan  
November 26 Marcie Penland



## Safety Team Members

### **John Wasson - Leader**

John Hill  
Silas Hill  
Jon Geer  
Anthony Morgan  
Bob Mudie  
Vicky Stauff  
David Williams



## Medically Trained Congregation Members

Tannie Brooks  
Joe Rutherford

### Safety Team Member Responsibilities

Two Safety Team members will be designated to perform certain duties in the sanctuary, commons area and church perimeter. These members will be listed in the bulletin insert and will wear safety team badges.

**Sanctuary Team Member** – This team member knows the locations of fire extinguishers, fire alarm pull boxes, first aid kits and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). They are knowledgeable of escape routes and sheltering procedures in case evacuation is necessary. If a medical emergency occurs, they will assist medically trained personnel as directed and call 911 if necessary.

**Commons/Perimeter Team Member** – This team member will ensure the nursery is safe and will lock doors not used as primary entrances. All locked doors can still be opened from the inside. The safety checks include other areas such as the kitchen, classrooms and open closets. This member will remain in the commons area during the service and occasionally check the parking lot.

## NOISY/QUIET OFFERING

The Noisy Offering for October, November, and December 2023 will go to Socksgiving, Spirit of Giving, and Senior Citizens Warmth Drive. You can drop your coins in the bowls every 2nd Sunday of the month.



**ATTENTION!**

**FOURTH QUARTER  
2023  
NOISY OFFERING**



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Don't forget to like the church's Facebook page! Search United Presbyterian Church - Greenville follow and like. Then invite all your Facebook friends!



**Find us on  
Facebook**

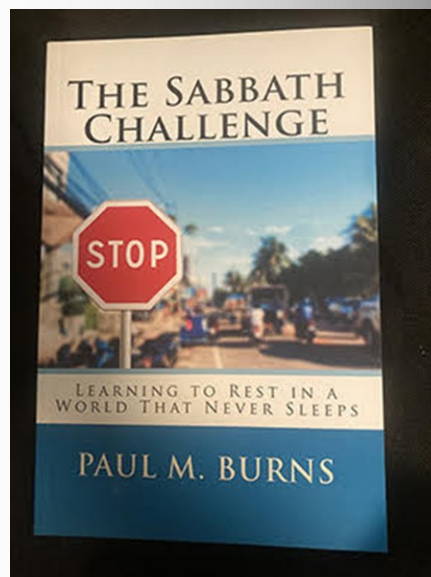
**Upper Room Devotional Books**

The Upper Room daily devotional is available for free at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org). Perhaps church members who use their computers daily would rather use an electronic device to read the upper room.

**Don't forget. . .  
The third Sunday of  
the month to support  
Goodland Academy**



The Presbyterian Women Bible Study began in September . They meet on the third Monday at 6:30 pm in the Commons Area. This year we are studying The Sabbath Challenge by Paul Burns. If you would like a book, it is \$10.00 and can be purchased from either Marcie Pendland or Bettina Zvanut.



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday 9 am to 12 pm 1pm to 5pm**

**Wednesday 9 am to 2:30 pm**

**Friday office is closed**

## Walk With the Spirit

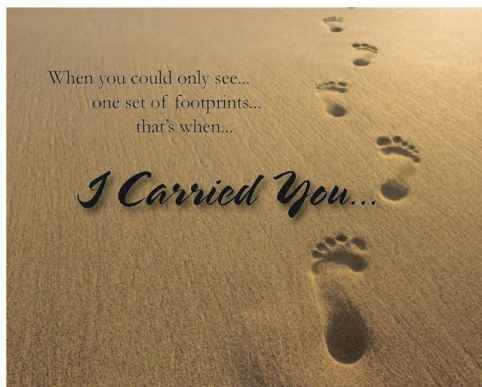
If you've ever been on a hike or gone running with a group, you know how challenging it can be to remain together. Some companions may have long legs and a quick gait, while others move slower and take their time. Even walking with someone who has a different stride than your own can be frustrating as you work to keep up or wait for them to catch up.

It's comforting to know that God's Spirit is always with us, step by step and stride for stride. We don't have to worry about going too fast or too slow. We can move forward confident that our Father always keeps pace.

Today, walk in the fullness of the Lord, trusting Him for your sense of timing.

*"Since we live by the Spirit,  
let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

*Galatians 5:25*



*I will praise  
the name  
of God  
with a song,  
and will  
magnify him with*

# THANKSGIVING

*Psalms 69:30*



## NOVEMBER OPENINGS AND CLOSING

**November 5 John Wasson**

**November 12 John Wasson**

**November 19 Marsha Fincher**

**November 26 David Williams**



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## **NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**