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November 2026

There are 195 nations currently on the face of this earth, and each of them has its own customs, traditions, and celebrations. Remarkably a tradition common to 10 to 13 nations is harvest festivals or labor-gratitude traditions. In certain instances local entities also mark harvest or gratitude days, and one of those is the city of Leiden in The Netherlands, which is the city which hosts the university from which I was graduated. Leiden is also significant for hosting a group of Englishmen in the early 1600s who notably were seeking religious freedom, a group we know these days as the Pilgrims. Actually the Pilgrims appreciated their Dutch hosts, though in time they came to believe that they were losing their English identity. Hence they elected to leave the Netherlands. They would travel down the Schie "river/canal" to Schiedam/Rotterdam, where they boarded a ship named the *Speedwell* for Plymouth, England. Then, after a subsequent change of ships to the *Mayflower*, they sailed onto the New World. Nearly a year later, after a difficult New England winter in which nearly half of the original Pilgrims died followed by a successful growing season, the Pilgrims rejoiced and gave thanks along with their new native American friends for three days. It was a remarkable and noteworthy event. And although it wasn't the first day of Thanksgiving to be marked on this earth, still the notion of a day of Thanksgiving caught on at that point in North America, and we continue to mark Thanksgiving to this day.

Curiously even before the Pilgrims departed from Schiedam they gathered for worship and prayer at a church along a Dutch canal, a church which is known these days as the Pilgrim Fathers Church, even though the Pilgrim fathers and mothers had not actually regularly worshiped there during their time in the Netherlands. It was where during my five years in the Netherlands that I joined other expatriates

from the USA each year on Thanksgiving Day for worship and commemoration of what had transpired there. But again, notably the Pilgrims gathered for thanksgiving long before they had set foot in North America. Despite the many and ongoing trials and tribulations of these devout men and women which they had already and would continue to face, they paused to offer and return thanks to God. That is both remarkable and exemplary! Thanksgiving is not just an activity in which we should engage after we have enjoyed blessing, rather it was a regular practice of these Pilgrims to be practiced each and every day—even before they had experienced numerous blessings. To some in our culture that may seem strange, even weird and backwards. Why would you give thanks for something before it had happened? The answer is significant. We give thanks because expressing gratitude promotes a positive sentiment which uplifts our souls and spirits. Ingratitude and expressions thereof tend to drag us down and make us feel negative and worse about ourselves. Thanksgiving promotes an attitude of gratitude, a positive attitude. And that, again, is healthy and wholesome! It is a practice which we should practice on the 4th Thursday of each November, though it is also a practice which should characterize us each and every day. And when we do, then we will not only feel better, we will also provide uplift and inspiration for others.

November Sundays

November 1- Communion, Deacons after worship

November 8- Stewardship Sunday

November 15- Pledge Sunday, Coffee Hour

November 22- Christ the King Sunday,
Hymn Requests
Decorate for Advent after worship

November 29- Worship

CROP Walk

Thank you to all who walked, sponsored and/or prayed around the CROP Walk again this year. You can still donate online. And, of course, continue to pray for those with hunger related needs.



The Chosen

The last episode of "The Chosen" will be shown on Tuesday, November 3 at 1:00 pm in the boardroom.

Thrift Store

Fall is a great time to shop at the Logan Thrift Store. This month's sale dates are November 7th and 21st from 9:00 am until noon. We have all your clothing needs for the cooler weather covered: sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pants, jackets, coats, boots, and more. Thanksgiving items are available to add to your celebrations. In addition, the popular Christmas room, located in the nursery room, will be open for those who want to get a jump on Christmas shopping. Come to see what is new – we are thankful for your support and our generous donors who provide us with terrific items for each sale. Please see Meg Murray if you have any questions.

Leaders

Deacons- Meet after worship on November 1

Session- Meets Wednesday evening
November 11th at 7:00 pm in the boardroom

Zoom Links and Meeting IDs

Worship: Each Sunday Morning 11:00

Livestream on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G_il-p0wIw

Flowers for the Chancel

Check your calendars and call Lesley in the office (856-547-5571) with the date and dedication you desire. Feel free to leave a message on the phone machine after hours. Cost is \$20 for each flower arrangement this year.



New Pastor Update

We are pleased to announce that Presbytery has assigned Rev. Gregory Faulkner to assist us in the process of finding a permanent pastor. Rev. Faulkner attended the recent Session meeting and explained the process. It will be a major undertaking. The following briefly explains what this entails.

