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The **PISGAZETTE**

A publication of Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church November/December 2026

A word from Pastor Justin

Dear Mt. Pisgah Family,
It's that time of year again when one of the great debates begins to surface: *When is it too early to start listening to Christmas music?* Some of you have probably been listening to Christmas carols since September, while others believe there is a proper time and place for everything. Personally, I am a firm believer that Christmas music should wait until AFTER Thanksgiving! But regardless of which side of this very important debate you find yourself on, I think we can all agree on one thing: it's never too early to get excited about what Advent represents.

Believe it or not, Advent is just around the corner! Soon, we'll be lighting candles, singing familiar hymns, and preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. But Advent is about more than counting down the days until Christmas. **It's a season of waiting, watching, and remembering that the God who came to us in a manger is the same God who promises to come again.** We celebrate both Christ's first coming into the world and the promise of his return, when God will bring all things to completion.

One of my favorite things about this time of year is how it has a way of interrupting the ordinary routines of life. Our calendars begin filling with gatherings, familiar traditions return, and we find ourselves making time for things we might otherwise overlook. We gather with friends and family, break bread around the table, share stories and laughter, and sing familiar carols beneath the Bethlehem star. These moments remind us of the beauty of being together and the blessings God has placed in our lives.

Yet, in the midst of all these wonderful traditions, I hope we remember what makes this season so extraordinary. In Matthew's Gospel, we hear the promise that Jesus will be called *Emmanuel*, meaning "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). And in Luke's Gospel, the angels announce to the shepherds, "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10).

That's the incredible promise of Christmas! God does not remain distant from the world or from the challenges we face. Instead, God enters into the messiness of human life, coming to us not as a powerful king seated on a throne, but as a vulnerable child lying in a manger. This is good news not just for the shepherds who first heard it, but for each and every one of us today.

So as we enter these final months of the year, I want to invite you to approach this season with a spirit of expectation. Make room for the traditions you love, the people who bring you joy, and even the occasional interruption to your everyday routine. But most importantly, make room to notice what God is doing in your life and in our community. Perhaps this Advent season, we'll discover that God is showing up in places we least expect.

Whether your Christmas playlist starts tomorrow or waits until the Thanksgiving leftovers are put away, may we all share in the joy of knowing that Christ has come, Christ is with us, and Christ will come again.

Blessings,
Pastor Justin

◄ October

November 2026

December ►

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Noisy Offering/ All Saints Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Chosen Preview 5:00 Handbell Practice	**2** 3-5:00 Food Pantry	**3** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Ctr 5:25-6 Faith & Fitness 5:30 Men's Bible St. 6-8:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Bible Journaling 6:45 Prayer Service 7:00 AA	**4** 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Women Bib. St 5:15 Dinner 6:00 Bible Study 6:15-7:30 KIC 6:30-7:30 Youth 7:00 Choir	**5** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 4-7:00 Bethlehem Farmer's Market	**6** 1-3:00 Food Pantry 7:00 AA	**7** Lumos Candlelight Service 6-7 PM & 8-9 PM Set up 2:30 PM Take down 10:00 PM
8 Contemporary/Youth 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Handbell Practice	**9** 3-5:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Church Council	**10** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Ctr 5:25-6 Faith & Fitness 5:30 Men's Bible St. 6-8:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Bible Journaling 6:45 Prayer Service 6 :45 Comms Mtg. 7:00 AA	**11** Veterans Day 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Women Bib. St 5:15 Dinner 6:00 Bible Study 6:15-7:30 KIC 6:30-7:30 Youth 7:00 Choir	**12** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 4-7:00 Bethlehem Farmer's Market	**13** 1-3:00 Food Pantry 7:00 AA	**14** 3:00 PM Prayer service, at Bethlehem Baptist 6:00 PM Youth Friendsgiving
15 9:00 Sunday School **ONE 10:00 Worship** w/Bishop Emily Thanksgiving meal to follow 5:00 Handbell Practice	**16** 3-5:00 Food Pantry	**17** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Ctr 5:25-6 Faith & Fitness 5:30 Men's Bible St. 6-8:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Bible Journaling 6:45 Prayer Service 7:00 AA 2-4 :00 Food Pan. Turkey	**18** 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Women Bib. St 5:15 Dinner 6:00 Bible Study 6:15-7:30 KIC 6:30-7:30 Youth 7:00 Choir	**19** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 2-4 :00 Food Pan. Turkey	**20** 1-3:00 Food Pantry 7:00 AA	**21** 9:00 AM Book Club
22 Christ the King 8:00 Worship 9:00 Congregational Meeting 10:30 Worship 1-3:00 KIC @ Skylite 5:00 Handbell Practice	**23** 3-5:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Staff Meeting	**24** 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 6-8:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving Day Happy Thanksgiving!	**27** 1-3:00 Food Pantry 7:00 AA	**28**
29 9:00 Sunday school **ONE 10:00 Worship** Lunch to follow 4:30 Handbell Practice	**30** 3-5:00 Food Pantry 5:30 Outreach Mtg					

