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Dear North Benton family,

Happy November to you and to your family and friends!

What a beautiful fall we are having this year! I like fall! There is just something about November that stirs our hearts to thankfulness. In the new world, our first "thanksgiving" was celebrated in 1621. The Pilgrims would not have had such a successful harvest if the Wampanoag native tribe had not shown them how to plant, hunt and fish in the New World. About 50 Pilgrims and 90 natives celebrated for three days. It was a trying time for the Pilgrims, but they found that it was important to be thankful.

President Abraham Lincoln created the first official Thanksgiving declaring the third Thursday in November to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. Lincoln's proclamation came during the Civil War**,** shortly after the Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg**,** which resulted in over 50,000 casualties but marked a turning point for the Union army. The nation was enduring immense hardship, yet Lincoln emphasized the blessings of fruitful fields, healthful skies, and the preservation of peace with foreign nations despite the ongoing conflict. He framed these blessings as gifts from the Most High God**,** urging Americans to acknowledge them with gratitude.

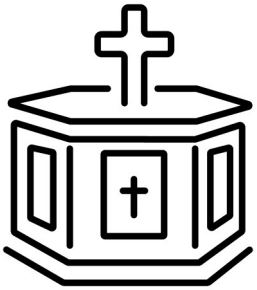
Thinking about the Pilgrims' lives in 1621 and what our country was going through in 1863, causes us to wonder how they could be thankful. If they had the opportunity, they would trade places with us in a heartbeat.

How could they be so thankful. Well, instead of complaining about all they did NOT have, they were thankful for what they did have. We have a tendency of seeing the glass half empty instead of half full. There are many people in the world who do not even have a glass!

A good verse for each of us this November, and really all of our lives, is found in Psalm 103:1-5: **"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His Holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits-Who forgives all your sins, heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, Who satisfies your desires with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."**

I'm grateful for you! Wishing you blessings this November and always,

Pastor Herb



These are the sermon titles, themes and scripture basis for the November sermons:

November 1, 2026. Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. "Abraham and Isaac: Faith That Surrenders What it Loves" is a sermon based on Hebrews 11: 17-19 and Genesis 22: 1-14. We will see how to trust God enough even when….

November 8, 2026. Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. We will be basing this sermon on various scripture readings from Genesis and Hebrews 11: 23-29 for a sermon titled "Moses: Faith That Chooses God over Egypt." There is temporary and there is the long term. Moses makes a wise choice.

November 15, 2026. Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Rahab may seem like one of the least likely people to appear on this list. The sermon titled "Rahab: Faith That Receives God's Mercy" will show us how faith gives us courage to do the right thing.

November 22, 2026. Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday. Hebrews 11: 32-40 is the basis or the final sermon in this series and the final sermon for this church year. "The Unnamed Heroes: Faith That Endures to the End" is the sermon that gives us hope for our faith.

Starting November 29, we will be starting an Advent sermon series on the "Names of God." Details will follow.

November 2026

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/1 Bryan & Kimberly Evans

11/2 Beth Lewis

11/5 Michael Jones

11/6 Wesley Miller
Debbie Rice

11/7 Pastor Herb Goetz

11/9 Carol Schiffler

11/10 Lydia Wilmoth

11/11 Margaret Hickman

11/14 Lou & Joyce Winters

11/15 Joseph McDaniel

11/16 Jeff Smith

11/19 Brandi Pierce

11/22 Kolton Evans

11/23 Greg & Cindy Gaines
Abigail (Berger) Carver

11/24 Jason Pierce

11/25 Nick Myers
Pastor Herb & Linda Goetz
Christine Fielder

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

September 2026

	Offering	Attendance
9/6/26	975.00	25
9/13/26	1230.00	37
9/20/26	1050.00	37
9/27/26	1245.00	28

DEACON GREETERS

November 2026

Jodi Weibush

Cindy Ruffier

Special Dates for November 2026

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2026*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 1, 2026*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2026*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 22, 2026*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 26, 2026*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 29, 2026*

CONTINUED PRAYER

Dan Rowe, Denton Herron, James Hilles,
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,
Emily Winters, Maeo Bates,
Carol Schiffler, Chris & Alicia Gamble

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

November 2026

Beth Smith

Jeff Smith

Marilyn Smith

MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

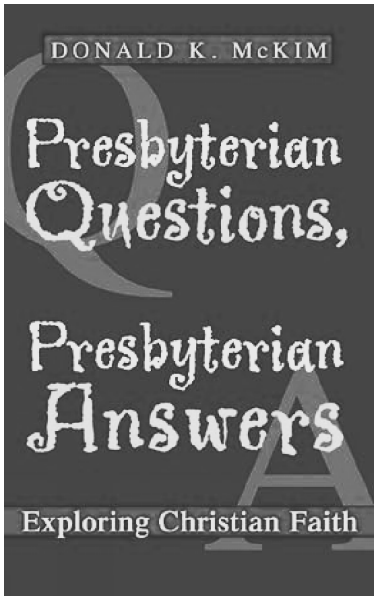
Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School

Congregational Meeting
November 8, 2026
After the Worship Service

Book Review



Presbyterians often have questions about Presbyterian theology and beliefs that are basic to Christian faith itself. Featuring a unique question-and-answer format, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* *is an accessible and concise treatment that provides a sampling of these questions on important topics and brief but complete answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologians. Arranged according to doctrinal topics, the book is ideal for individual and group study, church officer training, new member and confirmation classes, and all those who are interested in Presbyterian theology.*

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

DOOR — A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and a personal relationship with Jesus: "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV). A door can also represent Jesus' loving invitation to open our hearts to him: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock" (Revelation 3:20, NIV). When we welcome him in, we receive the joy of fellowship and life with Christ.

