



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2022

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our Website*

### From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Early November is a solemn and holy time, as we approach again the celebration of All Saints Day (this year on Sunday, November 6).

We are the people of Jesus Christ, and we proclaim boldly the miracle of resurrection. Yet when our lives and the life of our community are torn apart by the death of family and friends, the pain of loss always speaks louder than the proclamation of hope.

Our task in faith is to proclaim hope until its reality becomes strong. At any given time, those who are closest to their loss may find that the words of hope are impossible to speak. That's when the rest of us speak those words for them - not to move them more quickly than they are able, but to keep the flame of hope alive until they are ready.

We do this for one another year in and year out, and each year our task culminates on All Saints Day when we surround the most recently bereaved with the gentle love of the Savior. Following long practice here at Paw Creek we will say aloud the names of those who have been lost, and invite loved ones to light a candle to keep their memory strong. And this year, for the first time post-pandemic, we will also have a time for everyone in worship to come forward and light candles to remember saints from earlier years and more distant places.

All Saints worship will also be graced with a musical Requiem (the Latin word for "rest") composed by our own Andy Cumbow. Andy has forged together music and words with the aim of comforting our sorrow, transporting us from sorrow to faith, and finally into God's presence at his table. This is the journey to which we are invited. The psalmist tells us that "the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit". That's all that we need bring. I hope that you are able to join us.

With God's blessings, Elliott

# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## Prayer Requests:

- Stephanie Alexander has had her 4th chemo treatment. She has had more symptoms this time, but is feeling much better.
- Amelia Krebs lymph nodes look clear but she is still waiting on a date for second thyroid surgery.
- Susan Todd Gustafson suffered a heart attack and had stent put in. She was in critical condition in CCU at Lake Norman Hospital. They have now moved her to C. Mitchell hospice house. (Skip Todd's sister)



## Church Workday

We will have a church workday on **November 5**

8:30am—until

(Rain or Shine)

Please see Sam McCord for more details



## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends **November 6th.**

Be sure to turn your clocks back.

# Church Calendar

## Thursday, October 27

\*Church Office Closed

\*Newsletter

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, October 30

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, November 1

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, November 2

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, November 3

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, November 5

8:30am Church Workday

## Sunday, November 6

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship/ Lord's Supper/10¢ Hunger/All Saints'

## Tuesday, November 8

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, November 9

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, November 10

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, November 13

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship / Veterans' / Pledge Sunday

## Monday, November 14

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

## Tuesday, November 15

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, November 16

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, November 17

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, November 19

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, November 20

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

## Monday, November 21

\*Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, November 22

\*Church Office Closed

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, November 23

\*Church Office Closed

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, November 24

\*Church Office Closed

8:00am Thanksgiving Service

## Sunday, November 27

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, November 29

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, November 30

\*Newsletter

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)



## Fifth Sunday - October 30

Sunday School classes will be combined in the CFC on October 30 for breakfast at 9 am, Prayer gathering at 9:30, and Class at 9:45. Come find out all about "wee little" Zacchaeus and his tall tree! Fun activities for all ages. See you there.



## Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, November 1st**

Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am

Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm

We will meet in the Parlor

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Harrisburg Library will be collecting plastic grocery bags during the month of October to be used in making bedrolls for those experiencing homelessness. It takes 500 bags to make one bedroll. PCPW would like your help by participating in this very worthy cause. Please bring your grocery bags to church during the month of October. We will have a container available for your donations in the narthex. If you are able to flatten your grocery bags, it would be helpful.

Thank you !

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During the months of October & November, PCPW collect donations within our Circle groups for the 'Thank Offering.' This wonderful Initiative gives generously to help fund programs in local communities and around the world. It has helped provide education, disaster relief, safe housing, clean water, justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

Ladies, thank you for your support of this very valuable program. Envelopes will be available in the parlor for your donations during our November Circle meeting.

## Stitches for Missions



The Stitches for Missions group will meet again on **Saturday, November 19th**, at 7:30am in the CFC. (Christmas in Paw Creek)

Hope to See You There!!



## **The Missions Class**

Meets in the East Wing - Church parlor

**Study begins October 23, 2022; 31 weeks**

*The Story* by Randy Frazee

The grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves his children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story reveals the God of grace---the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for his people culminated in his sacrifice of Jesus, his only Son, to atone for the sins of humanity."

