



# PRESBY PRESS

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Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

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## REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

The past two months have been busy. We have reached out to our neighbors both near and far in many ways!

We provided about 200 boxed meals for The Refuge's food pantry and also gave them \$5,000 from the Thelma Beem Fund to finish building a playground for the children in their after school tutoring program.

We collected underwear, socks and diapers for the Afghan refugees at Camp Atterbury. We also provided them with 15 umbrella strollers from our portion of the Global Peace and Witness Offering. We set a new record for income for the offering this year (\$1,415). This offering funds peacemaking efforts around the globe and also supports PC(USA) mission partners. Twenty-five percent remains in Greenwood for our use.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi by sponsoring a Blessing of the Animals and a Dog Show in the parking lot. Despite the rain, a good time was had by all. Several folks from the neighborhood joined us. We had an estimated 60 people, twenty dogs, two rabbits, and a pony.

In addition, the Little Free Puzzle Library continues to grow as more and more people discover it. We have a new sign in front of the building which we put out as often as Greenwood's restrictive sign policy allows. More activities are planned in the near future. Watch for announcements soon!!

## **SESSION MINI-MINUTES**

*Submitted by Judy Lovejoy*

We had a good October Session meeting starting with a financial report that showed we are at 84% of our expected income for the year at only 75% of the year finished. We're on track for a good finish for the year. The Stewardship Campaign is underway and pledges are coming in. Time and Talent Surveys are also due. Both are due by November 14. As Peter said as part of his report, "Despite all the deaths (we've had eleven members die since January 2020) and illness we are active in ministry and making ourselves available to the community."

Upcoming events include the Fall Meeting of the Congregation on November 21. This is the meeting when we elect officers for the coming year. If you are contacted by the Nominating Committee please prayerfully consider agreeing to serve. Officer training will be December 4.

Presbyterian Women are not doing a Thank Dinner again this year because of Covid restrictions but they were given permission to collect the Thank Offering the week of November 14 to 21. More information about the offering should be elsewhere in this issue of Presby Press. The Deacons reported they are looking for ways to restart home communion for our shut-ins. Coffee Fellowship has been pushed back again. They are now planning to start on December 5. Building & Grounds is still trying to get the roof fixed. All the heavy rain during October has prevented starting the work. Attendance on Sunday mornings is slowly increasing. We look forward to seeing YOU next Sunday.

## **NEWS FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE**

*Submitted by Jan Mernone*

November 28 will be the hanging of the greens during our morning service.

Gary Vandergriff will be leading an Advent Bible Study at the church for 4 (four) Wednesdays starting December 1.

Nurture is planning to start Coffee Fellowship on Sunday December 5. The Nurture Committee will be the host on the 5th and we will be looking for volunteers for the rest of the month. This is all providing that COVID cases remain low in our county.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS**

*Submitted by Bev Fiandt*

Because of Covid, Presbyterian Women regretfully announce they will not be serving the delicious Thank Dinner this year. As you know, an offering was taken at the dinner to support national and international ministries, forty-percent of which must be related to health ministries. Some of the grants included in 2021 were for child care and nutrition in North Carolina, a professional kitchen renovation in Georgia and educational development for teachers in Guatemala.

We would like to support the Thank Offering grants as before, and Session has agreed to a Special Offering on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a second offering plate in the narthex for your contributions. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Presbyterian Women. Thank you!

## **ADVANCED PLANNING**

### **Have you remembered the church in your will?**

*Submitted by Judy Lovejoy*

The money we have used to start a scholarship program for the youth of our church and the money to help build a playground for The Refuge came from a bequest from Thelma Beem. It got me thinking about other things the church has been able to do because someone remembered the church in their will.

Shortly before Frank and I joined the church, Chattie Tucker died and left the church \$25,000. It allowed the church to replace the roof on the 1898 portion of the building which we were told had been leaking for some time. Then in 1988 someone else left another \$25,000 which pushed us to finally add the elevator and make the building handicapped accessible—something we didn't think we could afford. It wasn't quite enough so we started a fund drive and eventually raised enough to completely remodel the building. About \$250,000 if memory serves. Then there was the money that Vernon and Carol Dove left that was used to create an endowment for the building. We no longer have to scrounge for money to make urgent repairs. Helen Barnes left money in her will that helped with the restoration of the bell tower and now provides money each year to increase our budget for emergency assistance.

There have been others, but you get the idea. Leaving a small portion of your estate to the church can enable the church to great things for many years after you are no longer able to make an annual pledge. So, have you remembered the church in your will?

## *Recipe of the Month*



### **COUNTRY BEAN SOUP**

*Submitted by Fran Mitchell*

Use contents of bag (2.5 cups). Wash beans. Place in a large kettle and cover with water. Add 2 tablespoons salt. Let soak overnight.

In the morning, drain and add 2 quarts of water and 2 or more cups of diced ham OR a smoked sausage ring chopped into small pieces. (*Note, smoked sausage enhances the flavor more robustly. Chop the sausage with a sharp knife or place in a food processor and blend.*) Cover and bring to a boil, turn heat down and simmer 2.5 to 3 hours.

