

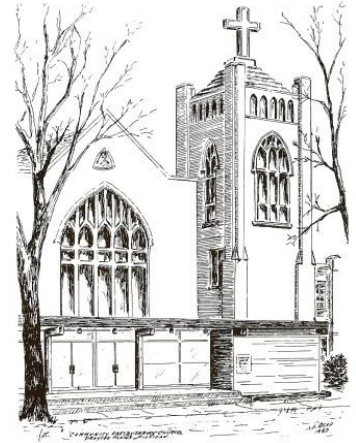
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A Season of Thankfulness!

By Pastor Tom Hartley

Psalm 105:1-4 declares: O give thanks unto the Lord, call on his name, make known God's deeds among the peoples! Sing to God, sing praises to him, and tell of all his wonderful works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!

Here at Community Presbyterian Church, the month of November is an awesome time of thanksgiving! We have several occasions and traditions which anchor our soul and remind us of the goodness of the Lord toward his children. First, a new tradition with our nesting congregation: Joslyn Avenue Presbyterian Church – together we celebrate "All Saints Day" (Nov 6), a time to give thanks for all those who have set an example in faith and gone before us unto the resurrection and everlasting life in the Lord!

On Sunday, November 13th both congregations together will celebrate our 30 year tradition we call St Andrew's Day, with our youth carrying our Confessional Banners, our Scottish bagpiper and Beadle leading the way carrying the Bible, and our choirs ringing and singing praises to our God! Followed by a packed fellowship hall for a grand roast beef dinner with all the trimmings!

On Sunday, November 20, we remember to celebrate the week of our national day of Thanksgiving in psalms, and hymns, and scriptures which remind us of the goodness of the Lord throughout our native land. We invite our congregation to prayerfully turn in their annual commitment to support the work of Christ in the new year! What better timing than on Christ the King Sunday and during Thanksgiving!

On Sunday, November 27, we arrive at the first Sunday of the Advent/Christmas Season, offering the Communion of the Lord, and experiencing once again the wonder and beauty of our annual Chrismon Tree, displaying the artistic creativity and handiwork of Sherrie Hartley, whose labors of love created Christ Monograms (over 80!); each one telling a story of God's salvation through Christ our risen and reigning Lord!

It is in this spirit of genuine thankfulness to God, that I want to express my own sincere thanks to our congregation for so many memories and faithful years of partnership and grace in our common service to our Lord, his church, and his world. I have notified our Session that I plan to retire from pastoral ministry with you all on June 30, 2017, which happens to mark the 40th anniversary when I began full time work in Detroit with Redford Presbyterian Church on July 1, 1977. My family and I have been blessed with the faithful providential care of Our Lord throughout those years. And you, dearly beloved, have been a great comfort in recent years since my partner Sherrie entered the Kingdom Triumphant in July of 2014. The Lord is with us in every changing season of life; let us continue to seek the presence of the Lord and His strength day by day.

Pastor Tom Hartley

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Music and Worship

November Worship Calendar

Sunday, November 6

Second Annual All Saints Day Celebration

Our new tradition, co hosted and lead by Pastor Tom Kay and our Joslyn congregation!

Sunday, November 13

Annual St Andrew's Day Celebration & Dinner

Our sister congregation, Joslyn Avenue will be worshipping with us today and sharing in our festive dinner and fellowship hour! Our Choirs will sing and ring and our youth will carry our Confessional Banners in worship!

Gospel lesson: Luke 21:10-18

Message text: Luke 21:13 This will be a time to bear testimony!

Sunday, November 20

Annual Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday

We invite members to prayerfully consider your stewardship giving for 2017!

Gospel Lesson John 12:24-28

Title: Plant Seeds for the Harvest!

Theme: The cross is the sign: to gain life one must lose it!