November 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Lawson Clinard
   Steven Childress

2.

3. Janie Miller



4. Howard Williams

5. Heather Brashear
   Shane & Melanie Crafton-A
   Rylan Jolly

6. Lori Reed
   Matthew & Rachael Quarles-A
   Dwight Fitzgerald
   Joyce Fekete

7.

8. Brenda Duncan

9. Denise Conklin

10. Pat Abernathy
    Keith Bolick

11. Martha Eggers

12. John & Susan Petersen-A
    John Icard

13. Justin Dagenhart
    Kathy Lail
    Amber Sain
    Debbie Sipe

14. Mickey Adair
    Allie Daughtrey

15. Kelly Daughtrey
    Mark & Farrah Hefner-A
    Daniel & Kristin Icard-A

16. Robert Bolick
    Robert & Kathy Mersinger-A

17. Mason Johnson
    Jennifer Eckard
    Daniel Icard
    Matthew & Brittany Reece-A
    Jennifer & Pete Stafford-A

18. Chris Arney



19.

20. Ivey Alexis Ibarra
    Valerie Riley
    Duke Harris

21. Jeremy Hefner

22. Terry Gilbert

23. Owen & Suzanne McLean-A
    Ann Herman
    Hugh Stafford
    Paige Walker

24. Tim Thick
    Jeff & Joy Heffinger-A

25. Eddie Eckard
    Danny Stillwell
    Debbie Teague

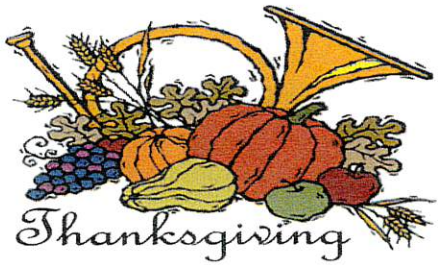
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27. Sherrie Davis
    Allison Runge

28. Johnathan Cook
    Christine McKean
    Gary & Sharon Triggs-A

29. Jana Creed

30. Larry & Kay Herman-A
    Cheryl Weldon
    Sosha Beacham



◄ November

December 2026

January ►

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 5:25-6 Exercise & Jesus 6-8:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Bible Journaling 6:45 Prayer Service 7:00 AA	2 10:00 Women's Bible St 5:15-6:15 Dinner 5:40-6:10 Children's Prog. Practice 6:15 Advent Worship 7:00 Choir	3 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center	4 1-3:00 Food Pantry 7:00 AA 6:00-9:00 KIC Pajama Party	5 9-11:00 AM Christmas Program Practice 7:00 PM Bethlehem Star Lighting
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13 Choir Cantata 9:00 Sunday School **ONE 10:00 Worship** w/Handbell Perf.	14 3-5:00 Food Pantry 5:30 Outreach Mtg	15 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 5:25-6 Exercise & Jesus 6-8:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Bible Journaling 6:45 Prayer Service 7:00 AA	16 10:00 Women's Bible St 5:15-6:15 Dinner 5:40-6:10 Children's Prog. Practice 6:15 Advent Worship 7:00 Choir	17 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center	18 1-3:00 Food Pantry 7:00 AA 6:00 Youth Caroling	19 9-11:00 AM Christmas Program Practice (Dress rehearsal)
20 Contemporary 9:00 Men's Breakfast **10:00 ONE Worship** **Children's Program**	21 3-5:00 Food Pantry	22 7:00 AA	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 Contempoary Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas Day Food Pantry Closed	26
27 9:00 Sunday School **One 10:00 Worship** Service (Pajama Sunday)	28 Food Pantry Closed	29 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center 7:00 AA	30	31 8-5:00 Alex Sr. Center		

