

NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER



(A word from your Pastor)

Dear PB Pres Family and Friends~

In mid-October, I was up in the East Bay Area for a pastors retreat and my 30-year high school reunion. The visit offered a fun chance to see my parents, and my mom and I decided on a Friday afternoon to drive through a neighboring town so that we could enjoy the Halloween decorations set out on front yards and porches. The pictures featured here were taken in front of the house that had our favorite set-up.



As you can see, in an imaginative way, the residents had conceived of a yard party featuring skeletons swinging on swings and competing in a variety of games, including wheelbarrow races, gunny-sack races, ladder ball, and corn hole. It was SO CREATIVE! And, it was a delightful contrast seeing dead things

brought to life amidst the other houses whose decorations seemed to threaten death for anything alive that got too close!

While I'm not ready to say that the house was a living example of how Jesus would decorate if he had a house at Halloween, I will say that the set-up reminded me of the wonderful ways God is able to restore, renew, and resurrect life. The Bible tells us the story of Creation, when God spoke and created life from the dirt. In fact, the name 'Adam' means 'earth, dust, or dirt' in Hebrew. Later, God invited the prophet Ezekiel to experience His power as the Lord restored a valley's collection of dry bone to life and formed them as a powerful army before Ezekiel's eyes (see Ezekiel 37). In Matthew 3, Jesus challenged the 1st Century Jews not to be too comfortable in their status as God's chosen people, as he reminded them that God's power was able to raise up a covenant people from the stones that lay on the ground in front of them.

Those stories build a sweet bridge in my faith between the themes of Halloween, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving. As Jesus taught, there is greater rejoicing, greater thanksgiving in heaven, over one sinner who repents – who turns from dead ways to God's living ways – than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance. And, let's face it, there's really no one who needs *no* repentance. So, as saints set free by God's free gift of grace, let's be playful and imaginative in the ways we point others toward the loving, life-giving salvation of God in Christ.

In this Thanksgiving season, I remain thankful to be your pastor and grateful for the life in Christ we share together in congregation. Blessings to you! ~Bill

Blessings to you! Pastor Bill Sperry



Esther Jordan

Director of Worship Arts



The month of November will be filled with all music groups busily preparing for the special seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent as well as providing music for the weekly worship services. Hi-lights will include Phil Dannels on piano, violin and cello duo, Crusader Bells and Sounds of Worship. On November 27, exquisite harp music by Heidi Fleischbein will usher in the first Sunday of Advent.

It's not too late to join the Choir for the December 11 "Lessons and Carols" service! Rehearsals in November will be Thursday November 3 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. as well as Sunday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. following the service. We strive to rehearse and to perform in as safe of an environment as possible. Email Esther at esther@pbpres.org for more information.

Sneak Peak for December Special Musical Events:

Sunday, December 11 - "Lessons and Carols" Service led by the Choir, Sounds of Worship, Chamber Orchestra, Organ, Piano. and Narration by Geof Hollenbeck and Joy Phillips.

Sunday, December 18 - Mini-Concert of beautiful and worshipful music by the Crusader Bells, Phil Dannels on piano and Chelsea Johnson, soprano. Come to church early (9:30 a.m.) and be blessed!





PRAYER CONCERNS

In Rehab: **Ed Bodor** was transferred to a skilled nursing facility yesterday. Please keep Ed in prayer for his strength and comfort and peace for his family.

At Home: **Donna Pierce:** I want to thank everyone for the prayer support and care I received this past week. My Covid symptoms are lessening and I feel God's healing presence thanks to the prayers being sent. **Ed Martin** and Betsy would like to thank everyone for their many prayers and well wishes over the past several months. Ed's condition is stable. He manages to get around well in the house with his oxygen. Ed displays great fortitude as he deals with the limiting factors of his disease. Please keep Ed and Betsy in your continued prayers for strength and comfort, as they move forward in their journey. **Judi Hauser** remains in need of our strong prayers as she continues in treatment for her lymphoma. Judi will be having another round of chemotherapy on Friday. She will be at the hospital for the day. Her daughter Jennifer will be with her. Please keep Judi lifted in prayer for her strength as she faces this difficult struggle and for God to grant her healing and comfort. Please also keep Jennifer in prayer for her strength and peace as she lovingly cares for her mom. **Kari Lopez** is in need of our strong prayer support as she faces the challenges of breast cancer. She has been diagnosed with Invasive Lobular Carcinoma. Treatment will be decided following the results of her MRI and genetic testing. Please keep Kari in your prayers for her strength, healing and peace and wisdom for the medical team. **Ken Stahl** continues to need our strong prayers as he receives weekly chemotherapy to fight his cancer. Please pray for his healing and strength and for God's peace and comfort to surround him and his family.

