The Tidings

the monthly newsletter of

Pineda Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



Sunday – November 1st

Consecration Sunday / All Saints' Day

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service with Communion *(Sanctuary)*

11:00 a.m. — Celebration Potluck Lunch *(Fellowship Hall)*

Sunday – November 8th

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*

Sunday – November 15th

11:15 a.m. — Lunch *(Fellowship Hall)*

12:00 p.m. — Combined Worship & Hymn Sing with Grace Communion Church

Sunday – November 22nd

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*

(The Five Cents per Meal Offering will be received.)

Sunday – November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*

Pineda Presbyterian Church

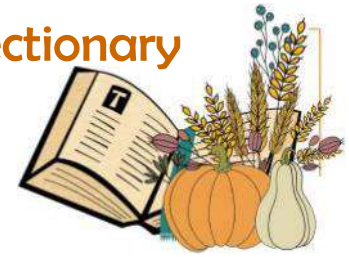
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Lectionary



November 1st

Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8th

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15th

Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22nd

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29th

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

SPECIAL SERVICE - NOVEMBER 15TH



Join us on **Sunday, November 15th at 11:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for Lunch followed by a Combined Service & Hymn Sing with Grace Communion Church. The main dish for lunch will be provided, and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope you can join us for this extra special Sunday!

THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS

Pineda's Mission Team and congregation are collecting donations to provide Thanksgiving baskets to those in need once again this year with the Space Coast Brigade of Hope. No sign-up is needed, simply see the list of suggested items below and bring what you can. A box to drop off donations will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your donations by Sunday, November 15th.

A list of requested canned and boxed items are listed below *(no glass jars please)*.
You may also donate Walmart, Target or Publix gift cards in the amount of $10 or $25.
The gift cards will be used to purchase turkeys and other fresh items for the baskets. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Your donations make it possible to provide Thanksgiving meals to families across the Space Coast, ensuring that everyone can enjoy a festive and fulfilling holiday!



SHOPPING LIST

Green Beans
Crispy Fried Onions
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cranberry Sauce
Corn
Yams
Marshmallows

Stuffing Mix
Mashed Potatoes
Turkey Gravy
Cornbread Mix
Macaroni & Cheese
Brownie or Cake Mix
$10 / $25 Gift Cards

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Advent season, join us on Friday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.





Mark your calendars for the Advent Tea on December 6th following worship!

Bring a finger food or dessert to share.

Then, join us for hands-on crafts, showcasing how Christmas is celebrated around the world!



Join Us for Christmas Lunch!

Saturday, December 19th at Noon

The cost is $10 per person. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 13th.

Please bring a wrapped gift with a value between $5-$10 for the gift exchange.

PASTOR'S NOTE

Beloved Congregation,

When I was a youth my friends and I loved being at the Church. We signed up for as many activities as we possibly could, even some that we were too young just so we could be there as often as possible. Adults at church often praised us on how dedicated we were to the gospel, telling us how impressed they were with our hearts for ministry. But truly, that wasn't the reason we loved being there. Of course, Jesus had something to do with it. We weren't blind to the gospel, and it did feel good to volunteer! But if I'm honest, the real reason we loved being at church, was just so we could see each other.

My friends and I lived quite a fair distance from each other when I was a youth. We all went to separate schools in separate school districts. The license laws in Pennsylvania meant that we couldn't get permits to learn to drive until 16, and though we had cell phones and screen names at the time, texting was expensive and sending an instant message via AOL only worked if the other person was actually online. But, as youth, our church was centrally located. It served, in many ways, as a hub, our community center, our meeting place in the middle of the week. Often times, church was the only time we ever saw each other. And so, we went as often as we could just for the joy of seeing familiar faces who loved and understood us.

I miss those days. It's ironic, I know, but I often find myself thinking about those days when connecting with people meant more than just words. It meant sitting with people, being in the same space, genuinely enjoying company without needing any other kind of stimulation. There are times I feel like it's from an era gone that we shall never get back. And then...

