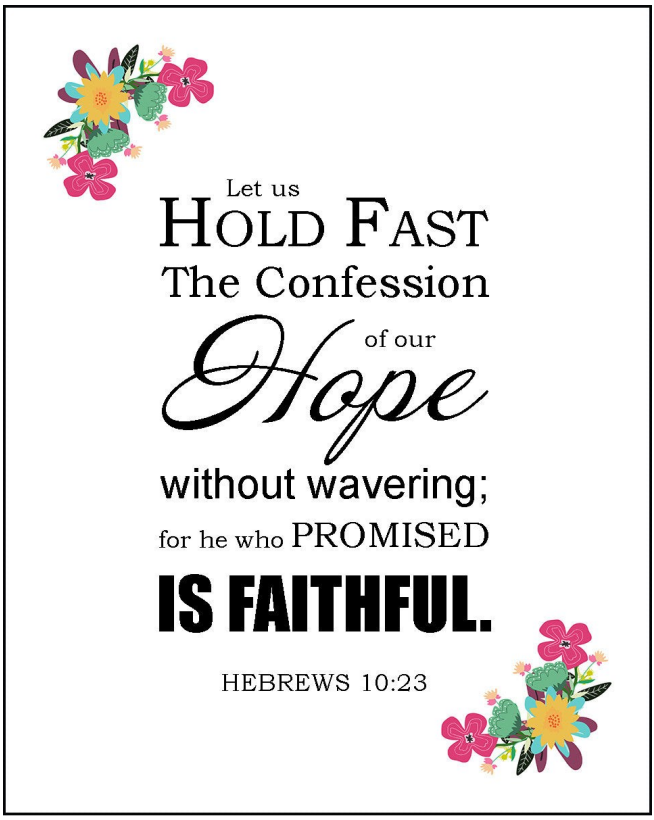
Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church

The View

NOVEMBER 2026



Purpose: To inform, encourage, and promote engagement in Mt. Pisgah's mission in the community, and opportunities for spiritual transformation.
To invite reflection on the process of personal spiritual growth.
To emphasize the bond that holds us together, and avoid magnifying the differences that separate us.

Worship Service 9:45 am (see back cover for location)



Mt. Pisgah VIEW November 2026

*[10] Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. [11] Do this, **knowing the time**, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. [12] The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13] Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. [14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.*
Romans 13:10–14 (NASB95)

What time is it? When we ask that question about our place in human history, or our place in the history of the world and God's purposes for it, we are getting at the significance of Paul's words above. There are two Greek words that are translated with our English word "time." One is chronos – chronological time. That is the time you have in mind when you glance at your watch during one of my sermons as I am droning on, and you wonder,

"what time is it…how much longer is he going to keep blabbing?" The other kind of time is Kairos time. That is the kind of time that is pregnant with meaning; time that connects promise to fulfillment. It is time that feels like a wonderful surprise being revealed, or long-held expectation finally realized. Kairos time is what Paul is talking about above.

Mt. Pisgah has been caught up in the Kairos time of God's Kingdom for the last 200 years. We have been a little piece of the Kingdom of God breaking into the time and space of human history. Mt. Pisgah's calling is coming to a close. This does not diminish our importance in the grand scheme of God's purposes. It is merely to admit that no single, small, temporary representation of the Kingdom (church) is forever. No single church is the final and complete picture. So, we will celebrate the faithfulness of Mt. Pisgah's ministry over the years. All the while, we will recognize that the ending of Mt. Pisgah does not negate the importance of us knowing what time it is – now is the day to awaken from sleep and live as children of light.