Terry Schmid's incision on her scalp is healing well. The doctors removed the stitches on Monday, she now has steri-strips in place. Please continue to pray for her complete healing. **Tom Basham** is now feeling better following his Covid infection. Please keep Tom in your prayers as he continues to heal from the wound on his ankle.

Needing Ongoing Prayer: **Anthony Zarra** (Donna's nephew) needs our prayers for his safety as he serves in Syria. **Betty Durst** needs continued prayers for her strength and comfort. **Glenn Graham** (former member) needs our prayers for God's peace and comfort to surround her. **John Wehbring** needs prayers for his comfort and peace. **Joy Byars** (Robin Mayo's friend) needs our strong prayer support for her vision to be maintained as long as possible. **Karen Lampard** remains in need of our strong prayers for her continued healing. **Lori**, Gerry Ritz's daughter, continues to need our strong prayer support for her strength and comfort in her battle with cancer. **Robert Keller;** prayers for his peace and comfort. **Robin**, Neil's friend, continued prayers for her healing and in deciding whether to have the radiation the doctors are advising as an option. **Van Cooke** continued prayers for her strength and healing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?



Fall New Member Class

Pastor Bill will host a New Member Class on Sunday, November 6, from 11:30-2:30 PM in Founder's Hall. A light lunch will be provided, and child care is available upon request. The class is not limited to those expecting to join. Anyway interested in learning more about our denomination, our congregation, and the meaning of membership is welcome to attend.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Pastor Bill by Wednesday, November 2, at Pastor@pbpres.org.

Sermon Series

Reformation Season (October 23-Nov 20)

"The Five Solas: Five foundational statements of the Christian life"

November 6:

Sola Gratia - Romans 5:1-8

November 13:

Soli Deo Gloria- Romans 11:33-12:2

November 20:

Solus Christus - Hebrews 9:11-15,23-28

Advent Season (November 27-Dec 25)

"Jesus Messiah: Titles of the Savior Who Has Come"

November 27:

King - Isaiah 9:1-7



November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our November Birthday folks!

Matthew Teeling - 1st
Betsy Martin - 9th
Leslie McEuen - 9th
Charlie Cowell - 14th
Lauren Bodor - 19th
Terry Schmid - 28th
Nessy Kipuw - 29th

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?



SOCK DONATIONS

For many years now, our church has supported the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) by donating socks to their ministry.

If you are able, the Deacons are requesting the following variety.

- Mens Crew Socks
- Women Socks
- Children Socks

YOU MAY BRING THEM TO THE NARTHEX ON SUNDAYS OR THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK

Session Meeting Highlights

- Saturday, October 22, Truly Nolen came and sprayed all downstairs classroom areas of the Pre-School.
- Stewardship letters will be mailed to congregation October 28-29.
- Lord's Supper will be served the first Sunday in November (6th)
- Nominating Committee, seeking new Deacons and Elders, will be "up and running" in November.
- Charlie Cowell will be replacing Shane Cowell as the church's Asst. Video Producer.
- Pre-school is looking for 2 teachers to replace those who are out due to injury (broken foot) and maternity.
- P.B. Christmas Parade is December 10, 11 AM.
- The Christmas Joy Offering will be collected at December 18 service.

KINGDOM KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS A HIT!



GET TO KNOW SOME OF YOUR STAFF

Do you have a favorite FALL activity that you like to do every year?

Pastor Bill Sperry:

There aren't many Fall season activities that I've done every year, so I guess the ones we've continued must be our favorite. Those include decorating our house (inside and outside), carving pumpkins into Jack-o-lanterns, baking pumpkin bread and roasting pumpkin seeds, watching spooky movies, and picking out fun costumes. But, my very favorite part of the season is Trick-or-Treating, because it's perhaps the only time of year when so many neighbors walk our neighborhoods with kids; joyfully knock on strange doors and open our doors to strangers; and share sweet love, big smiles, and goodies with anyone we see. It's a great season for living out the Great Commandment!

