

November, 2021

Northwest Presbyterian Church

Monthly Newsletter

May the good things in life
be yours in abundance that stay
with you all year long.

Happy Thanksgiving



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Here's Whats Happening



Monday thru Friday
8am to Noon
*Church phone for non-emergency
calls is answered until 8pm.*

The **Memorial Garden** at Northwest is located between the church building and the social hall.

You can now purchase a brick with up to 4 lines of print in memory of a loved one. The cost for the brick and the printing will be \$25.00 each. Look for forms on the table in the Narthex in the near future.



Feeding Pinellas Empowerment Center

6330 54th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709



The Feeding Pinellas Empowerment Center, a solution of Feeding Tampa Bay, is designed to provide you and your family with food for today, assistance for tomorrow, and a pathway to the future. Our service model brings community partners together to provide a holistic solution to hunger – addressing food assistance and breaking language, transportation, and financial barriers you may face everyday.



Food For Today

Trinity Cafe - Opens Nov. 1, 2021

Our free, full service restaurant for those in need, serving fresh, nutritious chef-prepared 3-course meals Monday – Friday each week.

Days & Hours

Monday - Friday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM



Food For Tomorrow

Food Pantry - Opens Nov. 2, 2021

The Feeding Pinellas Food Pantry will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. It will be stocked with fresh groceries, Trinity Cafe frozen meals and select household items.

Days & Hours

Every Tuesday & Thursday: 2:30 – 4:30 PM

For any questions about the program, please visit feedingtampabay.org/feeding-pinellas

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Thanks to all of you who turned in your comments for the future of Northwest! Not one person checked the box saying we are too small to continue. We are still HIS body no matter how big or small we are.

As one member wrote, ‘God hasn’t given up on us. We can’t give up on HIM!’

An audit of our finances has been completed for 2018, 2019, 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. We passed and the auditor found no problems of note.

As we learn to work with our partners at Feeding Pinellas, we have new opportunities as well as services we may choose to combine. The Trinity Café will be hosting restaurant quality sit-down dinners, starting on November 1st. The Café will operate 5 days a week from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no cost for these dinners. This is a great opportunity for us to volunteer.

They will also be operating a food pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Those hours were chosen to specifically service those picking up their children from Blanton as well as anyone else in need. For now, we will still operate our food pantry as we have on Wednesday mornings. Let’s see how these new services will impact our neighbors. If we find that the community could be better served if we join forces and expand hours, we may make that decision at a later date.

Please know that all the outreach we have been doing will still continue as it has. The groups that use our church facilities as well as the Cold Night Shelter, were all taken into consideration when a partnership with Feeding Pinellas was first established. Should we need to open as a cold night shelter in the coming months, that will take precedence over the use of the hall and we will work with Trinity Café as to how they can help. The opportunities this partnership brings outweighs any bumps we may encounter. Not only does the community gain serves, our church gains income. The income from Feeding Pinellas and the manse rental make up more than half our current monthly intake. This significantly lightens the cost of operating this church. Can’t you see God’s hand in guiding Northwest? Our numbers may be small and our congregation aging, but we still have the means to continue ministry and even new opportunities to serve.

So where do we go from here?

On Thursday, November 4th our session will meet together with members of our Presbytery as we put together a vision for the future of Northwest as well as a plan to accomplish it. They will offer help in securing a pastor to complete this vision. We will keep you informed of the outcome of this meeting and appreciate their help!

*We have so much to be thankful for,
as we are truly blessed!*



**Thursday Bible Study will meet November 11
to begin the viewing of Season 2 of The Chosen.**

We will not meet on November 4th because of scheduling conflicts, but we look forward to seeing our class on Nov. 11th and 18th. We will not meet on November 25 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

If you have already watched Season 1, you are welcome to attend. You can watch the eight episodes of Season One on You Tube for free, or you can download the free Chosen app for your Smart Phone. Every episode reveals Jesus as our compassionate, wise and loving Savior, and you want to read your Bible to see how the video compares with what's in the Scriptures.



"O Holy, Most Holy"

by Pat Wilke Tadeena

O Holy One, Emmanuel,
who came to save us when we fell
He came to wash away our sins,
to cleanse our hearts from deep within,
to cast away all pain and strife
and give us all abundant life.
To all He opens every door,
so we can know the truth and more.
He came so we could be like Him,
pure and whole, eyes never dim.
O Holy One, when will it be that
you will lead us to eternity?

Betsy's Blessing

ASSURANCES FROM GOD

“During the night the Lord said to Gideon, “Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah and listen to what they are saying. Afterward you will be encouraged to attack the camp.” So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp.

