KANAPAHA TIMES

Kanapaha Presbyterian Church
Monthly Newsletter - October 2026



“Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.”

Mighty and merciful God,
lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ Our Savior.
Amen.

Minute for Mission

Through learning, fellowship and worship, we are preparing ourselves for World Communion Sunday — the day when we will gather at Christ's table alongside Christians all around the world and receive the World Communion Offering. The prophet Micah's charge to "love kindness" is uniquely embodied when siblings the world over join hearts and hands around Christ's Table of grace.

In a world that often feels divided, there is a song from the 1960s that perfectly represents what this Offering is all about. Maybe Burt Bacharach, who wrote it, and Dionne Warwick, who sang it, were inspired by Micah — who knows? I'd like to think so! No matter what, it reminds us that we belong to one another.

What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love.
No, not just for some but for everyone …

What the world needs now is for us to come together to answer the prophet Micah's call, to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God. Our gifts help share the love that the world needs now. Please give what you can to the World Communion Offering.
For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray~
O God, help us share your love around the world with siblings we meet only at your Table of Grace. May our giving enliven meaningful relationships around the globe so that we see each other more clearly and love you more deeply, for our world's sake. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Mission

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 thirteen 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.

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)

Deuteronomy 15:11
For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

Announcements:

Northern Parcel Sale

The sale of the northern parcel is progressing. The buyer, Rock Ventures LLC has received necessary land use and zoning approvals and is proceeding through the permitting process.The buyer received an automatic 30-day extension due to the delay in the rezoning process.

KPC granted an additional 30-day extension and received a $5,000 non refundable payment. KPC granted a second additional 30-day extension and received another $5,000 check. The due diligence period has now expired and KPC has received a non refundable $10,000 check. The end user will be a single use Advance Auto Parts store. The anticipated closing date is mid to late November.

The congregational meeting to vote on approving this sale was scheduled for September 20th but had to be postponed. This meeting is being rescheduled for Sunday, October 11th. Please plan on being present for this very important meeting!!

Church Work Day

Please join us for a church work day on October 17th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.Please bring along any cleaning supplies and/or gardening tools you'd like to use.
Look forward to seeing you there!

Bill Bahlke

Important Announcement:

On Sunday, October 11, there will be a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to officially vote on the dissolution of Pastor Michaele Wood's Call with Kanapaha Presbyterian Church and the second item is to hear about the sale of the north parcel of the church and to vote on the sale.

Please come to worship and stay for this important meeting. We need a quorum of members to be able to vote.
Thank you.

Important Dates In October

Mental Illness Awareness Week begins (Oct. 4, 2026)

Quote
"Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary."
Author Fred Rogers

World Communion Sunday
(Oct. 4, 2026)

Indigenous Peoples Day
(Oct. 12, 2026)

World Food Day
(Oct. 16, 2026)

Children's Sabbath; Educate a Child, Transform the World
(Oct. 18, 2026)

Practicing Prayer with Children

Teaching children they can always pray to God, teaches them that God is always there for them.

Young Adult Volunteer Program
(Oct. 20, 2026)