Representatives from Pittsburgh Presbytery, Carla Campbell (Stated Clerk) and Ralph Lowe (Pastor to the Presbytery) joined the Session for our meeting on October 19th. Carla and Ralph spelled out the formal procedures for the dissolution of Mt. Pisgah. They provided helpful information and we discussed our timeline leading up to our final month of ministry together in April of 2027. While the technical and procedural information was very helpful, it was equally helpful to hear their encouragement to celebrate. We are encouraged to celebrate Mt. Pisgah's faithfulness and live in gratitude during these last

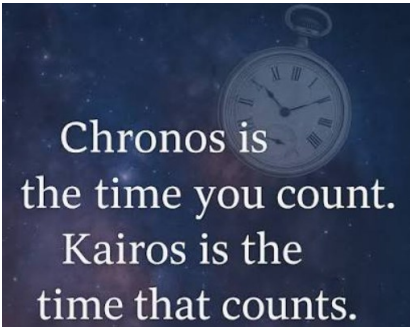
six months together. The Session shared some of our plans to do just that, beginning with our celebration of All Saints Day on November 1st.

All in all, we are ahead of the curve when it comes to faithfully and lovingly closing the doors to Mt. Pisgah. The Session welcomes your continued prayers as they guide us through these last 6 months.

Speaking of time, in November, we will take a deeper look at the ways that Paul answers the question, "what time (Kairos) is it?" We will look at the different ways that he refers to dramatic change to human history brought about by the birth of Messiah Jesus. That will lead to Advent and our final look at Paul's writings about the incarnation – the event that changes everything.

I hope that you will plan to join us for worship and celebration on November 1st, and all the subsequent occasions that we are planning for celebration of God's faithfulness to Mt. Pisgah through the years. Let's continue to encourage each other to embrace the goal of "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ." The day is dawning. Let's make the most of the time at hand!

Peace…Tom



Session News . . .

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

November 15

Following worship on Sunday, November 15th, there will be a congregational meeting.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for 2027. In addition, the Session will give an update on the process for dissolving the congregation next Spring.



November 29

On Sunday, November 29th, Bella Carlini will join us in worship. Bella has been a counselor at Camp Crestfield for a number of years. She will share some of her experiences and the value of church camp. We will have lunch following worship on that day.



For the Session who are in His Service,
Marta Pletz, Clerk

Prayer Corner

The Christian community known as Mt. Pisgah is beginning its last months and we will soon find ourselves making choices for new church families. Trusting in God's Perfect Will we pray:

Our lives are so small, O Lord, our vision so limited, our courage so frail. Our hours are fleeting. Therefore, give us grace and guidance for the journey ahead because we believe that we are called into a work we cannot yet know the fullness of. Still, we trust in the voice of the one who called us.

And so we offer these things to you:

Our dreams, our plans, our vision. Shape them as you will.

Our moments and gifts. May they be invested toward bright, eternal ends.

O Spirit of God, now shape our hearts.

O Spirit of God, now guide our hands.

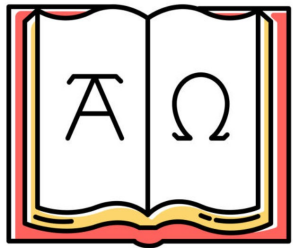
O Spirit of God, now build Your Kingdom through us.

Amen.

Adapted from Every Moment Holy by Douglas McKelvey

For the Prayer Corner Team, Marta Pletz

ALPHA AND OMEGA



These Bible connected words
begin and end with the same letter.
Use a different letter for each word.

Example: ___ NN ___ Anna

1. ___ EN ___
2. ___ BB ___
3. ___ EA ___
4. ___ IRIA ___
5. ___ AI ___
6. ___ AVI ___
7. ___ AGL ___
8. ___ CACI ___
9. ___ IDO ___
10. ___ ULE ___
11. ___ EE ____
12. ___ IVE ___

Prayer Corner Team: Cindy Grindel, Luann Walton & Marta Pletz

November Breath Prayer

Breathe In: God of Wisdom, help us live in this day,

Breathe Out: assured of tomorrow.

