November 2026 Newsletter

Sunday School 9:30am ◆ Sunday Worship 10:30am

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Our mission is to make Perry Township the greatest neighborhood to live in and best community to be a part of, physically and spiritually.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of Mountville Church,

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. Allow me to share both a national thought and a personal thought. Thanksgiving officially became an annual holiday in 1863 by a proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. This was in the midst of the Civil War. I want to share with you Lincoln's 1864 proclamation...the last before his death. He stated,

> "Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations."

I believe this prayer for "blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land" is a prayer we join in today for our nation. I also believe peace and unity will not be achieved by political means. It will not be brought to our land by Republicans or by Democrats. The hope for our nation is through revival. It is looking to our Lord that will bring peace and unity to our land. It is not the task of the government...it is the task of the church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and thus bring peace, union, and harmony to our land.

On a personal level we are to give thanks to God for the blessings He has given to us. Psalm 100:4 commands

> *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and raise his name."*

This Thanksgiving let us praise God for the many blessings He is giving us. I have now been … (continued on back →)

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

gifts due Sun, Dec 6

Once again, we will help the patrons of the food pantry have a brighter Christmas by providing some gifts. We expect to have the information on or around Nov 8. The unwrapped gifts are due back by Sun, Dec 6. Watch for the details to be posted in the vestibule.

EduNations Benefit Concert

Thu, Dec 3, 7:00pm

Memorial Park Church is hosting a Selah concert to benefit EduNations. Tickets are $10. See Sue Moore for more info or to order tickets.

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1 – All Saint's Day
1 – Daylight Savings Time ENDS
1 – Nominating Committee meeting, 11:45am
8 – Sacrament of Holy Communion, 10:30am
8 – Special offering collected for *It's About the Warrior Foundation,* 10:30am
8 – Nominating Committee meeting, 11:45am
10 – Session meeting, 5:30pm
15 – Nomminating Committee meeting, 11:45am
21 – Presbytery meeting, 9:00am @ North Park EPC
22 – Nominating Committee meeting, 11:45am
22 – Trustees meeting, 11:45am
22 – Ice & snow removal bids due to Trustees, 1:45am
29 – First Sunday of Advent
29 – Sacrament of Holy Communion, 10:45am
29 – Nominating Committee meeting, 11:45am

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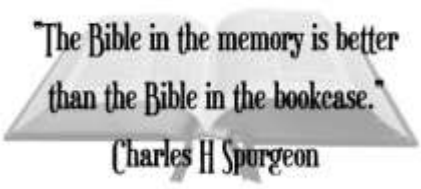
(continued from front) … the Pastor at Mountville for a month. I praise God for the privilege He has given me to serve here. I praise God for renewing many friendships (yes, we have grown a little older) and the joy of meeting new people. I praise God for all of you who faithfully worship and serve the Lord in this place. I thank God for the joy of sharing the Word of God with you both in Sunday School and in Worship.

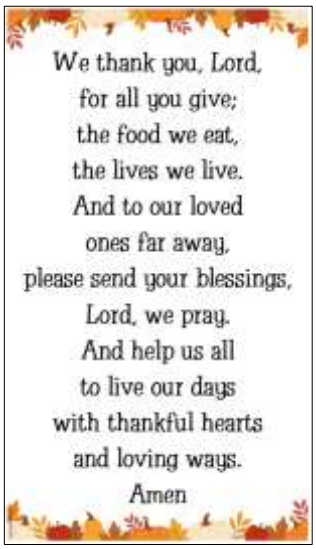
Thank you for the blessing you are giving to me. Together let us be a source of renewal and revival both in our church and in our community.

Yours n Christ,
Doug



FALL MEMORY VERSE

"I am the good shepherd;
I know my sheep and my sheep
know me – just as the Father
knows me and I know the Father –
and I lay down my life for the sheep."
John 10:14-15



Board of Ruling Elders

September 14

Discussion topics included the search process so far and ways to reach out to our neighborhood.

A motion passed to:

- approve RE Brian Lasko as delegate to the Presbytery Meeting on Sat, Nov 21, at North Park EPC.
- approve having the Fourth Quarter Congregational Meeting on Sun, Dec 13, following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and committee members and to receive the 2027 budget.
- set the next meeting for Tuesday, Nov 10, at 5:30pm.

Thank you to all who attended the annual picnic & hayride. A huge thank you to Jeff Aiken & Jeff Twentier for supplying the tractors again this year. Also, thank you to Elmer & Linda Windhorst for making ice cream. It was a wonderful evening of friends & fellowship.

In His Service,
The Fishers of Men Committee

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

4 – Colton Holsinger
4 – Roberta Windhorst
5 – Debbie Overcashier
6 – Mellani McClintick
7 – Don Kohler
8 – Abigail Lasko
8 – Ethan Nye
9 – Shaelynn Hunt
9 – Chuck Stanton
12 – Tanner Speer
15 – Isabella Vitous
15 – Savannah Vitous
15 – Jeff Twentier
16 – Gabrielle Twentier
17 – Paul Magee
18 – Leo Watson
22 – Cindy Speer
23 – Dawn Michelle Kohler
26 – Heidi Kanzleiter
26 – Sue O'Donnell
26 – Linsey Watson
27 – Margaret McClymonds

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2 – Ron & Linda Foreman
23 – Kevin & Corrie Nye
26 – Scott & Debbie Overcashier

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