

# Highlands Highlights



Beginning November 1, Highlands Church will resume in-person Worship every Sunday at 10am.

The Session has prayed, discussed, and evaluated pertinent aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and we further recognize that some of these in-person worship requirements may be burdensome for some. We do hope that everyone understands that we believe these procedures provide the best protection for all the Highlands family. We're excited that we will begin meeting together for Worship. We hope that those of you who would like to join will do so in keeping with the safety requirements so that we can express genuine love toward one another. Review the procedures and requirements for attending below.

## Online Registration for Worship

To help with contact tracing, the Session is asking that our Highlands Church Family registers for in-person Worship online each week. Follow the steps below to register for Worship or click the link at the bottom to go straight to the registration page!

We can't wait to see you in-person beginning November 1! ***Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour so that you can join us at 10:00 a.m. EST***

Step 1: Visit the church website at: <https://highlandsarp.org/>

Step 2: Click the image that says "Join us for in-person Worship"

Step 3: Click on the date that you will be able to join us in-person.

Step 4: Fill in the registration form and click the submit button.

Step 5: If you are able to join us in-person for another week, click the blue button that says "Click here to register for another week" at the bottom of the page.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP**



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## Special Points of Interest

- Nov 1 - Worship Service
- Nov 1 - Puppet Show
- Nov 3 - Weekly Digital Prayer Meeting
- Nov 3 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Nov 3 - Election Day
- Nov 4 - Midweek Message
- Nov 4 - Children's Zoom & Youth Zoom
- Nov 5 - Adult Bible Study
- Nov 8 - Worship Service
- Nov 9 - Soup Night
- Nov 10 - Weekly Digital Prayer Meeting
- Nov 10 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Nov 10 - Blood Drive
- Nov 11 - Midweek Message
- Nov 11 - Children's Zoom & Youth Zoom
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov 12 - Adult Bible Study
- Nov 15 - Worship Service
- Nov 15 - Session Meeting
- Nov 17 - Weekly Digital Prayer Meeting
- Nov 17 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Nov 18 - Midweek Message
- Nov 18 - Children's Zoom & Youth Zoom
- Nov 19 - Adult Bible Study
- Nov 22 - Worship Service
- Nov 23 - Soup Night
- Nov 24 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Nov 25 - Midweek Message
- Nov 26 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 - Worship Service

## *From the Pastor*

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

(2 Corinthians 9:15 NIV)

The holidays are a great time for reflection. They are a wonderful event in which we can pause and remember all that has transpired in the Providence of God and how He has continued in His faithfulness to protect us and provide for all our needs, especially in the midst of this pandemic. The holidays are also a time for us to remember God’s promises to us that give us great confidence for the year ahead.

We have much for which to be thankful. God has given us families and friends who encourage us and help us as we walk along this journey we call life. He has provided abundantly for our needs and He has also given us many of our wants that make life even more enjoyable.

Sure, some of us have had to face difficulties and heartaches this year as loved ones have gone home to be with Jesus. Some have experienced serious health issues while others have had to deal with the loss of jobs and the uncertainty that comes with those circumstances. This pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another as it physically separates us from each other. Life is not always going to treat us well. But even in those times of great trouble, God is always there with us, walking beside us, and carrying us when we think we can go no further.

But if there is one thing for which I believe we should all be exceedingly grateful it would be the wondrous gift of God’s grace given to us through the person and work of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul calls this the “indescribable gift”, and he is quite correct. How can we ever adequately describe the grace of God expressed through the cross of Jesus? If we truly consider the depth of our depravity and how we were the enemies of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and if we then consider how God, in His great love for us, came into this world in the person of Jesus in order to give His life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, we would have to agree with the Apostle Paul that this is truly an indescribable gift. Yet, that is exactly what God has done for us. We are a people of grace, a people of hope, a people who are forgiven and completely set free from the judgment that is to come upon all humanity. We are a people who have experienced an “indescribable gift” of grace.