A few weeks back, I had the honor of attending my first Blessing of the Animals at Pineda Presbyterian Church. And I'll be honest; it's one of my favorite things to do because I get to pet lots of doggies and give treats. It was mostly church members and of course we had someone from the community stop by, and I drove home, happy and satisfied with the event! And then the next day came, and I overheard someone say that they were disappointed that only one person who wasn't from the church came. It was a failure, they said. But all I remember is the joy of laughing with my Church family, I remember figuring out which treats each dog liked, the conversation outside and in the fellowship hall afterward. I was happy with it, but it got me to thinking….

Why do we do events at the church? Why do we do fellowship? Or outreach?

I fear that it's because sometimes we think we have to do it, that it's a requirement. I fear even more that we view it in this day and age as us putting on a show, it's a responsibility, or a pain, or nothing but work with no benefit for us, especially if no one joins the church because of it.

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But then I think of the Blessing of the Animals, of the time enjoyed by all who came, of the smiles and the pets and I remember...this is why we do it. Not because it's work or we have to, but because we are a community of believers joined together by Christ. We are a community of friends who like spending time with each other and this Church, one of the purposes it serves is as our community center. There is work involved in these opportunities for fellowship, yes, but there is also the opportunity to simply be with one another, not through text or e-mail or Facebook messenger, but really and truly being with one another.

The holiday season is fast approaching. There will be lots, and I do mean LOTS of opportunities for us to be together through services, fellowship afterward, Advent events, even an upcoming Speed Puzzling Event we're hosting. Let's remember to take a breath in this time. Let's remember that the purpose of these events isn't membership or to put on a show, it's to be with each other and allow others an opportunity to be with each other. It's to treat those we meet as family and to show the love of God within our community. It's to show any are looking for just that, a community, where there is always room for more.

Happy November! I'm grateful for you!

Pastor Emily





We Want Your Opinion

We want to hear from you! Faith Formation and Fellowship is interested in your opinions on Sunday School! As we consider all the new ways that we learn today, and all the things there are to learn, we want to know how you want to learn? Are you interested in a Sunday School before or after church on Sunday? Would you be interested in a weekly schedule, or specific units over a few weeks at a time? Do you need to study in-person? Would you be willing to talk online? As we plan for the new year, we want to hear from you! Please reach out to Pastor Emily Wasser and let her know what you'd like! All opinions are welcome!

FOOD PANTRY DONATION LIST

In October we helped Advent serve 80 families consisting of 255 individuals. A maximum of 129 bags were distributed making an average of 119 bags/week. There were 23 new families served. Thank you for your consistently faithful service.

Sunday, November 1st—Canned Green Beans
Sunday, November 8th—Canned Meat *(SPAM, chicken, hash, etc.)*
Sunday, November 15th—Canned Soup *(Chicken or beef based)*
Sunday, November 22nd—Canned Beans *(Kidney, pinto, black, etc.)*
Sunday, November 29th—Dry Pasta *(spaghetti, bow ties, penne, etc.)*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2
Betty Francis

11/7
Denise Mosakowski

11/29
Herb Dankmyer

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/11
David & Meg Hoffman

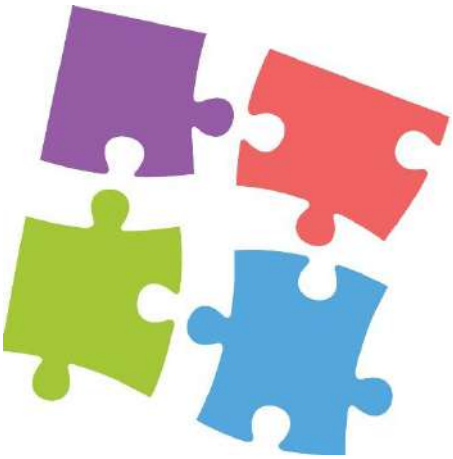
11/19
Herb & Lin Dankmyer

11/21
Mike & Sandy Curry

SPEED PUZZLING EVENT

A statewide speed puzzling competition will be hosted by Pineda on Saturday, November 28th in the Fellowship Hall. It will include competitions for solo puzzlers, couples, pairs relay and team competitions and is open to the public. Advanced registration is required. More information and registration can be found at: https://www.speedpuzzling.com/super.html#/

