

# The Messenger

Perseverance Christian Church Newsletter Celebrating 197 Years of Ministry

November 2025

# Dear Church Family,

Back in the 1970s, ministers were often known for carrying small notebooks tucked into their jacket or shirt pockets—along with a pen (and sometimes a pocket protector!)—to keep track of prayer needs. Many even used a rubber band to mark pages, separating new prayer requests from those already lifted before God.

About fifteen years ago, I heard a minister say, "Today we're going to pray for the *rubber band people*." He explained that these are the folks we've already prayed for—but who should never be forgotten.

The prayer list in this month's newsletter reflects the prayers we have lifted throughout October. Because of printing timelines, it isn't possible to wait for all the new requests for November and still get the newsletter to you on time. So, this list represents our *rubber band people*—those who may need continued prayers. Let's not forget them.

As always, new prayer requests will continue to be shared by email. If you're not receiving those updates, please call me at **270-963-8610** or email me at **donna.webster.va@gmail.com** so we can make sure you're included in our church communications.

Thank you for being such a vital part of this beloved community of faith. I am deeply grateful for all who participate in the life of our church—through worship, music, fellowship, study, mission, property care, Christian education, shepherding, and so much more. Many people come to know the love of God because they see it reflected through *you*.

On **Sunday**, **November 2nd**, we'll celebrate *All Saints Sunday*—a time to honor and remember those whose faith and lives have pointed us toward Christ. Join us in worship as we give thanks for their enduring witness.

Also, this month we'll receive our **Thanksgiving Special Offering**, which supports the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). On **Sunday, November 9th**, we'll share more during our *Minute for Mission*.

In Hope, **Rev. Webster** 



October 2025

(Please read letter from Rev. Webster)

Vincent Coley

Kevin Cox

Cookie Daniel

Tracey Hadley

Richard Lacks

Megan Harding and her baby

Charles Hudson, Jr.

**Charlotte Jones** 

**Bobby Northington** 

Joey Parrish

Bill Bates

Eddie Callahan

Susanna Gee

Pamela Quinn Guajardo

Jay Hamlett

Bev and David Hite

Susan Hite

Pamela James

**Blair Liggett** 

Connie Ledbetter

Johnny Moore

Kathy Pegram

John Ragesdale

**Bruce Thompson** 

Mark Walsh

Larry Way

Gail and Kevin Witty

Jane Browder

Susan Neblett

Billy Wilkinson

Danny Moore

Sue Perkins

Wanda Fix

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Ellie Shortridge

Tom Smith

**Haney Matthews** 

Blake Overby

Norma Berthiane (Scott's mother)

Family of:

**Eugene Davis** 

Richard Hawthorne

W.B. Hawthorne

Spencer Moore

Leigh Ann Dunn

Lula Powell

Carl Elliott

# November 2025

Sat	1	$\infty$	15	22	29	
Fri		7	14 Lunenburg Co. Community Concert (@ 7:00 PM Victoria Baptist Church	21	28	
Thu		6 Board Meeting @ 7	13	20	27 Thanksgiving	<b>,</b>
Wed		5 Adult Bible Study @ 6:30	12 Adult Bible Study @ 6:30	19 Adult Bible Study @ 6:30	26 Community Thanksgiving Service @ Perseverance @7	
Tue		4	* Veterans Day: *	18	25	
Mon		<b>3</b> Choir and Praise Group Practice @ 7	10 Choir and Praise Group Practice @ 7	$\begin{array}{c} 17\\ \text{Choir and Praise}\\ \text{Group Practice } @ 7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 24 \\ \text{Choir and Praise} \\ \text{Group Practice } \varnothing 7 \end{array}$	
Sun		SS @ 10 Worship @11 All Saints Sunday	SS @ 10 Worship @11 Minute for Misson	16 SS @ 10 Worship @11	23 SS @ 10 Worship @11	$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ \text{SS} @ 10\\ \text{Worship} @ 11\\ \text{Hanging of the Greens}\\ \text{First Sunday in Advent}\\ \text{Game night } @ 6 \text{ p.m.} \end{array}$



Nov 3-Alijah Mears

Nov 4-Kaitlyn Matthews

Nov 5-Becky Berthiaume

Nov 6-David Moore

Nov 9-Joann Kirk

Nov 10-Dana Cox, Agnes Almand

Nov 18- Cadence Wallace, Jennette

Penland, Caleb Word

Nov 19-Mike Craven, Timmy Hankley

November 24-Hunter Word, John

Goodwyn, Linda Wallace

Nov 27-Jay Moore

Nov 28-Pat Benton

Nov 30-April Edmonds, Clem Lawson,

Debra Greene

# Thanksgiving Community Worship Service: Give Thanks Together

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. and join us at Perseverance Christian Church for a special service of gratitude. Through music, prayer and Scripture, we'll lift our voices in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in every season.

This year we welcome Rosebud Baptist Church. For many years, three Dundas churches, Perseverance CC, Dundas Baptist, and Macedonia UMC, participated in this community event. We are thrilled to expand now to four churches.

Rev, Wavery Brown from Rosebud Baptist will deliver the message, with Perseverance and Macedonia providing the music. We will continue to cycle the locations, the minister, and the music now and in the years to come.

As in tradition, please bring a bag of food for Lunenburg County Ministries.

**Thoughts about Thankfulness** 

Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first "Thanks" and then "Giving."



Celebrate the season of gratitude by reating a colorful Thankful decoration

## hat you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, 0 (no cereal with holes (Cheerios, Compostered Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

# Vhat you do:

- Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
- Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet
- Crumple the wet paper into balls.
- Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
- When dry, cut out each leaf.
- On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
- 7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
- Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
- 9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



### Gifts Received

In Memory of
Maxie and Carolyn Moore
By
David Moore

# In Memory of Agnes Reed Hawthorne

Patricia P. Smith Scott & Elizabeth Marker Charles and Cathy Dews Richard and Beth Wilkes Sallie Ann Buchanan

In Honor of Perseverance Church The Vaughn Family

# A Day of Honor Our Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the

Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).



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# Perseverance Christian Church

# Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6:30

Come join us, beginning November 5th as we study the "Sabbath as a Resistance" to the ways in which the world pulls us from honoring the Sabbath.

# **NEXT GAME NIGHT, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

Thanks to all who came out for our SECOND game night in OCTOBER.

Our next game night is **Sunday, November 30th** at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share! Or maybe even left over turkey trimmings!

# **SPECIAL THANKS**

A special thanks to the Parrish Family for hosting the Fall Festival once again this year! God is good! The farm looked beautiful, sunflowers galore, and we enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thank you Jeff, Liz, Eli, Cary, Vayda, and the whole family!

A **special thanks to Robbie** for power washing the parsonage! It looks beautiful!!!

### **CEMETERY**

Thank you to so many for the gifts for the work that is being done on the cemetery. Donations to help cover the costs are appreciated. Donations can be sent to Perseverance Christian Church, P.O. Box 157, Dundas, VA 23938.

If you would like to send an offering to Perseverance, please send it to Perseverance Christian Church, P.O. Box 157, Dundas, VA 23938. or give online at Perseverance Christian Church's website