- Session will work with a consulting group to create a mission study. Study will involve surveying our congregants on wants and needs for the church and a pastor.
- Mission Study presented to Session for review and approval and then to Presbytery Committee on Ministry for review and approval.
- Presbytery Committee on Ministry gives permission for congregation to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (Thanks to all who have signed up.)
- Rev. Faulkner will assist PNC in creating job announcement utilizing findings from Mission Study.
- PNC job announcement posted & interviewing, hiring process begins.

Advent Decorating

Stay to decorate the church for Advent after worship on Sunday November 22nd. It will put you in the holiday spirit

Choir

Join the choir. It will bless your Christmas and be a blessing for those who come to worship. We normally rehearse Wednesday evenings and Sundays before worship but sometimes in Advent we have some afternoon rehearsals. See Bill Braun if you are interested.

Worship and Music

October came to us with a pleasant change in weather and the beginning of plans for Thanksgiving and Advent and possibly some new Bible Study groups. Let us continue to pray for the formation of a pastor search committee and commitment to the surveys we will complete in order to consider what path Logan will be on.

We had about 40 worshippers celebrate communion the first of the month. Jonathon Miller preached for us on 10/18/26 in his usual kind and uplifting way-reminding us to treat one another as children of God. A coffee hour followed.

Bill Braun and our choir continue to grace us with their melodious voices and welcome us to join in on the anthem occasionally.

Betsy O'Hara

Mission Moments by Lori Corker

When November appears on the calendar, most of us have thoughts of one of the biggest holidays here in the U.S., which, of course, is Thanksgiving. Traditions are a big part of this holiday with one of the primary focuses being the food that will be served when the day arrives. God has always provided our daily bread and our congregation has been truly blessed to experience the love of Christ through this basic need. But, food insecurity is still also a primary daily need for our homeless within our local communities.

Therefore, the mission focus this month will be making sandwiches (peanut butter and jelly as well as ham and cheese) to aid Joseph's House in Camden with their mission to offer solutions for people experiencing homelessness to gain stability and control of their lives (<https://www.jhoc.org/>). A date will be announced soon for assembling and wrapping the sandwiches so please consider volunteering! Many hands make light work.

PS...this is just a strange coincidence that there is actually a "national" day devoted to the sandwich! It's November 3 in case you were wondering.

There will be mission boxes for donations of peanut butter and jelly.

If you wish to contribute sandwich bread, ham or cheese, please see me or ask Lesley Echols in the office how to make arrangements.

MISSION UPDATES

October—CROP Hunger Walk: Organized by Church World Service (CWS), the walk was postponed by a week due to a rainstorm. Our faithful walkers were much happier when they could walk in bright sunshine (see pictures)! Gratefulness is extended to Ruth Gamble for providing individual treat bags to the walkers. A total amount collected will be provided soon. Thank you to **ALL** who participated, donated, and most importantly prayed to help CWS end hunger one step at a time.



