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KANAPAHA TIMES

Kanapaha Presbyterian Church
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Loving God, you know how deep wounds go. You know that many of our veterans, families, caregivers and communities suffer and you feel that pain in their lives. You know the memories that haunt them and the scars that many of them continue to carry. O merciful Savior, bring healing to those veterans who still hurt. Please grant patience and wisdom to those around them who cannot understand but can sometimes help. Permit both physical and spiritual healing to wounds that remain. For this, we pray in your most holy name. Amen.

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The Faithful of every generation

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles … the noble fellowship of prophets … the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have take the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.
To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

Thanksgiving Mission Project: Sharing Our Blessings

Colleen Harrell Memorial Thanksgiving Baskets

It is Fall and time to begin planning for the Colleen Harrell Memorial Thanksgiving Baskets. The Mission Committee is grateful for all the past enthusiasm and giving for this mission ministry. We partner with Wiles Elementary School to identify up to twenty families that are identified as food insecure. Our goal is to provide for each family a turkey, a ham and all the fixings including fresh food that would be enough for a week. One year the school counsellor told us that a child from a family that received a basket told her mother that "This year, we can have a real Thanksgiving." You can help by donating from the list of items below or you can give a cash/check donation marked Thanksgiving baskets.
There will be green buckets in the back of the sanctuary and in memorial hall where you can place your canned and dried food donations. If you bring a turkey or a pie, please place in the freezer in Memorial Hall. A ham should be placed in the refrigerator.
Thank you for your generous hearts and helping us share our blessings with others. This Thanksgiving, let's share a meal and spread hope to families in need. We are collecting food and supplies for our holiday baskets through Sunday, November 15th. Thank you for your generosity!"



Thanksgiving Baskets Food List Items

All unexpired foods will be accepted but here is the suggested food list:

Turkey (place in freezer in Memorial Hall)
Ham (place in refrigerator in Memorial Hall)
Broth
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes (in a box)
Gravy (in jars or dried packets)
Cranberry Sauce
Corn
Green Beans
Yams
Peas
Mixed Vegetables
Macaroni and Cheese boxes
Pumpkin Pie (Frozen) (place in freezer in Memorial Hall)
Apple Pie (frozen) (place in freezer in Memorial Hall)

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Top 10 Thanksgiving Bible Verses

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Bible Verse from 1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Scripture from Colossians 3:17 NIV

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Thankful quote from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

Psalm 107:1Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Bible-verses in Psalm 107:1 NIV

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.
Biblical thankfulness in 1 Timothy 4:4 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
Thanksgiving scripture from Philippians 4:6
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
Bible verse from Psalm 147:7

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Thankful scripture from Psalm 100:4

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Psalm 95:2

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:56-57

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Show God Thankfulness & Gratitude

- **Psalm 13:6 – I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.**
- **Psalm 26:7 – That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.**
- **Psalm 30:4 – Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.**
- **Psalm 30:11&12 – You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothes me with gladness, to the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**
- **Psalm 35:18 – I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.**
- **Psalm 147:7 – Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving sing praises on the harp to our God.**
- **Isaiah 38:20 – The Lord was ready to save me; therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life, in the house of the Lord.**
- **Jeremiah 30:19 – Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.**
- **Daniel 2:23 – I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand.**
- **Daniel 6:10 – Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.**
- **Ephesians 5:20 – Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
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I would like to give a big shout out to all of those who participated in our Church Workday on Saturday, October 17th. WOW!! What a great turnout including the scouts and their parents. It was a 3 hour effort on a beautiful morning and we got so much accomplished.

Bill Bahlke Buildings & Grounds









Join Kanapaha Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 8th, for a special worship service honoring our nation's veterans. Together, we will give thanks for the men and women who have served in our armed forces, recognize their courage and sacrifice, and lift up prayers for them, their families, and our nation. We warmly invite veterans, their loved ones, and the entire community to share in this meaningful celebration of faith, service, and gratitude. Please invite a veteran to join you as we gather to say, "Thank you for your service."



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Church members,

It is that time of year where we start planning the makeup of KPC's Session for the following year. As a member of the Session, you would serve a three year term. The Session meets once a month. The meetings usually last an hour or two. There are also other communications and duties that take place during any month. This is an excellent opportunity to serve and get more involved in the day-to-day workings of the church. Please consider volunteering your time for this worthy cause. Contact me or any other member of our session to throw your name in the hat.

