

Chimes

November

Dear Church Family,

Lately I have been very futuristic, and reading all I can on artificial intelligence. It seems every periodical or magazine I have read in the past two months is always referring to the potential of AI and its continued arrival.

The other day Cherie and I watched the *War of the Worlds* and *AI Artificial Intelligence*. Believe it or not, she likes science fiction and I am a romantic. Give me a tear jerker and relationships that touch the heart, and I'm all in (*AI* filled that requirement). Get me my hanky! The future, though, seems bent on disconnection and the idea our lives will be better when we develop thinking machines that will look much like a human being.

After all, we come from the great Creator, and we would also like to create or make something in our image, too: to do all those things we hate to do so that we can enjoy life to the fullest.

We might envision, someday, our children's children taking their AI to church to initiate its thinking intelligence on the concept of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. They will introduce them to our congregation, and our future AI may engage in conversations of understanding and pleasantries. Seems a little farfetched ... but is it really? As society and business moves forward in this direction, we may find that in as little as 10 years, the world of AI will explode on the scene. We may find that those times where we need pulpit supply, Pastor AI will be speaking ... or will it? If you think I'm taking you down the yellow brick road, I am!

Machine learning is based on predictive algorithms. Text-based AI technologies are good at writing some types of e-mails, ad copy, and other generic administrative needs. When it comes to ministry, however, some caution is necessary because Christianity has a spiritual bent. A robot might be able to outline a sermon so that it looks like a sermon, but it cannot replace the Holy Spirit's guidance, understanding, and insights in being or experiencing Christian life. God has created us with the ability to love and be loved. God, our creator, has given us a gift ... a heart and a brain, and when connected properly, can tap the very spirit of God. As Proverbs says: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

It is important to recognize that in 2020, only 60% of the world population was online. So, while AI technologies are already changing how 60 % of the world works and lives, it is good to remember there is a large segment of the human population beyond the reach of computers. We still must reach those who are beyond the influence of computers and AI with the good news of Christ.

How can we do this? We connect with people the old-fashioned way with personal interaction! We do this people to people, face to face, and with the connection only a human touch can make. The spirit touches the soul of each of us.

Some tech philosophers think that a crisis might occur if an AI's goals are not the same as that of humanity, causing robots to break through human barriers and take over the world. However, the Bible suggests a different end to the world, one where "every eye shall see Christ coming on the clouds." I like that glorious ending and new beginning. Amen!

~ Pastor Steve





PCC NEWS

October was a very eventful month for PCC! We had our picture day on October 10, everyone smiled so big! We had a wonderful fundraiser which raised about \$320! Thank you to everyone for supporting PCC! The classrooms had their Halloween parties on October 27! The children got to wear their costumes and go trick or treating around the building as well! The First Presbyterian Church hosted a Trunk or Treat October 27 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM!

The holidays are quickly approaching, and PCC is getting ready for them! The Pre-K classes have started practicing for our Christmas Program in December. November 10, we have our In-Service day! We are going to do some training on writing reports for state and cleaning the classrooms. Cold and flu season is coming quickly! On November 16, our kitchen staff will be preparing a Thanksgiving Feast for the children! PCC will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, so our teachers can be with their families! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

~Abbey



MEET JACQUIE!



Jacquie D'Angelo is one of our newest attendees. Maybe you were here when she recited one of her poems - which are wonderful. Jacquie is a writer of prose and poetry. Her hope is to publish her bio (almost done) and a book of poetry about current events, which is 99% finished. She also likes to compose hymns.

Jacquie was born and raised in northeast Philadelphia. In 1977, she moved to within a few blocks of Center City and would walk to work. At night, she enjoyed disco dancing at a couple of hot spots. In later years, Jacquie lived in a small town in the suburbs.

Jacquie has three siblings and flies 'home' when possible to see them. She has a cat, who tends to rule the roost (as most cat people know). With her cat's cooperation (still in training), she will start a jigsaw puzzle, again. It will be interesting to see how long it takes for the cat to stay off the table this time! Jacquie enjoys doing latch hook rugs, counted cross stitch and tiny tiled mosaics. Creating her own designs, along with doing kits, has provided much joy over the years for Jacquie.

In 2003, Jacquie moved to London, Ohio. The move ended up being one of the best decisions she ever made. Knowing someone in the area made the transition easy. She loves it here.

Jacquie looks forward to friendships (new and old) and many more of life's wonderful opportunities...always. So take a moment the next time you see Jacquie, and introduce yourself. Be sure to keep an ear open for her next poem, it will be insightful and beautiful to hear. Welcome, Jacquie, we are glad you are here!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 5: Deacons meeting

Nov. 10, 13 & 23-24: Church office will be closed

Nov. 12: Blood Pressure Check after the worship service

Nov. 15: Session meeting

Nov. 19: Congregational Meeting following the worship service

Nov. 19: After the Congregational meeting, there will be a Potluck ... bring your favorite dish. Drinks & table service provided.