I love this time of year because it forces me to pause and consider how blessed I really am because of all that God has done for me. I hope you will also take time during this holiday season to reflect on God’s grace lavished on you and that you also will be a person who is grateful and full of praise to God.

***Pastor Mark***



*Highlands Women's Ministry*

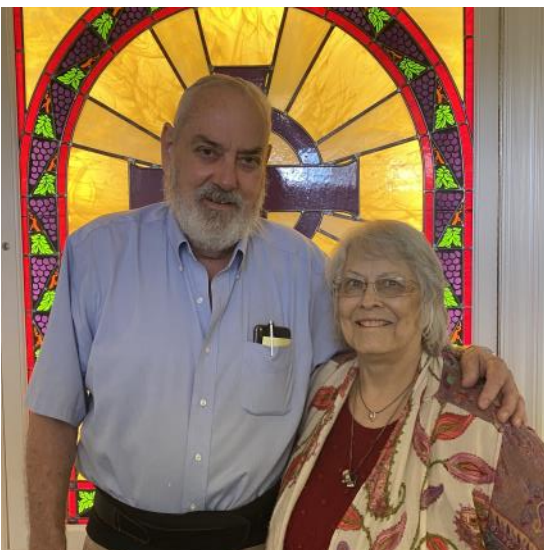
CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

## CREAMY CHICKEN CHILI

*from Vickie Fledderjohann*

- 2 - 15oz cans black beans rinsed & drained
- 2 - cans corn drained
- 2 - cans Rotel tomatoes undrained
- 2 - packages ranch dressing mix
- 2 tsp Cumin
- 2 Tbsp Chili Powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 2 - 8oz packages light cream cheese
- 8 chicken thighs (skin removed)

1. Drain and rinse black beans. Remove skin from chicken thighs. Place chicken at the bottom of the crockpot, then pour the whole cans of corn, Rotel tomatoes, and black beans on top of the chicken.
2. Top with seasonings and ranch dressing mix. Stir together.
3. Place cream cheese blocks on top. Cover with lid and cook for 6-8 hours on low or 3-4 hours on high.
4. After the cooking time is over, take chicken thighs from the crockpot and shred or cut into small pieces and add back to the Chili. Stir together and enjoy. Great served with cornbread.



# WELCOME New Members

Mary Bradley and Elliott Bayne joined Highlands in September. Apologies for the mistake in last month's newsletter. The Baynes have been married for 53 years and are the parents of Margaret and David, and have one grandson, Jeff. We're pleased to have them join our church family!

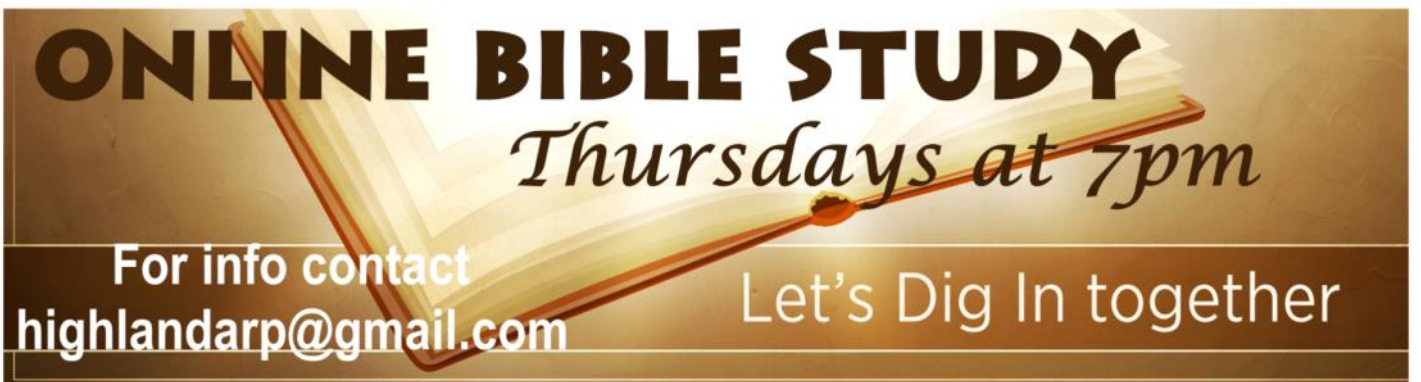




*Invite someone to  
Worship Online with us!  
[www.highlandsarp.org](http://www.highlandsarp.org)*



