as a church family, can gather, share a meal, and rejoice in the many things we must thank God for in such a wonderful year of ministry!

Finally... well, maybe not finally, but yes, the end of the month brings the beginning of Advent. Another change in the church calendar, another way to see the worship space beautified to praise God, and a time of preparation. Advent reminds us to slow down, not rush from one holiday to the next, and make room in our hearts for the pouring out of Christ's glorious love as he came down to earth and became fully human. What a beautiful gift. This year, let's make room for the Holy Spirit's work; let us pause and see what God is up to in our lives. Let us discover new ways to show God's love to our community, living as Jesus compels and calls us to. Maybe this is the year Christ's voice is clear to you about your next step: doing what Christ calls you to do because Christ loved you first. Christ knows you are a gift to the world, so go be it!









Prayer List:

The Family ofClaude Baker The Famiy of Phyllis Ackerman
The Family of Patrick Wharam Johnny Haney

Martha Franklin Mike Harrison Donna Chisholm

Judy Harvey Jeff Haddon Debbera Johnson

Marie Crawford Monica Bowling Ginger Lanning

Todd Simmons AnneMarie Carmody Burt Cragg

Andy & Brenda Price Ralph & Sandra Davidson

Mike & Emily Rask John Mark Taylor

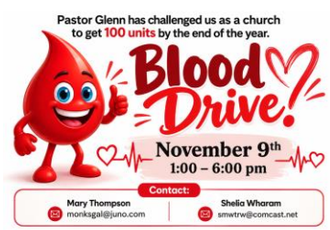


NURTURE

Sunday, November 22 we will have our Thanksgiving Sunday Luncheon after service at 11:15.

Missons

We are gearing up for our Red Cross blood drive on November 9th, from 1- 6 pm.
We have a 100-unit goal challenge to meet! Please sign on to the American Red Cross to donate and schedule your appointment. If you have questions or problems signing up, please contact Shelia Wharam at 804-840-5881 or Mary Thompson at 804-720-0725.



In Need of:

-Samaritan Purse boxes filled and returned Nov 22

- You have a gift, share it with WC Family and volunteer

- Sign up to donate Blood Nov 9th



WESLEY CHAPEL FAMILIES IN WORSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE

October 31st	Trunk-or-treat
November 8th	Veteran Day Celebration –"Generation of Gratitude"
December 13th	Christmas Pageant –"The Not-So-Silent Christmas"
February 14th, 2027	Valentine's Day –"The Greatest Love Story"
March 21st , 2027	Palm Sunday –"The King is Here" Easter Egg Hunt
May 30th, 2027	Summer Kick Off -VBS Preview
July 12th, 2027	Vacation Bible School

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Don't forget to order your Virginia Diner Peanuts
- Veteran's Day program Nov 8th, come and support
- Holiday Party in December 2026 for Youth
- Be on the lookout for Holiday hours

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This time of year, I reflect on the journey we have been on. Especially how we connect spiritually and socially. In part, it is because we are connected in November through All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving, and the start of Advent.

All Saints' Day is a special time. Today we will read the names of the Saints who have gone before us this year and remember those who have influenced us on our journey with Jesus throughout our lives. Each year we connect through our grief, but also through our celebration of the eternal promise. Today's scripture reminds us that a multitude from all nations awaits us. So, yes, this is a special day in our Christian lives.

But soon after, we connect with family through a Thanksgiving celebration. I love hearing stories about how families share food, and how most Thanksgiving celebrations feel like a Church Potluck: bring your favorite side! So, I was super excited when the nurture team came up with a Thanksgiving potluck on the Sunday before the holiday, so we,

FAMILIES IN WORSHIP!

Don't forget to come out and support our Veterans Day program on November 8, when we honor those members of our congregation who have bravely served our country.



Melinda Manz is working hard on preparing for the Christmas pageant on December 13. If you would like to help in any way or have a child that would like to participate, please contact Melinda by phone or at mindynscott@gmail.com.

Worship Team

The Worship Team met on October 13 to make plans for All Saints Sunday, November 1st. Those who have passed since last November will be honored with special candles, which their families can keep. There will also be small candles available for the church family to remember their loved ones who have passed before. It will also be Communion Sunday.

Thanksgiving Sunday is November 22nd A cornucopia will be displayed, and there will be a covered dish luncheon after the service.

Decorating for Advent will begin on the 22nd with the will be youth working on the Chrismon Tree immediately after the luncheon. The remainder of the decorations will be installed on Tuesday the 24th at 10:00. There is no Bible Study that day. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th. We will be ready.

The Worship Team will finalize Advent and Christmas plans at their November meeting. We can always use your help.

WOW

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Soup Luncheon last Sunday! Everyone enjoyed great fellowship, along with an abundance of delicious soups, breads, and desserts. We appreciate everyone who helped make the luncheon such a wonderful success!

Virginia Diner Peanut Fundraiser

Don’t forget to order your Virginia Diner Peanuts! They make wonderful stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, and Christmas presents for family and friends. Please submit orders and payment by November 13 to ensure timely delivery. See the table beside the sound booth to order or place your order with a WOW member.

Thank you for supporting Women of Wesley (WOW) and our local mission projects!

Our next WOW meeting will be on November 15, following worship. We will be making plans for our December guest, SANTA, to share cookies after the children’s pageant on December 13.



Shoe boxes are due November 22nd

Contact Nancy Thacker nthacker@tcvwealth.com for questions



UMMEN

The Wesley Chapel United Methodist Men's next meeting will be on Monday, November 16th at 6:00 P.M. at the residence of Lowell Thomason. All men who attend Wesley Chapel are invited and welcome to attend!

YOUTH

WOW, just WOW! The youth of Wesley Chapel are amazing! As our group is growing, we are learning and having fun. We introduced new lessons and activities and were not sure how they would work, but they have been AWESOME!!! Their responses show they are learning how much Christ loves them and how much they love Christ. But most importantly, the fellowship and connection are so heartwarming.

One fun opportunity was collecting pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and boy did everyone step up!! Kids are bringing tabs, and so are you! The challenge was that whoever collected the most gets to tell me a word I have to say 10 times, and I cannot wait to see what it is and share with you!

Please keep an eye on the church calendar for what's coming. During the Thanksgiving Potluck, we will be setting up the Christmon tree, and we will be having a Holiday Party in December.

Let's keep it going and share the love of Christ!