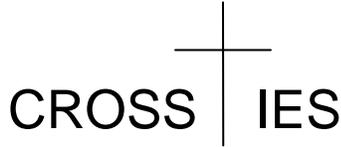


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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

W	2	Circle Meeting	10:00 am
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	5	Soccer	9:30 am
		Renaissance Grocery Store Grand Opening	10:00 am
		Family Fun Day @ Grocery Store	1:00 pm
Sun	6	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	2:00 am
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
Tu	8	ELECTION DAY	6:30 am – 7:30 pm
W	9	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
		Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat	12	Salem Presbytery Meeting	
		Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	13	COMMITMENT SUNDAY	
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		Covered-Dish Lunch	12:00 noon
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
Wed	16	<u>Crossties Deadline—Dec. AND Jan.</u>	
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sun	20	Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
Th	24	THANKSGIVING DAY	
		Church Office Closed	
F	25	Church Office Closed	
Sun	27	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		SHARING SUNDAY	
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm

GIVING THANKS

Jesus tells the story of the lepers who were healed and only one returned to give thanks. Every one of us has something to give thanks for. There are so many opportunities to give thanks. In the Church Calendar, November the first is called "All Saints Day". It celebrates the lives of so many others who have gone before us. It's a time to stop and remember the sacrifices, guidance and example of their lives – lives that made a difference to us.

November 11 is the day we remember our War Veterans. Those who served that we might have freedom. We give a special thanks to them and their sacrifices.

Thanksgiving – Here in America, we pause to give thanks for all the many blessings of our lives.

A good thought for the day might be: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." – Oprah Winfrey

~ Gray Clark

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Almighty Creator, we give thanks for life, for breath, for the skies above our heads and the earth beneath our feet. As we take our daily meal we pause to think, it takes more than food to fill our souls. Thanks for your Spirit that moves us, inspires us, challenges us. Thanks for the love that surrounds us and accepts us even when we are imperfect.

More importantly, help us to remember that it's not just about us, because the most important part of giving thanks is giving back to others and sharing in our blessings.

We offer a most special thanks for those who touch our lives. Those who inspire; children who smile, laugh and ask challenging questions; for the hard work of those who care; for the wisdom of the elderly; for those who reside only in our memory; for hands to hold; voices that praise; hugs that last; and for Your world of wonder that never ceases to amaze and color our lives! Amen.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Tuesday, November 8, polls are open from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm. Early voting is available until 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 5. Don't miss your chance!

BIBLE STUDY

A study of the Gospel of John continues with all who are interested meeting each Wednesday at 12:00 noon. You are encouraged to participate in as many of the classes as you can and to invite others to come.

RENAISSANCE CO-OP GROCERY STORE OPENING

The long-awaited grocery store for our area plans to have their grand opening on Saturday, November 5. This store is the answer to the fact that in our neighborhood, we are considered a "food desert", basically meaning that there is no easy access to healthy and reasonably priced food. This has been in the works for years and with the support of our church, local officials, and a lot of very hard work from the volunteers, it is finally becoming a reality. The address is 2517 Phillips Avenue.

The official Grand Opening is Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 am. The festivities continue with a Family Fun Day at 1:00-3:00 pm.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This month we celebrate the one year anniversary of John Huskey as our music director! We give thanks for his talents and leadership.

FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time ends November 6. Remember to move your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5.

PCC CHRISTMAS FUND

Throughout the month of November, we will receive donations to the PCC Christmas Fund which makes it possible to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias, purchase gifts for shut-ins, treat bags for children, and other seasonal expenses which may arise. Mark your check or envelope for PCC Christmas Fund. If you wish, you may also designate your donation as an honorarium or memorial, in which case you need to include a note letting us know who you wish to honor or memorialize. Donations need to be received no later than December 4 and will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18.

SOCCER

Soccer for youth age 5-14 will continue through November 12 on the PCC Soccer Field at 9:30-11:30 am. Volunteers to prepare and serve lunch are needed and welcome to come help!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

You are needed! Your presence, your active participation in services and activities, your prayers, your monetary support, etc. are all needed by God's Church and in particular by THIS church, the Presbyterian Church of the Cross. We need YOU to be here and be involved in the work we are doing and to help spread the word about this church and the difference it is making in this community!

So, on Sunday, November 13, please come and show your commitment to serving God through your support of this church. Take this opportunity to declare to our Lord that you are committed to serving him, especially at PCC.

Following the 11:00 am worship service, we hope you will join us for a pot-luck lunch in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish or two to share. Come enjoy the delicious food, meet and reconnect with other PCC supporters. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to join in.

VOICES OF ANGELS

Children age 5 – 15 are encouraged to participate in our youth/children's choir, Voices of Angels. Under the direction of our music director, John Huskey, they practice each Sunday in the sanctuary at 10:00-10:30 am in preparation for participating in our Christmas music service, Festival of Lessons and Carols, in the Children's Jubilee in April, and also in other Sunday services. Please, please come sing! We need more voices!

MUSICAL GUESTS

It is hoped that we will have students of our B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts participate in our worship services occasionally during the next few months. Dates have not been confirmed but you will enjoy them! Don't miss our worship services and you won't miss this special treat!

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

The Caring Committee has selected 2 families for the Christmas Cheer and maybe one senior citizen. Sizes and needs will be available by November 20.

It was also suggested that we help families living in the homeless shelter located on Wendover Avenue. The committee is trying to get more information about this, but would most likely include a stocking, toy, or clothing. If this program is included, the information should also be available November 20.

Please return the gifts by December 18 in a store or gift bag.

PCC PEOPLE

We are happy to report that **Jim (Bo) Miller** is out of the hospital and recuperating at home!

You are also asked to keep **Elaine Buie** in your thoughts and prayers.