



# Denbigh United Presbyterian Church NOVEMBER 2024

## Thanksgiving Eve Service Online Only

We will air our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Facebook and YouTube at noon on November 27. You can watch the service at that time or later as the service will remain available for viewing.

## Blue Christmas Service—December 5

The holiday season is difficult for all of us but the reasons can be varied and complex. The chaos and relentlessness of the weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas often leave us wondering what happened to the joy and peace we hear about so much. At our Blue Christmas service on December 5 at 7:00 p.m., we offer rest for the weary and a breath of fresh air as we openly acknowledge our struggles and our grief, our pain and our questions as we call out to God for help, comfort, peace, and healing. Please join us and invite friends who may find solace in this service.

## Advent Series—"On the Way to Bethlehem"

Advent begins on December 1 and our worship series theme is "On the Way to Bethlehem." We are so often focused on the destination in our travels. "Where are you going?" is the most common question upon hearing that someone is heading out of town. While the destination is perhaps the impetus for deciding to "go," it is often the journey itself that offers the most memorable moments—frustrating or delightful. This Advent season, we will pay attention not just to the destination of Christmas, but also to the places where events occurred that led to a starry night on which a child was born who would change the world. And we will ponder our own milestones—the progress and the potholes "on the way."

## Christmas Eve Services

This year's Christmas Eve services will be held at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The 4 p.m. service will be child-friendly while including communion and the traditional candle lighting ceremony. We are hopeful the 4 p.m. service will also accommodate those who do not drive at night. The 7 p.m. service is our traditional service which also includes communion and candle lighting. Please worship with us for one or both services and invite your family and friends.

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
[Click here for online giving](#)

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## Church Staff

**Senior Pastor**

The Reverend Deborah Dail

**Associate Pastor**

The Reverend Boone Clayton

**Office Manager**

Kimberly A. Garriott, CAP, VS

**Director of Music Ministries**

Jane Martin

**Accompanist/Organist**

Al Buchanan

**Sexton Team**

Mark and June Tessarolo  
Nick and Lauren Tessarolo

**Preschool Director**

Nancy Kerns

**Church Accountant**

Jeff Dawson

## Session Meeting Summary for October 2024

- Approved financial report for DUPC for September 2024
- Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of September 12, 2024
- Elected Mark Tessarolo Clerk of Session for 2025
- Elected Joan Minarik Treasurer for 2025
- Elected Mark Tessarolo Bookkeeper for 2025
- Received committee reports

In-Person and Facebook Live Worship					
Attendance	9/29	10/6	10/13 (Agents of Grace Sunday)	10/20	10/27 Soccer Celebration
Worship (in-person)	70	—	58	72	86
Facebook Live	138	264	200	316	244
YouTube	16	21	38	33	21
Staff/Volunteers	16	—	16	12	16
Nursery (+ helpers)	6	—	4	3	7
<b>TOTALS (as of 10/31/24)</b>	246	285	316	436	374

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. live on  
YouTube and Facebook.



FINANCE REPORT THROUGH

September 2024

**Total Income:** \$284,427.13

**Total Expenses:** \$323,131.39

**Difference:** (\$38,704.26)

**% of Pledge Received**

## Agents of Grace Sunday Enjoyed By All

On Sunday, October 13 we had our annual Agents of Grace Sunday. This year's day of worship, fellowship, and service was co-sponsored by the Worship, Congregational Care, Outreach, and Fellowship committees. Having built the scriptural and theological foundation through our "Agents of Grace" worship series based on Matthew 25:31-46, we embarked on our respective ministries. Here are some highlights:

Our "**Words of Encouragement**" team wrote and mailed 54 cards/letters to church members and friends.

The "**Environmental Stewards**" team replanted our church's bioretention pond.

The "**THRIVE**" team sorted, counted, re-bagged, and loaded on the bus the many food items contributed by our congregation for THRIVE Peninsula's food ministry.

Additionally, the "**THRIVE**" team assembled 55 birthday kits complete with cake mix; icing; can of sprite; and birthday candles, plates, and napkins.

The "**Visitation**" team spent time with several of our church members who do not often get out to church or other activities.