The sacrament of Infant Baptism: Jacob Michael Erkfritz-Gay; parents: Justin & Karyn; Grandparents: Mike and Robin Erkfritz

Sunday, November 27

The First Sunday of Advent Season

Join us for our annual Chrismon Tree Celebration! Our Christ-monogram Tree will grace our sanctuary with over 80 hand-made Chrismon ornaments, each a unique symbol teaching and illustrating the fullness of the saving grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be a screen presentation highlighting a variety of the unique chrismons created by Sherrie Hartley.

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-11

Theme: Many Lights: One Christ of God

Text: John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world! A service of Holy Communion to prepare our hearts for the Season of Advent and Christmas!

Sanctuary Flowers

There are still open dates in November for members to sign up to bring flowers for the worship service:

Nov. 6 – Communion

Nov. 13 – Dave & Willie Froling

Nov. 20 –

Nov. 27 – Communion

Please sign up in the Narthex to provide flowers for the Worship Service on future available dates. You may order flowers from a florist and have them delivered to the church on Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or you may bring them in on the Sunday you signed up for before the worship service starts.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

In keeping with our church's rich history of tradition, the Music & Worship Committee invites everyone to bring family and friends to our annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration service and dinner. Once again we welcome the talent of Piper Alistair Hill.

Immediately following the service, a catered buffet dinner will be enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. RSVP slips are available in your weekly Sunday bulletin Sunday, October 16 – November 6. Please leave them in the offering basket or in the church office so we can track how many will be in attendance.

We would welcome your kind donation of a dessert item for our dessert/sweets table for the dinner. Your dessert donations can be brought down to the kitchen the morning of November 13th.

This past year, the Music and Worship Committee manned the Scrip table in order to help cover the cost of a catered dinner for our congregation. *Also, a free will offering will be taken to help in funding next year's dinner.* We are very excited to continue to support this great all-church event; it truly takes a "team" to pull this off each year. **As always, we welcome any volunteers who would like to help with set-up or clean-up for this event. See any member of the Music & Worship committee – Cam McCaffrey, Nita Larpenteur, Debbie Kendrick, Pam McNeal (Fagan), Ruth Schluchter, or Kerry Holley if you can help.** Don't miss out on being a part of this year's celebration!

Your Music & Worship Committee



- Dates for your calendar:**

 • **Sunday, November 6—**
All Saints Day with communion—led by Pastor Kay
 • **Sunday, November 13—**
St. Andrew's Day Celebration and Dinner
 • **Sunday, November 20—**
"Hanging of the Greens" after worship service

Deacons

New Monthly Fellowship Lunches

The deacons have decided to make a change to Coffee Hour by designating one coffee hour per month a "Fellowship Lunch". These lunches will be on the first Sunday of the month, beginning on December 4. The deacons will plan to provide the food, but if you happen to be someone who enjoys cooking, contact a deacon – we would welcome your contribution. The other Sundays (except the 3rd Sunday of the month Youth Breakfast) will be a scaled-down version of coffee hour, with light snacks served. We look forward to serving you lunch once a month!

Signed,

Your Deacons

Cookbooks Still Available!

There are still cookbooks available, they are \$10. They make great Christmas, bridal shower, and housewarming gifts or just a nice gift for a teacher or someone special. Please see a deacon and they will take care of you. The funds raised go towards different needs of the church.

The Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Prayers...

Our active duty military, Vivian Bowden, Karen Cloutier, Marilyn Smith, The Froling family, Art & Winnie Parker, Barb Willing, Boyd Ferguson, Ilah Williams, Ellen Jones, Don Landis, Jean Ketter, Jill Bowden, Robert Bloom, Jeff Hazlett, Clarence & Catherine Mount, Arnold Simmons, Hazel Vancil

Directory Updates

In case you missed it:

Bruce & Marilyn Smith, new address: 33875 Kiely Drive, G2, Chesterfield, MI 48047; new phone: 586-648-7500
Hazel Vancil, new address: 11407 Skipper Dr., Apt. 101, Waterford, 48327-2492
Ilah Williams, new phone: 248-681-8680

Finance

September Financials

INCOME	
Forecast	\$17,417.68
Actual Income	<u>\$13,290.50</u>
	-\$4,127.18

EXPENSES	
Forecast	\$17,417.74
Actual Expenses	<u>\$15,381.84</u>
	\$2,035.90

July Net to Forecast	-\$2,091.28
YTD Net to Forecast (shortfall)	-\$7,230.06

So far in 2016 we have spent \$7,230 more than we have received in contributions.

