

Give Thanks to the Lord



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*No matter who you are,
or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

November Worship Plans

November 3, All Saint's Sunday with Communion
- Pastor Ken

November 10 - Veterans Sunday
- Rev. John Danner - retired UCC minister; pastored UCC Church on Sanibel last 12 years before he retired.

November 17
- Rev. John Danner

November 24 - Testimony Service for Thanksgiving

Charlotte Harbor YoungLife Testimonies

I was just a normal high schooler I played football then went home did homework I. I felt like I was stuck in the same cycle every day. Once I met Ms. Jenn. She introduced me to Young Life where I found family. For me Young Life was a place were I could share my emotions and thoughts to everyone its a safe place for me. Young Life also teaches me the Bible. I know more about the Bible than before. Young Life gives me a meaning in life, I'm not stuck in the cycle anymore. I'm on a new path with God by my side. Young Life improved my life.
- Kat, 10th Grade, North Port

I'm so glad I got invited to be a part of Charlotte Harbor Young Life . The experiences I've had since I started coming to club, campaigners and camp are truly priceless and I'm thankful for the relationships I've had the opportunity to create and strengthen throughout. I really appreciate that Young Life has put me around the kind of friends that lift each other up and encourage each other in their faith. The leaders here make everyone feel welcome and make sure that each individual feels seen and cared for. The way that this program is run is exceptional, and I'm grateful that I've been able to experience it.
- Cadence, 11th Grade, North Port

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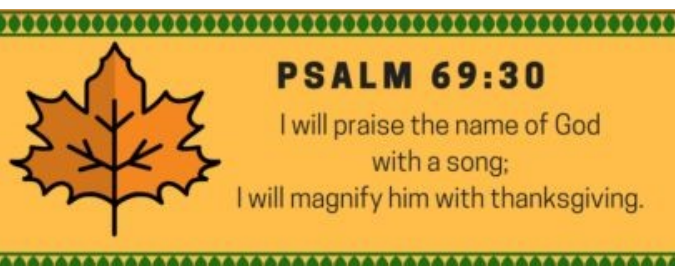
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Love Your Neighbor

November Birthdays

- 4 Joyce Faber
- 8 Cheryl Eastman
- 9 Eileen Murray
- 10 Charlie Bratton, Bert Scott
- 13 Maverick Li
- 17 Gene Burnell
- 24 Pat Smith, Danny Wineland

Anniversaries

- 24 Alric & Carol Fischle
- 27 Charlie & Gayle Bratton

Did we miss your special day? Please call or email the office, so we may update our files.

November Ideas to Love Your Neighbors

All Saints Day, November 1, acknowledge the loss of your friends and loved ones.

Pray for the election.

Pick up extra food for the Pilgrim Church Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets.

Fill a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

Ladies, invite a friend to the Women's luncheon at Der Dutchman.

Invite a neighbor out for pumpkin pie!

Pray for grateful hearts throughout our world.

Veterans Day is November 11, take a moment to thank a Veteran.

Pilgrim Prayer List

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| Hurricane Recovery & Rebuild | Josh Fraser - provisions and spiritual health | Jody Phillips - cancer |
| John Krueger - health | Ellen Chapman - ALS | Joe Beaudreau - hospice |
| Vickie Rhoe - health | Sidoney Johnston - homebound | Joyce Faber - health |
| Savina Krueger - cancer | Kenneth Hill - strength | Christopher Fraser - peace |
| Pilgrim Church & Leaders during Transition | Martin Heckler - spiritual health | Cindy Guilfoyle - family and friends sympathies |
| Rev. Bill Klossner - health | Peaceful Fair Election | Frank Ross - health |
| Jessica Maysonet - peace & health | World Peace | James Fraser |
| Mike Reynolds - health | Allan & Ruth Van Blerkom | Pat Wheatcroft - cancer |
| Carolyn Smith - health | Donald Becker - health | Nancy Burnell - health |
| | Elaine Pregowski - health | |

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Pilgrim Ministries

Joyful Noise Learning Center

Joyful Noise will be having a Food Drive again this year for the food pantry November 1-11.