Our "**Singers**" went to the Hidenwood and sang for residents, including Memory Care patients. (If you want a copy of the booklet prepared for this event which includes the hymns and their history, look on the sign-up counter in the narthex or contact Jane Martin.)

The "**Meditation Garden**" team planted flowers, cleaned flower beds, trimmed greenery, and washed windows in our Meditation Garden in the breezeway.

Our last-minute team for **Hurricane Helene Relief** packed 12 clean-up buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Each bucket filled with requested supplies cost approximately \$75. The buckets were delivered to Richmond to join others to be transported to hurricane-affected areas.

"**Contributors**" and "**People Who Prayed**" teams donated food, supplies for the birthday kits, and money to make the THRIVE and "Clean-up Buckets" projects possible. Our Prayer Partners prayed for our agents of grace in action.

The "**Menchville House**" team prepared and delivered a barbeque meal and desserts for the 49 residents.

Our "**Kitchen Team**" provided all of us a delicious lunch before we set out on our respective ministries. Thank you to this team for donating and preparing this meal.

Thank you, Agents of Grace.

Al Buchanan and Debbie Ames, Coordinators




## Officers Training

The Peninsula Presbyterian Churches and PEVA's Congregational Vitality Team is offering Presbytery-wide Officer Training on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, 514 South Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA.

We will also have DUPC officer training at a later date, but it will be more tailored to specifics of our church and its operations.

[REGISTER YOURSELF OR GROUP HERE](#)



**PRESBYTERY-WIDE**  
**OFFICERS TRAINING**  
@ First Pres Hampton  
Sat Nov 16

8:30 am Coffee & Pastries

9:00 am To God be the Glory Forever:  
Rejoicing in God's Call to Shared Ministry  
~Rev. Lissa Long, Transitional General Presbyter

10:00 am Electives (choose one)  
Presbyterian Basics - Book of Order Greatest Hits ~ Rev. Charles Tucker  
Future of Church Property and its Creative Potential ~Rev. Eric Peltz

11:00 am Electives (choose one)  
Predestination for Today ~ Rev. Boone Clayton  
Writing a Church Budget - Joys and Concerns for 2025 ~Revs. Donna & Clark DeSarro-Raynal

Hosted by the Peninsula churches and the Congregational Vitality Team

## Congregational Meeting—November 10

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 10 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers.

# Saturday Dec. 14 9-10:30 AM

DENBIGH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Come enjoy a hot breakfast and fun program with Mary about the miracle she's expecting. Music, decorations, & a coffee bar for parents also await!

### Mary's Menu:

- Pancakes
- Bacon
- Potato Casserole
- Fruit



**\$5/adult \$3/child** Under 2  
FREE  
Buy tickets today at [bit.ly/dupcmmary](http://bit.ly/dupcmmary)

## Sunday's November 2024 Master

	3	10	17	24	27 (Thanksgiving)
<b>Greeters</b>	Joy, Betty/ Hake, Becca	Miller, Martha Woodard, Carolyn	Easter, Dan Minarik, Joan/ Lloyd, Moses	Murawski, Sandi/ Morse, JR Murphy, Bob	<b>This will be an online service.</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Tessarolo, June Tessarolo, Mark	Morrison, Bill Murawski, Sandi	Ames, Debbie Murphy, Bob	Ames, Debbie Hake, Becca	
<b>Youth Reader</b>	Lloyd, Mykaila	Nyenty, Martha	Shildt, Eli	Clayton, Elias	
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Spivey, Kristi	Clayton, Boone	Murawski, Sandi	Kyle, Jean	
<b>Nursery</b>	Shildt, Jessica Lloyd, Moses	Ames, Debbie Keffer, Kam	Clayton, Julia Lloyd, Mykaila	Hunt, Connie Keffer, Addy	
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Hunt, Connie	Joy, Betty	Phillips, Donna	Schmidt, Amy	
<b>Counters</b>	Hall, Terry Hunt, Connie	Skaar, Becky Spruill, Doug	Miller, Charles Morrison, Bill	Ames, Debbie Pennell, Dale	
<b>Preparation of Elements</b>	Hunt, Connie				
<b>Communion</b>	Morrison, Bill Morrison, Janet Pennell, Dale Pennell, Keith				



We praise God for the birth of Harrison Patrick Hall on October 24. Harrison is the son of Trace and Whitney Hall. Proud grandparents are Terry and Patti Hall.



