



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

November 10, 2021

From the Pastor...

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Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who has asked about our trip to the Seattle area - Nell and I had a great time, and were especially pleased to find Amanda happy and settled into her new home. Although it was primarily a visiting trip and not a sight-seeing trip, we did get a feel for a place that we had never been before. Neither of us had ever made it all the way to the Pacific Coast before, so it felt like we had come a long way.

Since Amanda is now an outdoor educator, she particularly pointed out the natural world around us, whether in the animal kingdom (banana slugs), the plant kingdom (big leaf maples - the leaves really are BIG), the terrain (heavily wooded ravines and mountains as tall as the Smokies within steps of the coastline) or climate (the famous Pacific Northwest rainy season).

One thing that made a particular impression on me was a sign that we saw many times during the week. In the Gospels, towards the end of his life, Jesus teaches the disciples to pay attention to the signs of the times. Well, I certainly paid attention to this one. Any time you come to the water's edge along the Puget Sound, you can see small signs, like a politician's yard sign, that say "Tsunami Danger Zone - in case of Earthquake, evacuate immediately to higher ground."

Wow! I've never seen one of those in Mecklenburg County! But isn't it wonderful that the people of Washington State have paid enough attention to their world to know what might happen, and to adapt themselves to their surroundings. That really is what Jesus was talking about to the disciples. Don't just live in a bubble, cut off from your world and your neighbors. Open your eyes, see what's happening around you, see what God is doing, and live right here in the moment. That's a warning about dangers, but also an encouragement about opportunities. What can we do in this very place, for work, for recreation, and even for ministry, that people in other places cannot do?

Good thoughts for this new landscape we are moving into post-pandemic. There are still dangers to be wisely navigated, but great possibilities that are open only to us. Let's heed the signs of the times and see what is in store.

Blessings, Elliott

# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## Prayer Requests:

- Paw Creek Reading Program Facilitator, Sarah Taylor and her family need prayers for the loss of her dad, Tony Gray Williams, who passed away on Monday. October 25th.
- Barbara Rumble is showing some improvement after falling and breaking the top vertebrae on both sides, but she still has pain. They appreciate our prayers.
- Carol Chapman continues to seek answers to long-term illness.
- Cierra Chubb, Patrick & Courtney's friend who we have been praying for during the last several months has been moved to rehab.
- Sandy Zinn, Emily Adkins' step-son-in-law, still needs prayers.
- Margaret Steward fell back in October and broke her femur. After spending time in the hospital and rehab, she had to be taken back to the hospital with breathing problems on the 4th. She is now back home.
- Joy Tyler's sister-in-law, Linda Goodwin, will be moving here from Ohio as dementia gets more serious.
- Gene Pegram is now living with his daughter due to blindness and back injuries.
- Dorsie White fell and broke her pelvis on Nov. 5th. She is at Atrium and probably headed to rehab. She is in good spirits.



## **The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers**

We are still taking orders for Prayer Garden Brick Pavers.

These are a great gift idea! Great for Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Babies, Mother's/Father's Day, Anniversaries and Eagle Scouts! A wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and Website.

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday, November 10

\*Newsletter  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin & Newsletter Deadline  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 11

\*Church Office Closed - Veterans Day  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, November 14

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Veterans Sunday

## Tuesday, November 16

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, November 17

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 18

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:45pm Stated Session Meeting

## Saturday, November 20

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, November 21

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Monday, November 22

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, November 23

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, November 24

\*Newsletter  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 25

\*Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!!  
8:00am Thanksgiving Service

## Sunday, November 28

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Monday, November 29

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, November 30

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, December 1

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, December 2

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, December 5

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper

## Monday, December 6

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, December 7

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

## Wednesday, December 8

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, December 9

\*Newsletter  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, December 12

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, December 14

9:00am Cardio Fitness



## Troop 70 BBQ

The Troop will have a BBQ sale on Saturday, **November 13th from Noon-2pm**. Drive Thru & Pick Up. Only selling by the pound (\$9.00) They need to have it pre-ordered no later than Sunday, Nov.7th. Please contact Joy Tyler @ 704-399-8040 if you would like to purchase.



## Thanksgiving Boxes

Charlotte Rescue Mission has sponsored Thanksgiving boxes as one of their outreach programs. Anne Miller coordinated this for our church for the several two years. She asked the congregation to donate food or money for this project. Since Anne is no longer in Charlotte, the Outreach and Fellowship Committees will work jointly to continue this service commitment. Without Anne we are running a bit behind this year, but if you would like to participate, please follow these instructions!

The items that you see highlighted, **bolded**, underlined, or in **red** are important towards helping us manage the large number of boxes we hope to collect.

**Food for the boxes: If you cannot find the exact ounces indicated, get as close as possible.**

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| 1. Green beans                              | 1 - 38oz can                                |
| 2. Whole kernel corn                        | 1 - 29oz can (jumbo can)                    |
| 3. Cut sweet yams                           | 1 - 40oz can                                |
| 4. Cranberry sauce                          | 1 - 14oz can                                |
| 5. Stove Top Stuffing Mix-Chicken or Turkey | 1 - 6oz box                                 |
| 6. Turkey/Brown gravy mix, dry              | 1 package                                   |
| 7. Boil-n-Bag Rice, 4 count                 | 1 - 14oz box                                |
| 8. Dry Pie Crust Mix                        | 1 box - Betty Crocker (11oz) or Jiffy (9oz) |
| 9. Pie Filling, Apple/Cherry, etc.          | 1 - 21oz can                                |
| 10. Aluminum Pie Pan                        | 1- pie pan                                  |
| 11. Round or Square Disposable Baking Pan   | 1 – disposable (aluminum).                  |

You may include extra items if they are non-perishable (i.e., no fresh produce or refrigerated items), and no items with soft lids such as applesauce, pudding, jello, etc. **Also, do not include cash or gift cards.**

### **Important:**

**If possible, please donate money to purchase a 12 – 15 pound frozen turkey. The committees will purchase the turkey on your behalf. Money can be given to Karen Cathey or Sam McCord.**

There is a particular type of packing box Charlotte Rescue Mission requests us to use. This new, very specific box is necessary to help with the logistics of stacking, transporting, and distribution. It also shows dignity and respect to those we serve.

