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# The Grapevine

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## Important Info for November:

- **Church office hours are Wednesday mornings 10am-12:00pm.**
- **If you need assistance outside of those hours, please leave a message and I will return your call or send an email to vinelandchurch@gmail.com**




## A Note From Our Pastor

Jesus uses the agricultural harvest as a metaphor in Scripture, such as in Matthew 9:37-38, where He tells His disciples: “The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into His harvest.” It reminds us of our ongoing work in sharing the Gospel, nurturing believers, and building up God’s church. When talking with others about the spiritual harvest, we can also use metaphors to explain faith, character growth, and God’s love. It’s Thanksgiving time again, and in the Bible, thanksgiving is defined as an intentional posture of worship, gratitude, and remembrance directed to God for His character, provision, and salvation. For a November challenge, why not commit yourself to reaching out to someone in need, to engage in planting seeds of faith, all while cultivating the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus did, and He wants us to do the same. I sincerely wish each of you a blessed, meaningful, and happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Corry

## November 2026 Lectionary

**November 1, 2026**
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
**All Saints Sunday**
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

**November 8, 2026**
**24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 15, 2026**
**25th Sunday after Pentecost**
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

**November 22, 2026**
**Reign of Christ Sunday**
**Thanksgiving Sunday**
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

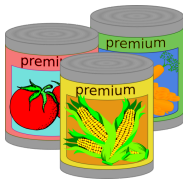
**November 29, 2026**
**1st Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

**October Giving:**
**Watoto - $76**
**Pueblo Coop. Care**
**Socktober - 500+ pairs**

## *Thankful & Blessed*

My family and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the kindness you have shown us on Pastor Appreciation Sunday, and throughout this past year. Your gifts have been helpful, your ongoing prayers needed, and serving such a faithful congregation has been filled with pure enjoyment. We thank you for walking with us together in faith, supporting our ministries, and showing the love of Christ in everything you do.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Corry




## November Mission

Our mission for the month of November is the Veterans of Foreign Wars food pantry. Their pantry serves not only veterans but anyone needing assistance. Items most needed are:
Canned soup
Ramen noodles
Canned Fruit
Cereal
Peanut butter
Jelly

Canned Vegetables. PLEASE NO GREEN BEANS as they have an abundance of that vegetable.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Big Thanks



The Salvation Army of Springfield, Colorado gifted the 157 pairs of socks for the Socktober Mission. What a blessing!!

## *Hanging of the Green*



**A very special time in the church year is approaching. Advent is celebrated the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The sanctuary is beautifully decorated to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. This activity is referred to as Hanging of the Greens.Creative Vine has been busy making new Chrismons for the tree. The new decorations will be a wonderful addition to the event. We will decorate the sanctuary Sunday, November 22, 2026 immediately following worship. It is a wonderful time of fellowship as we prepare for the Christmas season. Please join us!!**



## Bookies November Selection

November 17 at 2:00, Giadone Library, Bookies will meet to review The Story of Arthur Trulov by Elizabeth Berg. This feel good novel about three hurting people who meet in unusual circumstances is a delightful read. Come join us. All are welcome.

If you have suggestions for the 2027 reading list, please contact Caroline.



## Christian Education Activities

**November 29th**
Christmas Play practice during Sunday School
(Kids will get their roles and get fitted for their costumes)

**December 5th**
Christmas Market 9am-5pm



**December 6th**
Christmas cookie decorating & Christmas craft right after church and a light lunch for everyone 11:30 am. Elizabeth Bonham will lead the children in cookie decorating and Samatha Overcashier will lead a Christmas craft. Light lunch will be served.

**December 6th and 13th**
Christmas play practice during Sunday school. (10:30-11:30)

**December 20th**
Mark your calendars to attend Worship service on Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. as our children will be sharing the story of the Nativity and singing Christmas songs.

## Joyful Noise



***Come Make a Joyful Noise! Mark your calendar and come join our Joyful Noise Christmas choir for practices in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 29 from 9:30-10:20a.m.; and also on Sunday, December 6 after church from 11:40a.m. to 12:30p.m. We will be singing "Christmas is Coming" for Christmas at the December 13th worship service. All interested singers are welcome. Start warming up your voices in the shower, in your car, and during our Sunday hymns, and plan to join in making a Joyful Noise!***

## Thank you

Special thank you to Tim and Samatha Overcashier for the donation of 15 new chairs for the Children's Sunday School room. This is a much needed addition to our education department. This is a blessing for us all.