## Stewardship Season 2024

As we prepare for a new year of ministry at DUPC, we invite you to prayerfully consider the ways you will contribute your time, talent, and treasure in 2025.

While the deadline for the Time and Talent Surveys was October 20, we will still accept your surveys online or in hard copy for a few more weeks. Please locate your survey and submit it as soon as possible. For assistance, please contact Kimberly in the church office.

You will be receiving a letter about financial giving for the new year in early November. Please complete your pledge card after praying for God's guidance and return it to the church by November 17, which is Dedication Sunday.

Thank you for being year-round stewards of God's gifts.



## Christmas Joy

*December 1 - December 22, 2024*

Supporting the Christmas Joy Offering honors God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and our future leaders of the church.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families.

Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.



Thank you for Gifts to Peace and Global Witness Offering. Our congregation gave \$607.00 for this offering. Twenty-five percent of the contributions (\$151.00) will go to the local organization Ketchmore Kids.

Mission is to  
**Ketchmore Kids** Than Drugs  
**Ketchmore Kids** Than Gangs  
**Ketchmore Kids** Than The Police

## Adult Sunday School Class—Ancient Words

Ancient Words is a traditional Sunday school class for adults that focuses on Bible study. It meets each week from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room, and all are welcome. The fall quarter of meetings began September 1 and continues through November 24, with stand-alone lessons each week, in case you can't attend every Sunday. The fall quarter theme will explore worship practices from the Old Testament (primarily the Psalms) that continue to influence our current worship experience. A helpful study book is provided.

## November Star Words

- ◆ Give thanks for your word
  - ◆ Write a prayer, poem, or song of thanks to God for your word and what you have learned this year.
  - ◆ What are you most grateful that God has taught you this year? You might need to read back through your journal to remember all that God has spoken to you this year.
  - ◆ The cornucopia is a symbol of harvest and abundance. It's therefore used to represent thanksgiving for all we've been given. Cut out a paper cornucopia and write your star word in or on it. If you want to get really fancy, you can add star words from years past in your cornucopia.

## Poverty, by America

Why, in the richest country on earth, is poverty more prevalent and extreme than in any other advanced democracy? Why in this land of plenty do so many go without basic necessities? How is it, that in a country known for its opportunity and promise, so many are unable to access those opportunities and promises? Matthew Desmond is a life-long Presbyterian and professor at Princeton University. His book, *Poverty, by America* (Crown Publishing, 2023), explores the origin and evolution of systemic poverty that constrains so many in this country. He outlines changes that could dramatically reduce, even potentially eradicate, systemic poverty in the United States. DUPC will be hosting three meetings as part of a yearlong series of group discussions of the book held throughout the presbytery. We hope you read this book, discern, pray, and participate in the group discussions. A few copies of *Poverty, by America* are available at the PEVA office for sale or to borrow (contact [jessica@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jessica@pcusa-peva.org)), or you may get a copy from your preferred source.

### BOOK STUDY DATES:

#### In Person Options at Denbigh United Presbyterian Church

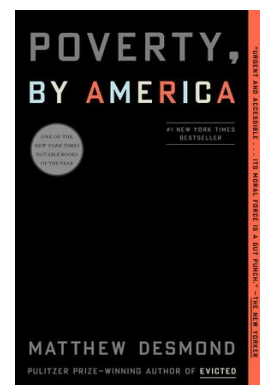
6:30 p.m. lasting approximately one hour

Anyone can attend any of these sessions:

**Tuesday November 12, 2024**—Session One - Chapters 1-3

**Tuesday March 25, 2025**—Session Two - Chapters 4-6

**Tuesday May 13, 2025**—Session Three - Chapters 7-end





# Fellowship

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Luncheon

While marking your calendar, be sure to note December 8 is the Christmas Luncheon. Christmas is a special time of year and the luncheon celebrates the season with wonderful food and friendship.

