



November/December 2025

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Events/ Activities

- Nov 2- All Saint's Day Service
- Nov 3- Worship Committee Meeting @5:30pm, Finance Committee @6pm
- Nov 5- Handbells @5:30pm, Youth Group @6:30pm, Choir @6:45pm
- Nov 11- Veterans Day, Diaconate meeting @6:30pm
- Nov 12- Handbells @5:30pm, Youth @6:30pm, Choir @6:45pm
- Nov 16- Friendsgiving Luncheon and Horn of Plenty Collection
- Nov 18- Food Pantry @10am
- Nov 19- Handbells @5:30pm, Youth Group @6:30pm, Choir @6:45pm
- Nov 20- Session Meeting @6:30pm
- Nov 23- Horn of Plenty Box Preparation, Angel Tree Name drawing, Poinsettia Orders
- Nov 24- Set up and Decorate Church and Crismon Tree
- Dec 1- Worship Committee Meeting @5:30pm
- Dec 3- Handbells @5:30pm, Youth Group @6:30pm, Choir @6:45pm
- Dec 7- Women's Christmas Social, Angel Tree collections turned in, Congregational Meeting
- Dec 14- Christmas Cantata @11am
- Dec 16- Food Pantry @10am
- Dec 17- Youth Christmas Party @6:30pm
- Dec 21- Christmas Joy Offering Collected
- Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service @5:30pm

Message from the Pastor

During this busy time of holidays and travel, I wanted to offer you all a moment of peace and rest that you might not be willing to do for yourself. It seems like there is never enough time, too many tasks to be completed, too many people relying on you to do what needs to be done. I understand those anxieties and sometimes they burden me as well. But know that the weight of the world is not on your shoulders, you can take a deep breath and know that all is well.

So, rather than boring you all with a story or an anecdote, I thought that a perhaps more important use for this platform would rather be to charge you all to do something for your self-care. I am not asking for much from you, 15 minutes is all. Set your phone down, turn off the T.V., and if your family is around, ask them to join you in this simple act. We have lost the power of silence, the power of waiting for God to speak and listening without distraction. So, my charge to you is simple, read this short Psalm aloud and sit and rest for 15 minutes in silence. Listen to your thoughts, listen for God, listen to the soothing tones of your breath, and, perhaps most importantly, rest. The world can wait for 15 minutes; all will be well.

Psalm 98: 4-9

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Your Pastor,

Rev. Chance Snell



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

November 2025

Treasurer Report November

October Income:	\$ 11,640.00	YTD Income:	\$ 126,268.40
October Expense:	\$ 11,353.75	YTD Expenses:	\$ 146,047.45
October Income:	\$ 286.27	YTD Net:	\$ -19,779.05

Approved: Slate of nominated officers; Proposed 2026 Budget; Changes for access to record storage; Annual review of Church Financial Records

A note from Music Director

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to become your Music Director, and have thoroughly enjoyed stepping into the position. I hope I live up to the expectations that you have. Church music has always been my deepest passion. Music is a key cornerstone to the foundation of meaningful and intentional worship. Worship is a verb, an action. I hope that through the music here at Barbecue you will always feel compelled to participate and are left filled with the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Our Christmas Cantata was fun and fulfilling in both spirit and joy. I hope that you will consider joining the choir on Wednesday evening at 6:30. We will resume rehearsals on January 14. No knowledge of music is required. Just come, sing, fellowship, and make a joyful noise for the Lord. We have a great time.

Handbells: We are struggling to continue our handbell choir due to a shortage of ringers. We really need 3-5 more people to complete our handbell choir. Again no music is required, just come and ring. We will teach you everything you need to know. Rehearsals resume January 14 at 5:30.

This year our congregation had the Angel Tree name drawing on November 23rd. Members of our congregation drew names from our tree and began their shopping! Wrapped gifts for both the Angel Tree and the Skilled Creations were dropped off in the Sanctuary as well as the Fellowship hall. These gifts go a long way in helping provide for families in our community that are in need. Thank you everyone for your continued participation in these events!

Food Pantry

*The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Food Pantry ministry. There is a collection basket in the narthex to receive any food donations, such as "dry" good foods (i.e. canned foods, cereals, pasta). Food bags are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our congregation in supporting this program. Our next distribution will be August 19th and September 16th **@ 10AM.** Come early and help with distribution!*



Do you enjoy tech, sound, or just want to serve behind the scenes? The Media Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings—and we'd love to have you join us! No experience? No problem! We'll teach you everything you need to know in just a couple of Sundays. Whether it's managing sound or helping with livestream, you can be part of what makes Sunday morning happen. Stop by the media booth after service or talk to Heather Simpkins to sign up.

****This is an excellent opportunity for high school students: Earn Volunteer Hours – Perfect for school or college applications. Learn New Skills – Hands-on experience with sound, livestreaming, and cameras—real tech skills that look great on a résumé. Build Confidence – Learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership in a supportive environment. Be Part of Something Bigger – Help create a meaningful worship experience for the whole church. Have Fun! – Connect with a creative team, make new friends, and enjoy being part of Sunday morning energy.****



Fun and Fellowship

As we are winding down 2025, I would like to thank all the members of the Fun and Fellowship for their dedication and help in making 2025 a success. Well Done! I'm also asking for others to consider becoming a member of the Fun/Fellowship Committee as we go into 2026. We enjoy great fellowship while planning, decorating, preparing church meals, scheduling events (Easter Egg Hunt, Barbecue's Got Talent, Movie Night and Bingo) to name a few. There is something for everyone to do. Use your talents and bring your ideas to the table! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2026! GOD is so Good!

