



# HOLMES HERALD

HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH , PO BOX 117, HOLMES, PA 19043



## November

Please join us on  
Sunday mornings for...

**Adult Forum: 9:15 AM**  
**Children's Sunday School: 10:30 AM**  
**Traditional worship service: 10:30 AM**  
**2024**

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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!!



Remember to set your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR**, before retiring on Saturday evening, November 2nd so that you are on time for worship November 3rd.

On Sunday, November 10th, we will observe All Saints Day in our worship hour. At the close of the service there will be a TIME OF REMEMBRANCE when we honor the memory of those of our congregation who have died since last All Saints Day.



**If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one who died during this year there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle as well.**



### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Wednesday evening, November 27th, at 7:30 pm we will hold a special service of praise and Thanksgiving. During this service favorite Thanksgiving hymns will be played and Old and New Testament scriptures will be read.

## Giving Thanks



As we approach our national day of Thanksgiving, there are traditions many honor. From retelling the origins of the feast by the Pilgrims and the native population in colonial Massachusetts, to football games, parades, 5 K "Turkey Trots", often culminating with family and friends sharing their version of the original feast. Our Holmes traditions include a newer one sharing a "Friendsgiving" meal after worship the Sunday before, and worship on Thanksgiving Eve.

As we recount our many individual blessings, we as a congregation can also add our thanks for the ability to address two major concerns; a new boiler system and the roof for both sections of our building. While no one ever expects to address these two huge financial expenses simultaneously, that's what was necessary. The session applied for grants and loans from our Presbytery and made an appeal to our faithful members. We are able to move forward honoring our debts due to those commitments.

We offer our sincere thanks for God's constant grace, guidance, provision and love through our Savior and Lord, Jesus. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

Thankfully,  
Elder Dyan White

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## Silent Knight

First let me describe my use of the word Knight. A Knight is someone who fights for a cause or belief. It could be with physical force but more often in our society it is with words. Every election season I feel strongly positive about candidates. Most often they are in the same political party as I am in, or their beliefs are the same as mine. I can without fear or shame talk about my support for a candidate. This year not so much.

As a matter of fact, in the 49 years I have been eligible to vote this is the first time I felt silent. I have no words that I can say positive things about any of the six candidates in this election, for Senator, Vice

President or President. For different candidates I find some to be amoral, inept, narcissistic, misogynistic, or I just don't agree with their proposed policies. So where does that leave me. I am going to vote for the person I dislike the least. My wife prays to God about the election. She asks God to heal our country and to have the best candidate to do that to please be elected. I never prayed to God for that. I feel that God doesn't get involved in politics. If he did, we would have better candidates to support, so in my mind WE ARE ON OUR OWN. I won't be raising my sword for anyone, but I will go to the polls to cast a vote.

Maybe God is guiding us in the election this year. He might be saying "WAKE UP PEOPLE, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS".

Please vote

Angelo LoCastro Treasurer OTHG Silent Knight





## ADVENT COMMUNION

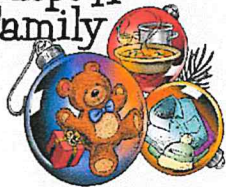
We celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season on December 1st with the Sacrament of the Lord's

Supper. Worship begins at 10:30 am. The "Good Samaritan" offering taken during this service is distributed equally to each of our missionaries as a Christmas gift from our Church family.



Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday, November 30th, 2024 at 5 pm. Please join us for pizza and for this festive event where we decorate Holmes Church in the Old Williamsburg style. We need many hands to decorate Christmas trees, the windows, and the church sanctuary. Please look for the tear-off response slip that will be placed in the bulletin in the middle of November.

## Adopt A Family



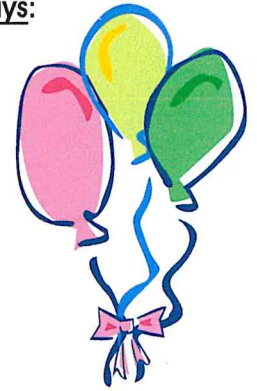
The Deacons are once again looking to make Christmas brighter for people in need by supporting the residents of Mother's Home in Darby. This Christmas outreach will start

on November 17th and end on Dec 15th. More details will soon follow regarding the residents and their needs.

**Although we are thankful everyday for God's blessings, November is traditionally a month for "thanksgiving". If you are reading this newsletter we say "Thank You" for being such a blessing to this church and wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.**

## November Birthdays:

- 2 Mrs. Helen Pilgrene
- 3 Mrs. Christine Morrison
- 7 Mr. Larry Gloner
- 14 Mrs. Julie Reeder
- 26 Ms. Amanda Taylor



## November Anniversaries:

- 2 Joe & Sarah O'Donnell
- 11 Jim & Joanna Birkbeck



## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Each year poinsettia plants add brilliant color to the holiday decorations in our Sanctuary. If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill in the tear-off slip, along with your check for \$7.00 for each plant and mail it to the church office. Make all checks payable to "Holmes Presbyterian Church". To ensure that funds are available to pay the greenhouse bill on time and to avoid the time consuming process of tracking people down for payment we request that payment be submitted at time of ordering. **Last day for orders is November 23rd.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_ White \_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_ Burgundy

\_\_\_ I will take my poinsettia home with me

\_\_\_ Please donate my poinsettia

## In awe of everyday joys

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter. In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

**A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.

**W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.

**E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the “ordinary” can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.