If you are not interested in participating as a player, we will need help with scoring. Please contact Pastor Emily Wasser or the church office if you would be interested in helping.



spotlight on our Staff

Rev. Emily Wasser

Pastor

So, you want to know a little bit more about your Pastor, huh?! Well, can't say I blame you, I generally consider myself to be a fascinating individual! And…by "fascinating individual" let's face it…I mostly mean "nerd."



The basics (just in case you've forgotten from the bio that was released over a year ago when I first arrived): born in Pittsburgh, raised in Allentown, Pennsylvania. I love my hometown state, but I hate the cold. So, the second I turned 18 I was looking for warmer pastures. First, I attended Montreat College in North Carolina (awesome barbecue, amazing views, great experience, but not warm enough.) Next, I went to Austin, Texas where I got my M.Div. (Humidity? Heat? All the way up. But stifling.) Finally, I made my way to Orlando, Florida and honestly…I stepped into a dream. I've always wanted to live in Orlando, ever since I was a girl and knew that Orlando was where Disney World was. This year, my dream became a reality in a way I don't think I'd ever planned on! I bought a house in Orlando! I still can't believe I did that some days! But here I am, Rev. Emily Wasser, homeowner, refuge from the frozen north.

But, I promise, Disney World wasn't the only reason in the end, that I decided to settle in Orlando. There was actually quite a long search across a few areas when I was looking for a house last year. I'm enjoying Melbourne quite a bit, but sadly, it's too expensive. I did look closer to Disney World, down in Kissimmee, but it was too far from Melbourne to be worth the shorter trip to Disney, and let's face it…the traffic was a huge turn off.

But Orlando has provided me with stability for years now. It's an affordable place to live that is close enough to the church that I can easily get in and out within an hour when necessary. It's only about forty-five minutes to Disney World, twenty minutes from my best friend's house, and about five minutes from the church where handbells rehearse. And all of that is important because, remember, I'm a nerd.

When I'm not working, either at home or at the church, I'm usually doing other nerdy things with my nerdy friends. And sometimes that includes going to Disney World (Animal Kingdom is my favorite, I spend far too much time visiting my tigers in their enclosure!). Sometimes it includes handbells. I've been a member of Magic of Bronze since 2016. Not only do I ring battery with the group but I'm also the scriptwriter.

I have a deep love of writing, and I'll write anything you give me the opportunity to: documentaries, children's books, fairytales, plays, anything! Magic of Bronze has provided me with an outlet for that writing that I am deeply grateful for.

On the weekdays when Magic of Bronze isn't taking up our time, my friends and I are known to get together for dinners. We cook together and have a selection of restaurants that we frequent. I find that eating, especially cooking with others, keeps the food costs down. It especially helps me not feel like I'm living off leftovers for months at a time. Things stay fresh and different this way.

My best friend Stephanie and I also utilize time to perfect our speed puzzling! That's right, you heard me correctly, speed puzzling! You know that nice, lazy "rainy day" activity you like to do? Well, Steph and I like to do it too! With a timer! We take 500-and-1000-piece puzzles and put them together as fast as we can! We compete in Speed Puzzle competitions here in Florida when we can against other speed puzzlers who share this hobby.

In general, I'm a happy person! I have a very full life, even if it's a nerdy life. I have an awesome family, amazing friends, and an astounding family of faith. I'm a pastor, a ringer, a scriptwriter, a speed puzzler, and a homeowner! I am blessed!