Cindy Warcup

Friendsgiving and Horn of Plenty

This year we celebrated in fellowship together on November 16th by having a Friendsgiving luncheon. Cindy Warcup did an amazing job organizing and decorating as she always does. The food was wonderful and thank you to everyone who brought a dish, as well as the Women of the church for preparing the Turkey and many of the other dishes. We had a basket raffle and our three winners were Larry Howard, Chris Nagel, and Jane Sullivan. Items collected from our Horn of Plenty drive were able to provide 8 community families with Thanksgiving dinner this year!

News from the Presbyterian Women

Whew!! It has been a BUSY season for the Presbyterian Women. September marks the start of a flurry of projects and work in preparation for the Harvest Sale. Then along comes Homecoming, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! We are so fortunate to have the great group of ladies that we have. Our membership now is at 22, and we hope to continue to add to our roster. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except for the summer months. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group.

Our new officers were installed at the November meeting. I (Donna Shaw) have taken the Moderator position. Laura Gerstner is our Vice-Moderator; Jane Sullivan, Treasurer; Linda Stratton, Secretary; Betty Cameron, Missions; and Sue Holland, Historian. We are so excited to have this group to lead us this year.

We have been using the book *Blessed* by Nancy Guthrie as our study guide each meeting. We are fortunate to have several ladies who do a great job leading our Bible study. We thank you, Ellen Phillips, Ruby Campbell, and Jane Sullivan.

As a Christmas project, we have purchased Christmas gifts for the residents at Skilled Creations. They have 15 men and women living there. Betty Cameron and Gwen McCormick will soon be delivering the gifts. It is such a blessing to share with this group.

Our Christmas Social was on December 7. We had a great time with our ornament exchange and delicious Christmas foods. Ruby Campbell directed us in a fun exchange game..... We didn't know if we were going RIGHT or LEFT!! We all emerged with a beautiful Christmas ornament.

Our next meeting will be on January 11th, 2026, following the Church service. We hope to see you all then.

Thankful and Blessed,
Donna Shaw

Sanctuary Flowers

Dates Available!

*The 2025 **Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sunday School Office. If you wish to give flowers on a particular date, please sign your name and the name of the person you wish to honor or remember.*

VISITATIONS AND COMMUNION

If you would like to request a visitation from Rev. Chance Snell or for communion to be brought to you, please contact his cell phone at (540) 245-0261. He would love to get to know all the congregation members, so don't hesitate to call.

AN INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Members of the Diaconate acknowledging their responsibility of "...sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress." (G-2.0201, *Book of Order*) invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing. The deacon who is the head usher in a given month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons. During the month of August and September, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, Ellen Phillips 614-444-7000 or Gwen McCormick 919-708-3169.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Congregational Family - Connie Ahlvers, Glenda Cameron, Pamela Cameron, Sheila Funderburk, Peggy Howard, Larry Howard, Denise Spivey Johnson, Jimmy McCormick, Richard Porter, Richard Roller, Brandon Spivey, Linda Stratton, Debbie Thomas, John Wells, Don Warcup, & Deborah Womble

Family and Friends of the Congregation- Erin Jane Allen, Abena & Kaison Ampofo, Jodee Beck & Family, Jarrett Blockwell & Family, Don Cseh, Nathan Davis Clifton, Marlys Daugherty, Will Dixon, Dave Dryden, Faye Ellis, Valarie Fields, Jackie Gore, Tom Hightower, Anna Howsden, Fran and Roger Ivy, Glenda Johnston, Caid Long, Jerrod Lowry, Ray May, Randall McCormick, Anne McDonald, Belinda McGugan, Tim McNeill, Judy McNeill, Ted McNeill, Jane Morrison, John Phillips, Helen Poole, Pat Ruis, Christian Cameron Seeley, Tom & Marianna Shaw, Yvonne Star, Vivian Street, Robbin Taylor, Robin Thompson, Paul Tysinger, Marlene Watson, Betty Lou White, DeEtta Wood, Cristian Wood, Jon Woods, Jim & Teresa Wood

Missionaries- Titus and



December Birthdays

Dec. 4 Mike Thomas
Dec. 12 Ellie Coates
Dec. 13 Kathy Yarborough
Dec. 17 Brian Cameron
Dec. 18 Cory Morris
Dec. 23 Abbigail Necessary
Dec. 25 Lucas Yocco

January Birthdays

Jan. 11 Arline Drumheller
Jan. 17 Lianna Cameron
Jan. 19 Donna McCoy
Jan. 25 Larry Howard



February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Freddie Yarborough
Feb. 8 Peggy Howard and Brooke Reberger
Feb. 10 Heather Simpkins
Feb. 16 Richard Porter
Feb. 20 Logan Holmes
Feb. 22 Troy Morris
Feb. 23 Joe Phillips
Feb. 26 Elizabeth (Street) Olive
Feb. 28 Donny Osborne and Trinity Woodbury

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