December 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries



1. Mary Beth Bumgarner
   Doris Wilson
2. Tiffany Bowman
   Courtney Clinard
   Duran & Kathy Lail-A
   Marjorie Markham
   Rosco Troutman
3. Sandi Anderson
4. Jack & Beth Patterson-A
   Cora Markham
   Bobby & Shawna Cronan-A
5. Emily Hickerson
6.
7. Kristen Lail
8.
9. Caeley Arney
   Zane Mawyer
   Brooke Williams
10. Bob & Margo Smyre-A
    Barbara Gilbert
    Marilyn LeValley
11. Matt & Rosa Bendzinski-A
    Travis Bagley
12. Meghan Pritchard
    Michael & Lesley Ann Sikora-A
13.
14. Tyler Austin
15. Jean Stafford
    Pam Wagoner
    Tom McKean
16. Durwood Markham
    Tamara Kirby
17.
18. Mark Hefner
    Rodney Poole
19. Tim Stafford
20. Brad Abernathy
    Chris & Cissy Huffman-A
    Stephen Kunze
    Durwood & Vicki Markham-A
    David Weldon
    Terry Peek
21. Jaeson Bryant
    Warren & Betty Hollar-A
    Michelle McCloud
22. James Adair
    Savannah Dagenhart
    Tim & Cathy Thick-A
    Debbie Whitworth
    Kinley Rasmussen
23. Casey Black
    Billy R. Johnson



24. Sue Heavner
25. Eric Huffman
    Lisa Lackey
26. Steve & Joanna Talley-A
    Jay Jolly
27. David & Ruth Harkey-A
    Sandra Moore
    Kasie Hughes
    Reilly McKean
    Pete Stafford
28. Mary Ramseur
    Dawn Weaver
29.
30. Brian Lynch
31. Dakota Johnston
    Gary Triggs
    Joshua & Kaise Hughes-A
    Avery & Lauren Hall-A





The Food Pantry is open on:
Monday's 3:00-5:00 PM
Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM

Volunteers Needed. Please contact Jennifer Stafford @ (828) 455-8277 or jennstafford3@gmail.com if you are interested.

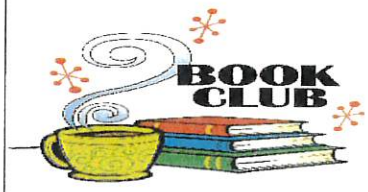
Special Needs: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice, Dry Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti & Shampoo.

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***Boy Scouts** meet on Tuesday(s) 6:00-8:00 PM*

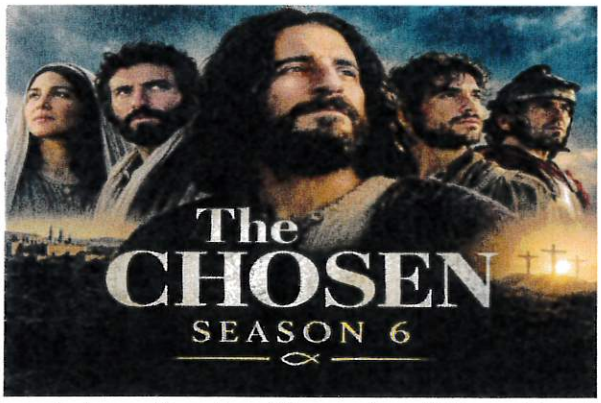


Book Club 2026



The book club will hold its last meeting of the year on **Saturday, November 21, at 9:00 am** at the church. We will be discussing **Under a Gilded Moon** by Joy Jordan-Lake; Vicki Boyd will lead our discussion. Please remember to send Barb Beck (ahbbjb@aol.com) your suggestions for books to discuss in 2027.

As always, book club is open to any women of the church and their friends. We welcome new members.



Please join us Sunday, November 1st for a Preview of Episode 1, Season 6 of "The Chosen", at 12:30 PM. Lunch will be provided before the movie at 11:30 AM.
Please sign up if you would like to join us for lunch.

