



# THE SPOTLIGHT

NOVEMBER 2011

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## Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

### PCM Meal Wednesday, Nov. 2

We are serving dinner to the students of Presbyterian Campus Ministry Wed., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00. *This time we are purchasing food so we ask that you donate money.* The menu is fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, and ice cream. Give donations *directly* to Kerry or Joe. Thank you!



### Fall Back Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 6 8:30 a.m.

Bring a dish or two to share. (*think Wildwood inside*) Drink and tableware provided.

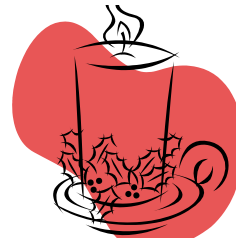


### Advent Bible Study

Join Pastor Kerry as we "Journey the Road to Bethlehem" Monday nights during Advent. The dates are Nov. 28, December 5, 12 and 19, starting at 6:45 p.m. It is BYOB - *Bring Your Own Bible.*

### Advent Party Sunday, Nov. 27 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars! On the First Sunday in Advent, we will gather in the fellowship hall to share a meal, build Advent wreaths and be helpful to those decorating the church. Bring greens if you have them. If you plan to make a wreath for home, contact Paige Walker ( ) so that there is ample supply of bases/candles.



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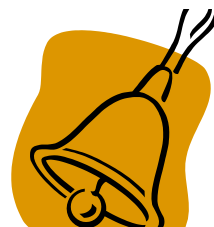
- **SUPER TUESDAY**, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at church for Member Care, Mission, Education & Spiritual Life

Resource: Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the McQuilkins'

- **Building & Grounds:** TBA
- **Session:** Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. at church

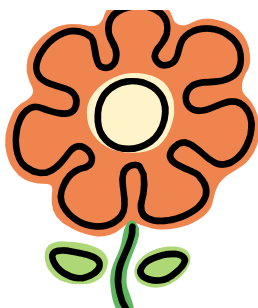
## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Bridgewater Presbyterian Church is ringing the Salvation Army Bell by JC Penny in the Harrisonburg Valley Mall. We have a "block time" so look for a schedule of shifts. This is open to the entire church. Come on down, ring the bell a bit, maybe shop or fellowship at the mall, *and* help those who truly need help.



## MEMBER CARE

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>



### Welcome New Members!

**Brett & Lacey Johnson** officially joined BPC on October 23<sup>rd</sup>; Brett by Re-affirmation of Faith and Lacey by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

### A Note of Sympathy

...to **Tom Mizell** on the death of his Aunt Jane Leonard who lived in Roanoke.

### Tender Loving Care - Show a Little TLC

#### **6 - The Trunk-or-Treat Planners!**

Emily Heatwole:

Judy Rees:

LeeAnn West:

**13 - John Spencer** on receiving a plaque in the Coaches Corner at Bridgewater College on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**20 - Brett & Lacey Johnson** – our newest members

**27 - Tom & Suzanne Mizell** are experiencing the trials - and joys - of being caretakers of parents, children and grandchildren. They could use a hug!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

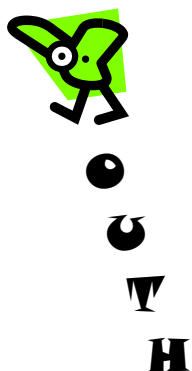
### More on the Advent Bible Study

Join me on Monday evenings at 6:45 on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, & 19. We will be using the book "The Journey; Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton. You can find the book at most Christian bookstores and online at Cokesbury or CBD. I think having the book will be helpful, but not necessary. I am looking forward to sharing the story of the birth of Christ with you all. See you on Monday evenings,

*Pastor Kerry*

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** will meet Wed, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Study Lesson #3 and call Sally the Tuesday before to order lunch.

**THE BOOK GROUP** is reading "The Magician's Assistant" by Ann Patchett. They meet Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gracie Florence for discussion and refreshments.



