



United Presbyterian Church

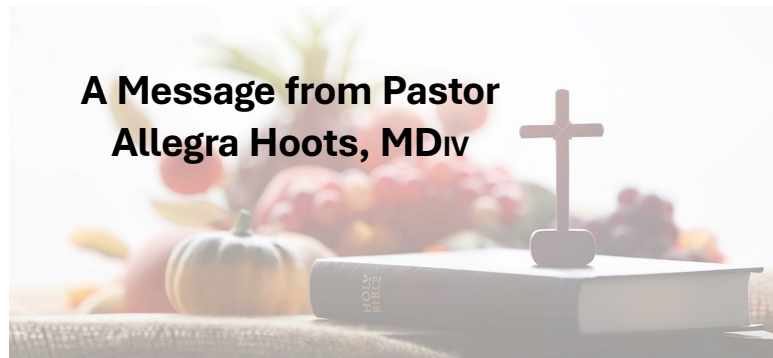
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Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

Worship Services: Sunday 11:00 am & Thursdays 7:30

November 2024 Newsletter

***"Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever."
Psalm 107:1***



A Message from Pastor Allegra Hoots, MDiv

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to you in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. As always, I trust God that this message finds you rejoicing in the joy of the Lord, experiencing the peace of Christ, which surpasses all human understanding, and continuing to grow in God's grace and knowledge.

Psalm 107:1 encourages us to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Much like the hymn "Count Your Blessings," this powerful verse reminds us to focus on God's countless blessings. By focusing on the positive, we practice the presence of God, acknowledging His goodness and greatness. These reflections bolster our faith and help us remain steadfast amid life's challenges.

"I hereby crown November - Thanksgiving Month, thirty days of celebrating all things bright and beautiful! Each day, I vow to embark on a whimsical quest to seek out the silver linings in life. Where there is war, I will search for tales of peaceful heroism and harmony. I will wear my imaginary 'Kindness Cape' and soar to soothe hurt feelings. I shall also spend my days in gratitude, thanking God for intangible treasures like truthfulness, compassion, and wisdom. I will trust God that these sparkling qualities embody and echo the wisdom of Philippians 2:3-4: 'Value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'"

May God grant us the grace to recognize the abundance too often overlooked – freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom to assemble peacefully, freedom to pursue liberty and justice tempered with mercy, freedom to seek change without fear of recrimination. May God also help us follow Jesus' instructions, "Watch and Pray," and follow the guidance of Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Let us consciously embrace gratitude, acknowledging God's provision and grace. Then we will experience the sentiment expressed in Colossians 3:15-17: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be thankful; whatever we do, in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

May God grant us the grace to continually acknowledge His presence and love, fill our hearts and homes with joy, and keep us mindful of those less fortunate, turning gratitude into acts of kindness and charity.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Allegra

Happy Thanksgiving and God bless veterans!

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & ONLINE
Church Office: Tele: 908-756-2666

Sunday Worship Service

Pastor Allegra Hoots
11:00am
In the Sanctuary & Via YouTube
(<https://bit.ly/3jyylpg>)



Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays @ 7:30pm—Via YouTube*
<https://bit.ly/3J7whly>

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### Daily Devotional

Mondays to Fridays @ 6:00am to 6:15am—Via Zoom  
(<https://bit.ly/40BeoBK>)

### Sunday School Children & Adults

Children: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10am; 2nd Sunday at 11am

Middle School & High School: ] Rooms are on the  
Elementary School: ] Administration level

**Confirmation Class:** (September to December) Confirmation class is preparation during which youths participate in church activities and reflect on questions of faith and life. This is an opportunity to examine our beliefs and explore how faith might be a good life-long partner.