**Enjoy a  
Midweek Message  
from Pastor Mark**



**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY**  
*Thursdays at 7pm*

For info contact  
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Let's Dig In together



**PRAISE THE LORD.  
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

PSALM 106:1



**AMERICAN  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
Nov. 10 from 3-7pm**

Did you know that there are only two regularly scheduled blood drives in the city of Grayson and only two in Loganville? That tells me how critical the need is for donors to come out on November 10. Our schedule allows for 23 appointments, but already 18 are already filled.

If you haven't given in a while, or if you've never given, this is a great time to start! Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), search for "30017" and November 10 and sign up online. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Whitson at 404-790-8936 or [bjwhitson@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjwhitson@bellsouth.net).

Are you are a first-time donor? Check out the Red Cross page for questions, answers and encouragement - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/common-concerns/first-time-donors.html>

Our blood donations have gone to these locations -

- ◆ Medical Center Navicent Health
- ◆ Memorial Satilla Health
- ◆ Putnam General Hospital
- ◆ Tift Regional Medical Center
- ◆ Wellstar Cobb Hospital



Highlands MMO & Preschool

# November

Theme: Be Thankful



This month our theme is "Be Thankful!" The students will be encouraged to be thankful for God, for their families, for their toys, and really for everything! This month we will also be talking about the first Thanksgiving! We will be learning about Pilgrims and Native Americans!



This is our Thanksgiving Program from last year! We miss being together in person!



Highlands MMO & Preschool is reaching out to our community to provide quality Christian childcare and instruction for families with young children. Please pray for this outreach ministry of Highlands ARP Church.



# YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

## Join us for a Puppet Show

*Nov 1 Online after Worship*

# WORSHIP THE LORD!

**ONLINE OR IN PERSON**



Wednesdays at 6:30!

Join us on

**ZOOM**



See Ms. Bonnie  
for more info



# ZOOM Fall Festival









# YOUTH GROUP ON ZOOM WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30

MESSAGE PASTOR CHRIS FOR INFO

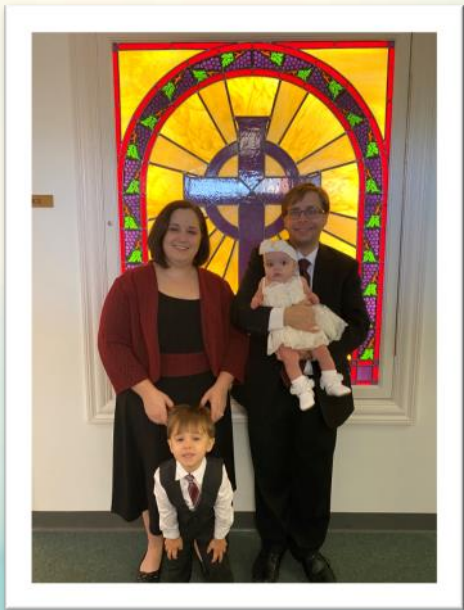
In our Wednesday night Youth Group we have been continuing to study Paul's letter to the Philippians. We began this study by looking at Acts 16, where we read about Paul's journey to Philippi. This chapter of Acts sets the stage for us to begin looking at Philippians and helps us to understand a little more of the story behind the church in Philippi. We are just beginning the book of Philippians and look forward to all that God has in store to teach us. We are so thankful to be able to meet safely online during this time. Please continue to pray for the youth as we study the Bible together and as they seek to serve the Lord this school year.