Favorite Recipes of Old

Recipes are chosen at random from the North Benton Church "Favorite Recipes" cookbook.

TURKEY IN THE GARDEN STEW

8-oz. dark turkey meat, diced
16-oz. pkg. frozen vegetables for soup
16-oz. can unsalted stewed tomatoes
1 cup fresh sliced mushrooms
46-oz. can low sodium tomato juice
1 cup uncooked small shell macaroni
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp. green pepper

Place turkey, vegetables, stewed tomatoes, mushrooms, juice, and onion in Dutch oven; bring to boil. Add macaroni and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer and cook 45 minutes. Add spices and simmer 15 minutes more. Yields: 9 one cup servings.
Calories 173, carbohydrates 25 g, cholesterol 21 mg, protein 12 g, fat 3 g, sodium 60 mg..

Engage Your Mind

Puzzle!

A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14 is a Bible story about a special dinner. Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____ .
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

PUZZLE

Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = ____ Father	10 + 15 = ____ in
10 + 9 = ____ heavenly	6 - 3 = ____ to
10 + 5 = ____ blessed	12 - 6 = ____ and
2 - 1 = ____ Praise	6 + 6 = ____ Christ
7 + 7 = ____ has	18 - 9 = ____ our
11 + 11 = ____ every	22 - 11 = ____ Jesus
12 + 12 = ____ blessing	1 + 1 = ____ be
10 + 10 = ____ realms	7 + 6 = ____ who
13 + 13 = ____ Christ	2 + 2 = ____ the
8 + 8 = ____ us	10 - 5 = ____ God
8 + 9 = ____ in	4 + 4 = ____ of
5 + 5 = ____ Lord	9 + 9 = ____ the
10 + 11 = ____ with	10 + 13 = ____ spiritual

"____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
1 2 3 4 5 6

____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____,
7 8 9 10 11 12

____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
13 14 15 16 17 18

____ ____ ____ ____
19 20 21 22

____ ____ ____ ____."
23 24 25 26

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

The faces of children are proof enough of God.

November 2026

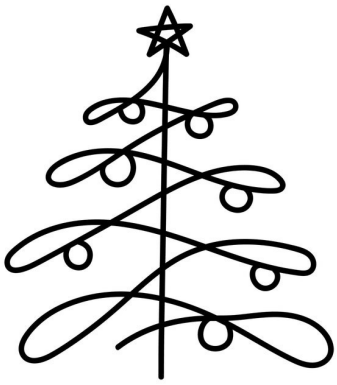
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Birthday Sunday** **Coffee & Pastry** Psalm 92	2 Psalm 93	3 Psalm 94	4 Psalm 95	5 Psalm 96	6 Psalm 97	7 Psalm 98
8 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class 10:45 Deacon's Mtg **Congregational Mtg** Psalm 99	9 Psalm 100	10 Psalm 101	11 **Veteran's Day** Psalm 102	12 7:30 pm Session Mtg Psalm 103	13 Psalm 104	14 Psalm 105
15 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class Psalm 106	16 **Columbus Day** Psalm 107	17 Psalm 108	18 Psalm 109	19 Psalm 110	20 Psalm 111	21 **Hangning of the Greens** Psalm 112
22 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class Psalm 113	23 Psalm 114	24 Psalm 115	25 Psalm 116	26 **Thanksgiving** Fellowship Hall Reserved (Smith Familt) Psalm 117	27 Psalm 118	28 Psalm 119
29 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class Psalm 120	30 Psalm 121					

November 8, 2026

After the Worship Service

November 11, 2026

Happy Veteran's Day



November 21, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens

November 26, 2026

Happy Thanksgiving

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

"A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord"

Radiating God's Goodness

Where were the packages? An inner-city church was having problems receiving deliveries. Although its office staff requested that online orders be dropped off inside the building, the goods were regularly left outside on the street, and some items were never received.

Church workers were understandably vexed, but instead of griping on the company's customer service hotline, the church's employees created a snack station inside the building and invited the delivery people to stop in for food and water. Before long, packages began to show up at the right place at the right time, and the church was able to "deliver" a message to the couriers: We care about you as people, not just service providers.

Often, we can change distressing situations through kindness. Although our natural response might be to find fault and hold on to anger, the apostle Paul challenges us to let God's goodness radiate through us, even when we feel it's undeserved. Through the Holy Spirit's power and with His wisdom, we can show kindness by being hospitable, thoughful, and helpful (Romans 12:13-14). Even if this seems ineffective, we know it pleases God because the Bible encourages us, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (V. 18).

- Jennifer Benson Schuldt

When was the last time you traded anger for love? How might caring for others show the world God's true nature?

Prayer

Dear God, You've been so kind to me. Please show me how to change my corner of the world by passing Your love on to others.

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