Judges 7:9-11

These verses come in the middle of the story of God calling Gideon to face a huge enemy with his very small force. When Gideon first received his call from God he asked for several signs before he was willing to trust and obey. Now that he had acted in faith, God is offering assurances to him about his victory. Gideon goes down and hears one of the enemy soldiers tell another his dream and the other soldier interprets it saying, *“Your dream can mean only one thing- God has given Gideon.. victory..”*

Looking over the account of the story of Gideon and how he, with God's help, defeated a vast enemy against overwhelming odds is something that can encourage us today. It says in Judges 7:12, *“The armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east had settled in the valley like a swarm of locusts. Their camels were like grains of sand on the seashore- too many to count!”*

What are you facing right now? How great are the forces opposing you today? Remember, before this, God had just instructed Gideon to cut back his army 2 times from 22,000 to 10,000 to 300. This was a very small number to be facing an enemy like locusts whose camels were too numerous to count.

One of the best parts is that God offered assurances to Gideon as he was preparing to go out obediently to take this great risk and trust God to work a miracle and give him the victory. Have you ever felt like the things you are facing are too much for you to handle on your own? Has your strength been depleted and you feel too weak to face the challenge? Maybe you lost your job and the bills are piling up. Maybe the doctor gave you a diagnosis that is scary and hard. Maybe you lost a loved one and it seems hard to move forward without them.

Whatever the difficult and overwhelming situation facing you, how are you facing it? Are you trying the world's way of handling it on your own? Trying harder, digging deeper? Setting up your worldly treasure and security? Perhaps someone is telling you all you need is more faith. All of that is unhelpful and wrong. The issue is not about standing in our strength, but glorying in our weakness. This is not about the quantity or even the quality of our faith. This is about the nature of our God. Jesus Himself said, *“I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you would say to this mountain. 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible for you.”* Matthew 17:20 The point here is, it is not about us, it is about our God. Our small faith, our surrender of our fears and our choosing to trust Him and obey where He is leading us, is for His glory. God wants to give us assurance of the victory.

Look back up to the verse we started with. Gideon is moving ahead doing what God is calling him to do, in the way God wants him to do it. He is no longer asking for signs, yet God is offering to give him assurances. God instructs Gideon to go down and listen and he will be encouraged to attack. For those of you who are out on a limb for Jesus, and I know some of you are. Be encouraged. God is with you and for you.

His plans for you are good, to give you a victory, no matter how much the odds are stacked against you. Look and listen for His assurances.

As He said to Paul, ***“My grace is sufficient for you (My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough- always available – regardless of the situation); for (My) power is being perfected (and is completed and shows itself most effectively) in (your) weakness.”***

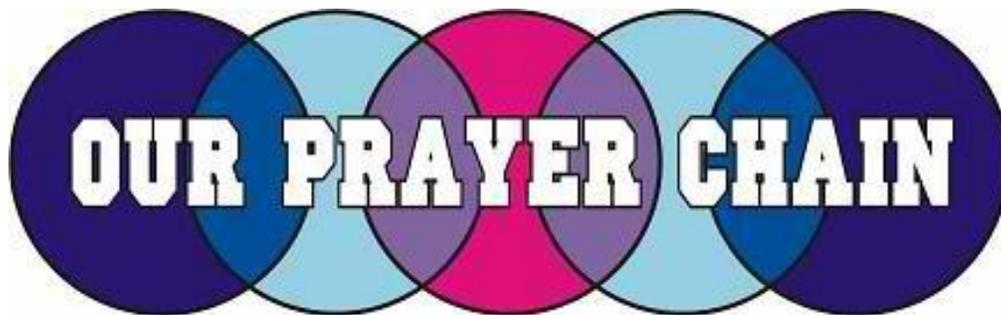
2 Corinthians 12:9

“Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, Who loved us.”

Romans 8:35b, 37

May God's promises revive and assure you and His unfailing love comfort you.

Betsy O'Callaghan



Please join our Prayer Chain in lifting up the needs of these people to the Lord:

Pastor Elizabeth Coleman, whose brother Nelson passed away on October 1

Pam Fonte's parents

John Talbitzer

Susan Parrish and family, for God's comfort in the death of her Uncle Cliff

Debbie Nunez

"...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

On Thursday, October 28, 2021 Trinity Pinellas officially hosted a dedication event.

Invited guests included donors, ministry partners and dignitaries from the community including Mayor Rick Kriseman. Board members from Bay Care, the Pinellas School board and other organizations expressed their support. The Stated Clerk of Presbytery, Bill Wildhack also attended as well as Rev. Sam Picard our moderator.



