
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Happy Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV 5 -	PASTOR MIKE AT PRESBYTERY MEETING
NOV 6 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
	AMY BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 7 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
NOV 10 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
	SETH VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 11 -	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
NOV 12 -	RURITAN VETERANS BREAKFAST 7:30 AM
	(SEE ARTICLE)
	TIM WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 13 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	LAST DAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
	(SEE ARTICLE)
NOV 14 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
NOV 20 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 6:30 PM
	(SEE ARTICLE)
	AMBER CAMPBELL'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 21 -	LOGAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
NOV 23 -	TOM PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 27 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DECORATE SANCTUARY (SEE ARTICLE)
NOV 28 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
	GALEN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 30 -	ED & JANET KLINE'S ANNIVERSARY
	TOM & SHARON JENKINS' ANNIVERSARY

VETERANS DAY

On November 11th we will celebrate Veterans Day. This is a time when we remember those who have served our country in the armed forces. There are several folks associated with our congregation who we would like to recognize as veterans:

Dan Donovan (USMC) Jonathan Brill (USA)

Steven Szelmeczki (USN)

Thomas Pugh (USA) Jim Campbell (USA- Rangers)

Galen Spaid (USA) Gerald Whitacre (USA)

Harry Spaid (USA) Tim Wingfield (USAF)

Mike VanDerLinden (USAF)

Please remember to thank those who have served our country for their service and dedication to the principles upon which this country was founded.

We apologize if we missed including anyone on the listing. We are maintaining a list of veterans, who are also church members, so please let us know if there are others that we need to include.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Sunday School will once again be collecting shoe box gifts in association with Samaritans Purse. These gifts are distributed to children in need in this country as well as remote areas around the world. Collections will end on November 13th. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. For more information contact Harry or Jeanie.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
Alan & Ginger Brill, alanbrill@frontier.com
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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Bethel United Methodist Church on November 20th, beginning at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There will NOT be refreshments afterward.

RURITAN VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

The Ruritans will be serving a veteran's breakfast on Saturday, November 12th beginning at 7:30 - 10 am. The breakfast will be free to all veterans and spouses. A free will donation will be accepted from all others.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Join us on Saturday, November 19th at Café Del Sol in Winchester from 11 am to 1 pm for a time of fellowship, lunch, and gift sharing. Please bring a gift of \$10 or less if you would like to participate. A few extra gifts will be on hand if anyone forgets, so plan to come regardless for the devotional time and fun. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

As has been the case for the past several years, we will be decorating the church and Parish Hall for the Christmas season on the first Sunday in Advent, which is November 27th following the worship service. Soup will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring their own sandwich.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Forms have been placed in the pews for the purpose of having items placed into the monthly newsletter. This would include birthdays and anniversaries that we do not already have and any events and newsworthy items that should be included. If you have any items to include, please complete the form and place in the offering plate or give to Alan or Ginger. The reverse of the form also includes a prayer request and a removal from the prayer list section.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Past – Present – Future

Did you know that each one of you is living three lives at once? A past life, a present life, and a future life. Ok, it's just one life that is affected by the past, present, and future. Your past life experiences are an intricate part of who you are today, and the experiences you have today will be a part of who you become tomorrow. It would be easy to think the present is the most important. However, the bible teaches us that we can learn from the past as we live in the present, with our hope fully set on the future.

Hebrews 11 opens with a look at how past saints perceived the future. We're told that the faithful always looked forward with hope, knowing God would fulfill His promises. Abraham left Ur and, by faith, went to an unknown land. Sarah, by faith, received the power to conceive in her old age. David conquered nations by putting his faith and hope in God. Yet not one of these faithful servants of the past lived long enough to see Christ. Instead, they lived in the present in the hope of the future.

This example is an excellent lesson for us today as a church. There are many memories from the past for us to draw on. We can celebrate these memories, but we must not live in the past. Instead, we must allow those memories to spur us on in the present and toward the future. God has been faithful to Timber Ridge for 210 years, and we can live today knowing He will be faithful tomorrow and beyond!

Over the next few months, I will be introducing a new book titled "From Embers to a Flame." It's a book about the need for every church member to constantly fan the embers of faith into vibrant, life-giving flame. We will use this book in our first Sunday school quarter of 2023. I hope that each of you will consider committing to attending Sunday school for 13 weeks, beginning January 8th. For those who can't participate in Sunday school on Sunday mornings, I would ask you to follow along each week by reading through a copy of the book one chapter at a time.

From the beginning, I want to make it clear that this is not a study about church growth per se. Instead, it is a book about personal growth taking place in the context of the local church. All spiritual growth begins in the hearts of God's people. Only then will we be equipped to minister to one another and the community. The good news is as we grow spiritually, God will enable us to move our ministry beyond the walls of our local building.

Seeing the Lord do great things among His people is exciting. Experiencing that work first-hand will be exhilarating! So, I'm asking everyone to start praying. Pray that the Lord will prepare your heart to be ignited by the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord to begin even now to fan the flames of faith in you and at Timber Ridge. And start to dream about what God might do through us here in High View as we seek out together what God has in store for us. It will be a time where we can celebrate the past, while we live in the present, and have our hope fully set on the future.

~ Pastor Mike