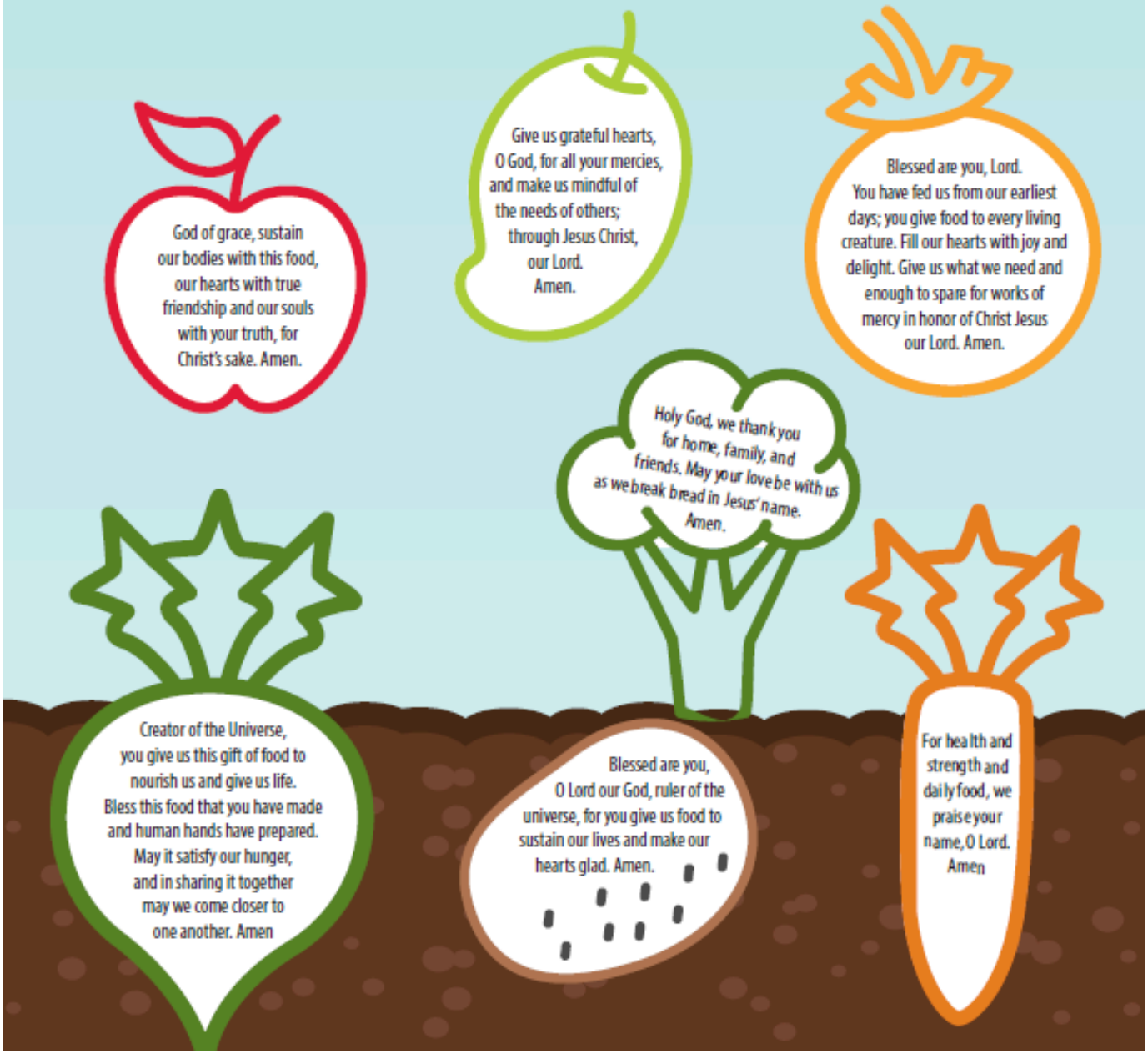
United Nations Day
(Oct. 24, 2026)

Reformation Sunday
(Oct. 25, 2026)

Seven Prayers for Food Week of Action

From Prayers at Mealtime, The Book of Common Worship, 2018, page 908-909, 623

From a historical perspective bread was a powerful symbol of God's physical provision for God's people in the Old Testament. This reference however encourages us to make all our needs known to God in prayer. As we enter this conversation and communion with God, we see specific answers to our prayers, even when they aren't the ones we may have sought. The Presbyterian Hunger Program invites you to use these Prayers at Mealtime* during this Food Week of Action to ask for our physical and spiritual daily bread.



Happy Birthday

Rishi Chandy	**October 03**
Tressy Barone	**October 10**
Warren Thomas	**October 16**
Nate Jamerson	**October 18**
William Claus	**October 22**
Joan Russell	**October 30**







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday October 1st 6:30pm-8pm	**Medicare Open Enroll-ment Meeting**
Sunday October 4th	**World Communion Day**
Tuesday October 6th, 13th , 20th , 27th 10am	**Bible Study Memorial Hall**
Tuesday October 6th 7pm	**Financial Commission Meeting**
Sunday October 11th	**Congregational Meeting**
Thursday October 15th-December 7th	**Medicare Open Enrollment**
Thursday October 17th	**Church workday**
Tuesday October 27th	**Newsletter Deadline**



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Moderator of Session 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)