Adults meet each Sunday at 10am

Adults: Lind Room  
Theme: **'Claiming Identity: Struggle & Faith, How Identity is Formed, and Identity in Christ'**

- Call the Church Office for more info -
- Let us know if you need transportation -

### Book Club

Sundays at 7:30 pm

**"A Voice in the Wind"**, Book 1  
Author: Francine Rivers

This Christian Historical Fiction set in first-century Rome promises engaging discussions and spiritual growth.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3RD – MOVE YOUR CLOCKS BACK

### Upcoming Events

See calendars for more activities and events

| November |        |                                 | December |         |                                   |
|----------|--------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Date     | Time   | Event                           | Date     | Time    | Event                             |
| 1        |        | All Saints Day                  | TBD      | TBD     | Administration Committee Meeting  |
| 3        |        | Daylight Savings Time Ends      | 15       | 1:00pm  | Christmas Caroling—Join us!       |
| 5        |        | Election Day                    | 18       | 7:30pm  | Session Meeting                   |
| 20       | 7:30pm | Session Meeting                 | 24       | TBA     | Christmas (Eve) Service           |
| 23       |        | UPC Community Thanksgiving Meal | 31       | 10:00am | New Year's Eve/Watchnight Service |
| 28       |        | Thanksgiving Day                |          |         |                                   |
|          |        |                                 |          |         |                                   |

### FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS:

TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:  
<http://www.upcplainfield.org/>



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# *Thanksgiving Dinner*

This is a special invitation  
to you and your family to  
our Community Dinner  
**\* By Invitation Only \***

**Saturday, November 23rd**

3:00 p.m.

525 E. Front Street, Plainfield, NJ

**RSVP BY 11/18/24**

**CALL 908-756-2666 OR TEXT 732-742-8762**



## Thanksgiving—Thursday, November 28th, 2024

*Thanksgiving day occurs on the fourth Thursday in November each year and is based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal. The holiday continues to be a day for Americans to gather for a day of feasting, family and football.*

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States that dates back to 1621 when the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. But the holiday is not without controversy. Many Americans—including people of Native American ancestry—believe Thanksgiving celebrations mask the true history of oppression and bloodshed that underlies the relationship between European settlers and Native Americans.



### Thanksgiving at Plymouth

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World." After a treacherous crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

#### ***Did you know? Lobster, seal and swans were on the Pilgrims' menu.***

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which endured for more than 50 years and remains one of the few examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

### When Was the First Thanksgiving?

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. Although no record exists of the first Thanksgiving's exact menu historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

<https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving>

*Join United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 23rd for a  
Community Thanksgiving Meal  
Call the Church Office at (908) 756-2666 to volunteer or attend*



November 5th  
General Election Day

Voting Questions? Call **1-877-NJ-VOTER** (1-877-658-6837)

The 2024 United States elections are scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. During this presidential election year, the president and vice president will be elected. In addition, all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and 34 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate will be contested to determine the membership of the 119th United States Congress.

### Why Vote

Voting gives you the power to create positive change for your community and determine a better quality of life for you and your family. Voting together with your neighbors, family, and friends ensures that your shared values and issues are prioritized, that you play a key role in choosing who represents us, and where government funding and resources will go. The more we vote, the more powerful our voices become, and the likelier the issues that are important to us will be heard.

### Exercise your important right to vote!

#### Top 5 Reasons to Vote

- ◆ Elections Impact Your Everyday Life and Family
- ◆ Every Vote Counts
- ◆ Decide Where Your Tax Dollars Go
- ◆ Fight Against Racism and Discrimination
- ◆ Protect Our Voting Rights

Vote for those elected officials that stand up for the values you believe in, and there is no more basic value than the right of every eligible voter to be able to cast their ballot. Never doubt that your vote is powerful but it must be exercised to remain so. Your vote is your voice.

**Change starts with us!**

<https://wearelee.org/blog/your-vote-matters-5-reasons-why-you-should-vote-in-any-election/>  
<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml>

Exodus 14:14  
'The LORD shall fight for you,  
and you shall hold your peace.'  
There will always be trials and  
tribulations in life, but God  
will carry you through every  
storm in your life and  
give you strength to make  
it. If God has been  
good to you, praise  
Him. Amen.

## Cease Complaining

Most of us have more blessings than we can count, yet we can still find reasons to complain about the minor frustrations of everyday life. To do so, of course, is not only short sighted, but it is also a serious roadblock on the path to spiritual abundance.

Would you like to feel more comfortable about your circumstances and your life? Then promise yourself that you will do whatever it takes to ensure that you focus your thoughts and energy on the major blessings you've received, not the minor inconveniences you must occasionally endure.

So the next time you're tempted to complain about the inevitable frustrations of everyday living, don't do it. Make it a practice to count your blessings, not your hardships.