Then add:

1 large onion, chopped	1 28oz can tomatoes, cut up
1 tsp. Chili powder	1 clove garlic, minced
Salt and pepper	

Simmer another hour or more, stirring now and then. This rich, thick, special blend of bean soup is delicious the day it is prepared and even better the next!! We are sure it will become one of your all-time favorites.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Baker  
Liaison for BSA Troop #266*



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are  
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm  
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

- ❖ November Meetings are 11/4, 11/11, and 11/18.
- ❖ *NO TROOP OR CUB SCOUT MEETINGS ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, THANKSGIVING DAY*
- ❖ 11/4 (Thursday) - Full Court of Honor at 7:00 PM
- ❖ 11/5 (Friday) – 11/7 (Sunday) Campout @ Adventure Point at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Leave Church Friday at 5:30 pm Return Sunday around 10:00 AM - Noon
- ❖ 11/13 (Saturday) Jackson Golden Eagle Scout Project Work Day at GPC 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- ❖ 11/21 (Sunday) Adult Committee Meeting at GPC in Room #21. Time is 7:00 -8:00 pm.
- ❖ MONDAY NOVEMBER 22 THRU SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH GREENWOOD SCHOOLS THANKSGIVING BREAK

The following times for Nightmare on Edgewood – Boy Scouts assisting with parking at the event

- ❖ 11/5 (Friday) Leave Church at 6:00 pm
- ❖ 11/6 (Saturday) Leave Church at 6:00 pm

CUB SCOUTS– No up-dated news on the Cub Pack. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm except the 4th Thursday go till 8:30 pm. *NO CUB SCOUT MEETING ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, THANKSGIVING DAY*

- ❖ 11/18 (Thursday) Patrols Leaders Meeting at GPC in Fellowship Hall. Time 6:00 - 7:00 pm

BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS – See Leaders for information. Meetings are every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.



## POETRY

*Submitted by Fran Mitchell*

*(Due to the scanner not working, Lauren has re-typed Fran's beautiful words!)*

### SEASONS

I love summer,  
I love fall-  
As a matter of fact,  
I love them all!  
I love the changing seasons,  
With their beauties to behold;  
I even love new fallen snow-  
though, outside, it may be cold!  
We are so very blest,  
God is so very good-  
We need to treasure these  
and protect them like we should.  
Fight global warming, do all you can-  
'cause any change can only come from man.  
So, be aware, stop and think-  
this wonderful world, as we know it,  
is really on the brink.  
Conserve, recycle,  
use simple sources where you can-  
Wind, sun, these all are free to man.  
Be informed, get involved,  
do the very best you can.  
Hopefully,  
Fran M.

### JUST FOR FUN

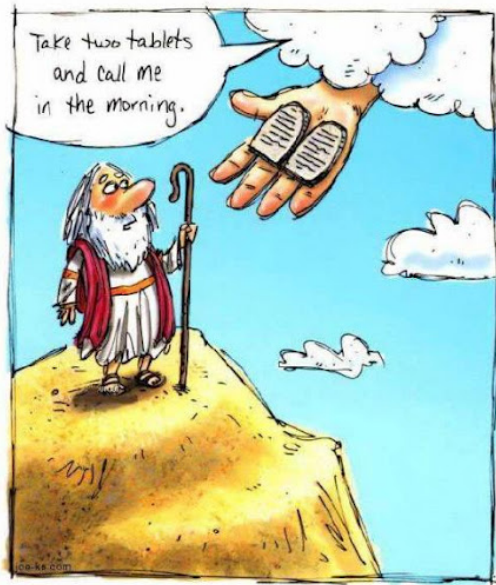
*Submitted by Fran Mitchell and Anna Towner*

#### Lost in Translation

A time traveler goes to ancient Rome and realizes he wore historically incorrect clothes for the trip, so he visits a toga shop to buy new clothes. He looks around the shop and doesn't see any togas big enough to fit him, so he walks up to the counter and asks the clerk, "Do you have XL togas?" to which the clerk responds, "Well, yes. But why do you need so many?"

#### Kids are FUNNY!

One Sunday, I was in church with my twin 5-year-olds, Shelby and Ally. Shelby was giggly and was told to keep quiet by her sister. "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Shelby challenged. That's when Ally pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers!"



**BIRTHDAYS**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**NOVEMBER**

- 5 Vera Hakes
- 7 Allan Fish
- 12 Lynn Jewell
- 14 Diane Hanson
- 16 Rosemary Miner
- 17 Mary Ellen Goe
- 25 John Zeigler
- 28 Beck Nelson

**DECEMBER**

- 3 Kay Talley
- 7 Olivia Wages
- 8 Ralph Dunlevy
- Alyssa Jewell
- 10 Eleanor Mitchell
- 11 Rev. Peter Zinn
- 16 Janett Lowes
- Mike Wood
- 20 Steve Baker
- 24 Betty Kinnear