*Joan Minarik, Fellowship Chair*

## Esther Circle

### Growth, Grace, Faith

1. Growth occurs in difficult times.
2. We do get to decide how we respond to difficult times.
3. God's promise is the provision of grace.
4. Keep walking through the storm. Your rainbow is waiting on the other side.

*By: Heather Stillefsen*

5. Faith is like radar that sees through the fog . . .

The reality of things at a distance that the human eye can't see.

*By: Corrie Ten Boom*

6. Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
7. Faith is the absence of fear; faith is what overcomes fear.

### Anxiety Calming Scriptures



## Prime Timers

### Upcoming Schedule:

**Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m.**—Williamsburg Players to see “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.” Tickets have been purchased and distributed.

**December**—We are once again going to support our Ft. Eustis students who are leaving from PHF to go home for Christmas block leave. We give The Heroes Lounge a Sam's gift card for breakfast, lunch, and snack items for their departure, and the same for their return. These hero recruits really appreciate it! You may donate money to Janet Morrison or Elaine Minch any time in November. If you write a check, please make it out to Elaine Minch and she will cash it and add your donation with the rest.

**Wednesday, January 29, 12:00 noon**—Celebrate Chinese New Year with a buffet lunch at Buffet City, 14346 Warwick Blvd. in Denbigh Village Shopping Center. Reservations may be made on January 19 and 26.

**Sunday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.**—CNU drama students will perform Stephen King's thriller “Carrie” in Ferguson Center. We expect to use the church bus for those needing a ride. Tickets are \$9.00 each and reservations will be taken on January 5 and 12.

## Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. Calendar

### Working for Justice and Peace (J&P) (shared by Gerry Ellis)

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE WITH THE WORLD BY BEING GOD’S HANDS IN THE WORLD. WE ANSWER GOD’S CALL TO “DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH OUR GOD” (MICAH 6:8).

Remember, every Thursday is an opportunity to participate in Thursdays in Black. See [Thursdays in Black | World Council of Churches](#)

#### NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month; [Native American Heritage Month | National Archives](#) or [Native American Heritage Month 2024](#)

- 10 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; [Presbyterian Mission Agency Presbyterian Hunger Program | Compassion, Peace and Justice | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)
- 11 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Searching for Savanna: The Murder of One Native American Woman and the Violence Against the Many* by Mona Gable. Register at [Work For Justice and Peace – Presbyterian Women](#)
- 13 World Kindness Day; [The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation | World Kindness Day®](#)
- 20 Universal Children’s Day; [World Children's Day | United Nations](#)
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance; [Transgender Day of Remembrance | GLAAD](#)
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women | United Nations](#)
- 25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence | UN Women – Headquarters](#)
- 28 Thanksgiving; [Presbyterian Mission Agency Just Living: Alternative Thanksgiving Ideas | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

Congregational  
are  
Committee

BE THE REASON  
WHY SOMEONE  
FEELS  
INCLUDED,  
WELCOMED,  
VALUED,  
LISTENED TO,  
SUPPORTED,  
AND LOVED.

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recovery from my recent fall.

Blessings,

*Carolyn Vassos*

thank you

### Next Committee Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be  
**Wednesday, November 6,**  
in the Conference Room.  
**EVERYONE** is welcome to  
attend a meeting.

### Members

Betty Joy

Carol Lynch

Carolyn Vassos

Janet Morrison

Kimberly Garriott

Sara Crippen

### YOUR NAME HERE

Marlene Ferri, Chairperson  
757-291-NICK

Deborah Dail, Senior Pastor

# Outreach



## Individual/Family Needs

- There were visits to the DUPC pantry for food and non-food items by community members.
- Financial assistance given for medical bills, and food was purchased for a church member.

## Paul's Ministry

- In October, members of DUPC transported children from Paul's Mobile Home Park to attend Sunday School, Worship, soccer, and chimes.

## Clothing and More Giveaway

- The Clothing and More Giveaway event will be Sunday, January 12, 2025, from 12 pm - 2 pm, with set up on Saturday, 11 at 1pm. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Sheila Stevens at 757-718-5100.