Stacey Kay:

My favorite Fall activity is decorating my house. Bringing a little bit of Fall décor into the house gets the Fall vibes going, even if it is 75 degrees outside!

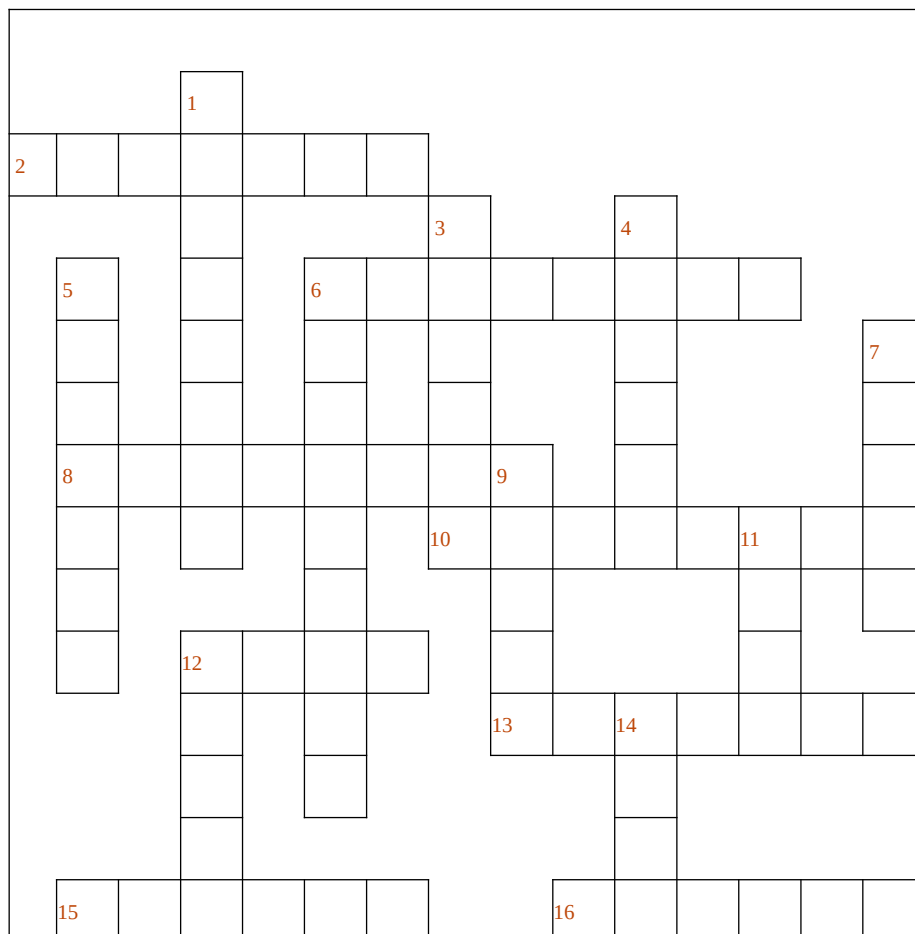
Amy Jones:

My favorite thing to do in the fall is have friends over for dinner and huddle around the fire-pit with a nice glass of wine!

Roa Pselio:

My favorite fall activity would be going to the Carlsbad pumpkin patch! I enjoy the crisp cold air and lovely aesthetic that is the pumpkin patch. We live in Sunny San Diego, so getting even a small glimpse of FALL is such a sweet thing for me. The apple launcher is also a plus for some target practice fun!

Fall



Across

- 2 Halloween month
- 6 Rodent that hordes nuts
- 8 People at the first Thanksgiving
- 10 Thanksgiving month
- 12 Yellow vegetable that grows on stalks
- 13 To gather farm crops
- 15 Thanksgiving main dish
- 16 Falls from trees

Down

- 1 Sport played with a brown ball
- 3 Another name for Fall
- 4 a color and a fruit
- 5 Great for pies or for carving
- 6 Keeps birds away from fields
- 7 Nut from an oak tree
- 9 Birds fly _____ for the winter
- 11 Bundles of hay
- 12 Drink made from apples
- 14 Tool to clean up leaves