Joyful Noise is having a blanket fundraiser. We have super colorful, soft and cozy throws with the Joyful Noise logo on it available for purchase. The cost is \$30 with over half the cost coming to the school. If you would like to purchase one contact Joyful Noise at 941-629-4821.



Cynthia Poudrette, Director

Adult Bible Study

In November this small group will study the messages of the Old Testament prophets Joel and Amos. The Bible format is to read verse by verse and discuss the message of God found in it. Lively discussions of the group make the application to New Testament references and present day living.

This is the perfect time for newcomers to join. Explore a great opportunity to expand your personal discipleship.

We meet immediately following Sunday worship in the Church Library.

Women's Fellowship

The November meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21. It will be a Thanksgiving Brunch at the home of Judi and David Wilson.

December gift bags for Homebound church members will be assembled on December 10.

The annual Der Dutchman Luncheon will be on December 11th. Too far for you? We carpool! Join us for this lunch and gift exchange! Please note that reservations along with lunch cost of \$23 are **required with a deadline of December 1.**



Those requesting a seat in the carpool will be individually notified. Don't forget your wrapped gift of \$15 value to join in the exchange game. The target time for carpools to leave from the church is 9:30 a.m.

PSALM 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!



PSALM 106:1

Praise the Lord!
Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!



Missions

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
Matthew 25:40

Anyone interested in the Missions of Pilgrim Church is invited to the **Monthly Meeting**, Monday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office.

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to all who picked up a box or plans to build a box for Operation Christmas Child.

When you are picking out your items, please be aware, Dr. Angela Bowers is donating the toothbrushes! She's not a pediatric dentist but ordered the toothbrushes special!

Contact Kim Vought with questions.

Remember boxes are due at Pilgrim Church by November 11!

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets

Items* needed in the baskets

- Stuffing Mix (60)
- Mashed Potatoes (60)
- Turkey Gravy (60)
- Yams, large can (60)
- Can Corn (120)
- Can Green Beans (120)
- Cranberry Sauce (60)
- Canned Fruit (60)
- Jello, large box (60)
- Cake or Brownie Mix (60)
- \$25 Winn Dixie Gift Card (60)

*Only these items please. We want to ensure that the baskets are identical.

Mark these dates on your calendars!

Tuesday, November 12, request forms due

Monday, November 18, donations due

Friday, November 22, 9 a.m. make baskets

Saturday, November 23, 10 a.m. distribution

Little Free Food Pantry is for those in need of dry goods and for those who desire to give. Take what you need, give what you can. Most requested items are:

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| Macaroni & Cheese | Canned Pastas |
| Soup | Canned Fruit |
| Canned Veggies | Tuna |
| Instant Potatoes | Toiletries |

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2024 Thanksgiving Baskets

Order Form

This is our way of loving our neighbors. If you or a family you know would benefit from items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, please complete this form. Return the form no later than noon on **Tuesday, November 12**. With a goal of 60 baskets, we aim to fulfill each request.

Baskets will be dispersed to the name listed below on Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The individual picking up the groceries for the family must present ID that matches this form.

INDIVIDUAL PICKING UP THE MEAL

Tear here, save this piece as a reminder, turn in the portion below.