## Car Fund

- At this time, ongoing donations are still appreciated in order to take care of future transportation needs of the congregation.



## THRIVE

- The holidays are right around the corner. THRIVE has distributed gift cards to over 1,800 children since 2020 through their *Let Christmas THRIVE* program. If you would like to assist with helping these families, you can go to <https://givebutter.com/LetChristmasTHRIVE2024>.
- Pantry items needed: spaghetti sauce, pasta, ready meals, and canned fruit.



## Virginia Peninsula Foodbank (VPF)

- The *Shake Shack* opened on October 23rd right across from Tech Center. For every sandwich/burger sold, they will donate \$1.00 to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, and in addition, they are also doing a food drive to help VPF stamp out hunger. Stop in and help out a new local business and the VPF by purchasing some delicious food and/or donating some non-perishable items.



## Menchville House

- The Menchville House 9th Annual *Cooking for a Cause* will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 6 pm - 9 pm at The Event Center of Hampton, 227 East Mercury Blvd, Hampton, 23669. There will be cooking competitions, live music, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are \$40 per person, and can be purchased at <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/MCC2024> to help this worthy cause.



## LINK of Hampton Roads

- LINK is collecting items needed for the guests at the PORT Winter Shelters. Trial size hygiene items such as shampoo and conditioner, body wash, body lotion, and toothpaste and toothbrushes are always needed. In addition, sweatpants (for men and women, no hoodies please) socks, undergarments and coats are appreciated. You can find a container in the Narthex if you would like to donate any items.





## National Collection Week: November 18-25, 2024

### DUPC's Collection Deadline: **November 17, 2024**

We will again collect shoe boxes filled with gifts to be sent to boys and girls in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the gospel. Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also join in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

#### Ways You can Help!

- 1) **Pray**. for the children who will receive a gift.
- 2) **Pack a shoebox**. Use your own shoebox or a pre-printed shoebox, which will be available at the church. Instructions will be in a brochure for your convenience.
- 3) **Donate items**. If you are unable to fill a shoebox, you can donate smaller toys, hygiene items, and school supplies (no liquids or edible items). Our Youth will take these items and fill boxes.
- 4) **Donate money**. A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Checks can be made out to [Samaritan's Purse](#) with Operation Christmas Child on memo line. Cash will also be accepted.

**All supplies and brochures will be available in the narthex on October 1.**

Please bring your box back on or before **Dedication Sunday, November 17, 2024**. Thank you for considering becoming a part of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Morrison at (757) 879-6729.



# Halloween Trunk or Treating—DUPC Style!





## Children's and Youth Ministries

### Sunday School Classes

Children's and youth Sunday School classes are offered weekly at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast is provided. We hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Baldwin, Jean Kyle, or Jessica Shildt if you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, drive children to and from church, or sit with children during worship. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and learning about our Faith! Kathy [kmbwin@gmail.com](mailto:kmbwin@gmail.com), Jean [jsekyle@cox.net](mailto:jsekyle@cox.net), or Jessica [jessica.shildt@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.shildt@gmail.com)

### Sunday School and Faith Weaver Friends (FWF) Lessons for November

#### Sunday, November 3 & Wednesday, November 6:

Joshua Becomes Leader of Israel—Joshua 1:1-11

Bible Point: God is with us.

#### Sunday, November 10 & Wednesday, November 13:

Joshua Sends Spies to Jericho—Joshua 2:1-24

Bible Point: We can have faith that God will do big things in our lives.

#### Sunday, November 17 & Wednesday, November 20:

The Israelites Cross the Jordan River—Joshua 3:1-4:24

Bible Point: Remember what God has done.

#### Sunday, November 24 (No FWF on November 27):

God Gives Victory Over Jericho—Joshua 6:1-27

Bible Point: God's power works for good.

Children's Sunday School					
	9/29	10/7	10/13	10/20	10/27
Teachers	5	6	4	6	5
Students	18	24	17	23	21
Visitors	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b> (as 9/16/24)	23	30	21	29	26



## Faith Weaver Friends—Fall Term begins November 6

Now that the fall Upward Soccer season is over, we begin Faith Weaver Friends on Wednesday nights. We will meet from November 6 through December 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children's Choir will be from 5 to 5:45 p.m. for those who wish to sing in the choir. Kids who are 4 years old through 12th grade are welcome for an evening of dinner, recreation/crafts/music, Bible study, and fun.