Pastor Chris



# Welcome Covenant Children

Lachlan Wood baptized on September 21st and Kayleigh Joyce Summers was baptized on October 4th. We celebrate with their families.



Ricky & Kristy Summers and Zachary with Kayleigh Joyce



Dennis & Teresa Wood and their son Lachlan with grandparents Bill & Lyn Alimena



## In Loving Memory of **Roger Lusby**

*May 15, 1935 – October 22, 2020*

Roger and Margot have been members of Highlands for many years. Roger trusted in the Lord and recently celebrated being a Christian for 73 years. He was very proud of being a Presbyterian, and had been a ruling elder for over 50 years.

Roger's favorite hymn was "In the Garden," and his favorite verse was John 3:16. Roger loved his Sunday School Class at Highlands. He was a faithful member of the class, and loved studying Eschatology with them. He also loved keeping track of the budget at Highlands, and did his part to make sure Highlands was faithful in their stewardship. Roger "adopted" Pastor Mark & Bonnie and would call them his adopted son and daughter. Roger also enjoyed the times that Highlands honored the veterans, and was proud of the time he spent in the Navy. Roger was loved by many and will be missed.



# VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



## **Army**

Melvin Crook  
Temple Elam  
Ken Fordham  
Mark Hornby  
Bill Keoho  
Paul McInnish  
Charles Roberts  
Gene Streng  
Gene Wade  
John West  
Stan Whitaker  
Jim Whitson

## **Army National Guard**

George O'Farrell

## **Navy**

John Avitable  
John Jones  
Roger Lusby  
Paul McInnish  
Phillip Wallace

## **Air Force**

Gus Bartenfeld  
Henry Kurtz  
Alex McGill  
Russell Smith  
Ron Wimer

# OUR MISSION

The mission of Erskine College is to equip students to flourish by providing an excellent liberal arts education in a Christ-centered environment where learning and biblical truth are integrated to develop the whole person.



ERSKINE  
COLLEGE

Erskine College is excited about what God is doing on our campus, and we want to share our news each month with you, our family in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church! Below are some highlights, and we invite you to check out our website for campus news, current events, and feature stories: [www.erskine.edu/discover/campus-news/](http://www.erskine.edu/discover/campus-news/) or [www.erskine.edu/discover/current-events/](http://www.erskine.edu/discover/current-events/).

- Erskine College placed seventh among “Best Regional Colleges” in the South and is the top-ranked South Carolina school on the list.
- Erskine College has released the names of the 2020 Garnet Circle members. The Garnet Circle at Erskine College consists of the 25 currently enrolled students who achieved the highest scholastic average during the previous academic year.
- Interim Chaplain Josh Chiles has led Erskine’s socially distanced chapel services in Lesesne Auditorium during the first weeks of the Fall semester. In his message on Sept. 24, he encouraged college students to exercise maturity in speech, advising them to “slow down,” “set a guard,” and “get serious.”
- We invite deacons and elders of our churches to consider taking or auditing some courses via Erskine Online. We also offer the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) and the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degrees fully online now.

We ask you to be in continued prayer for Erskine College and Theological Seminary:

- Pray that we finish the semester strong and on campus.
- Continue to pray for God’s presence at Erskine. Pray for faculty and staff as they work to implement COVID-19 precautions in the classroom and around campus.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [pendergrass@erskine.edu](mailto:pendergrass@erskine.edu) or [churchrelations@erskine.edu](mailto:churchrelations@erskine.edu). Thank you for your support of Erskine College and Seminary! God bless.