### *A prayer to start your day*

Lord, I know that the choice is mine - I can either count my blessings or complain about my disappointments. Today, help me to focus my thoughts upon my blessings, my gifts and my opportunities. Amen.

Prayers to Start your Day by Criswell Freeman



Lambertsville, NJ 2024; AL



**A heartfelt thank you** to the students of Plainfield High School and their advisor, Ms. Victoria David-Blenman for their assistance at our Health Fair on October 5th and again on October 19th

at our fall Church clean-up.

The students assisted in varying capacities and truly made it a great day for all. Together with our team, the community was provided with much needed health services and information.

Our community, health care providers, the students, members and friends of United, along with blue skies made for a beautiful day of service and fellowship.

**WE ARE ALL SO BLESSED!**





## PASTORS APPRECIATION DAY

The below acrostic\* of the title **PASTOR** was presented by the youth of UPC during the worship service on Sunday, October 13, 2024, to Pastor Allegra Hoots, during Pastors Appreciation Day to demonstrate UPC's appreciation and recognition of her spiritual guidance and leadership. May these words from Scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, prove to be inspirational and uplifting to her.

Following the worship service which was also Youth Sunday, Pastor Hoots was recognized with a luncheon. Pastor, we appreciate you!

\*an acrostic poem is a poem in which the initial letters of each successive line form a word, phrase or pat-tern

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### **P** is for your **Preaching, Preparedness and Patience**

The words of the Apostle Paul as written in 2 Timothy 4: 1-2

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **PREACH** the word; **BE READY** in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great **PATIENCE** and teaching

### **A** is for your **Abounding or abundant work**

The words of the Apostle Paul as written in 1 Corinthians 15: 58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always **ABOUNDING** in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

### **S** is for your role as **Shepherd of UPC's flock**

The words of God presented to the prophet Jeremiah as written in Jeremiah 3:15

Then I will give you **SHEPHERDS** after My own heart, who will **SHEPHERD** you on knowledge and understanding.

### **T** is for your **Teaching**

The words of the Apostle Paul as written in Ephesians 4: 11-12

And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and **TEACHERS**, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

### **O** is for your role as **Overseer** or watching over the congregation

The words of the Apostle Peter as written in 1 Peter 5:1-2

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, **OVERSEEING** not under compulsion, but willingly, according to God, and not for dishonest gain, but with eagerness.

### **R** is for the **Regard and respect the UPC family has for you!**

The words and instruction of the Apostle Paul as written in 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13

But we ask of you, brothers, that you know those who labor among you, and lead you in the Lord and admonish you, and that you **REGARD** them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another

## Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund

The Board of Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield is accepting donations for the Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund for higher Education.

This fund is dedicated to scholarships for any member pursuing an undergraduate degree or working in an undergraduate program which will lead to a specific degree. It may also be used by anyone pursuing a seminary degree.

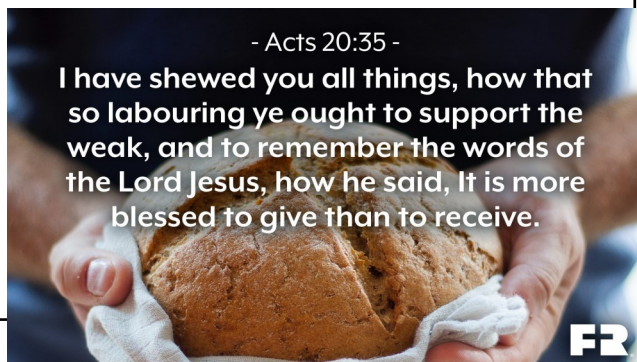
Donations are accepted and welcomed to this fund at any time and may be accomplished in the following ways:

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~ OR ~

2. Contributions can be made through the "Give Now" button located at the UPC website at [www.upcplainfield.org](http://www.upcplainfield.org). Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Crawford/Walton Memorial Fund".

**Invest in our children's future**



## Have you considered a bequest to United Presbyterian Church?

**Over 60% of U.S. adults have no estate planning documents in place.**

It has been reported that every week about \$100 million is left by people who die without a will.



Your greatest gift is often your legacy gift. People who have been blessed by the United Presbyterian Church have left legacy gifts through their estate. A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. As you create or update your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance, you can specify that a gift goes to United Presbyterian Church.