## Fall Upward Soccer Season a Success

This fall we had our third season of Upward Soccer at DUPC. We thank God for great weather, faithful coaches and referees, our players and their families, and all who worked to make this season successful. We had 55 children who played this season.

Our Celebration Sunday on October 27 featured recognition of players, coaches, and referees during worship, a picnic, bounce houses, cotton candy, and soccer games. Each player received an individual and team photo. Watch for registration dates for our spring season!





Happy November everyone! The leaves are changing color and falling from the trees and our preschoolers are enjoying watching them fall, along with raking them up. The most fun, of course, is jumping in a pile of the leaves. We truly love the outdoors. Our classes will focus on the meaning of Thanksgiving this month, have a little “feast” in their class, and talk about family. The color brown will be all around us in our classrooms. The four-year-old class will talk about bears and they have many fun hands-on activities planned. The three-year-old class will focus on leaves, squirrels, and the wise old owl.

Recap of last month—In October, the children learned about fire safety and practiced important skills, including fire drills and **Stop, Drop, and Roll!** The Newport News Fire Truck #9 stopped for a visit and later, the four-year-old class got to enjoy a visit from the Newport News Fire Department who did a wonderful job talking with the children about fire safety, especially in the home. The teachers created a pretend pumpkin patch on our playground for a cute fall picture and each child was able to choose their very own “tiny” pumpkin to take home. Thank you to the Shildt family for donating pumpkins again this year for all the children. What a blessing! We had our first Chapel. We ended the month learning about Halloween safety and dressing up in our costumes for our annual Halloween Parade. After the parade, the children went trick or treating around the Preschool, including a stop to see Kimberly, the witch, in the Church Office. What a fun day and fast October! (There are pictures on the next page.)

Children are beginning to bring in items for Operation Christmas Child. Our families are the best, always helping in any way they can.

Chapel this month is Wednesday, November 20.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers that we stay safe and healthy! Thank you for your support of our preschool program!

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving!  
Nancy Kerns, Director



Preschool Registration is still Open for 2024-2025		
# of Days	Registration/Supply/ Activity Fees	Monthly Tuition
3 days (3 years) Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$185	\$185
4 days (4 years) Mon./Tues./Wed/Thurs.)	\$225	\$225



## Preschool Halloween Parade



Nancy Kerns, Director/Lead Teacher; Katie McIlroy, Assistant Teacher;  
4-year-old class  
Robin Warnick, Lead Teacher/Tina Herbert, Assistant Teacher  
3-year-old class  
Kimberly Garriott, DUPC's Office Manager



One of the preschool girls  
grabbed the church office  
manager's hand and asked  
her to walk with her.

Thank you little one; you  
made my day!

*Kimberly*

# Other News

## Thank message from PEO. (Philanthropic Educational Organization)

I would like to thank DUPC for their support of the PEO benefit lunches.

Over 60 men and women from DUPC, friends, and PEO members, enjoyed our “Childhood Memories” Benefit Luncheon.

Howdy Doody, jumping rope jingles, songs, and other fond memories were enjoyed by all as well as a buffet of food we remembered when we were young.

Thanks again, and I hope you will join us in March 2025 for our next Benefit Luncheon.

*Shirlie Anson and all the PEO Members*



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### Prayer Chains

If you are not already on the **email prayer chain** and would like to be added, please contact Elaine Minch at [elainem33@cox.net](mailto:elainem33@cox.net) or Kimberly Garriott at [session@denbighunitedpres.org](mailto:session@denbighunitedpres.org).

If you would like to be on the **telephone prayer chain**, please contact Carol Lynch at 757-930-0678.