In Christ,

**David Pendergrass**  
Accelerated Ministry Program Counselor  
Church Relations Coordinator  
Erskine College Class of 2012



Hi All,



Highlands Presbyterian

What a wonderful time of year! To begin this month's meals, we started off serving beef tacos with tortilla chips on October 12th. The rain had stopped after a good weekend of wetness. Bob and TJ were our Drive Thru servers on this day. A huge thank you to the ladies bringing in the snack bags of cheese and lettuce. What a time saver that was. It was a good night and we are blessed. On our second serving in October, on the 26th, we served creamy chicken chili and corn bread. It was so delicious and yummy! Our three servers thru the Drive Thru were Lori Johnson's kids. Savannah, Rebecca and Zack are Grayson HS students who need community service hours. Our guests are now in turn helping us. This was the same for CaraLee and Robert Whittle as they helped last month! We are one big family in serving the community. This night was a bit slower for our grab n go's. When this happens, we are able to bring the last of the containers of chili over to the CoOp to distribute and we were able to give out 150 meals! God's timing is perfect.



As a bit of an added serving this month, on the week of Oct. 19th, we served Food Pantry items to our guests by way of Drive Thru. Bob Statham picked up a Food Bank Run in the morning and we distributed it all to 120 people, 25 cars! Just a small amount of left-over items were donated to the Food CoOp. A funny story regarding this produce "give a way"... our last box was given to a lady who heard two women talking in Kroger about Highlands giving out fresh produce! So we are now, the talk of the town! LOL.

Our seniors on Route 3 & 4 received an added blessing this time. A friend of Soup Nite, donated small cuts of steak and Jane and Rachel made vegetable beef soup and stew for those seniors! We continue to make meals to bring over to the CoOp so they can deliver on the routes for the Seasoned With Love seniors. There is no contact. Food Boxes from the CoOp and our meals are left on the porch the morning that the CoOp arranges with the seniors to be there. We lost a senior this month and I hear her husband isn't far behind. Pray for Denise, their daughter who has been taking care of them, and Mr. Jefferson as he misses his wife and grieves her loss.



And last but not forgotten... our new freezer has arrived. Thanks to Highlands for your support, thank you to our volunteers who without them, none of this would be possible and praise our Lord for always helping us in this journey!

In Christ,

Carrie



## Prayer Corner Update

- Please be in prayer for Margot Lusby. Roger passed away last Thursday after a long illness. Margot has expressed thanks for everyone at the church, for the prayers and support she has received. Arrangements are unclear at this time.
- Sal and Carrie's friend, Bob Zack, has not responded to the latest round of chemotherapy. Please pray for Bob, his wife Cheryl and the family as they prepare for his last days.
- Joyce Jones requests prayers for her family who were exposed to COVID during a family gathering.
- Jon Jones' Uncle Mike has been diagnosed with liver and esophagus cancer.
- Elliott Bayne had 3 cysts removed on Wednesday and will be recovering at home.

## Praise Item

- Betty Reinhardt continues a slow recovery and is about 80% up to speed. She is 7 weeks post hospitalization and her doctors say a 3-month (12 week) recovery is a typical and normal time frame. She thanks everyone for their prayers and she knows the strength and healing prayer provides.

*If you have a prayer request for the congregation, please send to:*  
[highlandarp@gmail.com](mailto:highlandarp@gmail.com)





# Highlands 2020 Operating Budget Update

YTD Gifts & Offerings      \$161,072.91  
YTD Expenses                      \$154,157.47

The monthly YTD Summary is posted  
on the Members' page on our website.

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving can be confusing if you don't use it frequently. But once it's set up, it can be very easy to maintain.



**Tithe.ly** is a digital giving tool that Highlands ARP uses. It is accessible from your computer, iPad or phone. It allows members to make a one-time or recurring gifts to one of many funds. It also allows members to cover the fees associated with the online platform and to use a credit or debit card or have a withdrawal directly from their bank account (ACH transfer).

The fee associated with a credit or debit card are \$.30/transaction plus 2.9% of the contribution amount (3.5% for AMEX cards). The fee for an ACH transfer is \$.30/transaction plus 1% of the contribution amount.

Contributions are deposited into Highlands' bank account on a weekly basis for the first 3 weeks of a month and daily towards the end of the month. Credit and debit card transactions are usually deposited into Highlands' bank account within 2-5 business days and ACH transfer can take up to 10 business days. For example, any credit/debit card transaction set up from September 14-18 will be deposited on September 21 but an ACH transfer on the same day may be as late as October 5 in being deposited into Highlands' account. Consider this schedule as we approach year-end.

