

The Presbyterian

Shawnee Presbyterian Church

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It's not quite Halloween yet and already the stores are full of Christmas and Holiday decorations and foods. You turn on the TV and the newscasters keep saying that the holidays won't be the same as we can't get things transported to the stores. Prices are going up and supplies are growing more limited. How will we ever be able to celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas this way?

Please don't fall for these traps this year or any year. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for friends and family and everything we have been blessed with. Thanksgiving does not have a rule book for what must be served and in what quantity. Advent and Christmas are wonderful seasons of celebration of the coming and arrival of the Christ Child. No number of gifts or fulfillment of every wish list will help anyone find the Christ Child.

As your pastor I find it wonderfully heartwarming that even during the heart of the pandemic we together had Advent and Christmas services and the same will be this year too no matter the challenges that may or may not be affecting us at the time. Each Sunday of Advent another candle will be lit with the wreath completed Christmas Eve. We will be together in person and on Facebook to celebrate and to sing our praise in both Silent Night and Joy to the World.

This Advent Season I/we will be adding a study each Tuesday morning at 10:00am at church for those who can gather and available a bit later each Tuesday on Facebook. The study dates are Nov 23, 30 Dec 7, 14 and 21. Our study will follow Rev. Adam Hamilton's study of Advent called "The Journey." Each session will include a short video led by Adam Hamilton and a discussion and study following as we engage the story presented. "The Journey" tells the story of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem helping each of us make our own journey to the manger on Christmas Eve.

Don't fall for the trap that Thanksgiving and Christmas will not or cannot come this year. My promise to you is that we will have a time to be thankful and on Dec 24 I will gather with others lighting our candles and singing Joy to the World.

In Ministry Together
Pastor Craig

Senior Adult Group

November 2 at 10:00am
Fellowship Hall
Join us for Bingo and Coffee Cake

Trivia Night

November 6 at 6:30pm
Please sign up in main hallway or contact Nancy ADH
We still need several more participants
Nancy ADH (913) 484-9872 nancy_adh@hotmail.com

Please keep in your prayers...

Carol Howe – recovering from fall/surgery
Gwen Boyd – health issues
Rose Jackson (Gwen's sister) – health issues
Louella Powers – health issues
Peggy Stanley – health and age issues
Maxine Lewis – health issues
Jean Watts – health & age issues

Do you need these things???

Firewood Dale Craft cuts exclusively oak
\$15 for 20 pieces
Delivery available (913) 962-7405
AVON Lori Button
Available for parties and individual sales
(913) 962-9803 lbutton14@gmail.com
(Let Pastor Craig know if you would like to be listed here)

Calendar Updates for November

Nov 1 (Mon)	Boy Scouts 7pm	
Nov 2 (Tue)	Senior Adult Group 10:00am in Fellowship Hall	
	Election Polling Place in Narthex	
Nov 4 (Thu)	Central Standard Chorus Rehearsal 7 – 10pm	
Nov 6 (Sat)	Trivia Night 6:30pm	
Nov 7 (Sun)	Worship with Communion 10:30am	All Saints Sunday
	Food When We're Fed Collection	Deacons Offering
Nov 8 (Mon)	Boy Scouts 7pm	
	Vocal Standard Chorus (Women) Rehearsal 7-10pm	
Nov 10 (Wed)	Hands On Sitting Down 10:30am	
	Making lunches for Crosslines	
Nov 11 (Thu)	Central Standard Chorus Rehearsal 7-10pm	
Nov 14 (Sun)	Worship 10:30am	
	Deacons meeting at 11:30am	
Nov 15 (Mon)	Boy Scouts 7pm	
Nov 17 (Wed)	Prayer Group at Pegah's on 87 th Street	11:30am
Nov 18 (Thu)	Daisy Scout Troop	
Nov 20 (Sat)	Community Concert Series – Piano Trio – 3:00pm in Sanctuary	
Nov 21 (Sun)	Worship 10:30am	
Nov 22 (Mon)	Boy Scouts 7pm	
	Vocal Standard Chorus (Women) Rehearsal 7-10pm	
Nov 23 (Tue)	Advent Study: The Journey	10:00am in person
	(Available on church Facebook page later the same day)	
Nov 28 (Sun)	Worship 10:30am	First Sunday of Advent
		Noisy Offering
Nov 29 (Mon)	Boy Scouts 7pm	
Nov 30 (Tue)	Advent Study: The Journey	10:00am in person
	(Available on church Facebook page later the same day)	

It's Not too Early for Poinsettias!