## **Christmas in Paw Creek Arts and Crafts Fair**

*Sponsored by Troop 70*



Saturday, **November 19, 2022**, 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC

Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70

**There are still some spaces available for vendors.**

If you are interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481

## **Christmas at the Garden Crafts & Arts Fair**

Saturday, **December 3, 2022**, 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Garden Memorial Evangelical Presbyterian Church—Multipurpose Building

2324 Sam Wilson Rd., Charlotte, NC 28214

Currently seeking vendors. If you are interested, please contact Donna Johnston via text (980-722-5064) or email (nanaj1958@twc.com) Registration deadline is November 5th to reserve a space.

## Special Worship Services in November

Please plan to take part in these meaningful worship experiences during the coming month:

- **All Saints Day, Sunday, November 6** – we especially invite family and friends of those who have died during the past 12 months to join us for this service, with candles, communion and music. More details in the Pastor's letter this month.
- **Veterans' Day, Sunday, November 13** – Our annual recognition of those who have served the cause of Freedom and Peace
- **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24** – Our annual Thanksgiving service in the sanctuary at 8:00, followed by breakfast in the CFC
- **First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27** – Seminarian Jordan Loud will be our preacher

## Stewardship Sunday

**November 13** will be Stewardship Sunday. The Finance Committee will deliver the final Minute for Stewardship during worship, and 2023 Pledge cards will be returned during the offering. A pledge letter with more information will be mailed to church members and friends in early November.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 13** after worship to hear and act upon the report of the 2022 Nominating Committee.



## Seasonal Choir

We will be celebrating with a special Lessons and Carols service for Christmas on December 18th. For this special occasion, you are invited to come sing with us!

Starting on **Thursday, November 3rd**, we will exclusively be preparing our Christmas music from 7:00-7:45 during our choir rehearsals. I will have extra folders prepared that only have the Christmas music in it. Whether you sang in choir when you were in school and miss it, used to sing in the choir but can't handle the long-term commitment, or have never sung in a choir before, but love what we do and wish you could to, please consider joining us for only 45 minutes for six Sundays, and enjoy our Lessons and Carols service from the choir loft with us on December 18th.

If you have any questions , please feel free to reach out to Andy.

## Veterans Sunday

We will celebrate all of our Veterans on **Sunday, November 13**, during the Worship Service, followed by cookies and lemonade on the lawn (or the West Wing if too cold or raining). In recognition of all our Veterans, we would love to display pictures of our Veterans in uniform on that Sunday. These can be formal or informal pictures! Please bring the pictures and place them on the table that will be set up at the front of the church for people to look at before and after worship. If you have any questions, please see Karen Cathey.

## Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Order of Service for December 18th as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Poinsettia", and list who it is in memory or honor of. Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 13th. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the poinsettias with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!



## A Word of Thanks

Dear Paw Creek, The showering of cards and gifts last Sunday for "Pastor Appreciation Month" was overwhelming! Truly, the appreciation should be running the other direction - and it does! I'm grateful for the chance to be part of the vibrancy and hopefulness of this place, and eager to share with you the anticipation of what God will do next to magnify our efforts. Thank you for letting me share the journey, and deep thanks for your generous outpouring. Peace and blessings, Elliott



Overflowing With Thanks

## Thankful Thanksgiving Showing Love to our Members in Seminary

Paw Creek is excited and thankful to have two of our members, Victoria Krebs and Jordan Loud, in seminary. The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committees would love Paw Creek to show them our thankfulness and love for their commitment to preparing for the future of the church by collecting gift cards for them during the month of November. Victoria's favorite gift card vendors are Starbucks, Panera Bread, Amazon and Visa, and Jordan's are Chick-Fil-A, Wal-Mart, Amazon, Visa. We will have baskets for each of them in the narthex each Sunday during the month of November. Please label your gift card with the recipient's name so they get to the proper person.

If any questions, please contact Sam McCord or Karen Cathey.

## A Note of Gratitude to Our Volunteers

Dear Volunteers,

We appreciate your support of the Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program and the Children Connecting with Christ ministry. Your willingness to give freely of your time, talents and resources is greatly appreciated! You are making a positive difference in the lives of children and youth.