Thanks to Donna Klun for the donation of pumpkins for carving and for everyone who brought treats and food for the Trunk or Treat. It was a huge success and a wonderful outreach.



**Hearts @ Home**
November 7 & December 5 at 7pm.




11/7 Cody Nelson
11/8 Noah Anaya
11/9 Cale Wyberg
11/11 Corry Higbee
11/17 Ken Stowers
11/18 Wade Leach
11/18 Greg Eastman
11/20 Bruce Roberson
**11/25 Roxy Jones**




11/9 Jack & Nola Chick
11/10 Abby & Anthony Martinez
11/12 Cliff & Wadene Hopper
11/20 Rick & Edith Calhoun

**Nurture & Outreach/Administrative Board**
**Minutes**
**October 21, 2026**

**Prayer**
**Administrative Board**
- **Finance Report**
  - **Comparison revenue and expense categories were reviewed and explained**
  - **Balances remain strong**
- **Trustees Report**
  - **Review of major expenditures**
  - **Anonymous donation to help with cost of upgrades for parsonage**
  - **Total capital expenses should decrease in 2027 after the repairs completed in 2026**
- **Christian Education Report**
  - **Trunk or Treat is planned for October 25, 2026**
- **SPR - No business to report**
- **State Fair Committee**
  - **Gross Sales - $75,140**
  - **Commission - $17,458**
  - **Sales Tax - $5,307**
  - **Major Expenditures - Double door cooler - $2,000**
  - **- Electrical repair for ice cream machine - $460**
  - **Samatha Overcashier will take food safety class for certification from the health department**

**Old Business**
- **July and August Mission of the Month**
- **Aspen Acres Fire Relief**
- **Donations from congregation - $990**
- **Donation from Missions - $1010**
- **Motion was made by Wadene Hopper to donate $1,010 to make the total donation $2,000. Cathie Stueve seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Donation Ideas**
- **Denise and Mike Cooper, Nancy and Jeep Johnson and Debbie Walters will research the needs for the communities and make a recommendation at the November meeting.**

**October Mission of the Month**
- **Soctober**

**New Business**
- **November Mission of the Month**
  - **Veteran's Food Pantry – Shelley Gauna**
- **Angel Tree – Debbie Walters**
  - **Rich Himes from First Presbyterian Church will request 30 'angels' for VMC to serve**
- **Community Outreach – Tim Overcashier**
  - **A comprehensive presentation was made to increase attendance through activities to include community members**
  - **Pastor Corry asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to organize the activities. In addition to those present who volunteered, other names were suggested and will be**

**contacted. Preliminary committee members: Tim Overcashier, Samatha Overcashier, Nancy Higbee, Wadene Hopper, Elizabeth Bonham and Jenna Wyberg.**

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2026**

**Members in Attendance: Jackie Dorenkamp, Corry Higbee, Nancy Higbee, Wadene Hopper, Bonnie Norton, Samatha Overcashier, Tim Overcashier, Pam Pettijohn, Cathie Stueve, and Debbie Walters,**

## Trunk or Treat was so much fun!!!!



















| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>Adult ss 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30<br>Children **IN** worship | 2 | 3<br>Lion's Club 6pm | 4<br>Prayer Meeting 10am | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8<br>Adult ss 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30<br>Children's SS during worship | 9 | 10<br>. | 11<br>Prayer Meeting 10am | 12 | 13 | 14<br>Rental 1-4 |
| 15<br>Adult ss 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30<br>Children's SS during worship | 16 | 17<br>**Bookies @ 2pm Giadone Lib** | 18<br>Prayer Meeting 10am<br>**N/O Mtg 6:00pm Fireside Room** | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>Adult ss 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30<br>Children's SS during worship<br>**Hanging of the Greens** | 23 | 24 | 25<br>Prayer Meeting 10am | 26<br>Thanksgiving Day | 27 | 28 |
| 29<br>Adult ss 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30<br>Children's SS during worship<br>**Joyful Noise 11:30am**<br>**Fifth Sunday Potluck** | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5<br>**Christmas Market 9am-5pm** |

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***Please join us for worship***
***Every Sunday at 10:30***
***Children's Sunday School during worship***




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## Christ Centered
## Bible Based
## Missions Minded

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