Lumos Candlelight Concert

Experience the music of The Beatles by candlelight at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 7th. We will see you at the 6 PM or 8 PM show if you were lucky enough to get tickets. Tickets are sold out for this event.



Join us for lunch on **Thursday, November 19** at **11:15 am** at **Hughes Q**, which is located at 2117 US Hwy. 70 SE. Hughes Q is known for all types of BBQ, but they also serve delicious Southern comfort food favorites including green bean casserole, fried okra, and mac and cheese. This group is open to any singles, both men and women!

A driving tip: If you take MacDonald Parkway to Hwy. 70 and turn right, you'll be on the correct side of the road to turn into the restaurant's parking lot. Questions? Call or text Janice Simmons at 828-850-5920 or Barb Beck at 630-951-0620.



America250 Veterans Day Celebration

Come enjoy a special history presentation of the bravery of Alexander County veterans, special music from two musical groups, and a reception on Saturday, November 14, at 3:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Our own Warren Hollar will be the presenter.

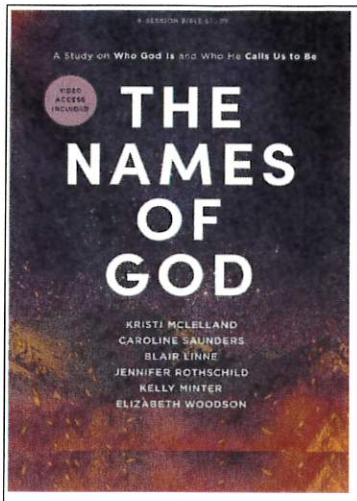


✨ ⭐ 50th BETHLEHEM STARLIGHTING ⭐ ✨

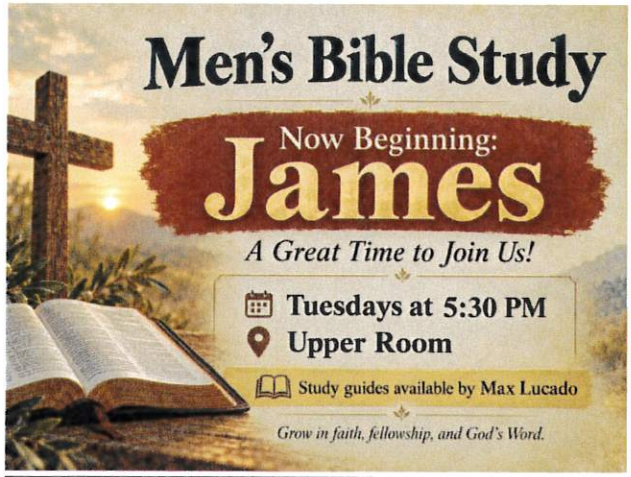
Join us for a beautiful evening as we gather to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season!

🗓️ **Saturday, December 5th**
🎶 **Special Music – 6:00 PM**
🌟 **Bethlehem Starlighting – 7:00 PM**

Bring your family and friends and join us for this special Christmas tradition! ❤️ 🎄
Musical presentations will include ACHS students, the Pisgah Ringers, and more. Come enjoy music, bonfire, hot chocolate, a live manger scene and the lighting of the star ushering in the Christmas Season in Bethlehem. **Come celebrate the Light of Christmas with us!** ✨



Women's Bible Study is on Wednesdays, At 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The current study book is "The Names of God." Reach out to Yvonne Osborne for more information (828-302-1145).



Men's Bible Study: A Great Time to Join Us!

Our Men's Bible Study group recently completed our journey through the book of Revelation, and we are excited to begin a new study of the book of James!

James offers practical wisdom for living out our Christian faith in everyday life, reminding us that faith is more than just what we believe. It is reflected in how we live, speak, and treat others.

This is a great time to join us! Whether you are new to Bible study or have been studying Scripture for years, all men are welcome. We enjoy meaningful discussions, fellowship, laughter, and opportunities to grow together in faith.

We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the Upper Room. Study guides by Max Lucado are available to help guide our discussions.