Parking Lot Fund balance	\$40,276.61
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Mission

Angel Tree

It's that time of year again...Christmas is just around the corner!! And as in the past the Mission Committee will be working with Lighthouse North to sponsor two families and a senior citizen as we share our Christmas joy with those who may otherwise go without.

***Watch for the ANGEL TREE to be set up soon in the dining room - then stop by during our fellowship hour and choose an ornament or two!!

Questions may be directed to Joanne Prudhomme (248-241-6314), Nancy Fitzpatrick (248-698-2070), Alice Sias (248-681-2504) or any other member of our committee.

With grateful thanks - the Mission Committee



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Youth Mission Breakfast



SAVE THE DATE!

The youth will be cooking up breakfast on
Sunday

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

All funds raised will go to the youth mission fund

Mission to Kajikistan

Thank you to all who attended, donated food, or helped in the kitchen for the Mission presentation by Allison Bicknell and Kathryn Prewett on Sunday, Oct. 23. Their summer spent in mission service in Kajikistan was reflected in their presentation. Their mission work was through the New Wilmington Mission Conference that many of our members attend each July in New Wilmington PA. The young women certainly had a life-changing experience and shared it with all of you who attended.

Mission Committee



Charlie's Coats

In memory of Charles Sargent who started this project decades ago, we are donating gently worn coats through the 13th of November. The coats will go to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac where homeless people find shelter, meals, and clothing. When Bruce and Marilyn Smith delivered them last year, the center had just run out of warm coats, and it was an answer to prayer. There is a table in the narthex where you may leave your coats and jackets. Thank you for your constant generosity.

Mission Committee

Mission to Grace Centers of Hope

The Praise Service Team will be taking socks and other apparel to Grace Centers of Hope some time in November/December. They will also lead a praise service there. If any of you want to come along, watch for the exact date in the bulletin or the church's website. Remember, the 3rd Sunday of each month is the Praise Service at 7:00 p.m. (winter time) in the sanctuary. Your spirit will be lifted when you attend this 45 minute service with lots of music and sharing.

Mission Committee



Zoe Robinson Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Zoe Robinson Scholarship is Lori Warholak. Lori is continuing her education by attending Oakland University in addition to working and raising a family. We at CPC are truly blessed to have this scholarship available for the women of the Church. Please remember this wonderful award next spring and encourage any woman in the Church attending school to apply. We fondly remember Charles Robinson and thank him for this gift he gave us in memory of his late wife.

Nancy Hunt – Chair

Deb Kendrick, Bette Twyman, Andrea Williams – Committee

Christian Education



Adult Fellowship Class

(where fellowship, Bible study, discussion, caring and laughter happens every week)

The class is wrapping up their current study and will begin a new book study on November 13th. This study will last 9–10 weeks. The new book, by Thom S. Rainer, is titled:

**“I could, I might, I can, I should, I WILL!
Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian**

Every day we are faced with the needs of those around us. Emotional. Physical. Spiritual. What are we to do about it? Can we make an impact that will last? Join us to discuss the authors answers to these questions and more as we explore the 9 simple traits he offers that all church members can incorporate into your life no matter your background, stage of life, or sense of capability. You can do it. Now is the time to stand up and say I WILL!

It’s a small book, an easy read, and will provide for good discussion. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. All adults are welcome. Not sure this is for you? Drop in one week and check it out – no long-term commitment required.

For a copy of the book, contact Cam McCaffrey. Need child care? Contact Tina Erkfritz or Jan Smith. Please see the church directory for contact information for the three individuals.