Mayor Kriseman
proclaimed
November 1 -5, 2021
'Hunger Free Pinellas Week'
in support of this program!



The NEW Feeding Pinellas Pantry



Our new garden area/ formerly the playground



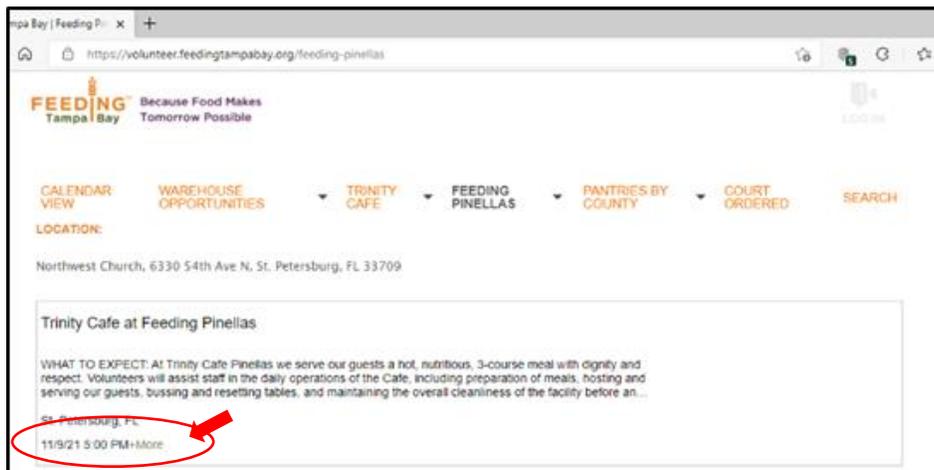
TRINITY CAFÉ finally opens in our hall

Monday, November 1, 2021 and YOU can be a part of it!

There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Café. You can act as a host, a server or choose to just sit at a table with the guests and make them feel welcome.

Before you show up to serve, you'll need to register online. This process makes sure they have enough volunteers daily. *It's a simple process! Just follow the directions listed below.*

Go to: <https://volunteer.feedingtampabay.org/feeding-pinellas> At the bottom of this page you will see a date and **+MORE**. Click on the **+MORE** and it will take you to a calendar where you can sign up to volunteer on the dates available.





By the time you read this we will probably be back in St. Petersburg. Because of health situations Jim and I decided to ship my car via truck and we will fly out on Nov. 4th from Indianapolis to St. Petersburg, Clearwater via Allegiant Airlines. Jim had a bad fall in our tv room and tore his rotator cuff and is doing pt. (he can't drive), I had a mild stroke and was advised not to drive such a long distance.

For the hymns this month I've chosen Thanksgiving Hymns to feature:

"Let All Things Now Living" was written by Katherine K. Davis in 1939. She was a teacher, but after a breakdown in her health she shifted her efforts to composing. Her most popular is the Christmas song "The Little Drummer Boy"

"Let All Things Now Living:" is most popular during the Thanksgiving season. The text can be read in different ways. The final line of the first stanza "as forward we travel from light into light: might reflect confidence in the ultimate progression of human endeavors for better under God's providence, Christian extension of Manifest Destiny. Drawing upon Exodus 13:21-22. The second stanza, much like hymns on creation for over 200 years, reflects on the natural created order, "stars", "sun", "hills and mountains," "rivers and fountains", and "ocean". All creation joins with humanity to raise a song of "glad adoration" to God.

The author of "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing" is unknown. The hymn was originally a Dutch patriotic song, written around 1600 to celebrate the freedom of the Netherlands from Spanish rule. However, God's kingdom transcends national and ethnic boundaries. When the Church sings this hymn, she is reminded of the words of the apostle Paul: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12, ESV) The day will come when God will overthrow the devil and all evil. Even now, we can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1) In singing this hymn, the people of God seek His help and thank Him for His presence in the pursuit of victory over evil, for we know that god "forgets not His own."

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" was written by Henry Alford in 1844. The hymn was written in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century, when the life of the village during winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the remainder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds in Matthew 13. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest as his Second Coming would happen soon.

See you soon, Rose



NWP COMMUNITY

I want to share the Patriotic Values list that I designed with prayer and thanksgiving. May God continue to bless our country as we seek to faithfully serve Him.

As we remember our veterans on November 11, we remember family members and friends who loved our nation enough to serve our country and some who died for it.

Let us also pray for the ones who are still in Afghanistan to be freed and brought home safely.

