
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOV 1 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- NOV 6 - AMY BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 8 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- NOV 11 - VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
- NOV 12 - TIM WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 13 - PARENTING STUDY -7 PM
- NOV 14 - RURITAN VETERANS BREAKFAST
- NOV 15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
LAST DAY FOR OPERATION SHOEBOX
- NOV 21 - LOGAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
7 PM -COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
TIMBER RIDGE (SEE ARTICLE)
- NOV 23 - TOM PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 24 - HAROLD & SHELVA SWITZER'S
ANNIVERSARY
- NOV 28 - GALEN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 29 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
DECORATE SANCTUARY (SEE ARTICLE)
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- NOV 30 - ED & JANET KLINE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY
TOM & SHARON JENKINS' ANNIVERSARY

TURKEY & OYSTER DINNER REPORT

Our annual Turkey & Oyster dinner was quite a success. We served around 336 meals and made approximately \$3,300. Everyone seemed to have a good time in spite of all the hard work and we thank everyone for all of their efforts.

VETERANS DAY

On November 11th we will celebrate Veterans Day. This is a time when we remember those who have served our country in the armed forces. There are several members of our congregation who we would like to recognize as veterans:

Grady Bradfield (USN) Jonathan Brill (USA)
Art Lafollette (USAF) Steven Szelmeczki (USN)
Thomas Pugh (USA) Randall Brill (USA)
Galen Spaid (USA) Gerald Whitacre (USA)
Harry Spaid (USA) TimWingfield (USAF)
Harold Switzer (ANG)

Please remember to thank those who have served our country for their service and dedication to the principles upon which this country was founded.

We apologize if we missed including anyone on the listing. We are maintaining a list of veterans, who are also church members, so please let us know if there are others that we need to include.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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OPERATION SHOEBOX

Operation Shoebox has started and will end on November 15th. Please prepare a shoebox containing needed items for children for Christmas (as outlined on the list) by November 15th. The boxes should be wrapped in Christmas paper, and a label affixed to the box indicating whether the box is for a boy or girl. The Mission Committee will pay for the postage.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

As has been the case for the past several years, we will be decorating the church and Parish Hall for the Christmas season on the first Sunday in Advent, which is November 29th following the worship service. We are planning to have a soup and sandwich lunch prior to decorating. If you wish to furnish something for the lunch please let Harry Spaid know what you will be bringing by November 22nd.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Timber Ridge this year on November 22nd, beginning at 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served and a sign up sheet will be available in the back of the church beginning on Nov 8th.

EXTENDING CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of Ross Jones, Mary Jones (Emily Seldon's sister), Freddie Robinson (Alicia La Follette's step father) and Maxine Rinard, who passed away during this past week. These losses will affect many of the members of our congregation and community and our prayers go out to them.

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PASTOR'S PEN

As the calendar turns to November, the thoughts of many in our country often turn toward the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Indeed, Thanksgiving has always been a special holiday to me mostly because, despite the "Black Friday" madness, it is one of the few secular holidays that has not become overly commercialized. It is fitting that this be so because when the Pilgrims celebrated that first Thanksgiving Day they were not out to establish a new holiday. Instead, they were showing forth, in a truly celebratory way, their gratefulness to God for His abundant mercy and grace toward them. They saw His hand in their safe passage over the sea. They saw it in their providential arrival north of their intended charter. They saw it in the sustaining of the settlement through a miserably harsh winter that had been filled with sickness and massive death. They saw it in the native population who befriended them and especially in Squanto, who God had "in the right place, at the right time" to aid them. The Pilgrims did not view these things as accidents but as sovereign acts of providence by a God who works "all things" according to the counsel of His will. This was a part of the Pilgrim life-view because, while they were Separatists, they were first and foremost Calvinists who had an unwavering belief in the complete and total sovereignty of God. Their "thanksgiving" to Him on that day was not a "nicety" they could take or leave after the harvest had been taken in; it was a "necessity" that comes from the heart of those who truly look to God for every part of their walk in this life. May this confident expression of faith serve as a powerful lesson for all of us today. As you gather to give God praise this Thanksgiving Day with your friends and family, may it not simply be your food, family, home and nation for which you are grateful. May it be for all the good and bad that has befallen you this past year and for His incredible and overwhelming grace to use it all to draw you closer to Him.

Pastor Steven

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