We would love to have you join us!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Sandy Hefner and family on the death of Don Hefner, Rosco Troutman, Konner & Richelle Soderberg (missionary support), Hugh Stafford, Maverick (son of Josh & Kasie Hughes), Tim & Lynn Wilson, Shirley Patterson (mother of Steve Talley), Carolyn Carpenter, Bob Setzer (brother of Tressa Cline), Sue Heavner, Alice Kirby, Nancy Hendron, Richard Wright, Bill Oelkers, Graham Thick), Kyle Setzer, and Dwight Fitzgerald.

Shut Ins: Arlene Bolick, Denise Conklin, Dwight Helton, Ronald Johnston, Sandy Moore, Sandy Rose, Darrell Sigmon, Martha Eggers & Ruth Harkey.



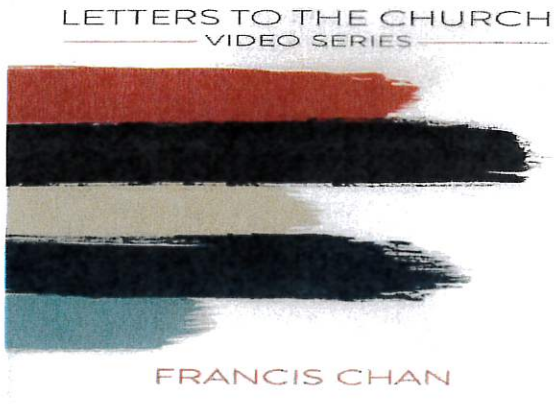
Join us for ***"Bible Journailing"*** on Tuesday's @ 6:30 PM (downstairs in the KIC room) for a fun filled session of combining scripture and creativity for a deeper connection with God's Word.

No Crafting or artistic skills required!

Childcare provided!

For more information contact:

Laura Barnes @ 828-855-4396



Two of our adult Sunday School classes are studying Francis Chan's book and video series, ***Letters to the Church***.

Chan challenges Christians to consider what the Church is called to be and how we can live more faithfully as the body of Christ. Through Scripture, video teaching, discussion, and reflection, we'll explore what it means to be a Christ-centered community marked by love, prayer, discipleship, and a passion for God's mission.

You are invited to **join either class, any time**!:

YAHSS – Young at Heart Sunday School
Meets in the **Upper Room**

Adult Sunday School with Yvonne Osborne
Meets in **Celebration Hall**

Come study with us as we ask an important question: **What does Jesus desire for His Church, and how can we faithfully live that out together?**

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Join us for Faith and Fitness, Tuesdays from 5:20 to 6:00 PM in the Celebration Hall. Contact Yvonne Osbone with any questions (828) 302-1145 ***(There will be no classes on 11/24, 12/22 & 12/29)***





Calling all young adults, 20 to 40ish, to join us Sundays at 9:15 AM,



CLASSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

where we will gather in the Welcome center. Bring a friend. We'll have real conversations about faith and life. We will relax, drink coffee, and enjoy meaningful discussions.
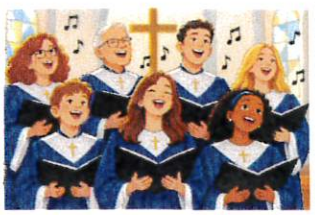
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Mt. Pisgah Bereavement Committee

Mt. Pisgah's **Bereavement Team** supports families during the loss of a loved one by providing meals, flowers, and other needs as they arise.

If you would like to join this ministry of care and compassion, please contact **Yvonne Osborne at 828-302-1145**.

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There are many musical opportunities for those who are interested. The Choir meets Wednesdays at





7:00 PM and Handbell practice is Sundays at 5:00 PM. We'd love to have you join us.
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A **huge thank you** to everyone who volunteered during our Fall Festival—what an amazing, God-filled day it was! Thank you for bringing joy and energy throughout our day in serving our Bethlehem community.

And thanks to everyone who showed up to help clean and declutter the church. Everything looks Great!!

Also, a big shout out and thank you to everyone who made Reformation/Homecoming service such a special Sunday of music, food & fellowship. All of your hard work made for a very special day!

Lastly, none of this would have been possible without your prayers and donations! We are Truly "Blessed to be a Blessing" and it shows!





Would you like to become more involved in the church? We have 2 opportunities for you to help.