Katie Sistar

We, the People, are patriots of the USA.

Patriotism is a healthy, thoughtful feeling.

We live joy filled lives in our great nation.

We respect law and order as civilized people.

We enjoy significant constitutional freedoms.

We believe that all races and lives are important.

We cherish the special uniqueness of every individual.

We honor our fifty-state flag and our national anthem.

We know that capitalism provides opportunities to succeed.

We keep striving and working toward a more perfect union.

We see the need to discuss and plan for solutions to challenges.

We are proud to live in the freest country that has ever existed.

We are thankful for the process of God guiding our Founding Fathers.

We are happy to have our constitution as the cornerstone of our Republic.

We pray always to be blessed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



Weekly Events

SUNDAY:

WORSHIP SERVICE.....10:30AM

SUNDAY THRU SATURDAY:

INTO ACTION AA.....5:00PM

MONDAY:

BICYCLE MINISTRY.....8:00AM - 11:00AM

HOMELESS OUTREACH.....8:00am - 11:00AM

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.....7:30PM

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY:

TRINITY CAFÉ.....5:30PM - 6:30PM

TUESDAY:

AL ANON.....8:00PM

FEEDING PINELLAS FOOD PANTRY.....2:30PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY:

FOOD PANTRY.....8:00AM - 11:00AM

BICYCLE MINISTRY.....8:00AM - 11:00AM

HOMELESS OUTREACH.....8:00am - 11:00AM

AL ANON.....7:00PM

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.....8:00PM

THURSDAY:

BIBLE STUDY.....10:30AM

FEEDING PINELLAS FOOD PANTRY.....2:30PM - 4:30PM

WOMEN'S NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.....7:00PM

SATURDAY:

COUPLES ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.....7:00pm



- 1 Alice Reagle
- 16 Margaret Henegar
- 21 Nancy Carroll
- 26 Spencer Blydenburgh
- 26 Rose Phillips

NOVEMBER STONES

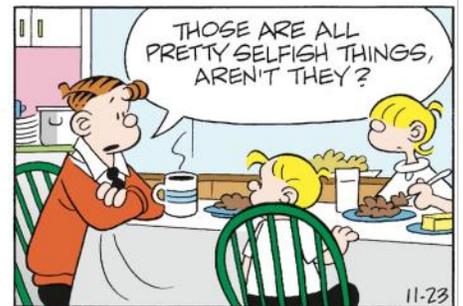
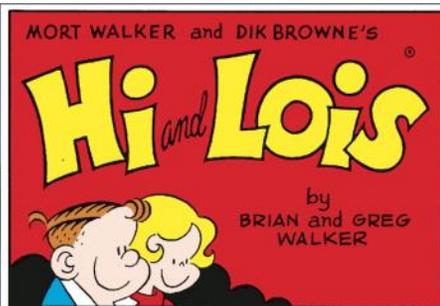
Citrine
& Topaz



november

BIRTH FLOWER

loyalty
honesty
love
deep passion
get well wishes



THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

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- BREAD
- CORNUCOPIA
- CRANBERRIES
- FALL
- FAMILY
- FEAST
- FRIENDS
- GATHER
- GOBBLE
- LEAVES
- LEFTOVERS
- PARADE
- PUMPKIN PIE
- STUFFING
- THANKFUL
- TURKEY

Christmas Time



The first Sunday of Advent is November 28th and that means the Sanctuary and Narthex must be decorated on Saturday, November 27th. Volunteers are needed to make this happen. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex beginning November 7th or you can contact the church office also.

Volunteers are needed to light the candles on the Advent Wreath beginning November 28th. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex beginning November 7th or you can contact the church office also.



The Chosen Christmas Special

to be shown at the
Regal Park Place 16 Cinema
on December 1 and 2, 2021 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm

There are 1100 theaters in the nation that were selected to show "The Messengers", a brand new episode on the birth of Jesus. The program also includes Christmas carols and music by Christian artists. You're invited to sign up here at church to show your interest in buying a ticket; the approximate cost is \$12.50 per ticket. If you invite a non-believer to accompany you, the church will provide the second ticket free of cost to you. You may watch a trailer of the movie on the website TheChosen.tv/Christmas. More details will be forthcoming.

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun

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	<p>1 Feeding Pinellas Meals Begin</p>	<p>2 Feeding Pinellas Food Pantry Begins</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Communion Sunday Rev. Amy Santamaria</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Rev. Amy Santamaria</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Session 6pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Rev. Bill Flanagan</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 </p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Church Decorating </p>
<p>28 Rev. Andy Beery  Advent begins</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>				