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**December Digest Deadline**  
**Monday, November 18, 2024**

***In our Thoughts and Prayers . . .***

- Aurelia Grant***
- Bill Cole***
- Brennon Andrews***
- Anneliese Collins***
- Darlene Wickline***
- Dave and LuAnn Jusino***
- Dave and Bernie Rogers***
- Ellen Percival***
- Don Bickhart***
- Helen Thiessen***
- Jack Schweickardt***
- Jeanne Kent***
- Jim Robinson***
- Joe, Brenda, and Racheal Bender***
- Mike Minarik***
- Morris Kincaid***
- Nancy Williams***
- Nimere Smith***
- Paul Ardary***
- Phyllis Thweatt***
- Robin Huffman***
- Ruth Magill***  
***(Jack Schweickardt's sister)***
- Vanessa Gamble***
- Will Cooper***
- Yeung-Sook Lee***



**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

<i>Michael Cohen</i>	<i>Nixon Fombebe</i>	<i>Tom Joyner</i>
<i>Cameron Dail</i>	<i>Morgan Henretta</i>	<i>Jacob Mayes</i>
<i>Grey Davenport</i>	<i>Kevin Huss</i>	<i>Joshua Silva</i>
<i>Lazaro Durruty</i>		<i>Gabriel Williams</i>

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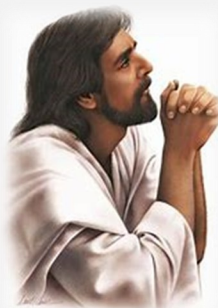
- Christian Jones*
- Jeff Schildt*
- Savannah Gore*

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

- Bruce and Deb Robinson*
- Meredith and Sandy Elder*

***We express our sympathy to the following families. May God bring comfort and hope to all who grieve.***

- †To Kayla Spivey and her family on the tragic death of her grandfather.*
- †To DeeDee Smith and her family on the death of her youngest brother, Eldon Andrews.*
- †To family and friends on the death of Hilda Sherman.*
- †To Becky and Kendal Wightman on the death of Becky's father and Kendal's grandfather.*
- †To Shannon Scott on the death of her sister, Tina London.*
- †To Evalene Hicks on the death of her sister.*





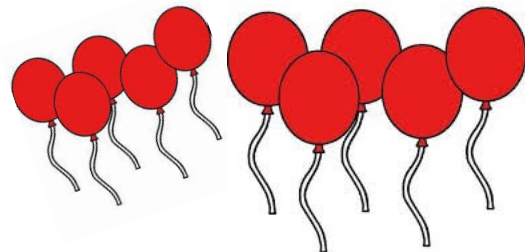
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### *Birthdays/Anniversaries*


DAY	NAME
1	Helen Highsmith
2	Haley Crippen
3	Laurel Ann Amos
4	Jennifer Rogers Ryan
4	Jim Vollmer
4	Melissa James
4	Sarah Phillips
5	Anneliese Collins
8	Brittany Hall
9	Joan Minarik
9	Paul Reynolds
9	Kathleen Rohlf
A10	Terry & Leone Harrison
11	Brenda McGowan Raasch
13	George Hake
13	Rob Depp
14	Joel Silva
14	Jacob Turner
15	Emily Phillips
15	Linda Nyenty
16	Rick Pauley
17	Chelsea Fuselier-Hagert
17	Dan Easter
17	Nate Martin
17	Joseph Sienko

DAY	NAME
18	Liz Marshall
19	Kevin Huss
19	Rosemary Murphy
20	James Uma
21	Elias Clayton
21	Steve Moore
22	Claire Schwarting
22	Henry Schwarting
23	Charles Miller
A24	Preston and Rebecca DuHamel
24	Barbara Shefelton
24	Shirley Rucker
24	Taylor Roach
25	Sara Sue Law
26	LeeAnn Stalls
27	Ben Ellis
A28	Dexter & Pat Morgan
30	Pamela McCullough



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AA—Alcoholics Anonymous CCC—Congregational Care Committee ChR—Choir Room CR—Conference Room EW—Education Wing FWF—Faith Weaver Friends  
 GS—Girl Scouts OA—Overeaters Anonymous OL—Online N—Narthex OS—Outside P—Parlor PL—Parking Lot PEO—Philanthropic Education Organization  
 PEP—Parents as Educational Partners PS—Preschool PSW—Preschool Wing RR—Reverent Ringers S—Sanctuary SH—Second Hall SHF—Second Hall Foyer  
 SF—Soccer Field SS—Sunday School V—Vacation Worship V&P—Worship Vision and Planning Team Zm—Zoom

