



November Newsletter 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

As we enter into the month of November, we enter into another month whereby, we as the Church are reminded to truly be the church.

It is another month, whereby, we get to demonstrate our gratefulness and thankfulness to God and, another month, where we get to demonstrate our love for all people.

So, whatever the month, whether it be January through December, we always have the ongoing opportunity to be the church, and to be at work in the world.

Somehow, we often choose special months to focus on different things, such as December or February for giving, or June and July for celebrating. However, whatever month we find ourselves in, we find ourselves having opportunities to bless, and situations to be a blessing.

Therefore, as we enter into the Month of November, let us continue to do what we did last month, and the month before; honoring the God who loves us, and blessing the people God puts in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

The Presby

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Session Digest:

Session did not meet in October. The next meeting is scheduled on November 12, 2023.

Stewardship Message:

Excerpt from a sermon from Lloyd Stilley based on Psalm 89:11-12. An illustration about stewardship: “When you go to a hotel, you might give your bags to a steward who takes them to your room, but they are not his bags. You entrust your bags and their safekeeping to him for a short period of time. The foundational principle of stewardship is that God is the owner of all. So what does that say about our relationship to the owner and the stuff entrusted to us? **He is the owner; I am the manager.** Everything I have today comes from God. It is His; I own nothing. David said that the world and everything in it belongs to God (Psalm 89:11). I am not the owner of the things in my life; as a steward, I am merely the manager. If I believe that I am the owner, then I am constantly going to be in conflict with God over what I do with the things that I have. But when I understand that the Lord is the owner, and I am the manager, the conflict disappears and freedom overtakes my life.”

Maybe we need to read this message more than once to fully understand that it means **everything** we own, not just part of our possessions. God knows what is in our hearts and wants us to understand the freedom that being merely a manager will bring.

5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on Sunday, November 19th. There will be a basket in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check.

Cove Church:

Evening service at Cove Church will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 19th. Please come and enjoy this wonderful hymn sing and fellowship.

Newsletter & Office Information:

Information for the December newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, November 22nd.

Hope Packs:

We will be packing bags for Hope Packs on the last Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to help with this project!

Presbyterian Women:

Circle 1 will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6th, in the Fellowship Hall and Circle 3 will meet on Monday, November 6th, at 7:00 P.M.

Committee Meetings:

The following committees are tentatively scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 14th:

- Christian Education 10:00 a.m.
- Church Growth 2:00 p.m. H.H.
- Finance 4:00 p.m.

Life Line Screening:

Wytheville Presbyterian Church is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation’s leading provider of preventative health screenings, on **Friday, November 3, 2023**. For more information regarding the screenings, or to schedule an appointment: call 1-844-591-7160, or text the word “circle” to 216-279-1607, or go to <https://lisa.social/HC>. Pre-registration is required.

American Legion Christmas Trees:

American Legion will be selling Christmas Trees right after Thanksgiving.



PLACE: Old Recreation Center parking lot at 250 S. 4th Street

TREES: Frazier Firs 

SIZES: 5/6ft, 6/7ft, 7/8ft. Larger sizes may be available to order.

PRICES: Very reasonable prices. Priced according to tree size.



All profits go back into the community
Thank you for your support!

Fellowship Pot-Luck Dinner:

Mark ahead on your calendar, **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6PM!** The Fellowship Committee met and decided to do a potluck dinner this year instead of the Christmas Extravaganza. We will provide a ham and ask you to bring sides and desserts. Becky Absher will delight us with the children playing hand-bells and Santa already has us on his calendar and will make an appearance! This will be a great way to usher in the Christmas season. Don't miss it!!

A special thank you from the 200th Anniversary Committee:

A bit late, but a heartfelt thank you to each, and every one who helped make the Anniversary Celebration a wonderful time, in the life of the Wytheville Presbyterian Church. So many notes, texts, phone calls, and comments from those attending the celebration and expressions of joy in being there, made the hard work worthwhile. From the Saturday event, with wonderful music, Celtic Sessions, and delicious food; not to mention the fellowship, and slide show, it could not have been better. The Sunday Service was one to remember, with beautiful music from the bell choir, Chancel Choir, Young Disciples, soloist and bagpiper, under the leadership of Becky Absher. The Worship service led by Pastor John, with a time appropriate sermon from Reverend Clay Macaulay, assisted by Rev. Brad Simpson, Rev. Don Nance, Rev. Bob Button, and last, but surely not least, Rev. Edwin Lacy, was meaningful and memorable. The Church looked beautiful after days of cleaning and refreshing by Circle members, and the lovely garden, and yard would have made Adrienne so proud. The History of the past 200 years, written by Martha Patterson Byrum, is a reminder of people, places and things that brought us together to celebrate 200 years of God’s blessings. There are so many people who made this weekend special, making it difficult to name each one individually. Please know whatever effort you made, large or small, is so appreciated. And to the Lacy Clan, thank you for the beautiful hymn, "Will The Circle Be Unbroken."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy Birthday Jennifer Durham- Nichols	2	3 "Life Line" in Hatcher Hall	4
5 Happy Birthday Ron Smiley Mission Committee H.H. following Worship Serv.	6 Happy Birthday Kayla Lavallee Circle 1 meeting 11a.m. Circle 3 meeting 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall	7 Worship Committee meeting 10 a.m.	8	9 Happy Birthday Bill Smith	10	11 Happy Birthday Kym Dunford
12 Session meeting following Worship Serv.	13	14 Happy Birthday Linda Rice Christian Ed. Meet 10 a.m. Church Growth Meet 2p HH Finance Comm Meet 4 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Marsha Boone Sam Crockett
19 5 cents a Meal Cove Church 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day (Church Office will be closed for holiday)	24 Amer. Legion Tree Sales	25
26 Happy Birthday Debbie Larson	27 Happy Birthday Letty Nance	28	29 HOPE PACKS – 5 p.m.	30		

