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Church Tidings

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

NEW DATE! Our Lafayette's Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering was postponed due to bad weather. The luncheon is **rescheduled for November 3rd**. *ALL Lafayette women are invited*. The gathering will begin with a light lunch in our Fellowship Hall after worship. Lunch will be followed by a presentation from Nicole Ballas, Chief Development Officer, representing Elder Care Services. Although none of us are in the demographic of their clients, it should be an interesting program and who knows there may be information that will be valuable to us, *some day!*



On November 24th the **Harvest Table** will be a visual reminder of the bounty of the earth and God's generosity to His people. We want it to be a true community effort. We ask for contributions of fresh fruit and produce from our members. There are contribution forms as inserts in the bulletins. If you would like to leave your items after church on the 24th,

we will take the donations to ECHO, our local food bank with the "Pack the Pulpit" items. All contributions will be appreciated. We look forward to celebrating our many blessings, both physical and spiritual, with you during the Thanksgiving season. ~ The Worship Committee

We will celebrate **Communion** on <u>Sunday, November 24th</u> at our 10:30 AM worship service. Join us for the *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as we give thanks to God!*

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"

From the Pastor

Thanksgiving and Stewardship

November is traditionally a month of Thanksgiving, a time to express gratitude to God for the year's harvest. While most of us may not be farmers bringing in crops, it is still a fitting season to celebrate God's abundant provision through the various work He has given us. This spirit of gratitude aligns with the parable of the master who entrusted his wealth to his servants while he was away, calling them to account upon his return.

In the parable of the talents, two servants gratefully present the fruits of their efforts, having maximized their investments. One servant, however, hides what he has received, failing to use his gift for his master's benefit.

Jesus reminds us that one day we, too, will stand before God, giving an account of how we've lived. Our task as stewards for Christ is not to hoard or hide what He has entrusted to us, but to use it generously, in alignment with God's will.

Those who work faithfully according to God's purpose will one day stand joyfully before Him, offering thanks as they reach the true harvest season of life.

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1)

Pack the Pulpit for Echo

Our annual drive for Echo will run from <u>Sunday, October 13 through November</u>

24. The Mission Committee asks that you bring in non-perishable food, housewares, baby essentials, and hygiene items. Items that Echo is in need of are: Boxed cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, peanut butter, rice, ramen noodles, mac and cheese, canned tuna and meat, dried milk, juice boxes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, disposable razors, hygiene products, diapers, wipes, non-expired powdered or ready-to-drink infant formula, toilet paper, paper towels, new bed linens, towels and so much more. For further information of their needs, you can go to: https://echotlh.org/what-we-need/

If you wish to make a financial contribution to Echo, please make your check out to Lafayette Presbyterian with ECHO boldly noted in the subject line and placed in the offering plate. All items can be placed near the pulpit where we will display them until delivered to Echo the week of Thanksgiving. Let's make this one of the best and biggest Pack the Pulpits in Lafayette history!





Your Session Members in 2024 are:

Class of 2024: Kay Lachat, Paul Munyon, Rita Tucker

Class of 2025: Randy Burns, Phil Ferguson, Denise Vandiver

Class of 2026: Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts, Faith Kinneer

Your **Deacons in 2024** are:

Class of 2024: Sandy Kuhn, Sara Lou Smith

Class of 2025: Aliceann Donaldson, Peggy Johnson

Class of 2026: Diane Dowling, Sandi Herrington, John Kinneer, Molly Miller, Nancy Telander





CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

The date for our Crafts for Missions workshop meeting will be **Thursday**, **November 14**th. We meet in our Christian Education building **at 1:30 PM**.

Our focus for November will be the Operation Christmas Child Boxes. The deadline is upon us. If you have any completed projects for the Boxes, please turn them in now. There are numerous items that we contribute to the boxes. We are always looking for new craft ideas too.

Join us, share your ideas, and especially share the fellowship in November.

DID YOU KNOW?

BY PHIL FERGUSON

The Cedars of Lebanon are the most valuable and majestic trees mentioned in the Bible. Cedar trees can live for hundreds of years and grow as tall as 100 feet and as large as 50 feet around. They grow in the mountains of Lebanon at elevations of 5.000 to 6.000 feet.



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What we call cedar trees in North America are not true cedars as are the trees that grow in Africa and Asia. As majestic as these true cedar trees are, there are very few left in the original forests mentioned in the Bible because they were harvested so heavily.

Builders in Biblical times prized the cedar tree because the wood was strong and durable, free from knots and insect resistant because of its smell. Cedar was used in shipbuilding, idol making and cooking. Resin from cedar was also used as a perfume. King Solomon wanted the finest materials for his temple so he used gold, silver and cedar wood from Lebanon.