Day Timers

Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church

Coming together for Fellowship and Sharing

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

AT 11:00 AM

Mt. Pisgah Church

The Fall season is a favorite time to enjoy the outdoors. With this in mind, Rich is doing a collage of pictures and stories about The River where we live part time. Please join us to see the changing seasons and the changing Allegheny River. We are shifting the timing of our meeting to allow everyone time to get ready for the Thanksgiving holiday.



If you plan on attending, please let Linda know by November 12, 2026. Use the contact information below to let Linda know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

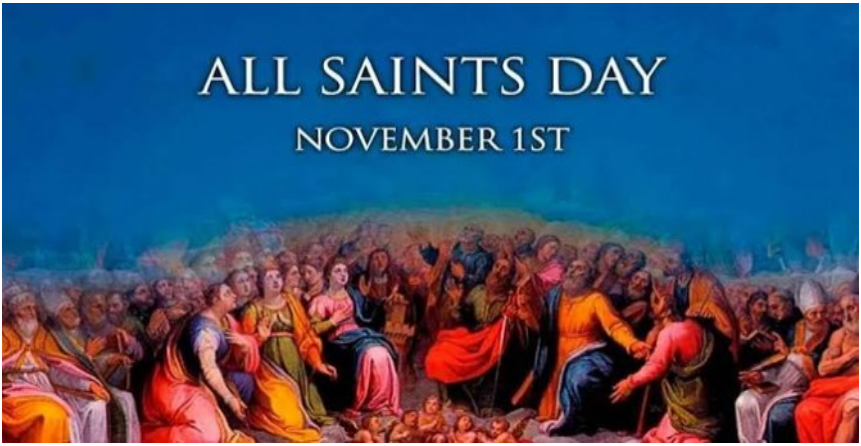
DayTimers continue to participate in the Crafton Food Pantry. They would like us to gather items that the Pittsburgh Food Bank Does Not Supply. Specifically, Macaroni and Cheese, Saltine Crackers (those in a box of 4 sleeves), and Ramen Noodle Soup Packages.

Please Note: DECEMBER WILL BE THE LAST TIME FOR DAYTIMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD BANK.

DayTimers also continue to support Westwood Elementary School's autistic class teachers with Marta Pletz as our liaison.

If you have any comments or questions, call Linda Polaski, 412-921-8605, to leave a message or email, rlpolaski@AOL.com. The church phone number is: 412-921-8444 to speak with Marta. Please check your emails for any changes or updates.

Blessings,
Linda and Rich, Kim, Marta, Bob and Mary



A day of gratefulness for those who shared their faith with us…

Join us on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1st.

We will celebrate and honor the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. After worship, there will be a time to reflect on the saints of Mt. Pisgah, a time to share your stories of their faithfulness and how that influenced your own walk with Christ. A light lunch will be provided.

We hope you can be with us on this very special day of remembering! Mark your calendar and come.

Worship, 9:45 a.m. Fellowship directly afterward.

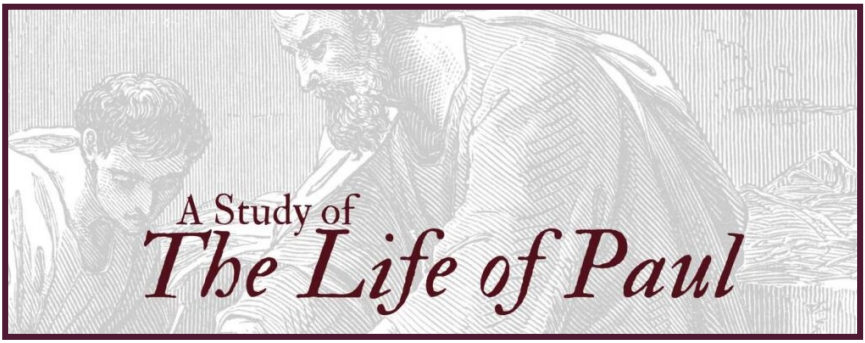
~Worship, Learning, and Prayer Team



Capturing Memories . . .