Pilgrim Church

2024 Thanksgiving Baskets

Order Form

LAST NAME OF FAMILY _____

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PICKING UP MEAL

of ADULTS _____ # of CHILDREN _____

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE: _____

FOOD PANTRY TEAM USE

PACKED: _____ PICKED UP INITIALS: _____



Business

Council Highlights

- Fall into thankfulness! As we enter into the fall and get closer to Thanksgiving, I want to make sure everyone knows how thankful I am and Council is for their continued support and time. There are so many of you that work countless hours behind the scenes that go unnoticed to support Pilgrim. We are thankful for you all!
- Thank you to our Property and Grounds crew who continue to make our Pilgrim campus secure and clean. After two back to back hurricanes rolled through Southwest Florida last month, we had a few issues that needed attention (nothing major). The buildings did get covered by some whipped up muddy rain, so they got a good scrubbing.
- Our Sunday Worship Committee comes together every Saturday to make sure the Community Center and (now) the Goodell Room are ready for worship and coffee hour. Our Council Clerk has reached out and invited several different speakers for worship to deliver the message and also ensures that the flow of Sunday service is consistent. We could always use an extra hand to make this happen, especially when we come together for Fellowship Breakfasts. Tear down requires the same amount of work, if you can help with that.
- The Pastor Search Committee continues the search for our Interim. As they continue the process, keep them in your prayers to find the right candidate for our congregation. They had two candidates scheduled to interview; but one has asked for their name to be taken out of the process.
- Council has spread some “sunshine” over at Joyful Noise the past few months, letting the staff know that they are appreciated. We love to add our own little puns to the messages that we bring to them and bring a few smiles. This is a great way to bring the school and the church together and let them know we are here to support them.
- Finance is starting the process of compiling the Annual Budget for next year. If you want to join the discussion or have any ideas, please come to the next Finance meeting. November 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room. We would love to have your voice!
- Council will be rolling out “The Top 10 Most Wanted” list to our bulletins and newsletters. Many congregation members would like to donate to specific items; so the Council decided to roll this oldie out again. They are putting a list together (with prices) for the congregation to donate towards.
 - The very first item on this list that we definitely know and have a quoted price is the AC in the church office and conference room. The unit is over 14 years old and at the end of the year AC prices are expected to increase significantly due to mandated changes with the systems and types of coolants. Waiting too long will cost us more money. The cost is around \$8000 if you would like to donate funds.

With peace, Jessica Warne-Emard, Moderator

By the Numbers

Offering Last 4 Weeks

\$ 14,878	General
\$ 270	Missions
\$ 5,320	Hurricane

General Needed Monthly

\$ 21,560

Attendance Average Last 4 Weeks

60

Pastor Search

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search. If you don't have the August newsletter with the prayer guide or want another copy, The Pastor Search Prayer Guide is available at Worship and in the Church Office.

This committee consists of five members; with two alternates.

Cheryl Gerry, Ken Ewing, Jolene Mowry,
Joan Powell, David Wilson

Alternates: Daphne Dillion, Pat Smith

Property & Grounds

The Property and Grounds Committee is motivated to have an attractive and safe environment for the church.

Cat Foster, our church secretary, had observed many need-to-do items and created us a projects list:

- During the day, Denny Vought and Tom Jones power washed debris from 2 sides of the Sanctuary Building and cleaned the exterior windows on those two sides.
- Donna and George Yorkston picked up sticks, straightened gutter downspouts, checked the electrical room back wall for moisture and noted a lot of paint and tools there as well. Donna and George then measured the Memorial Rock to make it possible for Cat to get a quote on another one as the spaces for memorial names on the existing two rocks are gradually depleting. They then temporarily reattached the wiring cover for the Emergency light in the Conference room.
- Jessica is currently at work on items in Pastor's office and cleaning out items in the nursery.
- The piano in room 4 deemed unrepairable by Maverick. It is quite heavy! We voted to dismantle it.

Hurricane Milton preparation included:

- The rose window has been shuttered for now and will remain so for it's protection.
- Many thanks to Cat Foster for shutting all the electronics down in the office to prevent storm damage, then for coming on Saturday and booting it all back up.
- We parked the golf cart in the Sanctuary and the Joyful Noise bus was under the portico.
- Water barrier bags were placed at doorways to prevent flood damage.

- The temporary solar light in the parking lot was removed.

Other news:

- The Disaster Relief representative from United Church of Christ Office, Katie Howe, was given a tour through the property to see the planted trees, removal of damaged white 4 by 4s, pruning of larger trees, and installment of new shade cloth for the playground. These were purchased with their grant money to us in October 2022.
- Conduits for the Sanctuary and Community Center were repaired.
- The ice machine in the community center was repaired by George.
- The 8:18 storage pod has been emptied of its plumbing, acoustical tiles, AC unit, and other essential items and has been removed from our property.
- We discussed shutters on the high windows of the community center.
- The mower is being transferred to Tom's house where he can work on it.
- We discussed setting up the bathroom partitions on our own.
- Most of the newly transferred trees were blown either partly or all the way over by Hurricane Milton. They all have wind burn as most of the trees in this town, but they will come back. A good sign of this return from trauma is their loss of leaves. The trees will be watered every two or three days. This should help them resprout even this late in the season.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you, Dave Wilson



Learn & Grow

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Thanksgiving Bible Study

Good Deeds Produce Thanksgiving

Jesus died upon the cross to purify for Himself, a group of people zealous for good deeds (Tit. 2:14). As Jesus' people, we work diligently in our Lord's kingdom, to do the good works God prepared beforehand (Eph. 2:10).

