



- *The Gleaner* is now available online on our website at [www.piedmontpresby.org](http://www.piedmontpresby.org). If you would prefer to read yours online, please let Debbie Scheermesser know and she will remove you from receiving a paper copy.
- The Tri-Town's CROP Walk was held at Creekside Park on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Shawn, Laurie and Evie Groves participated. Thank you to the Groves family for representing our church. A portion of the total raised during the CROP Walk is returned locally here to our food pantry for helping individuals in our own community.
- The next scheduled Session meeting will be Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> following worship in the fellowship hall.
- There will be a Congregational meeting held on Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee for 2016 Class of Elders & presentation of the 2016 budget.
- PW and church members are getting together on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the church for Christmas. This is a time of fellowship and all help is greatly appreciated.



The Food Pantry is in continual need of non-perishable food items especially now as they prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. Items such as dried beans, rice, jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pastas, peanut butter, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, yams, chicken broth, stuffing, cake mixes, icing, etc. are in need. *The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Collection Sunday. Please remember this special offering as the holidays are fast approaching*



and



**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

This annual event is an evening of entertainment, fellowship and refreshments kicking off the Christmas holiday season. Free will offering benefits Warm the Children & Toys for Joy.

Presbyterian Women are again sponsoring the "Lights of Love" Christmas tree. A light may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one for \$5.00 per light. This is a rewarding way to remember those who have gone before us and also help those in need in our area. The tree will be lit on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, before the Christmas Concert and a candle will be lit during the concert for those honored or remembered. A list of contributors will be available at the Christmas Concert. Please find a sign-up sheet elsewhere in the newsletter. Donations and your sign up sheet should be received by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Come join your friends and family for an evening of Christmas lights and music.

#### Bible Trivia

1. Do you know the city in which Jesus lived as a boy? (Luke 2:39-40)
2. Do you know who is called the "Weeping Prophet"?
3. Do you know the name of the first Christian martyr? (Acts 7:54-60)
4. Do you know where the ravens fed Elijah? (1 Kings 17:5-6)
5. Do you know the names of the two people who were never born?
6. Do you know the names of the two people who never died?
7. Do you know in which book of the Bible the name of God is not found?
8. Do you know who told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again"? (John 3)
9. Do you know who turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back? (Genesis 19:15, 26)

10. Do you know what is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword"? (Hebrews 4:12) *(Find the answers elsewhere in the newsletter)*

One day a very wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country for the sole purpose of showing his son how it was to be poor. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

After their return from the trip, the father asked his son how he liked the trip. "It was great, Dad," the son replied. "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh Yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "It showed me how poor we are."

Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. It is all based on one's perspective. I'm thankful for what I have, not jealous for what I don't. The more I understand about where I am, and understand what it is I want and need for my family and my children, the better I am able to make good decisions as a husband and a parent. When I'm aware of how my decisions affect others, I'm better able to make ones that are not only good for me and my family, but good for my community, my region, my country, and even our planet. Sometimes it takes the perspective of a child to remind us what's important.

--Anonymous



**Calendar of up-coming events for the remainder of this year:**

- Sun., Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time ends—FALL BACK
- Sun., Nov. 1 Annual Congregational meeting
- Mon., Nov. 9 Presbyterian Women meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 12 Prayer, Study & Fellowship Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 22 Christ the King Sunday—Holy Communion
- Mon, Nov. 23 Decorate the church for Christmas 9:00
- Thurs., Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day
- Sun., Nov. 29 Lights of Love & Christmas Concert 5:30 p.m.  
First Sunday of Advent
- Sun., Dec. 6 Session meeting after worship
- Mon., Dec. 7 Presbyterian Women meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 10 Prayer, Study & Fellowship Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 13 Church Christmas dinner following worship
- Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service 7:00 p.m.—Holy Communion served

**Prayer, Study and Fellowship meetings**

Thursdays, November 12  
December 10

5:30 — 8:00 p.m.  
in the fellowship hall

Everyone is welcome

A simple meal, bible study, prayer and lots of discussion about real-life events and concerns facing each of us today and how the Bible helps us deal with these issues. Hope to see you there

*Prayer Requests*

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| Laurie Groves and family<br>Tom's father, Dick Forbes<br>Alison's mother, Isabel Fain<br>Ginny Flick<br>Lawrence Cook<br>Floretta Kelly   | Francy Becker<br>Mary Brandlen<br>Theresa Wolford<br>Nina McCarty<br>Paula Swayne<br>LauraNell Hil  |
| Lauren Cook<br>Gloria Harrell-Cook<br>George Tasker<br>Virginia Metcalf<br>Bryan Hartman<br>Our country and our troops<br>People who are caregivers to family members<br>Orphans of Belize<br>Glynnna & Shawn Harbaugh<br>Ernie and Carol Kelly | Artie Hartman<br>PPC ministry<br>Luke Mertz<br>John Michael Hartman<br>Christopher Hartman<br>Jack & Tess Tasker<br>Missionaries in Belize<br>Jim Wilson<br>Eileen Sowers |