Bible Sunday at CPC

The Christian Education Committee is planning to recognize and celebrate the Bible as part of International Day of the Bible this year. Children in third grade this year will be presented with their own Bible during the children’s message on November 20. Members of the Church are encouraged to bring your special Bible to church that day and share why your Bible is important to your family. If you want to share this during the children’s message – **please contact Jan Smith**. Any other members can share their experiences in the library after fellowship until noon.

Monday, November 14, the International Day of the Bible will be celebrated

worldwide. At noon local time people of all ages are being invited to participate in International Day of the Bible by taking pause for a few minutes to read or even sing Scripture or otherwise creatively express their love of The Good Book.

The event is being sponsored by The National Bible Association. Organizations like The American Bible Society, YouVersion, Bible Gateway, Scripture Union, and Bibles for the World are encouraging participation within their own communities.



For more information about this special day, here are a few resources.

International Day of the Bible – Monday, Nov. 14 at 12-noon local time

Hashtag: #BibleCelebration

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IntlDayofBible> (@IntlDayofBible)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/internationaldayofthebible>

Instagram: @IntlDayofBible

Website: www.internationaldayofthebible.com

Membership



November Birthdays

Carol Berousek
 Jeff Dwire
 Donna Elliot
 Jeff Hazlett
 Don Johnson
 Lisa Johnson
 Maura Johnston
 Nancy McDavid
 Jim Murt
 Rick Pankey
 Otto Pedersen
 Nancy Pelker
 Hannah Rogers
 Audrey Schneider
 Michael Shelton
 Kelly Sliwinski
 Conrad Thornton
 William Twyman
 Hazel Vancil
 Lori Warholak
 Cathy Zahn

Please notify the office of any mistakes or omissions in the birthday list.

Community Activities

IT'S PARTY TIME



Friday, October 28th

Meet at Lee's for a grape tasting. Bring your favorite drink & snack to pass. Starts at 7 p.m. Call Jenny for directions.

Monday, October 31st

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, November 1st

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Thursday, November 3rd

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Friday, November 4th

Meet at The Roundup on Dixie Hwy at 7 p.m. to help Bunny celebrate her very special birthday. Cover charge \$10.00 includes all you can eat pizza & salad.

Monday, November 7th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, November 8th

ELECTION DAY DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!
Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Thursday, November 10th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Friday, November 11th

VETERANS DAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND FOR KEEPING THIS COUNTRY AN AWESOME PLACE TO LIVE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sunday, November 13th

Come to Community Presbyterian Church for St. Andrew's Day. The pageantry is unbelievable. The bagpiper and Westminster Bells will be playing. It is truly an inspirational service. Dinner follows after church.

Monday, November 14th

Prayer shawl knitting & crocheting
1-3 p.m.

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie
at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost
\$0 for games.

Tuesday, November 15th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Cost is \$3.00.

Meet at Community Presbyterian
Church at 7 p.m. for Community
Activities scheduling for Dec. & January.
Bring snack to pass.

Thursday, November 17th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Cost is \$3.00

Grief Counseling 7-8 p.m. Cost \$0

Saturday, November 19th

Meet at Community Presbyterian
Church @ 9:45 a.m. We will leave at
10 a.m. for the Henry Ford Museum.
Call Jenny for information

Sunday, November 20th

***Today is the day to get your
reservations in to Jenny for the comedy
show at the Fountains on the 26th.

Monday, November 21st

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie
at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost
\$0 for games.

Tuesday, November 22nd

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Cost is \$3.00.

Thursday, November 24th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!!!!

If you have nowhere to spend your day
and want to come to my house you are
very welcome. Just bring a dish to pass
& get ready for great food and fun
games. Call Jenny for directions at
931-334-0513

Saturday, November 26th

Well, it is the very last Gem Show of the year in
Southfield. We will meet at Community Presbyterian
church at 9:45 a.m. and leave at 10. Wear good
comfortable shoes and bring lots of money for great
buys. (They have other things besides jewels &
jewelry). Cost for entrance is \$8.00.