As we do the Lord's work, we affect the lives of others. The result is thanksgiving, directed toward God.

- People in the world see our good works and glorify God (Matt. 5:16).
- Good deeds directed toward our brethren produce thanksgiving to God (2 Cor. 9:11).

As we go through our day-to-day walk, letting our light shine as God's children and doing the good deeds He has ordained, it causes others to glorify God and give thanks.

Thanksgiving in Prayer

When we pray, expressing our concerns to God, we should take time to express our thankfulness.

- We tell God our problems, making our requests known to Him with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6).
- We are devoted to prayer, staying alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving (Col. 4:2).
- We rejoice, praying without ceasing, giving thanks to God (1 Th. 5:16-18).

A thankful life is a prayerful life. A life void of prayer is an unthankful life.

Thanksgiving in Heaven

We don't know a lot about heaven, often making

us wonder what it will be like. One thing occurring in heaven is thanksgiving.

- The angels in heaven give thanks to God (Rev. 11:17).
- When we get to heaven, we will give thanks to God for salvation, as those who were washed in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:1-15).

If we're not thankful in our prayers upon the earth, it's doubtful we'll live in heaven, where we'll be busy offering thanks to God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every Day is Thanksgiving, for Christians

As we experience God's goodness in our lives, and offer thanks to Him, we could say that every day is a day of thanksgiving. We don't feast upon turkey every day, in observance of a secular holiday, but we offer our thanks to God in prayer, reflecting our thankfulness in everything we say and do.

- The result of our thankful lives, doing the good works God has ordained, is that it produces thanksgiving to God.
- The effect of things we do upon the earth is far reaching, even reaching the throne of God.

Whatever you do in the bustle of day-to-day life, remember to give thanks. And live in such a way that others, who watch you and experience God's goodness from your hands, can't help but pause and offer up a prayer to express their thanks. In these ways, God will be glorified, and receive the thanks He deserves.

Lectionary

All Saints Day - November 1, 2024

Is 25:6-9 and Ps 24 - Rev 21:1-6a - Jhn 11:32-44

November 3, 2024

Ruth 1:1-18 and Ps 146 - Deut 6:1-9 and Ps 119:1-8 - Heb 9:11-14 - Mk 12:28-34

November 10, 2024

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127 - 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146 - Hebrews 9:24-28 - Mark 12:38-44

November 17, 2024

1 Sam 1:4-20 and 1 Sam 2:1-10 - Dan 12:1-3 and Ps 16 - Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 - Mk 13:1-8

Reign of Christ - November 24, 2024

2 Sam 23:1-7 and Ps 132:1-12, (13-18) - Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 and Ps 93 - Rev 1:4b-8 - Jn 18:33-37

Thanksgiving Day, USA - November 28, 2024

Joel 2:21-27, Ps 126 - 1 Tim 2:1-7 - Matt 6:25-33

November 2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Every Sunday 8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Children's Worship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Youth Bible Study				1 All Saints Day	2
3 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Election Day 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 10:00am Prayer Partners 1:00pm Bulletin Team 6:30pm Property and Grounds Ministry	7 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	8
10	11 Veterans Day Operation Shoeboxes Collection Ends 7:00pm Missions Meeting	12	13 10:00am Prayer Partners 1:00pm Bulletin Team	14 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	15
17	18 Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection Ends 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	19 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 Newsletter Article Deadline 10:00am Prayer Partners 1:00pm Bulletin Team	21 10:00am Pilgrim Women's Fellowship 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	22
24 Thanksgiving Sunday 8:15am Breakfast	25	26 6:30pm Council Meeting	27 10:00am Prayer Partners 1:00pm Bulletin Team	28 Thanksgiving Day Office/JN Closed	29
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