Food Shelf: Your donations always make a difference when it comes to providing

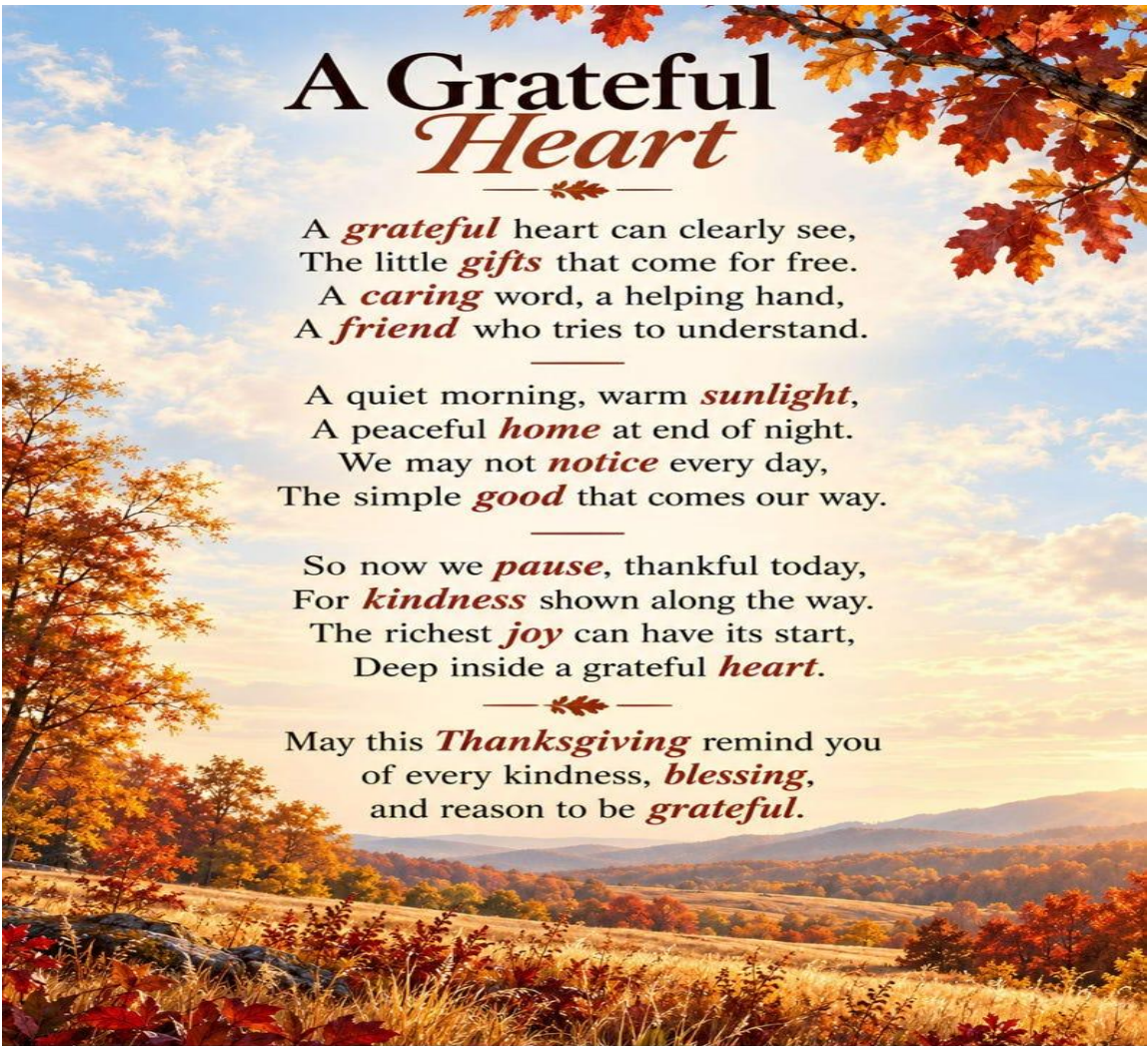
nonperishable food items. We collected nearly 40 assorted items that will help senior citizens in our area receive two prepared bags of food per month. THANK YOU!!.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Mary Ellen Small
- 4 Katelyn Griffith
- 5 Hannah DeFrates
- 7 Charles (Kim) and Betsy O'Hara ❤️
- 9 Joan DeFrates
Suellen Hancock
- 16 Samuel Bunnell
- 22 Bill Braun
Michelle Giambri
- 23 Gary Knoettner
- 24 Chris and Dianne Geissler ❤️
- 25 Allison Szkotak
Peter and MaryEllen Small ❤️
- 29 Carol Nygren





A Grateful *Heart*

A *grateful* heart can clearly see,
The little *gifts* that come for free.

A *caring* word, a helping hand,
A *friend* who tries to understand.

A quiet morning, warm *sunlight*,
A peaceful *home* at end of night.
We may not *notice* every day,
The simple *good* that comes our way.

So now we *pause*, thankful today,
For *kindness* shown along the way.
The richest *joy* can have its start,
Deep inside a grateful *heart*.

May this *Thanksgiving* remind you
of every kindness, *blessing*,
and reason to be *grateful*.



NOVEMBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Communion Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00 Deacons Mtg.	2	3 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 – noon “The Chosen” 1:00 pm	4 Choir 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Thrift Store 9:00 - noon
8 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	9	10 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 – noon	11 Choir 6:30 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m. 	12	13	14
15 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00 <i>Pledge Sunday</i>	16 Deadline for December Newsletter Articles	17 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 - noon	18 Choir 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Thrift Store 9:00 - noon
22 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour <i>Decorate Church for Advent</i>	23	24 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 - noon	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	27	28
29 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00	30					