Pastor Emily

November Worship Volunteers

	November 1st	November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd	November 29th
	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.	*Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.*	*Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.*	*Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.*	*Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.*
	Consecration Sunday All Saints' Day		*Lunch & Hymn Sing w/ Grace Communion*		*First Sunday of Advent*
Deacon of the Week	Cliff Smith	Freda Baker	Marilyn Bullard	Helga Wilson	Karen Smith
Liturgist	Leslie Lyman	Pat Zinn		Betty Francis	Elizabeth Bumgarner
Communion Servers	Elizabeth Bumgarner				
	Sandy Curry				
	John Ellis				
	Pat Zinn				
	Cliff Smith				
Advent Readers & Candle Lighters					Pat & Scott Zinn
Ushers	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker
	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith
	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner

SESSION SOUND BITES

(From October 21st Meeting)

- The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder Dian Walker and a devotional from I Thessalonians 5:14 on the joy of giving.
- Minutes of the September 16, stated session meeting were approved.
- The Central Florida Presbytery letter on Stewardship and Generosity was presented and discussed. A motion was approved to donate $5,000 to Presbytery Shared Mission from the Endowment Fund.
- Pineda's annual church inventory is underway during the month of October.
- The Clerk reported that the presbytery's review of 2025 sessional records was completed in September; 1 action item is open.
- The Moderator reported that currently estimated earnings from the November 28 Speed Puzzling event will be over $500.
- The annual review of the rolls is complete. Current active membership is 64. We've had an unusually large number of member deaths this year - 11 through September 29.
- A candidate for piano accompanist for the choir and worship services will be our guest pianist on November 29.
- The Advent Tea sponsored by PPW will be combined with the Advent Workshop sponsored by Faith Formation and Fellowship and will be held on Sunday, December 6 immediately following worship.
- The Wickham Road Music Academy will use Fellowship Hall on November 7th for their annual fall showcase.
- Finance Team reported that the current operating deficit is $18,869. We are $37,519 behind on planned income from estimates of giving.
- Consecration Sunday is November 1, 2026. Committee and team chairs have been presenting stewardship minutes highlighting their accomplishments in 2026 and visions for 2027.
- This year, the Mission Team will again seek donations for thanksgiving baskets through Space Coast Brigade of Hope.
- The Congregational Nominating Committee will begin work soon to nominate members to elect as elders and deacons at the annual meeting of the congregation in January 2027. The congregation will be asked to provide recommendations for candidates.
- Worship Team announced that the Hanging of the Greens has been moved to Friday, November 27th due to the Speed Puzzling event on November 28th.
- A combined worship and hymn sing with Grace Communion Church in Fellowship Hall is scheduled for November 15, 2026. It will start with lunch at 11:15 a.m. with worship to follow around noon.
- The Technology Team's request for a synod grant to purchase a new video display for enhancing visibility of worship aids was not approved.
- Session approved application for a Palmdale Legacy Grant to help cover 2027 Board of Pension medical dues.
- Elder Melissa Ketterman closed the meeting with prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **CONSECRATION SUNDAY & ALL SAINTS' DAY** 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00am Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary) 11:00am Celebration Potluck Lunch (Fellowship Hall) 12:00pm Fellowship & Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)	2	3 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Knitting & Crochet Group (Fellowship Hall)	4 6:00pm Worship & Tech Team Meeting (Sanctuary Room A)	5	6	7 10:00am PW Coordinating Team (Fellowship Hall)
8 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30am Deacons' Meeting (Church Office)	9	10 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Administration & Personnel Team (Fellowship Hall)	11  4:00pm Finance Team (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Lydia Circle (Pat Zinn's home)	12 10:30am Dorcas Circle (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Facilities Team (Fellowship Hall)	13	14
15  8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) **11:15am** Combined Service with Lunch & Hymn Sing (Fellowship Hall)	16	17 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)	18 6:00pm Session Meeting (Room A)	19	20 5:30pm Game Night (Fellowship Hall) 	21
22 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) *5 Cents per Meal Offering*	23	24 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)	25	26 	27  10:00am Decorating for Advent (Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)	28 9:30am Speed Puzzling Event (Fellowship Hall) 
29  8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)	30					



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