SUPPORT FOR THE MARTHA GEIB ONLINE AUCTION

If you would like to donate a basket to support the auction, you will need to have it to the church by Wednesday, November 1. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Huddleston 740-506-0012 or rsuddleston@columbus.rr.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian Education wants to hear from you! Please share with us the resources you use at home for your devotional or Bible Study time. For example, CE members use the Daily Word subscription, todaydevotional.com, the Bible Project App, and Proverbs 31 online Bible Study classes. How about you?

Please share with CE members the books, websites, apps, etc. that you go to for growing in your faith each week. Christian Education will compile the information received and share it with our church family.

PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY NOVEMBER MEETING

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 3:30-6:00 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church, 214 N. Hinde St, Washington Court House.

We are looking for an ordained elder to serve as a commissioner for this meeting. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Désirée.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH TREASURER

Session is in the middle of dividing up the treasurer position. They are hiring a bookkeeper and decreasing the workload of the treasurer. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the new treasurer position, contact Pastor Désirée.

Martha Geib
Memorial Scholarship

ONLINE AUCTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

AUCTION

8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ITEM PICK UP

7th ANNUAL EVENT



Virtual Auction

IN MEMORY
OF
MARTHA
GEIB

PROCEEDS GO
TOWARDS
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
LONDON AND
MADISON-PLAINS
SENIORS

<https://mgms.betterworld.org/>

All items donated from
local businesses,
community members,
and entrepreneurs

Support the students
of our community

Item pick up will be at the
Presbyterian Church in London
on November 5th from
1:00-4:00 p.m.

For any Questions or Concerns:
Call us (740) 506-0012 or
(614) 778-3664

Advent



“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.”

During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. The four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for

communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

There will be a Christmas Eve Service (on Zoom if we have bad weather). If you have ordered a Poinsettia for Christmas, you may take it home after the 7:30 pm service.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

The holidays are fast approaching, and will be here before you know it. In the middle of our dinner planning, holiday shopping, and general chaos, you might forget that the church needs a little help with decorating in preparation for Advent.

If you have the time, please make a note on your calendar ... **Sunday, November 26**, and plan to stay after the worship service. This will be the day that the church will be made ready for Advent, which begins on December 3. It doesn’t take more than a couple of hours, and if we have a lot of hands available to help, it will go much quicker.

We know that this is a busy weekend, but any help that you can give would be appreciated. Thank you for considering giving your time. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you wish to provide a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Services ... please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office (PO Box 226), along with your check. We are purchasing the poinsettias from London Florist. **DEADLINE for placing your order is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.** We will order a variety of colors for the Christmas season. Or, you can make a memorial gift to the Generation to Generation Fund.

6” Potted POINSETTIA ORDERS

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

to be picked up after 7:30 service: _____ # to be donated: _____

TOTAL # _____ poinsettias ordered X \$14.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Given By:

_____ Phone: _____

SPECIAL GIFT FOR GENERATION TO GENERATION FUND

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Given By:

_____ Phone _____

Sisters In The Lord



YOU ARE INVITED!

The next gathering will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 1-3:00 pm. It will be held at St. Paul AME Church, located at 11 W. Center Street in London.

This is an ecumenical gathering of women who come together to share the love of

God through scripture, prayer, witnessing, music, and sharing a meal provided by the host.

For more information, contact Joyce Lloyd at 740-852-4229 or email tjlloyd196@mz.com.

HUMP DAY LUNCH

The next Hump Day Lunch will be on November 15 at 11:30 AM at the M&M Diner, 165 E. Center Street in London. Come for a relaxing lunch and fellowship.

LAST HELP HOUSE MEAL FOR 2023

The church is hosting the Loving Kindness meal for 150 on November 20, 2023.

The following donations and volunteers are needed:

- ♦ **11 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size)**
- ♦ **17 pounds of penne pasta,**
- ♦ **6 institutional size cans green beans**
- ♦ **3-4 SERVERS 2:00-4:30** (in church Narthex).

Please notify Debbie Blaho if you want to help (email dblaho@columbus.rr.com or call (614) 736-5126). Please have donations to the church by **November 12th**.

PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed. If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Pastor Abou asks for prayers for their church planting work in Liberia and for the new children's home in that country. Please continue keep him and his church, along with all the children in his care, in your prayers.

IT'S TURKEY DAY, BUT WHY TURKEY

The truth is, that it has little to do with the Pilgrims and their first thanksgiving feast in 1621 with the Wampanoag Indians. According to Edward Winslow's first-hand account, "the Wampanoag leader, Massasoit, arrived with 90 men, and the two communities feasted together for three days. The feast included five deer, and local fowl", which possibly included ducks and geese, and maybe wild turkey. It almost certainly included squash, corn and shellfish, which were a staple of Native American diets.