Comedy Night at the Fountains. The featured
Comedian is Norm Stulz. Cost \$15.00,
show time 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 28th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for
games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, November 29th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

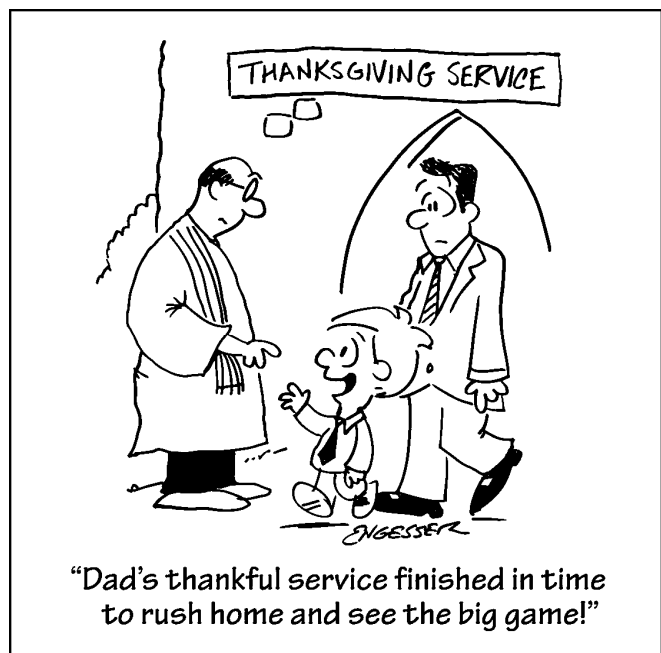
Thursday, December 1st

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Saturday, December 3rd

Meet at the Salvation Army parking lot at Waldon Rd.
& Sashabaw at 9:45 a.m. We will leave
at 10 for the Dickens Festival in Holly. Call Jenny
for information.

This group is open to anyone. If you have any
questions or need directions, call Jenny @ 931-334-
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November Informer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
Reformation Sunday 500th Anniv	Halloween	9:45 \$3 Line Dancing	1p Pastor @ Lockwood	1p Friends Bible Study	7p Roundup party for Bunny \$10	
(10:00am) Charlie's Coats						
9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship (Childrens' SSch dur 11 Coffee Fellowship	5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla	7p Music & Worship	1:30p Bulletin Info Submission D 6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal	5:30p \$3 Line Dancing		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Charlie's Coats						
All Saints Day - Tom K	5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla	Election Day	1:30p Bulletin Info Submission D	9 Fellowship Breakfast @ Dixie D	Veterans Day	
Daylight Saving Time ends	6:30p Cub Scouts - Dining Rm, G	9:45 \$3 Line Dancing	6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5:30p \$3 Line Dancing		
9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship & Communion 11 Coffee Fellowship 11:15 Mission	7p Session	7p Deacons mtg.	7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Charlie's Coats	1p Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:45 \$3 Line Dancing	1:30p Bulletin Info Submission D	5:30p \$3 Line Dancing		9:45 Meet for The Henry Ford trip
St Andrew's Day	5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla	7p Community Activities Mtg @ Ch	6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7p Grief Support		
9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship (Childrens' SSch dur 11 Coffee Fellowship	7p Finance mtg.		7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Informer Deadline	5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla	9:45 \$3 Line Dancing	1:30p Bulletin Info Submission D	Thanksgiving Day		9:45 Meet for Detroit Gem Show
RSVP for Comedy Show due			6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal			7:30p Fountains Comedy Show
9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship - Bible Sunday 11 Youth Breakfast 11:15 Hanging of the Greens 6p Praise Night			7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal			
27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
1st Sunday of Advent	5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla	9:45 \$3 Line Dancing	1:30p Bulletin Info Submission D	1p Friends Bible Study		9:45 Meet for Dickens Festival in F
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