*Thank You*

for your service to your church during the month of November:

Ushers and Greeters

- Nov. 1 Debbie & Mike Hartman
- Nov. 8 Kathy & Mike Boyce
- Nov. 15 Buck Knott & Lawrence Cook
- Nov. 22 Cindy & Ed Scheermesser
- Nov. 29 Aggie & Phil Carnell

Counters

- Nov. 1 Debbie & Mike Hartman
- Nov. 8 Kathy & Mike Boyce
- Nov. 15 Sandra Chilcote & Andi Grady
- Nov. 22 Debbie & Mike Hartman
- Nov. 29 Kathy & Mike Boyce

Liturgists

- Nov. 1 Lori Evans
- Nov. 8 Kermit Becker
- Nov. 15 Francy Becker
- Nov. 22 Jeanne Thrasher
- Nov. 29 Laurie Groves

Communion Servers

- Nov. 22 Cindy Scheermesser  
Francy Becker  
Kathryn Harv...



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| November 2  | Ginny Flick         |
| November 9  | Shawn Groves        |
| November 9  | Marissa Trantum     |
| November 14 | Christopher Hartman |
| November 14 | Autumn Albright     |
| November 16 | Kermit Becker       |
| November 16 | Kim Matthews        |
| November 17 | Tom Forbes          |
| November 23 | Mike Boyce          |
| November 26 | Theresa Shay        |

**The History of 'APRONS'**

I don't think our kids today know what an apron is. The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

And germs wasn't a worry back then, I don't think I ever



caught anything from my Grandma's apron - but Love.  
 --Anonymous  
 Contributed by Sandra Chilcote



The Lord be with you!

In this time of so much hatred, violence, and turmoil around the world, it is easy to be led to fear. What we need is peace, the peace we only experience deep within us. The greater church is renewing a focus on peacemaking to effect positive change in the world. At Piedmont we close our Session meetings with this prayer for peace. Notice the movement. It starts with ourselves and moves outward to family, community, nation, and world.

Enjoy,

*Tom*

Lord our God, we pray your blessing on the peacemakers:

- Where there is illness,  
give kindness to those who bring healing.
- Where there is anguish of soul,  
give tender strength to those who console.
- Where grief is fresh,  
give strength to those who comfort.
- Where there is stress in our homes,  
give confidence to those who bridge differences.
- Where there is tension in our town,  
give voice to those of fair intention.
- Where there is division in our state,  
give words to those who see a greater vision.
- Where there is bickering in our nation's capital,  
give courage to those of character.
- Where civil wars fester and rage,  
give tenacity to those who value another's clan.
- Where tyrants reign,  
give conviction to those who speak truth.
- Where there is conflict among the nations,

give discernment to those who seek accord.  
 Where life and homes are shattered by flood and by earthquake,

give stamina to those who bring relief.

And, O Lord God,

where your church struggles to find itself

give us a vision of the Prince of Peace,

that we might aid in the answer to those other prayers we make.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

James S. Lowry in *Let Us Pray: Reformed Prayers for Christian Worship*, edited by Martha S. Gilliss, (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002), 152.



### November Worship Services & Lectionary Readings—2015 Year B

Sunday, Nov. 1	for All Saint's Day
Isaiah 25: 6—9 Revelation 21: 1—6	Psalms 24: 1—10 John 11: 32—44
Sunday, Nov. 1	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ruth 1: 1—18 Hebrews 9: 11—14	Psalms 146 Mark 12: 28—34
Sunday, Nov. 8	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ruth 3: 1—5; 4 13—17 Hebrews 9: 24—28	Psalms 127 Mark 12: 38—44
Sunday, Nov. 15	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 1: 4—20 Hebrews 10: 11—25	1 Samuel 2: 1—10 Mark 13: 1—8
Sunday, Nov. 22	Christ the King Sunday
2 Samuel 23: 1—7 Revelation 1: 4—8	Psalms 132: 1—18 John 18: 33—37

Begin Year C:

Sunday, Nov. 29      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Jeremiah 33: 14—16      Psalm 25: 1—10  
 1 Thessalonians 3: 9—13      Luke 21: 25—36

Sunday, Dec. 6      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Malachi 3: 1—4      Luke 1: 68—79  
 Philippians 1: 3—11      Luke 3: 1—6



### Youth Sunday School

Our youth use "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" from the Presbyterian Church. Each session is rooted in Bible stories that reveal God's grace. Teachers are Jeanne Thrasher, Cindy Scheermesser and Francy Becker.

### Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class uses the *We Believe* series. Sandra Chilcote is the Adult Teacher.

### Fall Quarter 2015 THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMES ALIVE Unit III: Seeds of New Growth

- November 1      God Releases the Captive (Acts 12: 1—11)
- November 8      God Makes No Distinction (Acts 15: 1—12)
- November 15      From Derbe to Philippi (Acts 16: 1—5, 8—15)
- November 22      Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens (Acts 17: 1—4, 10—12, 22—25, 28)
- November 29      Teaching God's Word (Acts 18: 1—11, 18—21)

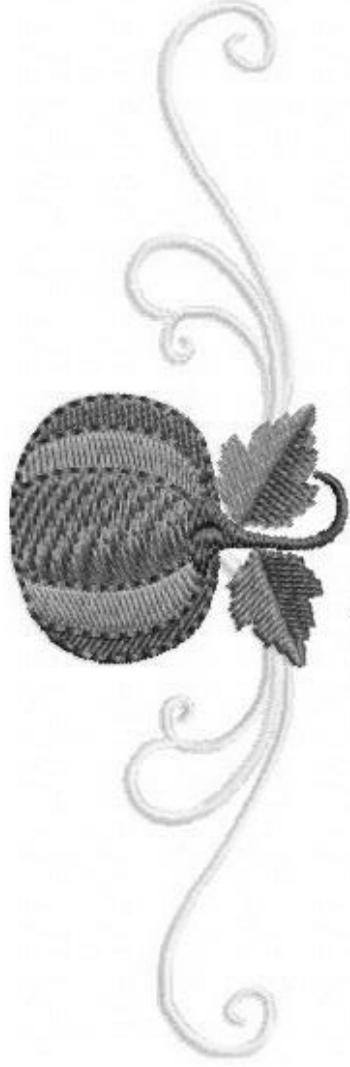
## Advent

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer. November 29<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

## Advent



BE WATCHFUL. BE ALERT.



*Give Thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
Psalm 107:1*

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### **Life and work of your church**

Sunday	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship service
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (Nov. & Dec.)	"Bible Study" 5:30—8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month	Presbyterian Women 10:00 a.m. meet in the fellowship hall	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month	Church Women of the Tri-Towns 12:00 noon meet in the fellowship hall	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month	Food Pantry collection Sunday	

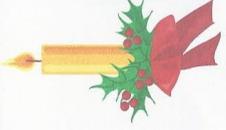
**Bible Trivia answers:** 1. Nazareth 2. Jeremiah 3. Stephen  
4. At the brook Cherith 5. Adam and Eve 6. Enoch  
and Elijah 7. Esther 8. Jesus 9. Lot's wife  
10. The Word of God

May you have  
the joy of Thanksgiving  
which is hope,  
the spirit of Thanksgiving  
which is peace,  
the heart of Thanksgiving,  
which is love.



**Please note—in an effort to save on postage this year, you will not receive another Lights of Love sign-up sheet by separate mailing since you are receiving this in this month's newsletter—this is the only copy that you will receive by mail.**  
*Thank you for your understanding and Thank You for your past and future support of this project.*

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## Lights of Love and Christmas Concert

Dear Friends:

The Presbyterian Women will sponsor the 14th annual "Lights of Love" Christmas tree this year.. A light may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one for \$5.00 per light. This is an inspiring way to remember our loves ones, and also help those in need in our area. The tree will be lit on November 29,2015, the first Sunday of Advent, before the Christmas Concert. Those so named will be honored or remembered by lighting a candle at the beginning of the concert. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. All donations from the Lights of Love and the Christmas Concert will be equally divided between our local "Warm the Children " and "Toys for Joy." A list of contributors will be available at the Christmas Concert. We will also mail a list to all contributors.

Please mark your calendar for November 29 and come join your friends and family for a memorable evening of Christmas lights and music.

To purchase light/lights, please complete the bottom of the sheet, detach sheet, and return to Piedmont Presbyterian Church by November 22. Keep the letter for your information. Any checks should be made payable to Piedmont Presbyterian Church and marked "Lights of Love." You may also use the back of the form for additional information. We hope you will also be able to attend the concert this year.

In Christ  
Piedmont Presbyterian Women

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I/we would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ light/lights in Memory/Honor of (circle one)

Enclosed is the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Lights of Love/Presbyterian Women  
Piedmont Presbyterian Church  
63 Ashfield Street, Piedmont, WV 26750



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