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Please note the church calendar changes daily.</b>  <b>Refer to our website for the most-up-to-date calendar and events.</b></p> 					<p><b>1</b>  <i>Session Reports Due</i></p>	<p><b>2</b>            10:00 AA (SH)            10:00 AI-Anon (Rm 9)             2:00 Memorial Service/            Reception for Hilda Sherman</p>
<p><b>3</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)            9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)            9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)            10:30 Worship/Communion (S, OL)            11:45 New Member Brunch (SH, K, SHF)             6:30 Children's Chime Choir (Rm 9)</p>	<p><b>4</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             6:30 Girl Scouts #1013 (Rm 9, SH)</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Election Day</b>  <b>Preschool Closed</b>             11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR)             1:00 Bible Basics and Themes Class (CR)             7:00 Bible Basics and Themes Class (CR)            7:00 OA (Rm 9)</p>	<p><b>6</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)            10:00 Congregational Care Committee (CR)            5:00 Children's Choir (ChR)            5:30 FWF (EW, SH, SHF, K)            6:00 Reverent Ringers (ChR)</p>	<p><b>7</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             6:30 Memorial Service for Tina London (S, SH, SHF, K)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>            10:00 AA (SH)            10:00 AI-Anon (Rm 9)</p>
<p><b>10</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)            9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)            9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)            10:30 Worship            11:30 Congregational Meeting             6:30 Children's Chime Choir (Rm 9)</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>Veteran's Day</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             5:30 KIDZ' N GRIEF (All)</p>	<p><b>12</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)            10:00 Esther Circle (SH)            11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR)             1:00 Bible Basics and Themes Class (CR)             7:00 Bible Basics and Themes Class (CR)            7:00 OA (Rm 9)</p>	<p><b>13</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             5:00 Children's Choir (ChR)            5:30 FWF (EW, SH, SHF, K)            6:00 Reverent Ringers (ChR)</p>	<p><b>14</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             7:00 Session (CR)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>            8:30-noon PEVA Officer Training (First Presbyterian Church, Hampton)            10:00 AA (SH)            10:00 AI-Anon (Rm 9)</p>
<p><b>17</b>  <b>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)            9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)            9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)            10:30 Worship/Operation Christmas Child Dedication (S, OL)             6:30 Children's Chime Choir (Rm 9)</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>Digest Deadline</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             6:30 Girl Scouts #1013 (Rm 9, SH)</p>	<p><b>19</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)            10:00 Esther Circle (SH)            11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR)             6:30 Poverty, By America Book Study Mtg. (SH)            7:00 OA (CR)            7:00 Priscilla Circle (Pennell's Home)</p>	<p><b>20</b>            9:00 Preschool Parent Coffee (SH)            9:15 Preschool (PSW)            9:45 Preschool Chapel (S)            5:00 Children's Choir (ChR)            5:30 FWF (EW, SH, SHF, K)            6:00 Reverent Ringers (ChR)</p>	<p><b>21</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             7:00 DUPP Board Mtg. (CR)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>            10:00 AA (SH)            10:00 AI-Anon (Rm 9)</p>
<p><b>24</b>  <b>Christ the King Sunday</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)            9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)            9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)            10:30 Worship (S, OL)            11:45 Private Dessert/Potluck (SH, SHF, K)            6:30 Children's Chime Choir (Rm 9)</p>	<p><b>25</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)             5:30 KIDZ' N GRIEF (All)            7:00 Worship V&amp;P (Zm)</p>	<p><b>26</b>            9:15 Preschool (PSW)            11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR)             7:00 OA (CR)</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>Kimberly-V Preschool Closed</b>             12:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service (Online Only) aired at noon; available after initial airing)</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <b>Preschool Closed</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Kimberly-V Preschool Closed</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>            10:00 AA (SH)            10:00 AI-Anon (Rm 9)</p>





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