Coffee and a Cookie Book Club



Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver 850-545-7167 for more details. These are the next books we will be reading.

Monday, November 18, 2024 ~ Teddy and Booker T.: How Two American Icons Blazed a Path for Racial Equality by Brian Kilmeade

Theodore Roosevelt was white, born into incredible wealth and privilege in New York City. Booker T. Washington was Black, born on a plantation without even a last name. But both men embodied the rugged, pioneering spirit of America. When President Theodore Roosevelt welcomed the country's most visible Black man, Booker T. Washington, into his circle of counselors in 1901, the two confronted a shocking and violent wave of racist outrage.

- Monday, December 16, 2024 ~ Where Angels Go by Debbie Maconber
 Three irresistible angels love their assignments on Earth. They especially love helping people
 who send prayer requests to Heaven (even though the Archangel Gabriel, their boss, knows
 they're going to break his rules)! These three charming angels often find themselves in trouble,
 but somehow things always work out for the best—especially at Christmas.
- Monday, January 20, 2025 ~ The Life Impossible by Matt Haig
 When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by
 a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no
 guidebook and no plan. Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches
 for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended. Filled with wonder and wild adventure, this
 is a story of hope and the life-changing power of a new beginning.

Session Highlights October 2024

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Chae.

The minutes of the September, 17, 2024 Session meeting and the October, 3, 2024 meeting were approved.

The Mission committee is considering a special offering for hurricane relief.

The Worship committee is working on an advent booklet and veterans day recognition.

The Property committee is considering posting a list of chores around the church. Reverend Chae closed the meeting with prayer.



Our next Fellowship luncheon will be Sunday, November 10th following then Worship service. It will be hosted by the Finance and Mission committees. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. We hope to see everyone there!!!

Session Meeting



Calendar Dates and Special Days

	WEEKLY EVENTS			
	Sunday Worship	Sundays	10:30	AM
	Grace Sunday School	Sundays	9:00	AM
	Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesdays	5:30	PM
	Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00	PM
	MONTHLY EVENT	S		
	AKtion Club	1st, 3rd Wednesday	7:00	PM
	Thursday Bible Study	1st, 3rd Thursday	1:30	PM
	Circle of Friends	2nd Monday	6:30	PM
	Committee Meetings	2nd Tuesday	6:30	PM
	Men's Breakfast	2nd Saturday	9:00	AM
	Contemporary Book	-		
	Club	3rd Monday	1:30	PM
	Crafts for Missions	4th Thursday	1:30	PM
	Morning Circle	2nd Tuesday	10:30	AM
	Session Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:30	PM
	Evening Circle	Last Tuesday	6:00	PM
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	Girl Scouts 4023	1st Sunday	2:00	PM
	Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30	PM
	Troop 10 Meetings	1st, 3rd Tues	7:00	PM
	Senior Patrol Leaders	2nd Tuesday	7:00	PM
	Crew 10	3rd Thursday	7:00	PM

FRI 1 World Vegan Day
National Author's Day

SUN 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends

MON 4 National Candy Day

TUE 5 Election Day

THU 7 National Men Make Dinner Day

SAT 9 World Freedom Day

SUN 10 Marine Corps Birthday

MON 11 Veteran's Day/Office Closed

THU 14 World Diabetes Day

FRI 15 National Philanthropy Day

SUN 17 National Hiking Day

TUE 19 International Men's Day

THU 21 Great American Smokeout

SAT 23 National Adoption Day

SUN 24 Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday Communion

THU 28 Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed

FRI 29 Black Friday/Office Closed

SAT 30 Small Business Saturday



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 9 at 9 AM.



Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study, led by Jackie Montgomery, will meet on November 7th and 21st at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at Jackie's apartment at Westminster Oaks. The study will continue looking at Acts. chapter 14. This study is very casual and open for anyone. New members are **verv** welcome.

Grace Adult Sunday School Class



The Grace Sunday School class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the CE building. For our Bible study, we are currently

using PCUSA curriculum from the Present Word Series titled "Worship in the Covenant Community". Please contact Doug Pitts for more information or if you're interested in joining.



There are still squirrels in the library and tootsie pop rewards for finding CHURCH LIBRARY them. There is also a new step stool available



for reaching the upper shelves. It has wide steps and a handle for safety. You will find it tucked behind the door, but please do not take it out of the library. We do ask that if using the step stool

you use extreme caution.



A Family Advent Praper

(Offer this prayer throughout the Advent season in unison or in parts.)

- Lord, you are the light of the world.
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.
- Heavenly Father, we long for your plan of rescue and redemption to be realized. Give us hearts that see Your beauty and wait in hope for You to make all things good and new again.
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.
- May Your light and love shine brightly in our hearts, spreading justice, hope and peace to those around us.