Please prayerfully consider becoming an Usher or a Lay Assistant during 2027.

Our signup sheet(s) will be available in the late November/December bulletins.

We are grateful for you and your willingness to serve our church family!

Please contact Yvonne Osborne if you have any questions at (828) 302-1145



Sun. Nov.29th–First Sunday of Advent
Wed. Dec. 2nd –5:15-6:15 PM Advent Meal
5:40-6:10 Children's Play Pract.
6:15 PM Advent Worship
7:00 PM Choir/Cantata Practice
Fri. Dec. 4th – 6-9:00 PM KIC Pajama Party
Sat. Dec. 5th – 9-11 AM Christmas Play Pract.
6:00 PM Bethlehem Starlighting
Sun. Dec. 6th – Second Sunday of Advent
Wed. Dec. 9th - 5:15-6:15 PM Advent Meal
5:40-6:10 Children's Play Pract.
6:15 PM Advent Worship
7:00 PM Choir/Cantata Pract.
Sat. Dec. 12th – 9-11AM Christmas Play Pract.
Sun. Dec. 13th –Third Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM ONE Service w/
Choir Cantata & Handbells
Wed. Dec. 16th–5:15-6:15 PM Advent Meal
5:40-6:10 Children's Play Pract
6:15 PM Advent Worship
7:00 PM Choir/Cantata Pract.
Fri. Dec. 18th – 6:00 PM Youth Christmas
Caroling & Dinner
Sat. Dec. 19th - 9-11 AM Children's Program
Final Practice & Dress Rehearsal
Sun. Dec. 20th –Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Men's Group serving
Hot Breakfast for Everyone!
10:00 AM ONE Service /with
Children's Christmas Program
Thurs. Dec. 24th–5:00 PM Contemporary &
7:00 PM Traditional Christmas
Eve Candlelight service(s)

Friday, December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Confirmation & Youth Information

Wednesday night Youth
Through November 18th
Dinner at 5:15 PM
Youth at 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 8th – Youth Sunday

Friday, Nov 14th – 6:00 Youth Friendsgiving @ Mt. Pisgah



Friday, Dec. 18th – Youth Christmas Caroling & Dinner/Party to follow



Please see Josh & Stephanie Davis if you have questions or send an email to: stephanieh.davis2008@gmail.com

Also, check our Facebook page for updates. We are blessed!

Kids in CHRIST

Join us for our KIC Wednesday night activities
(through Nov. 18th)
Dinner @ 5:15 PM
KIC activities 6:15–7:30 PM

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Join us for Sunday school **every** Sunday morning from 9:15–10:15 AM
We always have a blast!
See you there!

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Mark your calendars:

Sunday, Nov. 15th - Children Sing during **10:00 AM** Worship Service

Sunday, Nov. 22nd – 1-3:00 PM, Skating at Skylite Skating Rink

Friday, Dec. 4th – (6-9:00 PM) KIC Pajama Party

Wednesday's Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th – We will be practicing for our Christmas program, 5:40-6:10 PM (Send your child to the Upper Room upon finishing dinner)

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 12th, & 19th – (9-11:00 AM) Children's Christmas Program Practice

Sunday, Dec. 20th – Children's Christmas Program (9:00 Breakfast & **One 10:00 AM Service**)



Children's Program practice has begun! Please see Kelcie if you have not received your part or music for the program.

Please join our Facebook page for updates & more info: Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church
Kids in Christ OR email:
KIC@mtpisgahelca.org to reach Lindsay

Nurturing Faith Across Generations: Christian Education Year Ahead

The **Christian Education Committee** is excited to share our **goals and initiatives** for this ministry year as we work together to nurture faith at every stage of life:

