

# THE CHRONICLE

November, 2017



## A Special Time of Year

**I Chronicles 16:34**

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.*

The month of November is, perhaps, one of my favorite months of the year. Sometimes in early November we see the trees at their peak colors. The baseball season comes to an end as the World Series almost always extends into the early days of November.

For some high school athletes and their communities November is filled with hope of winning the big game and advancing on to the next round. While for others November marks the very last football game they will ever play.



**As the days march on in November the amount of sunlight becomes less and less, with less daylight the days become darker and colder. Frost in the mornings, perhaps snow just before Thanksgiving.**

**Thanksgiving is more than just stuffing ourselves with turkey and all the trimmings. Although I do admit I too enjoy being stuffed like a Thanksgiving turkey with all that wonderful food. But to me Thanksgiving is more than that, it is about college kids returning home to be with family. It's about going to church and singing those old, old hymns, "We Gather Together" and "Now Thank We All Our God". It's about making the journey to spend the few days with family. It's family bowing their heads in prayer and each one sharing what they are thankful for.**

**I truly love November, going out for my mornings run with a chill in the air and the lingering scent of wood fires. But I also love November because as we give thanks to the Lord our God we remember that every month, every week, and every day should be Thanksgiving Day. Why? Because what God has done for us in Christ Jesus.**

**Pastor Tim**





<b>November 4</b>	<b>Fisherman's Club</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>Honoring our Veteran's Daylight savings time ends Congregational meeting</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Red Oak Worship Service</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>PEO Tea</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Communion A.E.D. Training</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Vision Council</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Presbytery meeting</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Shoe Box Dedication Stewardship Dedication</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Youth Activity</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>
<b>November 26</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>



DATE	SERMONS	SCRIPTURES	HYMNS
Nov. 5	My Veteran's Day Wish List	2 Samuel 22:2-4	Let There Be Peace on Earth
		Ephesians 6:10-18	#210 Jesus Paid It All
Nov. 12	Whatever Gift You Have	1 Peter 4:10-11	#366 I Surrender All
		Matthew 25:14-30	#2113 Lamb of God
			#76 O for a Thousand Tongues
Nov. 19	How Can I Say Thank You	Psalm 100	#561 We Gather Together
		Philippians 2:4-11	#559 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
			#556 Now Thank We All Our God
Nov. 26	Living Like Jesus	Psalm 95:1-7	#87 May Jesus Christ Be Praised
		Colossians 1:15-23	#97 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name





## Spotlight on Christian Education

### *Upcoming Even*

Paula Arrenholz is teaching our Sunday school rotation for October-November. Norma Miller will teach the rotation starting in November. In December we will work on our Christmas program of finding the right Christmas card. Over 30 young and old attended the CE sponsored hayrack and wiener roast with a special "Spirit Bible Hunt" and spook story for the youth.

The Youth will be going to Sunset Lanes in Pekin for Laser Tag. This will be on November 22. Please let Janet or Dixie know if you will be able to attend. Mark your calendars for "Winter Jam 2018" on



March 29 in Peoria.





**We would like to thank all of you who sent cards during Pastor Appreciation Month. It was not necessary but greatly appreciated. The warm words of encouragement meant a great deal to us.**

**Pastor Tim and Pastor Marla**



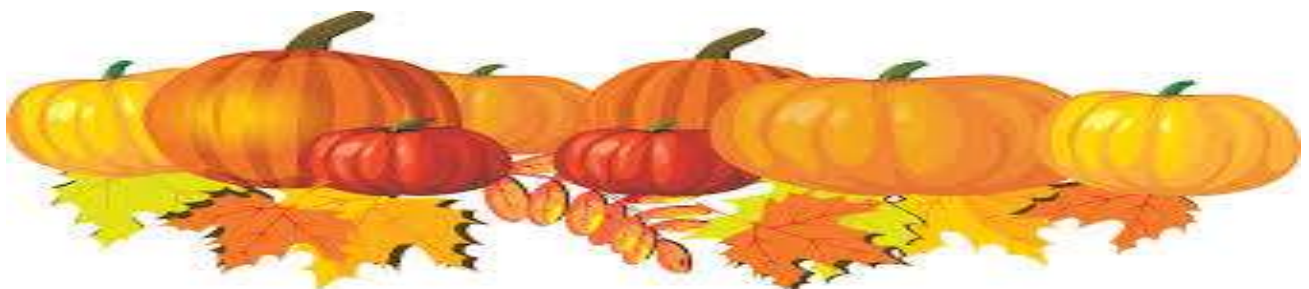
## **Congregational Care**

**Congregational Care has had a busy October. On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> committee members presented “A Recipe for Congregational Care” for the Children’s Time as a message for stewardship. In acknowledgement of Reformation Sunday, they prepared scones, muffins and shortbread to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In anticipation of “What Christmas is All About,” the committee is selecting crafts and will be contacting volunteers to help prepare boxes of gifts to be distributed to friends and members of the church on Dec. 10. We hope those in attendance at church that day will stay for a light lunch and help prepare and deliver the boxes. Thank you to the September/October After Church Social Hour volunteers: Janet Little, Shirley Hoepker, Linda Woods, Jackie Trotter, Norma Miller, Pat Taylor, Nancy McNally, Claudia Moss, and Tony Long.**



## **Mission Team**

**Our coat project was Sunday October 15th with 38 vouchers given for coats at Mel's. The children and families enjoyed cookies, table activities and a short movie. The Missions team will be doing the stewardship message during children's message on November 5 and also giving a special gift to our Veterans. We will have our next Missions meeting on Sat. November 18th at 10am and our Samaritans purse shoe box dedication is Sunday, November 19th. We are also taking applications for the Christmas Food Basket now. The application deadline is December 3.**





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## November

### Birthdays

- 1 Caryl Harrison**
- 5 Trisha Frame**
- 6 David White**
- 18 Jim Young**
- 18 Quentin Frame**
- 19 Kenny Meyer**
- 23 Barbara Harris**
- 27 Patricia Bordner**
- 27 Eileen Stees**
- 30 Phil Miller**
- 30 Melissa Wilson**