BillPay is processed through your bank. Again, you can set up a one-time gift or a recurring payment. In this scenario, you would log into your personal bank account, checking or savings, and add Highlands Presbyterian Church as a vendor, just like you would for a utility or credit card company. Be sure to use P. O. Box 847, Grayson, GA 30017 and not 830 Grayson Parkway. The mailbox at the post office is much more secure. Your bank utilizes a third party vendor to process your payment and they cut a paper check that is mailed to the church. This type of payment usually takes 7-10 business days to reach the church but you can control when the payment is withdrawn from your account.

Both of these payment platforms have been used by Highlands' members as we have not been able to meet in person. As November approaches and we resume meeting together, you may still want to consider one of these options for your regular giving. If you have any questions about either of these two options, feel free to contact any member of the Finance Team.

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# November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Azalea Akins</i> <i>Zack Sinclair</i> <i>Andrew Smith</i>  10am In-Person Worship 11am Puppet Show Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10am Weekly Digital Prayer Meeting  Senior Meal Deliveries  Election Day	<b>4</b> Midweek Message  6:30 Children 's ZOOM with Ms. Bonnie & Youth ZOOM with Pastor Chris	<b>5</b> 7pm Adult Bible Study	<b>6</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Carrie Macaluso</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship 11am Deacons' Meeting	<b>9</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Kaileigh Mueller</i>  <b>Soup Night</b>	<b>10</b> 10am Weekly Digital Prayer Meeting  Senior Meal Deliveries  3-7pm Blood Drive	<b>11</b> Midweek Message  6:30 Children 's ZOOM with Ms. Bonnie & Youth ZOOM with Pastor Chris  Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 7pm Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Gene Streng</i>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Worship 11:30am Session Mtg	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10am Weekly Digital Prayer Meeting  Senior Meal Deliveries	<b>18</b> Midweek Message  6:30 Children 's ZOOM with Ms. Bonnie & Youth ZOOM with Pastor Chris	<b>19</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lori Martin</i>  7pm Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Brianna Sinclair</i>
<b>22</b> 10am Worship	<b>23</b> <b>Soup Night</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Betsy Whitson</i>  Senior Meal Deliveries	<b>25</b> Midweek Message	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Worship Advent Begins	<b>30</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Michelle McCoy</i> <i>Aiden Mobley</i> <i>Stan Whitaker</i>					



# Highlands ARP Church

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Elders: 2020 George O'Farrell  
2021 Lee Hunt  
2021 Don Reinhardt  
2022 Charles Roberts  
2022 Jim Whitson  
2023 Bob Statham

Deacons: Class of 2020  
Justin Jacques  
Jon Jones  
Earl Thomas

Class of 2021  
Omar Edmondson  
Phillip Wallace  
Betsy Whitson

Class of 2022  
John Avitabile  
Fru Chifen  
Deron Smith

## Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 10:00am Worship  
11:00am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)  
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)

### Weekly activities

Monday: 4-7pm Soup Nite (2nd & 4th Mondays)

Tuesday: 10:00am Online Prayer Time  
Senior Meal Deliveries

3-7pm Blood Drive (every other month)

Wednesday: 12:00pm Midweek Message from Pastor Mark  
6:30pm Young Family Ministry ZOOM Meeting  
6:30pm Youth ZOOM Meeting

Thursday: 7:00pm Adult Online Bible Study

### Candle Lighters:

**Nov 1** Nate Edmondson  
**Nov 8** Thomas Kuykendall  
**Nov 15** Ethan Spiller  
**Nov 22** Sama Chifen  
**Nov 29** Jacob Blandshaw

### Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week

**Nov 1** Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones  
**Nov 8** Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall  
**Nov 15** Robert Whittle, Edward Spiller, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques  
**Nov 22** Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West  
**Nov 29** Bill Alimena, Zack Caughman, Don Reinhard

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