- **Unified Faith Learning**: We are aligning our Sunday School and Bible Study curricula with Pastor Justin's sermon series so families can share connected faith conversations at home. In partnership with Outreach, we are also considering some specialty class offerings on topics such as **Financial Literacy, Grief, Effective Leadership, and Marriage.**
- **Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19–25)**: We are creating intentional spaces for recent high school graduates and young adults to stay connected, featuring casual fellowship opportunities during breaks and holidays. The process began with a voice of the congregation session with this specific demographic to get ideas on how best to support them.
- **Youth & KIC (Kids in Christ) Focus**: Youth groups (6th–12th grade) are being structured for deeper, maturity-appropriate discussions. We are working to develop pathways for students to get the general message as a whole group, but then separate out for deeper discussions, which will include opportunities for students and their families to select which pathway would best suit their needs. Plus, our 5th–7th graders are preparing for **Lutheridge** this summer, while 8th–12th graders look ahead to the **National Youth Gathering.**
- **Active Worship Leadership**: Youth and KIC will take on hands-on leadership roles during liturgy on Youth Sundays—sharing prayers, multi-generational reflections, and joint service projects.
- **Confirmation & Leadership Safety**: We are enriching our Confirmation curriculum and requiring **Safe Gathering Training** for committee leaders and volunteers.

Treasury Report 10/22/26



Income for August was $32,955, which is 88% of budget and income for September was $24,186 which is 64% of budget. Expenses for August were $37,791 which is 101% of budget and expenses for September were $35,791 which is 95% of budget.

So, for August and September we spent $16,441more than we received. Year to date through September we have spent $19,088 more than we received.

This is not a great way to start the year, but I have faith that things will turn around. We have $146,092 in the reserve account as of September 30th.

As I have said before, we really need as many people as possible to increase their regular giving. As everyone is aware, expenses are not likely to go down. I am confident that giving will improve over the next few months.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you have, and I will do my best to answer them.

Noelle Bernesser

Treasurer

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With just a few clicks, you can set up your gift today! **Scan the QR code provided** to go directly to the giving form and support the work of the Church. If you have any questions or need any assistance setting up online giving you may contact Donovan Douglas.


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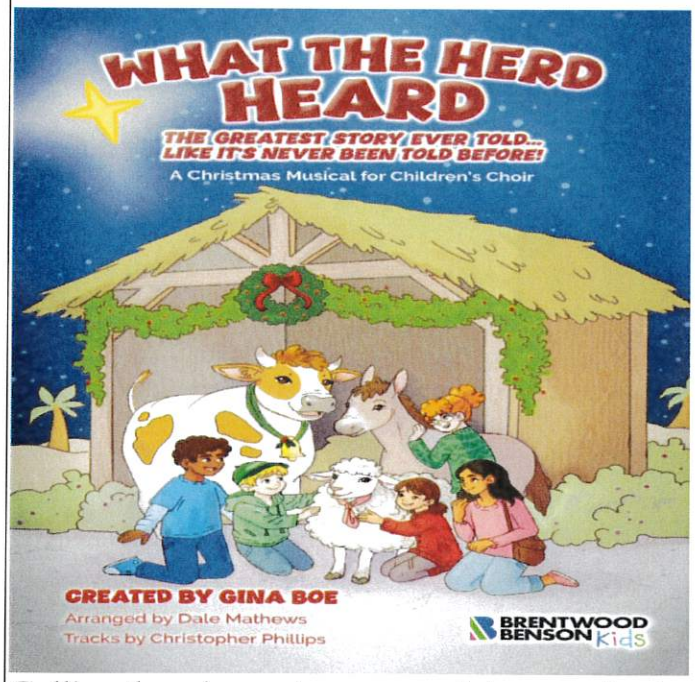
Thanksgiving Dinner

Join Us for a Special "Christ The King/Thanksgiving" Worship & Meal

Gather together on **Sunday, November 15th** for **One Worship Service at 10:00 AM** as we celebrate Thanksgiving in worship and fellowship.

After the service, we'll share a **Covered Dish Thanksgiving Meal** together. **Turkey and Ham will be provided** — please bring a **hearty dish to share** as we enjoy this special time of gratitude and fellowship. A signup will be in the Narthex to ensure a good variety.

Let's give thanks together for God's blessings and the joy of our church family!



Calling thespians, singers, musicians, and set designers of **all ages**. The children need our help to have the best Christmas program ever!

Look for the opportunity to participate in the very near future.
You can reach out to Kelcie Bagley if you want to help.

Family Coloring Fun!





Remember the Bethlehem Farmer's Market will be on Thursday's from 4 to 7:00 PM November 5th and 12th



We will be collecting hats and gloves for children and adults from Monday 11/2/26 through Saturday 2/27/26 Look for more information to follow.