**\*\*\*\*\*The CHURCH will purchase these boxes and have them available for your use. Please use this box ONLY.**

**\*\*\*\*** Once you have your box ready, you can bring it to church on or before November 14<sup>th</sup> or contact Sam McCord (980-322-8512) for pick up.

We look forward to continuing our pledge to the Charlotte Rescue Mission through your participation. Thank You!!!!



## Room in the Inn

Stephanie is still continuing to work on the calendar for Room in the Inn. Paul Bradley has agreed to handle the transportation, but **he needs volunteers!** Please prayerfully consider how you can help our neighbors.

We will send out more information with Covid instructions once we get closer to the date.

Dates for this year are:

December: 3, 17, 31

January: 14, 28

February: 11, 25

March: 11, 25

If anyone has any concerns, you can contact Stephanie Sudderth at [suddetim@outlook.com](mailto:suddetim@outlook.com)

Thank you for your support!



**LOAVES & FISHES**

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

### Loaves & Fishes Priority Needs

- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, etc...
- Pastas - Dry Boxed or Canned
- Rice in 1 pound bags
- Canned Fruit: low sugar or in juice
- Cereal- low sugar
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables

**No Glass Please**



## Veterans Sunday

This year we have made a tag for each living veteran and placed them on our Community Board in the Sanctuary. We are asking people to take one to remember the service that person gave to our country. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and their service. And if you have a chance, speak to them, call, text, or communicate in some way with them to let them know we thank them for their service. Also include in prayer those listed on the printout in the bulletin on **Sunday, Nov. 14** that have passed away and are no longer with us.

## Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program Update

Meet our Reading Program Facilitator Ms. Sarah Taylor.



*Photo: Sarah Taylor Reading Program Facilitator*

We are honored and excited to welcome Ms. Taylor as our Reading Program Facilitator for the Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program. Ms. Taylor has a degree in elementary Education from UNCC and K-12 Reading Specialties from Belmont Abbey College.

Ms. Taylor retired from teaching in 2018, after 25 years in the Gaston County School System. For the majority of those years she was a classroom teacher for grades 2-5. She was a Title I reading teacher for 4 of those years serving students who needed extra support to improve their reading skills. Her strength and passion have always been in the language arts realm and reaching those students who struggled with reading comprehension.

Ms. Taylor is the mother of two twenty something young men. Her oldest is finishing up his masters degree in counseling and the youngest is in his last year of PA school. In her spare time, Ms. Taylor enjoys spending time with her children and extended family, brisk walks with her dog (she is an avid dog person. She had 3 dogs at one time!), and relaxing on the beach.

Ms. Taylor's philosophy of teaching centers around her personal realization that teaching is an art, not a task.

We are targeting Wednesday, December 1st for our first after school program.



## 3rd Annual Christmas at the Garden

**Saturday, December 4, 2021 8:am - 2:pm**

Garden Memorial Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
2324 Sam Wilson Rd., Charlotte, NC 28214

Kim's Diggity Dogs will be here for lunch between 11:00am and 1:00pm - it'll be one of the best hot dogs you'll ever eat. In support of the Weed family (missionaries serving in Honduras) Cultivate Life will once again have a table this year and will be selling donated baked goods. If you'd like to donate a baked good for this worthy cause, please contact Donna Johnston. We will also have a raffle for a beautiful framed quilt picture along with a D. Morgan framed print. All proceeds from the baked goods and raffle will be given to Cultivate Life (Joey & Kellie Wood)

We will comply with all local ordinances at the time of the event in order to keep everyone (participants & guests) safe by wearing masks, having separate entry and exit doors, maintaining safe distances and having plenty of sanitizer stations throughout the building. We currently still have spaces available and are soliciting vendors. If you'd be interested in participating or know someone who might be, please reach out to Donna Johnston for further details at 980-722-5064 / nanaj1958@twc.com

## Online Giving

Paw Creek has now implemented Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at [www.pawcreekpc.org](http://www.pawcreekpc.org) and follow the link on the home page.



Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)



For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Give+ and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Once you have created an account, it will save Paw Creek as your default Church.

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**Seek**..... Matthew 6:33  
**Serve** ..... 1 Samuel 12:24  
**Praise**..... Psalm 111:1  
**Love Christ!**.....1 John 4:12

*Lord, we thank you for...*

**Have a Prayer Request?** To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

**Know someone Who Needs a Visit?** Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

**Next Newsletter**

The next Newsletter will be **November 24th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, November 22nd at noon.

Thank you! *Kem*

**Upcoming Sermon Titles**

**Sunday, November 14**  
*25th Sunday after Pentecost*  
Mark 13: 1-8  
“It’s Only the Beginning”

**Thursday, November 25**  
*Thanksgiving Morning*  
8:00 AM

**Sunday, November 21**  
*26th Sunday after Pentecost -  
Sunday of Christ the King*  
Revelation 1: 4-8  
“The Lord of All Times”

**Sunday, November 28**  
*First Sunday of Advent*  
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36  
“The Unexpected Day”