### What is a religious bequest?

A bequest is a gift of part of your estate made in your Will. Your estate is the total of all your assets and possessions when you pass away. By making a bequest, you will provide support for many ministries provided by the Church. Your gift may be for general Church use or for a specific purpose within the Church.



### Benefits of a charitable bequest

- A bequest gift can lower your taxable estate
- Based on your net worth, you may be able to **reduce the amount of taxes** that your family is obligated to pay. Leave a lasting legacy gift to Focus on the Family, yielding eternal impact

***Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many individuals.***

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/11/67percent-of-americans-have-no-estate-plan-heres-how-to-get-started-on-one.html>



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Hycinth Orinthia Vanderstoop nee  
Alert Harvey

25 MARCH 1929 - 05 OCTOBER 2024

We sadly announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and relative. We will forever cherish your memories.  
Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

*Our brother Osquit Vanderstoop's mother, Mrs. Hycinth Orinthia Vanderstoop transitioned on October 5th, 2024.*

*Osquit, your Mother will be remembered for the wonderful memories she created. Our heartfelt message of sympathy is with you.*



*Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

### ***When you have doubts, pray!***

***Now if any of you lacks wisdom. He should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea. Driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:5-6***

If you've never had any doubts about your faith, then you can stop reading this page now. But if you have ever been plagued by doubts about your faith or your creator, keep reading.



Even some of the most faithful Christians are, at times, beset by occasional bouts of discouragement and doubt. But even when we feel far removed from God, God is never far removed from us. He is always with us, always willing to calm the storms of life-Always willing to replace our doubts with comfort and assurance.

Whenever you're plagued by doubts, that's precisely the moment you should seek God's presence by genuinely seeking to establish a deeper, more meaningful relationship with His Son.

Then you may rest assured that in time God will calm your fears, answer your prayers, and restore your confidence.

Prayers to Start your Day by Criswell Freeman

*"This is what the Lord,  
the God of your father  
David, says: 'I have heard  
your prayer and seen your  
tears; I will heal you.'"*



- 2 Kings 20:5

**NOTE:**

Remember our  
brothers and  
sisters listed  
below. Call or  
visit if you are  
able to.

Emory Dawson  
Helen Foerster  
Amy Grier  
Laura Hady  
O'Harold Hoots  
Frank Klikus  
Liz Mangan  
Winnie Neal  
Errol Neil

Bobett Neil  
Sheila Neil  
Yvonne Neil  
Marianna Perry  
Pat Perry  
Brenda Rodgers  
Gail Stokes  
Izaiyah Stokes

Send your Prayer requests to the Church Office  
You will be placed on our prayer list



**November**

- 1 Nneoma Awobue
- 6 Sheila Neil
- 10 Liz Mangan
- 11 Hilda Abu Nuobe
- 13 James Plummer
- 15 Dorothy Farmer

**December**

- 10 Macy Robinson
- 13 Javin Scott
- 16 Yetunde Falowo
- 18 Avril Lecky
- 24 Pat Perry
- 26 Crystal Awobue  
Jessica Bofah
- 27 Gabrielle Greene
- 28 Virginia (Ginni) Hansen
- 29 Jennifer Youngsam

**Flower Ministry**

With your donation of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund, the Deacons will provide a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. After worship, the arrangement will also brighten the day of a member or friend of UPC who is unable to join us for worship.

Flowers may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Honoree names will be listed in the church bulletin.

*You may complete the form below or add your information to the flower chart in the Narthex.*

*Blessings,  
Zorina Bowers*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

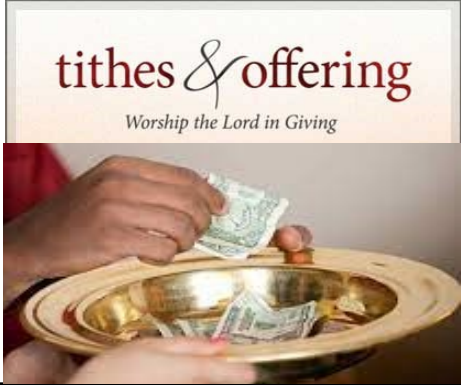
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generous support of  
*Board of Deacons*



**THIS IS STEWARDSHIP!**  
*Our gift, no matter how small, goes a very long way to support the church and the community.*

- To bless the Church with your tithes and offering you may:
1. Drop it off at the church office
  2. Mail your check (not cash) to the church
  3. Log in to <https://bit.ly/3oyj1J6> or
  4. Go to the UPC website homepage and click on the "Give Now" button
- ~ Thank you ~

### 2024 UPC's Liturgists

A liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. They may lead congregational participation such as the Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer. Their role is outlined by the Pastor.

