



**Words from Woodforest**

**November 2022 Newsletter**

**A Word From the Pastor**

The day after Halloween all the shops switched over to Christmas decorations, if they hadn't already done it. Christmas is extremely important for us as Christians, but we aren't even to Advent yet. We miss something if we skip over Thanksgiving. Our whole lives should be a prayer of thanksgiving to God. Much like the in retail world, in our prayers Thanksgiving often gets cheated.

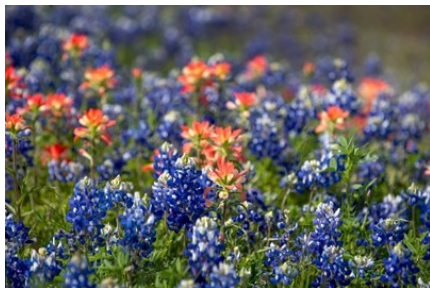
So, I would like to challenge you this November to practice thanksgiving. Every day say a prayer to thank God for one of the blessings in your life. You could thank God for a person, for a place that is special to you, for something that happened in your life. You could thank God for a sunset, or a rainbow, or rain. You could thank God for the beauty of creation, or a beloved pet, or friends, or family. If you put your mind to it should be a piece of cake to think of 30 things to thank God for during the 30 days of November. Maybe if we get enough practice this month, then thanksgiving could become an important part of your prayer life all year long!

OK, I'll start! I am thankful for my Woodforest Church family!!!

Happy Thanksgiving month.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Karen

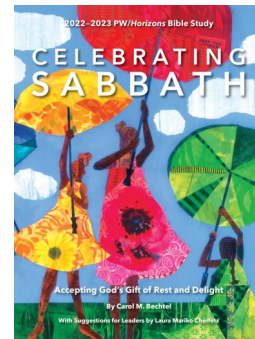


**The Church Celebration  
Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

There will be a program following worship looking at what it takes to be a Matthew 25 congregation. We will celebrate the past year and look toward our future. There will be a **delicious catered lunch by "The Taste of Soul"**. (You can get a sneak peek of their cooking at the pop up market!) Don't miss out! Help us plant the seeds that will help our church bloom!

**Presbyterian Women's Study**

The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Wednesday, **November 9 at 10:30 am**. This year's Study is "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and delight" by Carol M. Bechtel. Study books are available in the pastor's office. They are \$10. We will have a **potluck lunch** following the study. All women are invited to join us for this time of study and renewal.



## Mission



We will be collecting seafarer boxes. Below is the list of requested items from the Port of Houston. The Seafarers prefer full sized items over small travel sized items. These gifts of Love should be packed in shoebox size boxes, wrapped securely as one unit in Christmas paper. Please do not wrap lid and box separately or place bows on the boxes. Plastic shoeboxes become an extra gift for the seafarer! The Seafarers appreciate these items tremendously. Please be sure your boxes are packed full of items! We have shoeboxes available to fill in the workroom.

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| Hairbrush / Comb | Mechanical Pencils           | Dental floss                  |
| Kleenex          | Flashlight w/ batteries      | Deodorant                     |
| Lip Balm         | Popcorn                      | Lotion                        |
| Magnets          | Socks                        | Hot Chocolate                 |
| Gold Bond Powder | Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in | Key Chains                    |
| Gold Bond Cream  | books                        | Texas Souvenirs               |
| T-shirts (new)   | Earbuds / Headphones         | Shampoo                       |
| Needle & Thread  | USB Flash Drives             | Playing Cards                 |
| Shaving Cream    | 2023 Calendar                | Toothbrushes                  |
| Nail Clippers    | Band-Aids (fabric)           | Conditioner                   |
| Toothpaste       | Baseball Caps (new)          | Body Wash                     |
| Gum & Hard Candy | Disposable Razors            | Pocket sized notebooks & pens |
| Q-Tips           | card or note                 |                               |

**Blood Drive** during the Hanging of the greens **Nov. 27th**

**Can food drive** for San Jacinto College. There is a box on the mission table.

**Pet supplies** are being collected for the PYCC Mission project.

The total on the garage sale was **\$1,913 .98**. Great work everyone!

A special thanks to our hard workers.

Alice Morgan, David Mendoza, Mary Ellen Baker, Johnny Gaskill, Bob Bartel, Marlene King—Waggoner, Margaret Hosein, Julia Prasco, Linda Norris, Karen and Jon Paul Estes, Darlene McAlexander, Renee Feltner, William Harvey, Ann Martin, Jeff Hoofard, Evelyn Jogie, Bob Bartel, and Tanjit Proctor. If I forgot anyone your help was still much appreciated. Thanks to all those who donated items and to those who shopped. It was a group effort!

**[www.woodforestpc.org](http://www.woodforestpc.org)**  
**[www.facebook.com/woodforestpc/live](https://www.facebook.com/woodforestpc/live)**

The adult Sunday school class is continuing a study of 1 Samuel led by our favorite Sunday school teacher Marjory Sutton. This study is available on Facebook Live so you are able to view past lessons to join in at anytime.

## North Shore Community Market

November 12, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm we will be hosting another Pop Up Market with KDA Markets. *(Note: the hours are different this month because the weather is getting cooler!)* This is a great way to let the community know that we are here and let them know what we are up to. We will ask for donations of food for the Community College Food Pantry. It will also be a great chance for you to start your Christmas shopping!



We will need people to set up, man, and tear down our Woodforest Presbyterian booth. There will be sign ups on Sunday morning or you could email Pastor Karen. If you can't help with the booth, be sure to stop by to see what is going on and to support local community artists and small business owners! This is a great opportunity to serve and support our neighbors!

### Mark Your Calendars!

Advent is coming! We are looking for families who would like to light our Advent candles each week from November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Pastor Karen or Jeff to sign up. Watch for these dates!

**November 27<sup>th</sup> – Hanging of the Greens.** Help us decorate the church for Christmas. You can also take a break and give blood, since the **blood mobile** will be here that day.

**December 10** – We will host a **Christmas Pop Up Market**. We will be collecting items for the Seafarers Boxes.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – Live Nativity** will be from **1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.** We will need people to greet, hand out cookies, and man the selfie table. Don't miss out on this wonderful time. Note it is mid afternoon so that no one has to drive home in the dark!

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Our Christmas Eve Service** will be at **3:00 p.m.** on Saturday this year. Be sure to join us as we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child!

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Our Worship and Christmas brunch** will be at **10:00 am.** Bring a brunch dish to share. We will worship around tables and have a Christmas Carol sing!



### Keep in Prayer

Healing and comfort for Sandra Horton, Darlienne Powell, Shar Baker, Krista Bartel, Billie Vickery, Kathleen Watson, The family of Johnny Powell, Alice Drennon, the Mendosa family, Anna Marshall, Alice Morgan, Judy and Chuck Kirkpatrick, Marlene King-Waggoner, the family of Irma McCloud, Marjory Sutton, Alan Wolcik and Diana Black



### Last Word

*If you are praying about it, God is working on it.*