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### Trunk or Treat/Pumpkin Carving Recap

By Becky Kalbach



Thank you for all the families that showed up for family pumpkin carving. We sure had a fun time and if you looked at our Facebook page, you all saw a sampling of everyone's hard work. The pumpkins looked phenomenal!

WOW WOW WOW is all I can say about our Trunk or Treat event! We were so busy this year. So many families came onto our church lawn and campus. We had so many nice looking Trunks too. There were so many smiles on the faces of the families and children that came to our event.

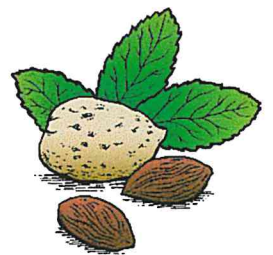
Thank you for all the friends and members that came out to hand out treats to our neighborhood community families. The Lazo's were the Trunk winners this year with their BeetleJuice trunk. The also won most creative pumpkin with their Beetlejuice pumpkin. Thorin Ferry won Cutest Pumpkin. Amanda Taylor and Jamie won Scariest Pumpkin. A community neighbor entered their pumpkin and won the Halloweeniest Pumpkin.

Thank you again to all who helped to make this such a successful event.

**A** huge big thank you to Eileen Cowdell who sewed all the darling trick-or-treat bags for our Trunk or Treaters! The children were so excited to receive a bag and the families were also so grateful.

### Christian symbol

**ALMOND** — In Numbers 17:1-8, God settles a dispute among the Israelites by directing Moses to obtain a staff from each of Israel's 12 tribes and to place the staffs in the Tent of Meeting. The one representing the tribe God chose would sprout. The next day, not only had the staff of Aaron, representing the tribe of Levi, sprouted; it had blossomed and borne ripe almonds. Thus, the almond came to symbolize God's approval. By extension, it also represents the Virgin Mary, who found divine favor and was chosen to bear God's Son.





## Friendsgiving

Friendsgiving 2024 will take place on Sunday, November 24th, 2024 right after church in the

social hall. Friendsgiving is a wonderful way to fellowship with our church friends and members, reflecting on God's blessings over the past year. Please bring a dish to share with 5/6 people. Plates, napkins, cups, drinks, and silverware will be provided. We hope you can join us, all are welcome.

On November 11th, our nation observes Veterans Day. Holmes Church gratefully acknowledges the veterans in our church, community and around the globe. We live in a country with freedoms that other countries dream about and we proudly thank every Veteran for serving and protecting our country.



## Food Drive



The Deacons food drive to benefit our Blessing box and food boxes will end on November 10th. We thank all the people who have already contributed food items to support our local community members. If you would like to support members of our community through this outreach there is still time. Please place all nonperishable food items in the music room before November 10th.

Thank you to all the people who worked so hard and supported our recent Fall Fest event. We are grateful to God for the proceeds which went towards the cost of our new roof.



## Holiday Baskets

The adult forum will once again be sponsoring holiday baskets. The event, "Mission Sunday" is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 15th. In place of our traditional service, we will gather in the Social Hall, to prepare the baskets and celebrate Jesus' birthday. A sign-up sheet and receptacle for donations will be placed in the narthex in the near future. We hope you will join in as we bless members of our church family and the community.

## Christmas Music Program

On Sunday, December 22nd, Holmes Church will hold a Christmas Music Program dedicated to the music of the Christmas season starting at 10:30 am.. Please join us as soloists, the Chancel Choir, and the Bell Choir lead us in the glorious music of the season. A Christmas Tea will follow directly in the Social Hall. Please join us and invite a friend.



## Painting Without a Twist and Cookie Walk

Painting Without a Twist, which was such a big hit last year, will be back but the date is yet to be determined. We are hoping for December mid-month. We will host a pizza dinner, paint, and then bring your 2 dozen cookies and a cookie tin for a dazzling array of Christmas Cookies. We will keep you updated as more information comes in.

It has been a long standing tradition at Holmes Church to celebrate the eve of our Savior's birth. This year, we will hold a Family Candlelight service at 7:00pm.



Please mark your calendars to reflect this.

# YOUTH NEWS

The Holmes Youth Group was very busy the last several weeks. First, we had family pumpkin carving. What a fun night we had! The youth carved creative pumpkins with their families while we devoured delicious desserts. Then, we had Trunk or Treat. We sure were busy handing out candy. We ran out of candy three times, and we had big bags to candy too!

November brings us to a month where our meeting discussions are about God's blessings and being thankful/grateful. We look towards our Friendsgiving event on Sunday, November 24th directly after church in the social hall.

Mark and I truly thank you for supporting our youth group. Holmes Church and it's members are certainly a blessing.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Love,  
Mark and Becky



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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