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| January   | George Hansen      |
| February  | Bola Falowo        |
| March     | Al Tate            |
| April     | Jean Scott         |
| May       | Pat Dawson         |
| June      | Avril Lecky        |
| July      | Daniel Bofah       |
| August    | JoAnn Edwards      |
| September | Marcia Marsh Hinds |
| October   | Sue Terry          |
| November  | Liz Mangan         |
| December  | Yetunde Falowo     |

## United Presbyterian Church BUILDING FUND

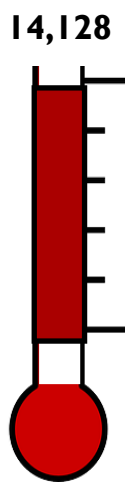
As of 11/1/2024 the total collected is \$14,128.82



The UPC administration committee wants to be certain all UPC members and friends are aware of the establishment of the Building Fund at UPC to which contributions can be made to help defray the cost of the maintenance of the facility which ensures the health and safety of the occupants of our facility.

This building fund originated in 2021. Our facility was built in 1952 and, despite our faithful maintenance efforts, the facility is showing the signs of 71 years of wear and tear. The performance of our investment accounts, collection of rental fees and the faithful and generous giving our members and friends have provided the funds for our maintenance.

Our maintenance costs, however, are mounting to a point where we need to continue our appeal to the generosity of our church community and friends. Whether a UPC member or a friend of United, we ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Building Fund, where 100% of your contribution will be dedicated to defraying the cost of accomplishing United's goal of ensuring a healthy and safe facility.



Contributions to the Building Fund are welcome anytime and may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Sending a check, made out to the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, to Treasurer, 525 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 with "Building Fund" written in the memo section of the check.

OR

2. Contributions can be made through the "Give Now" button located at the UPC website at [www.upcplainfield.org](http://www.upcplainfield.org) Enter your contribution to the "General Fund Regular Offering". In the notes section indicate "Building Fund".

Administration Committee

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Parents, please read this to your younger child(ren)

### Let the Children Come

**Theme:** It isn't the size of the gift that matters.

**Object:** A small coin purse with \$.57 in it.

**Scripture:** Mark 12:38-44

*Each Sunday in our worship service we take an offering. Raise your hand if you think Jesus likes it when we put a lot of money in the offering plate. (Pause, and then announce the number of votes.) Raise both hands if you think Jesus likes it when you put a little bit of money in the offering plate. (Pause, and then announce the number of votes.)*

*The Bible says, one day Jesus went to the temple and sat down near the place where the offerings were given. He sat and watched the people as they came by and put in their offerings. Many rich people, dressed in fine robes, came by and put in a lot of money. Then a poor widow came by and put in just two small coins.*

*Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "This woman has given more than anyone. The others gave out of their wealth, but this woman gave all that she had."*

*You see, Jesus is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than He is in the size of their gift.*

*I have a small coin purse. (Pour out the contents, have a child count it, and have the child tell how much there is.) That isn't very much money is it? But it can remind us of a little girl named Hattie and how her gift of 57 cents helped to build a great church.*

*One Sunday morning, the pastor of a church went outside to find a group of children who were unable to get inside for Sunday school because the building was too crowded. One of those children was six-year-old Hattie. When the pastor saw Hattie, he picked her up and carried her into the Sunday school class where he found her a seat. He told Hattie he hoped that some day the church would be able to build a building large enough for all the children.*

*Two years later, Hattie died, and the pastor preached at her funeral service. After the service, Hattie's mother handed the pastor a small purse containing 57 cents. She said Hattie had been saving her pennies to help the church build a new Sunday school building. The pastor took the 57 cents back to his church and told the people about Hattie. The people were so inspired by Hattie's gift that they gave faithfully until they built a wonderful, new building – big enough for all the children who wanted to attend.*

*I'm sure Jesus would say that Hattie gave more than anyone to build this great church. Her heart was pure and she gave all that she had.*



Dear Father,

Everything we have is a gift from You.  
Help us to remember to give back to You  
with a cheerful heart. In Jesus' name, amen.