~ Operation Christmas Child ~ Christmas Box Dedication Sunday will be November 17th.

There is a collection basket in the Narthex. If you wish to donate, checks may be made out to: Lafavette Presbyterian Shoebox Mission. See Bonnie Burns for details



Refreshments will be served afterwards to meet and greet with Bryden and Brandon. Please invite family and friends to attend!



2024 PW THANK **OFFERING**

Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, planted the seed for Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering in 1888 when she urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Year after year, women have responded to Clokey's call to give a "thank offering to her Lord," and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission at home and around the world.

This year the PW of Lafavette will collect the PW Thank Offering on November 17th. As the

prophet Jeremiah reminds us. God hears us when we call. It is through our offerings and our

ministry to others that we demonstrate God's love throughout the world.

PRESBYTERIAN **GIVING CATALOG**

Presents aren't permanent ... give a gift that lasts.

The generosity of Presbyterians powers the education and development of people and communities around the world. Collectively, we are making a difference. You can support this nonprofit, cause-based work with ministries that support clean water, agriculture, or relief and assistance projects when you give a gift in honor of friends, family, and loved ones.



When making a donation to a project, you will receive a gift card that can be completed and given to a recipient as a gift, identifying that a gift was made in their honor.

An alternative market table with Presbyterian Giving Catalogs and donor cards will be set up in the Narthex throughout November.



Shelby Herman would like to thank Lafayette Presbyterian Church members for their support of the flood victims in Asheville, NC.

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Lafayette Presbyterian



We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

Joys and Concerns, 10/27/24

• A Joy! Denise Vandiver's niece Lauren Neifert will be married Saturday, October 26th to Adam Good in Indianapolis.

Joys and Concerns, 10/20/24

- Please pray for Leon Richards, Karen's husband, who will have a stent placed in his carotid artery on Monday, October 28th.
- Prayers for former member Karen Landau.
- Our former General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Roy Martin, had a heart catheterization this past Wednesday and better than anticipated news. No surgery needed. Medication will take care of the matter.
- The passing of *Ginny Vail* into God's Kingdom~Pam Terry.
- Maree Peacock's brother-in-law, Frank Dennard, who was in a bad car accident and is in ICU.
- Traveling mercies for daughter, Joy Miller-Molly Miller.
- Dottie Miller is undergoing shoulder surgery tomorrow Molly Miller.

Joys and Concerns, 10/13/24

- Linda Pitts will have knee surgery on Friday, October 18th.
- A Joy! Kevin and Stefana are expecting their first child in April~Leo & Kay Lachat
- Farrell Conlon, husband of Christy Stacey's sorority sister, who is battling health issues.
- Joy: Dad, Ronald McClure, has been moved to Tallahassee~Penny Isom.

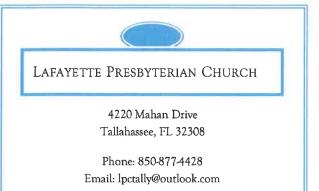
Joys and Concerns, 10/06/24

- Prayers for Jean Brinson who has Shingles.
- Rachel's Daughter, Shelby Herman, and her boyfriend, Andrew Mullen, who live and work in Asheville, NC. Shelby is also the Granddaughter of Bonnie & Randy.

- Tommy the grown Son of Christy Stacey's friend who was hospitalized.
- Please remember everyone who has been affected by the recent hurricanes and tornadoes.
- Please pray for Denise Vandiver and Family upon the passing of Denise's Mom, *Jacqueline Neifert*, on September 30th in Jacksonville.
- Please remember Richard McElveen in your prayers. Richard is a former member who had hip replacement surgery and is currently in rehab.
- Prayers for Jackie Montgomery.
- Richard Loose is currently in rehab and in quite a bit of pain.
- Prayers for the Family of *Jeannie Dixon*, former Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Florida, who passed away on October 2^{nd.}

Continued Prayers

- Our Armed Forces around the world
- Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- Angela and Jerry White, daughter and sonin-law of Donna Lou Askew
- Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- Jon Chapman's daughter, Tiffany
- LaVerne Gibson
- Anne Hebrock
- Jaya Herman
- Georgia Latimer
- Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- Jackie Montgomery
- Twila Phillips
- Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman and her brother Earl Keister.
- Russell Stovall
- Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- Gail Yates
- Those who have no one to pray for them



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November Ushers

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November Birthdays

7 Rev. Steve Graves 18 Jack Dowling

9 Brian Grant 24 Mary Alice Phelps

11 Rhonda Siplin 25 Gail Yates

14 A.J. Tucker 30 Sandra Kuhn



Remember our church in your will.