**All Youth in grades 6 through 12** (& any adults that want to tag along) are invited to join us for the following activities:

★ **Sunday, Nov. 13: Hiking with Tom!** We will leave from church following worship to go hiking with Tom Mizell. Bring comfortable hiking attire, your lunch, and be ready to have some great outdoor fun! If you are curious, ask Tom where we are going!!!!

★ **Sunday, Nov. 20: Meeting** at the Church, 5:00-7:00, for fellowship, meal and fun. Last chance to have a meeting without a Christmas theme!

★ **Sunday, Nov. 27: Annual Advent Party** starts at 5:00 p.m.

## MISSION

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

### THANKGIVING MEAL

The Mission Committee has learned of a local family that would appreciate a "Thanksgiving Meal." Be watching the bulletin for details on sharing God's bounty in this special, personal way.



### BLOOD DRIVE RECAP

Thank you to all donors of blood or food! Twenty-one units were collected. After nine years – 16 events – *Joan Atkins* is "retiring" as our Blood Drive Coordinator. A minimum of 20 units has been collected each time. Joan, thank you for your dedication to this Mission project. You are one of our living saints!



We need someone to volunteer to provide leadership for future Blood Drives serving as a contact person with Virginia Blood Services. Tell Cheryl or Kerry if you are interested.

*-2¢-*  
**Nov 13**

Peacemaking  
Offering total  
\$334  
THANK YOU!

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Meets @ 6:15 Tuesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

### Advent - A Season of Hope

Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will again be adorning the church with greenery, candles and poinsettias. If you have any greenery to share for use in creating the sanctuary wreath and other decorations, please call Emily Heatwole (

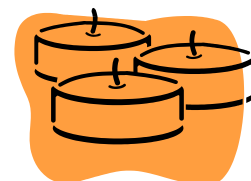
The dates for the poinsettia display have not yet been decided. Watch the bulletin and the December "Spotlight" for an order form.

### **Communion will be shared Nov. 27.**

If you are unable to attend worship and would like the pastor and an elder to bring the elements to your home, contact the Church Office at 828-2442.

### *All Saints Day* *Sunday, Oct. 30*

You are encouraged to bring a candle from home to honor our departed saints and/or a living saint.



### **Lectionary Readings for November 2011**

6: Joshua 24: 1-25;	Psalm 78: 1-7;	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;	Matthew 25: 1-13
13: Judges 4: 1-7;	Psalm 123;	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;	Matthew 25: 14-30
20: Ezekiel 34: 11-24;	Psalm 100;	Ephesians 1: 15-23;	Matthew 25: 31-46
27: Isaiah 64: 1-9;	Psalm 80: 1-19;	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9;	Mark 13: 24-27

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Aux. Luncheon Wednesday, November 2.** Served at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren from 11:00-1:00. Proceeds benefit the residents of Bridgewater Home through Peaceful Living Training for 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nursery Care & Gardner Wing (the memory units.) Menu: Homemade Beef Stew, Corn Muffins, Applesauce, & Cake. Last one 'til Spring!

## OFFICE NEWS

- ◇ The office will be closed Nov. 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.
- ◇ Much to my dismay, the weather people are calling for some snow in higher elevations this weekend. Remember that if Rockingham County School are closed for inclement weather, the church office is also closed. Worship cancellations are announced on WHSV-TV3 & 550 AM WSVA. -Sally (I hate snow) Smith



*Next Newsletter*  
*Deadline is*  
**Monday, Nov. 21**

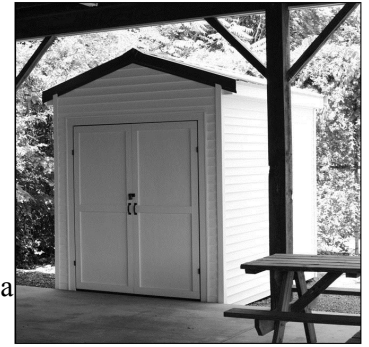


**Session Meeting**  
 Sunday, Nov. 13,  
 6:45 PM.

**Shenandoah**  
**Presbytery** meets  
 Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
 at Opequon  
 Presbyterian,  
 Winchester.  
 Jim Enterline will  
 serve as our elder  
 representative.