Thank you,  
Christian Education and Outreach





## Thanksgiving Boxes

Charlotte Rescue Mission has sponsored Thanksgiving boxes as one of their outreach programs. If you would like to participate, please follow these instructions **very closely!** The items that you see **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. Graham Cracker Pie Crust                 | 1 - 6 oz                 |
| 9. Pie Filling, Apple/Cherry, etc.          | 1 - 21oz can             |

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. **Do not include cash or gift cards.**

### **Important:**

**If possible, please donate money to purchase a 12 – 15 pound frozen turkey. Outreach Committee will purchase the turkey on your behalf. Money can be given to Danny McClure, Grady Cathey or Celia Gray.**

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 in the Narthex. **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>

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

## Spotlight On Our Special Friend Mitch Sutton

Birch Mitchell Sutton, Jr. (“Mitch”), son of “Birch” Mitchell Sutton, Sr. and Sylvia “Sybe” Pruette Sutton, was born on February 25, 1954, in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has one sister, Cindy Sutton Auten. Mitch and his family lived in Ashley Park before moving to Coulwood in 1964 and they joined Paw Creek at that time.

Mitch had a fun childhood. He spent a lot of good times with the Sisk sisters – Debbie, Pam, Gail, Karen and Susan. They celebrated many holidays and vacations together and often traveled with them to see Mr. Sisk’s family in Forest City. As Karen says – he was “just one of the kids!” Mitch enjoyed roller skating, dancing, singing in the church youth choir, playing piano. He graduated from West Mecklenburg High School in 1972 and played the clarinet in the marching band. Mitch loved music, and his favorite was anything Motown. After graduation, he went to UNC-Charlotte, where he graduated in 1976.

Mitch worked at Paul Derr, a retail store in Mount Holly, for many years. After graduating from UNC-C, his career was spent in Communications with Carolinas Medical Center, until retirement. He supervised many people while in that role.

While his career was very important to him, the biggest part of Mitch’s life involved music, dancing and horses. He sang in the Paw Creek Choir and with the North Mecklenburg Community Chorus. He performed in musicals with Central Piedmont Community College. He could dance the night away in the disco era, performing routines with friends at Club 2001. He spent many years showing American Saddlebred Horses and was the one who spearheaded the Eastland Mall Saddlebred exhibit and the Belk’s Saddlebred clothing line photo shoots. At one time, he was President of ASAC (American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas).

Karen Sisk, who has been Mitch’s primary caretaker, says that “Mitch has enjoyed life to the fullest and is very much a people person. Many would say he is the life of the party. Most importantly he loves to laugh and tell jokes. He’s such a special man.” Those who know Mitch will agree with her!

Mitch now resides at Morningside of Gastonia. He would love to hear from you. Send a card to Mitch letting him know you are thinking of him. His address is Morningside of Gastonia, 2755 Union Road, Room 211, Gastonia, NC 28054.





# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those  
Celebrating in November!

**November 1**

Carol Chapman  
Eddie Chapman, IV

**November 10**

Jenna Cashion

**November 23**

Rudy Kenley

**November 3**

Ron Mathews  
Charles Reel  
Rob Simmons

**November 12**

Chloe Fortier  
Jake Cashion

**November 24**

Quinn Normand

**November 4**

Caitlin Deaton  
Amy McGee  
Bobby Tyler

**November 13**

Heather Caudill  
Kim Whittington

**November 25**

Shannon Gaskins

**November 6**

Jolee Longshore

**November 14**

Teresa Scott

**November 26**

Gail Bryant  
Bishop Kincaid

**November 9**

Margot Scott

**November 15**

Kristen Turner

**November 27**

Zoe Mathews

**November 16**

Grace Kenley  
Charlie Killian, Jr.

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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 30th due to Thanksgiving**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Tuesday, November 29th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in December. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! Kim

## Upcoming Sermon Titles

### Sunday, November 6

#### **All Saints' Day**

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Job 19: 23-27

"Sure and Certain Hope"

### Sunday, November 13

#### **Veterans Day / Pledge Sunday**

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

Haggai 1:15—2:9

"The Shaking of the Nations"

### Sunday, November 20

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Luke 23: 33-43

"This is the King of the Jews"

### Thursday, November 24

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

8:00am Service

Philippians 4: 4-9

### Sunday, November 27

*First Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 2: 1-5

"Swords Be Gone"