# The Widow's Mite

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. You can check your answers in Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)



\_\_\_\_\_ sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their \_\_\_\_\_ into the temple treasury. Many \_\_\_\_\_ people threw in \_\_\_\_\_ amounts. But a poor \_\_\_\_\_ came and put in two very small copper \_\_\_\_\_, worth only a fraction of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the \_\_\_\_\_ than all the others. They all gave out of their \_\_\_\_\_; but she, out of her \_\_\_\_\_, put in everything -- all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

treasury  
money

rich  
coins

widow  
poverty

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wealth

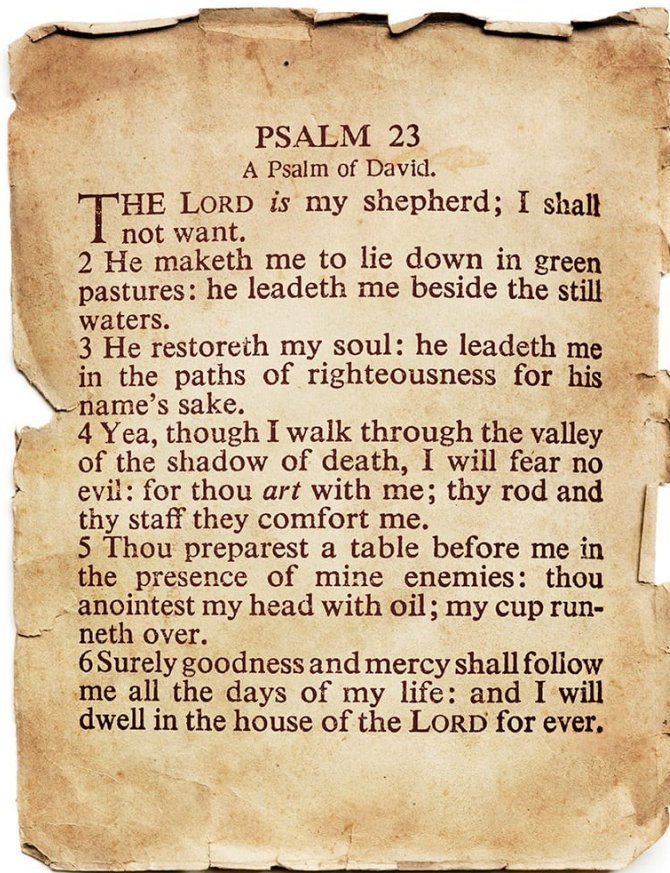
penny  
Jesus

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Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."

Mark 12:43



**Important:**

**Deadline is the 20th of each month** for the Newsletter. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)

**Have information that you would like to share? A poem? A prayer request? A new child/grandchild? Send it to [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)**

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-12pm

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## November 2024

| SUNDAY                                                                                                           | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                                           | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SATURDAY                           |
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|                                                                                                                  |  <p>May your<br/><i>Thanksgiving</i><br/>be full of peace, love, and joy.</p> |                                                   |                                                  |                                                           | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2                                  |
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| 11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>Dedication Sunday<br>7:30pm Book Club                          | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                                                                                     | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                        | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                       | 6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br><b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |

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| 8<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>YOUTH SUNDAY<br>7:30pm Book Club       | 9<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion  | 10<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                       | 11<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>7:30pm Contemporary Worship | 13<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion                                                                                     | 14<br>TBD - Administration Mtg  |
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| 29<br>11am Worship Service<br>In-person / Livestream<br>7:30pm Book Club                      | 30<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion | 31<br>6:00-6:15am Daily Devotion<br>NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE | Computer Logon Info —<br>Sunday Worship: <a href="https://bit.ly/3jyy1pg">https://bit.ly/3jyy1pg</a><br>Daily Devotion:<br><a href="https://bit.ly/40BeoBK">https://bit.ly/40BeoBK</a><br>Contemporary Service:<br><a href="https://bit.ly/3J7whly">https://bit.ly/3J7whly</a> |                                                                 |  <p>PeaceSVG Digital Design</p> |                                 |

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