**Sean Eichlin and His Eagle Scout Project**

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 The Newsletter of Massanetta Springs*

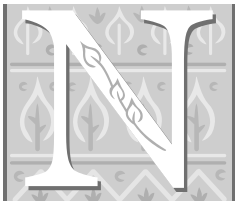


When the Rosser family gave the pavilion in honor of Shirley Sutton Rosser's 80th birthday in 2004, it was a welcome addition to our facilities. It has been home to many dances and picnics and recreational events. But storage has been limited—that is until Sean Eichlin came along. Sean is a local Boy Scout whose relationship with Massanetta has grown strong through his service on SPYCE (Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire). This council offers a middle school rally and a high school retreat each year and Sean and sister, Jessica, have been active members, offering wonderful programs to Presbyterian youth in the region.

Sean became aware of a need for storage of chairs, tables, and equipment at the pavilion. To fulfill the requirements of the Eagle Scout award, he designed and, with the aid of his Troop and his family, built a wonderful storage shed to aid our staff in servicing the needs of our guests.

When you drop by the pavilion and enjoy an event there, look at the superb work done by Sean and his helpers, including Mack Wilson of Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, who has served as coordinator of Eagle Scout projects at Massanetta for years. Sean's project will be a blessing for many years to come.

Thank you, Sean!



Date	Ushers	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
<b>6</b>	Merrill Simon Steve Humphreys	Joe & Jane Crockett	Kyle Eichlin	Chris Foster Sean Eichlin
<b>13</b>	Steve Humphreys Bev Carver	Jean Whetzel Louise Newell	Lauren West	Joan Atkins Alex McElroy
<b>20</b>	David McQuilkin Emily Heatwole	Tommy & Betsy Glendye	Sarah Simon	Betsy Glendye Steven Burke
<b>27</b> <small>Advent #1</small>	JC Enterline Gracie Florence	Gary & Mary Kay Adams	Katie McElroy	Elizabeth Engleking Joe Meslovich

**Flowers** - All Sundays are available. To share flowers call the church office or sign the poster on the information kiosk in the fellowship hall. We love homegrown blooms, too!

**Birthdays**

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Eleanor Holmes  | 12 Ellie Enterline |
| 2 William Jones   | Bill Florence      |
| Kim Deavers       | 15 Sean Eichlin    |
| Kerry Foster      | 17 Dick Eichlin    |
| 8 Gracie Florence | 22 Nancie Lambert  |
| Austin Walker     | 24 Lance Rees      |
| Josh Foster       | 26 Cheryl Burke    |
|                   | 27 Don Snipes      |
|                   | 30 Leah Deavers    |



## A Note from the Pastor

November is upon us. The clearest clue to me that it is November is, at stores everywhere, Christmas decorations share space with Halloween stuff, with some pilgrims scattered about! If that isn't enough, the NFL tells me I now have three games to enjoy on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month. I think that is a Thursday - must be something special happening on that weekday. Oh yes, it's Thanksgiving Day!

This may be a different Thanksgiving Day, for I have heard lots of folks saying they don't have much to be thankful for - troubles like lost jobs, cancers, shrinking savings, rising prices - lots of less-than-good things to be sure. All in all, maybe not that great of a future.

Some of these same folks have spoken about cutting back in the things they do or buy, and in lesser numbers, to begin to just think of themselves first. I have actually heard this statement recently: "It is time to consider my needs over someone else's." That hurt my ears, and it bruised my soul. I am wondering if that person is scared of the future, or is reliving something from their past that had hurt them greatly. In the end, though, I can't agree with that sort of sentiment.