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Sunday, November 15th

The Presbyterian Church will observe Hunger and Homelessness Sunday. This special day of reflection and action calls us to open our hearts and hands to the vulnerable individuals and families in our community who face the daily hardships of food insecurity and housing instability. As Presbyterians, we are rooted in Matthew 25, called to see the face of Christ in those who hunger, thirst, or lack shelter. Please join us for worship as we pray, learn, and commit to being a beacon of hope and support for our neighbors in need.

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Hunger and Homelessness Sunday

To find free food assistance or fresh produce through Farm Share in Alachua County, you can access statewide and local programs depending on your needs.

Free Food Distributions: Farm Share partners with local governments and community organizations to host drive-thru and mobile distributions alachuacountytoday.com. Distributions are first-come, first-served while supplies last, and attendees typically need to arrive in a vehicle with a trunk or cargo bed. Check the Farm Share Food Distributions Page or use the Farm Share Find Food Tool to see active local events and partner food pantries in Alachua County. Double click the pic below or go to the web address for additional information www.farmshare.org/csfp-farm



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Farm Share

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Say Thank You

It's what your parents always remind you to say. Now you can dazzle your friends and relatives by saying it in 26 different languages.

Language	Thank you	Pronunciation
Afrikaans	dankie	dahn-kee
Arabic	shukran	shoe-krahn
Australian	English	ta (informal)
Chinese, Cantonese	dow jeh	daw-dyeh
Chinese, Mandarin	xie xie	syeh-syeh
Czech	dêkuji	deh-ku-yih
Danish	tak	tahg
Finnish	kiitos	kee-toas
French	merci	mehr-see
German	danke	dahn-kah
Greek	efharisto	ef-har-rih-stowe
Hebrew	toda	toh-dah
Hindi, Hindustani	sukria	shoo-kree-a
Indonesian/Malayan	terima kasih	t'ree-ma kas-seh
Italian	grazie	gra-see
Japanese	arigato	ahree-gah-tow
Korean	kamsa hamnida	kahm-sah=ham-nee-da
Norwegian	takk	tahk
Philippines (Tagalog)	salamat po	sah-lah-maht poh
Polish	dziekuje	dsyen-koo-yeh
Portuguese	obrigado	oh-bree-gah-doh
Russian	spasibo	spah-see-boh
Spanish	gracias	gra-see-us
Sri Lanka (Sinhak)	istutiy	isst-too-tee
Swahili	asante	ah-sahn-teh
Swedish	tack	tahkk
Thai	kawp-kun krap/ka'	kowpkoom-krahp/khak
Turkish	tesekkür ederim	teh-sheh-kur=eh-deh-rim

Happy Birthday

Richard Barratt	**November 09**
Joan Stout	**November 11**
Todd Fritz	**November 13**
William Jamerson	**November 16**
Deena Sanders	**November 18**
Kyle Ziegler	**November 27**
Barbara Rea	**November 29**







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday November 1st	**All Saints Day, Daylight Saving Time Ends**
Tuesday November 3rd	**Election Day Memorial Hall 5:45am-7pm**
Tuesday November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	**Bible Study**
Saturday November 7th	**Cemetery Workday 9am- Noon**
Sunday November 8th	**VeteransDay/Potluck Supper**
Sunday November 22nd	**Magic Penny, Hanging of the Green**
Tuesday November 24th	**Newsletter Deadline**
Thursday November 26th	**Thanksgiving Day, Church office closed**
Sunday November 29th	**1st Day of Advent**



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Moderator of Session The Rev. Dr. Don McGarity
Clerk of Session Kim Friend (2026)

Session Members	Name / Class	Co-chair
Administration and Finance	Bill Bahlke (2027)	Kim Friend (2028)
Buildings & Grounds	Bill Bahlke (2027)	
Church History & Cemetery Management	Joanna Long (2028)	
Education & Training	Karla Ellsworth (2028)	
Missions	Kim Friend (2028)	
Nomination Committee	Bill Bahlke (2027)	
Special Projects & Promotion	Karla Elsworth (2028)	
Worship & Nurture	Joanna Long (2028)	Karla Elsworth (2028)