Each year it's our tradition to give our Church Family an opportunity to help celebrate the season of Advent by purchasing a poinsettia for the Sanctuary. This may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or simply in gratitude for blessings. The list of donors and honorees will be listed and shared, and your flower may be taken home on Christmas Eve.

Look for the order form later in this Presbyterian and in the next What's Happening.
Questions? Karen Clond 913-269-4816

Community Concerts at Shawnee Presbyterian

Offers our second concert of our first season!

We are proud to host a concert with the talented students from our very own Conservatory!

*UMKC Conservatory String Department Showcase
Scholarship String Quartet
Scholarship Piano Trio
Featuring the music of César Franck,
Erwin Schulhoff, and Giuseppe Martucci
Saturday, November 20, 2021 3:00 p.m.*

Save the date! Details to follow in What's Happening and the service information slides.

September 2021 Finance interim results

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Compared to Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 6,025	\$ 115,994	\$ 96,974	\$ 19,020
Total Expenses	<u>11,991</u>	<u>117,097</u>	<u>123,487</u>	<u>6,390</u>
Receipts Less Expenses	-5,966	-1,103	-26,513	25,410

Please contact Chris Nelson, Finance Committee Chair, at (913) 602-4235 or christopher.nelson@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions/concerns about any of the information contained in this report.

Cards & Candy for Vets

There are Thank You cards in the Narthex awaiting your signature.
These cards along with donated fun size candy will be delivered to the
Leavenworth Veteran's Home by Col. Michael Selby.

What we need from you is your greeting and signature in the cards in the Narthex
and fun size candy in either sealed bags or open bags left over from Halloween.
We need everything signed and candy delivered to the church by Sunday Nov 7.

Advent Wreath Readers Needed

If you, your family, or even your friends would like to lead the lighting of the Advent Candles please
contact Pastor Craig. The readings can be done in person or recorded earlier and played during worship.

First Sunday of the month is always busy

Sunday November 7

Food When We're Fed PB & J and canned soups are always good
Birthday Bank if your birthday is in November
Deacon's Offering to fund their ministries.

Hands On Sitting Down

Wed Nov 10 at 10:30am
Making lunches for Crosslines

Noisy Offering

November 28

Making a difference for students at Shawnee Mission Northwest
and Hocker Grove Middle School
Coins and bills collected in a can on the offering table

Shawnee Presbyterian Church 2021 Holiday Schedule

- Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent - Hope
Dec 5 Second Sunday of Advent - Peace
Dec 12 Third Sunday of Advent - Joy
Community Concert at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary
The Horn Studio from UMKC
Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love
Dec 21 (T) Blue Christmas 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Winter Solstice - The longest night of the year
For many Christmas is not very merry -
this year or ever. This service helps us
find the Christ Child in the midst of pain
and sorrow.
Dec 24 (F) Christmas Eve 7:00pm
Candlelight/Communion

H.U.G.S. & Gift Card Tree

Nov 21 - Dec 12

Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks/Scarves

Sizes to fit your favorite elementary student
Gift Cards \$10 or \$25 to Walmart, Price Chopper, HyVee or
Target. Decorate the tree with your gifts. Cards may be
kept in office.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

It's time to begin preparations for the Christmas decorations at Shawnee Presbyterian. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia or two to help decorate our church, please complete this form and return it to the church office with a payment for \$10.00 for each plant or drop in the offering plate on Sundays along with your check. Be sure you put poinsettia on your memo line. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service. All orders need to be turned in by Sunday, **December 5th**.
Questions, please call Karen Clond 913-269-4816.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____



_____ # of plants ordered

Person(s) to be acknowledged
(please identify how you want this to read):