The Worship, Learning and Prayer Team is creating a collage to bring to mind our Mt. Pisgah family over the years (worship celebrations, picnics, plays, Vacation Bible School, Sunday school classes, Men's Group, Small Group, Pisgah Pasta, Octoberfest, DayTimers, and the list goes on and on!) Can you help us by sharing any photos you have from our yesteryears including up to this very day? We promise to take extra good care of them, and they'll be returned at the end of this project in April. Please remember to put your name on the back of the photo so we can get your pictures returned to you. This is an ongoing request. We're hoping you'll continue to share as you come across any memory-making pics! There will be a large envelope marked "PHOTOGRAPHS" on the Malawi table for collecting your pictures. Happy searching, and thank you!
(It's amazing what you've forgotten … until you see it captured in a photo. Priceless!)

From the Worship, Learning and Prayer Team:



Please join us after worship on the first and third Sundays of each month as we continue to study Paul – his life, his teaching, and his example.

It would be our blessing to fellowship around tables with you for this most wonderful study of the Apostle Paul!

November worship services will be based on the following scripture readings:

November 1
For All The Saints...
Romans 8:26-39

November 8
One Foot in Each Age
Philippians 3:10-16

November 15
What Time is It?
1 Corinthians 15:1-28 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

November 22
The Day is Dawning: Live Like the Sun is Shining
Romans 13:11-14

November 29 (First Sunday of Advent)
What Time is It?
Galatians 3:23—4:7 (First Sunday of Advent)

Mt. Pisgah Memories: Our Church Meeting Challenges

The church was in need of repairs and updating. Therefore, a committee was designated to raise the necessary funds. Putting new wine in old wine skins was brought to attention. Therefore, the church was put up for sale. It was then necessary to find a new place for Sunday Worship and Sesson Meetings.

Following the sale of the Warriors Road location, Unity Church (formerly Wallace Memorial) on Greentree Road was made available and served well. Then a new location was the next move for Mt. Pisgah Church at the Noble Manor Shopping Center on the second level off Poplar Street.

Reaching out into the community:
1. An After School Program
2. Food for the Crafton Food Bank
3. Giving to the Genesis House
4. A shelf for useful items for the community
5. Prayer Meeting by way of Zoom Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
6. Giving to Pittsburgh Presbytery Project,
   Bibles to strengthen the heart for those in jail
7. Used books available in the Fellowship Room
8. Supporting teachers at Westwood School

Sunday worship service at 9:45 is followed by time for fellowship. Twice a month Bible Study is led by Tom Ribar.



The Christmas and Easter services were important and led by Tom Ribar and members of the congregation.

May the Church Bells continue to Ring for members and friends of the Mt. Pisgah Church.

Luella Brazier

November Memory Verse Challenge

[23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

What the writer offers in this verse:

- The Core Exhortation: Believers are urged to stay firm in their faith and public declaration of hope in Jesus Christ, refusing to drift or give up during trials.
- The Foundation: The strength to hold on does not come from human willpower alone, but from the character of God, who is completely trustworthy and never breaks His promises.
- Broader Context: This verse is part of a series of "let us" statements in Hebrews 10:22–25 which also encourages drawing near to God in faith and supporting a community of believers through love, good works, and meeting together.

Note: This is the one verse in our memory verse book that was not definitively written by Paul. However, Hebrews overlaps with Pauline theology and thus is included.

For the Worship, Prayer, Learning Team
Marta Pletz



Dear family and friends of Mt. Pisgah . . .

In addition to your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions to our most capable Father in Heaven, creator and master of all things seen and unseen, all praise and glory be to Him who reigns victorious now and throughout eternity – "O, what a Savior!"

Prayer Focus for November:

Heavenly Father, we rejoice because you are a Father who knows how to give good gifts to your children.

Hope to see you in worship Sunday morning, 9:45 am.
Submitted by the Worship, Learning and Prayer Team.