Actually, historians have found that most 'modern' Thanksgiving traditions began in the mid-19th century, more than two centuries after the Pilgrims' first harvest celebration. Sarah Hale, author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb", was editor of Godey's Lady's Book in 1837. She and her colleagues began a crusade for the creation of an annual national holiday of "Thanksgiving and Praise" commemorating the Pilgrims' thanksgiving feast. They made an assumption that turkey was eaten at that feast because of the general belief of the abundance of wild turkey. The Godey's Lady's Book was filled with New England recipes and menus that featured turkey! It wasn't until 1863 before President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday.

A roasted turkey makes a wonderful centerpiece for the table. This may have been influenced by Europe which had a tradition of serving large wildfowl, skinned, cooked, and re sewn into its feathers for presentation and served with a tart jelly. Turkey gained popularity as a source of meat; it could serve a large crowd, and it was cheaper than a cow or a pig. Because a turkey did not provide milk or edible eggs, it made better sense to American homesteaders to slaughter it, instead of cattle or chickens.

Today, a roasted turkey remains America's Thanksgiving centerpiece, but the rest of our Thanksgiving table is still evolving. Maybe you like your turkey deep-fried, or maybe you like it smoked. There is no wrong way. The Pilgrims did not have mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, sugar, or green bean casserole. Yesterday's tart jelly is now cranberry sauce and the roasted squash is now pumpkin pie.

~ A little side fact ... each November, since 1947, the US president 'pardons' a turkey ... its life is spared and does not get eaten.

And the turkey says ... GOBBLE, GOBBLE!

November birthstone is the orange-yellow Topaz ... Symbolizes friendship.

The November flower is the chrysanthemum ... Symbolizes honesty, joy, and optimism.



Nov. 1 is ALL SAINTS DAY. The Presbyterian Church will celebrate on Sunday, November 5.
Nov. 1 was established by Pope Gregory III when he dedicated a chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all saints.

VETERAN'S DAY originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, one year after the end of WWI. It became a national holiday in 1938.

November is National Beard Month, or NO Shave Month, as a way to raise cancer awareness.

NOVEMBER 5 ... TIME CHANGE
MOVE YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON NOV. 4

November's full moon, the Beaver Moon, will be on Monday, November 27.

- November Weather Folklore**
- *If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.*
 - *There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.*
 - *Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.*
 - *Thunder in November, a fertile year to come.*

If you're fortunate, you may experience an "Indian Summer" in November, but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between November 11-20!

Happy Anniversary

Jeffrey & Cheryl Baltzer

11-7

Neil & Helen Studebaker

11-30

Craig & Kelly Becke

11-30



May there always be work for your hands to do.
 May your purse always hold a coin or two.
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane.
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
 May the hand of a friend always be near you.
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.
 - An Irish Blessing



If you were born in November, you are either a Scorpio (Nov. 1-21), or a Sagittarius (Nov. 22-30)

Scorpios have a deep well of emotions. They tend to be enigmatic and sensitive, but can also show domineering and ambitious traits.

The November Sagittarius tends to be optimistic and adventurous. They have a thirst for knowledge, known to speak

before thinking and can be restless.

In general, November borns are full of creativity. They believe in doing something different. They are great friends and have a magnetic personality. Research has found that the men are more likely to be left-handed. November borns may have strong athletic abilities, and are less likely to have heart problems



Dolores Fischer	11-3	Bruce Yerian	11-18
Laura Madden	11-3	Luke Mack	11-21
Judi Borders	11-6	Doug Dennewitz	11-24
Bill Fischer	11-8	Larry Bobo	11-26
Jim Smith	11-11	Devin Griggs	11-29
Chuck Spinning	11-14	Christine Yost	11-29
Nancy Clemmons	11-18	Mary Locke	11-30
Seth Johnson	11-18		

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	30	31	Nov 1 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom IV	2 ● 6pm Worship Committee Meeting ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 Time Change (move back at night) ● 8am Martha Gebb Online Auction
5 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship- Communion ● 11am Deacon Meeting	6 Last day to order Poinsettias Pastor D Off	7	8 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4pm Stewardship Commission	9 Steve - training at Presbytery in Louisville, KY thru 11-12 ● 10:30am Koorsen Inspection (w/ ● 4:15pm Mission Committee mee ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 Pastor D Study Leave Blood Pressure Screen, after wor ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship-Dedication Sunda	13 Cherie Off / office closed	14	15 ● 11:30am Hump Day Lunch Day ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4:30pm Session Meeting	16 ● 11am Session Review ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18 Nov '18-'19 Youth Winter Retreat/C Set up for the 11-19 Fall Potluck ir
19 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship ● 11am Congregational Meeting	20 Loving Kindness meal ● 11am PCC Leadership Meeting	21	22 ● 6pm PCC Committee Meeting	23 Thanksgiving - Closed for the Holiday	24	25
26 Decorating the Church for Advent ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	27	28 ● 3:30pm Presbytery Meeting	29 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting	30 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	Dec 1	2 REMINDER: Annual Reports - email

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