That is not to say that some-times I feel that way myself. Four times a year I sit at UVA Medical Center, being reminded that life isn't fair, that it can be tough, that it is very fleeting. It would be much better for me that someone else should have to bear this

burden, this challenge, this "less-than-thanksgiving" feeling. I wish it was someone else sitting in my place, having to hope nothing on the MRI has changed.

Wow! Did I just say that? Is it time for me to be concerned with just myself or my immediate family? Am I being honest and fair in evaluating my situation? Am I cursed or blessed? And what would either answer mean to me, my family, my faith, my calling, my congregation, my community?

I am blessed in many ways. And it is because I am blessed that the thought of "me-first" will pass. It passes because in the same day of waiting, I see how I am blessed. I also see others who seem to be suffering. Not just in the waiting room, but where we may eat, or on the side of the road with a sign asking for cash, and other places. I find that even in our times of waiting and questioning, God is present, and has given us tangible evidence of His presence. I have been given enough, and a bit more, which means I am able to share with others my time, presence and resources.

Oh, yes, that person I sit with in that waiting room is training to run in marathons to raise money for cancer research. It seems life isn't just about "that person." If the money raised can further research, maybe in time no one will sit in a doctor's office hoping the MRI hasn't changed. That is what blessing - and being blessed - is all about.

The possibility of being

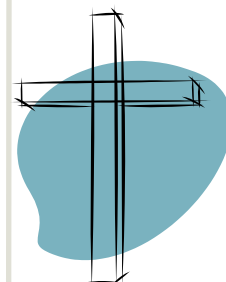
cursed is when it becomes "just about us." There are very few witnesses in our Bibles lifting up such a thought. Moses would never see the Promised Land, but he worked to get the Israelites there, often choosing them over himself. Paul chose rejection and persecution over playing it safe, just making tents and going to a quiet temple once a week to pray. And these are just two saints from last Sunday's sermon (October 23, 2011).

I offer up one last example, the easiest example to give concerning the thought of "thinking of others." It is God; the source of all blessings. We see it in the life of Moses, the life of Paul, and fully in the life of Jesus, the Christ, the one who gave it all so that I/we would have all that we need.

Let us honor the thought that God chooses to bless us so that we may bless others. Actually, that is the language of the covenant found in our Bibles, and that is the truth, pure and simple. To see our lives as anything less than ones blessed by God probably hurts God's ears as well, and because of Advent and Easter, we see also that it bruises God's body and soul as well. May we be reminded that even in the worst of times, like finding yourself hanging on a cross, dying with a fellow thief and some political fall guy, we can find blessings. Not because we are there, but because God is there.

Blessings,

Is it  
time  
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# RESOURCE

Meets @ 7:00 Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at McQuilkin's

## Church Attendance

September 4	59	October 2	55
September 11	65	October 9	57
September 18	55	October 16	49
September 25	58	October 23	60

Are you greeting visitors?  
Have you invited a friend?



## The Church's Finances

-prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

<i>Account Balances</i> as of Sept. 30, 2011	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Special</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	<i>CD</i> Renews 1/24/12
	\$20,406.94	\$42,812.64	\$211.90	\$499.36	\$25,317.37

<i>Totals as of</i> 09/30/11	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Difference</i>
	\$83,051	\$86,976	\$3,925

<i>Benevolence to Presbytery</i> as of 10/16/11	<i>Income</i>	<i>Presbytery Asking for Year 2011</i> (based on membership of 126 on 12/31/09)	<i>Difference</i>
	\$2,456.00	\$5,745.60	\$3,289.60

- ⇒ Presbytery Asking for 2012 = \$5,972.00 (based on membership of 132 on 12/31/10).
- ⇒ Presbytery has asked congregations to submit their pledge form by 12/23/11.
- ⇒ Based on the survey completed in March 2011, Session knows this congregation wants to support the larger church. The question is how (in the budget vs. not in the budget) and how much (pledge the total Asking amount or a portion of it).
- ⇒ Please prayerfully consider and let the Session know what you want!