Solution to Alpha and Omega on page 7:

1. Tent,	2. Abba,	3. Dead,
4. Miriam,	5. Maim,	6. David,
7. Eagle,	8. Acacia,	9. Widow,
10. Ruler	11., Deed,	12. River



This prayer will appear at the end of the BUZZ each week.
~Submitted by Marilyn Costentino for the Prayer Team

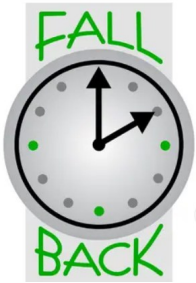


Please email December VIEW articles to Sharon at 37.s.devey@gmail.com by November 19
Thank you!

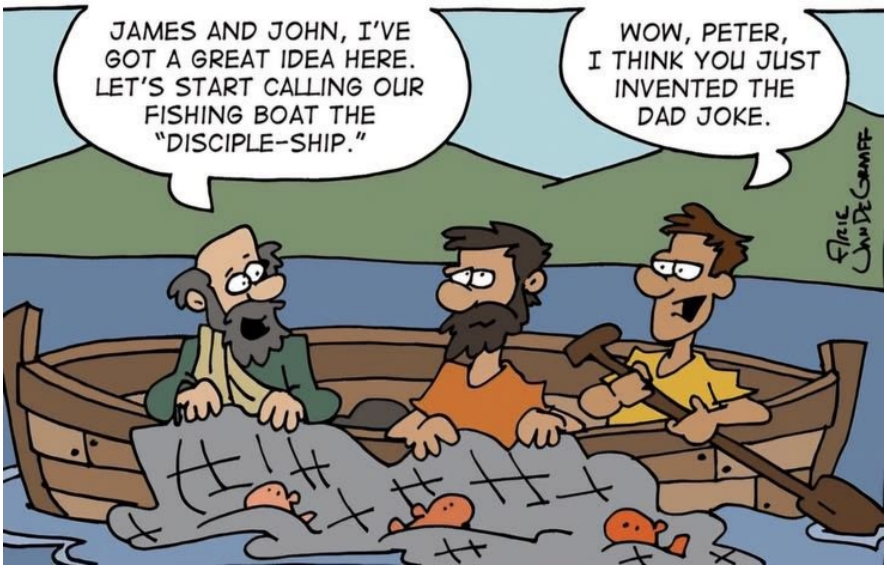
On the Lighter Side . . .

Submitted by Sharon Devey

November 1



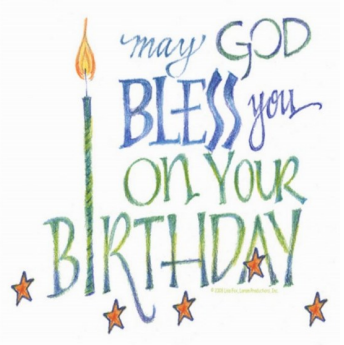




OUR CONGREGATION CONNECTS . . .

1 Thessalonians 5:16 "Rejoice Always!"

Who will receive a November birthday wish from you?



1st ... Elizabeth Morales

11th ... Sharon Devey

17th ... Jan Rentz

22nd ... Kennedy Sevacko

25th ... Delaney Fickley

Bless this your child, Lord, in the year to come. May they know the comfort of your presence, the certainty of your purpose, and the consolation of your love at work in their life.

"Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him or her up." Romans 15:2



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Mark your calendar . . .

1st Daylight Saving Time *(Fall Back)*
All Saints Day Celebration following worship *(see p. 10)*

15th Congregational Meeting
Adult Class following worship

16th Session & Budget Meeting, 4:00 pm

17th DayTimers *(see page 8)*

19th December VIEW articles due *(see page 16)*

29th First Sunday in Advent
Bella Carlini speaks about Camp Crestfield *(see page 5)*
Luncheon following worship
SCRIP Order Placed
Worship, Learning & Prayer Team Meeting following worship

Weekly

Wednesday, Prayer Group online 5:30 pm

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