### A Note from Resource:

Part of the preparation of a budget is calculating potential tithes, offerings and other income sources. The Resource Committee will be sending you a pledge card in November. We hope you prayerfully consider what God has given you - and what you can share with the church in return. To help, there will be "visual" Stewardship Minutes during worship that we think you will enjoy. We cordially request that pledge cards be returned on or before November 20<sup>th</sup>.



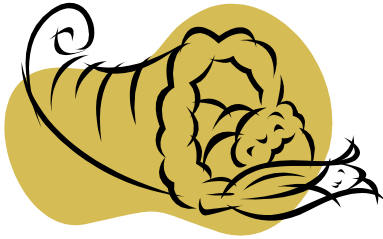
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### The Session

<i>-Class of 2011-</i>	<i>-Class of 2012-</i>	<i>-Class of 2013-</i>
<b>Betsy Glendye</b> (Member Care)	<b>Cheryl Burke</b> (Mission)	<b>Elizabeth Engleking</b> Clerk (Christian Education)
<b>David McQuilkin</b> (Resource)	<b>Joe Crockett</b> (Mission + Spiritual Life)	<b>Jim Enterline</b> (Mission)
<b>Ed Sonifrank</b> (Resource)	<b>Merrill Simon</b> (Building & Grounds)	<b>Emily Heatwole</b> (Spiritual Life)



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Oct. 30</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship - ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION <b>CROP WALK</b>	<b>Oct. 31</b> 4:30–6:30 <i>Trunk or            Treat</i>	<b>Nov. 1</b> 6:00 TOPS 6:15 <b>SUPER            TUESDAY</b>	<b>2</b> Auxiliary Lunch 11–1 @ COB 7:00 Choir <b>FEED PCM</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Turn clocks <b>BACK</b> one hour at <b>Bedtime!</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 8:30 FALL BACK BREAKFAST	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 TOPS Presbytery at Opequon	<b>9</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>10</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>11</b> Veterans’ Day	<b>12</b> 10:00—6:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ the Mall
2 CENTS-A-MEAL <b>13</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>Noon - Youth Hike</b> 6:45 Session	<b>14</b> 7:00 Resource @ McQuilkins’	<b>15</b> 6:00 TOPS 7:00 Book Group @ Gracie’s	<b>16</b> 10:30 Lunch Bunch #3 7:00 Choir	<b>17</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Stewardship Dedication</i> 5:00–7:00 Youth	<b>21</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>22</b> 6:00 TOPS	<b>23</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>24</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<i>1st Advent</i> <b>27</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—COMMUNION <b>5:00 Advent Party</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 TOPS	<b>30</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>Dec. 1</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

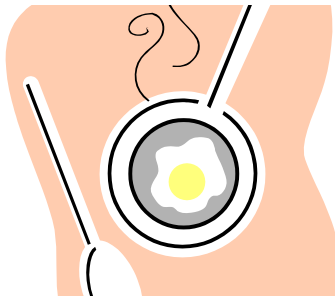
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 All meetings held at the church unless otherwise noted.

Linguists tell us that the words “think” and “thank” come from the same root. Thoughtfulness and thankfulness are much closer than we ever imagined.

A thankful heart is a thoughtful heart, and a thoughtful heart is a thankful heart. Similarly, when we are thoughtless, we are thankless.

Scripture urges us both to thank and to think. “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...” Forget not! Remember (think about) all God has done for you.

This interdependence of thinking and thanking is clear. The Thanksgiving season provided us with an excellent opportunity to recall consciously our many blessings, and to express gratitude actively.



*Fall Back  
Breakfast  
Sunday, Nov. 6  
8:30 a.m.*

*Bring a dish or two to share.  
Drinks & tableware provided.*

COMMUNION  
NOVEMBER 27

Unable to attend worship?  
Call the church office to  
ask for home communion



*Sat. Nov. 12  
RING the S.A. BELL  
At the Mall*

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