

Kanapaha Times  
Monthly November Newsletter of  
Kanapaha Presbyterian Church

Join Us...

Sunday Morning Worship 10am in Sanctuary  
Bible Study 11: am, on Tuesdays November 4, 11, 18,25.

Note from Pastor...

KINDNESS

Have you heard this old Glen Campbell song from back in the 70's called "Try a Little Kindness"? The chorus goes like this:

*You got to try a little kindness  
Yes show a little kindness  
Just shine your light for everyone to see  
And if you try a little kindness  
Then you'll overlook the blindness  
Of narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets.*

This sounds like good advice for the church today, especially because this is what we are called to do. Jesus lived a life of kindness as an example for us. It's what we are to do.

We read many stories of Jesus' ministry and we can quickly identify the miracles and parables as God's intervening in a life, restoring a person to wholeness, and even teaching a lesson that needs to be learned but I often wonder if we ever catch the message behind all that Jesus did. Do we ever come to understand the kindness and compassion that was behind the scenes, the driving force of God's love demonstrated as kindness and compassion. Repeatedly we find Jesus getting down in the dirt with those in pain or in need of help, those who needed a kind word. They came from all walks of life, all echelons of society, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, slave and free. Jesus cared for each of them. No where in scripture do I find Jesus telling someone, "You got yourself into this mess, get yourself out." No where does Jesus say, "You've made the same mistake repeatedly, I'm not helping this time."

No Jesus raised the dead out of kindness and compassion for the parents who lost a child. He cleansed the leper out of compassion for his suffering. He dined with sinners to let them know God's love. Jesus took pity on lepers and healed them of their disease. He sees people who need his help. Do we?

He accepted disciples from all walks of life. He reached out to those no one wanted to bother with, even outsiders and Gentiles. He healed the woman with the issue of blood, even calling her "daughter" to let her know she belonged to God and was restored to the household of faith. He forgave those who hurt him who sinned against him. Most important of all, he gave up his life so all of us could be saved. Do we give a moment to help? To speak kindness to others?

Through all this Jesus taught kindness and compassion goes beyond [stereotypes](#). We need to look at where they are coming from and understand their circumstances. Only then can we truly develop genuine compassion for others.

There are still those who would rather keep score of the failures of others than to explore where their own compassion is lacking. They keep track of every error and will remind you of every time you are not perfect. May God have compassion on us all.

In the words of Mother Teresa, "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."



## Important dates to include

### Christian Education

Bible Study on the Book of Revelation continues on Tuesdays from 11-12 in Memorial Hall. Even if you have not attended others or all of them, it is easy to join in at any point.

Starting on Tuesday, 11-25-25 at 11 the study will change for Advent. The book, "Advent in Narnia, " by Heidi Haverkamp will be used. It is available on Amazon in paperback or Kindle form. Once Advent is over, study of Revelation will resume.

### Worship and Nurture

Many thanks to all who assist in preparing for Worship and during the Sunday services. Special thanks to Tom Jordan who prepared and ran the Power Points faithfully for many years. Jackie Chandy is taking over the Power Point preparation and will run it on Sundays now.

If you are available to be a liturgist during worship, we could use more help in December and January. You receive the bulletin information by email early in the week before the Sunday you are reading.

**\*\*If you can stay for the Hanging of the Green after worship on 11/23/25, we will decorate the sanctuary and put wreaths and greenery on doors. It does not take long and is very much appreciated. All of us are busy during this time, so many hands make things manageable.**

If you did not hear this in a service, our musician, Grace, is now a fully licensed PA (Physicians Assistant) working for the U of FL. This will require her to work some weekends each month but we appreciate every Sunday she shares her musical talents with us! Congratulations on your new career, Grace!

Please stay in contact with folks in our church family during the next few months with texts, email, phone calls. Not everyone has a big family or special plans for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. We are a church family and need to keep in contact with each other and keep each other in prayer.

## Kanapaha Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee 2025

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jack McCleery, Meda Bahlke, and Bill Bahlke, held its first meeting on October 9th. The committee is faced with the task of nominating three new members to the session.

During church announcements, Bill Bahlke will ask those members interested in serving a 3-year term to let the committee know. A request for interested parties will also be placed in the newsletter.

## Greetings from Missions!

### YOUTH LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Thank you all for supporting our youth luncheon fundraiser on October 19th. Our youth worked hard to make delicious coleslaw, chili, curry lentils with rice, cornbread, brownies, and pumpkin/maple bars. We raised over \$360 for our PCUSA International Mission Projects. The supported projects will be picked out by our youth. A special thank you to our Scouts and to Joanna Long for organizing the event.

### COLLEEN HARRELL MEMORIAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

For our Thanksgiving baskets, we are excited to see donations in our green buckets placed in Memorial Hall and in the sanctuary. We have partnered up with Wiles Elementary and will be providing 13 food insecure families with a turkey and a ham and all the Thanksgiving fixings. There is a suggested food items list that can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary or in Memorial Hall. Any cash or check donations can be put in an envelope marked Thanksgiving baskets and placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the office.

Please place all turkeys in the freezer in the memorial Hall kitchen. Any hams should go in the refrigerator. We will continue to collect food until the 19th of November. We will deliver the food to Wiles Elementary on the morning of November 20th.

Thank you! Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!  
Missions Committee







Richard	Barratt	November 09
Joan	Stout	November 11
Bill	Jamerson	November 16
Kyle	Ziegler	November 27
Jack	Mccleery	November 28
Barbara	Rea	November 29

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>28</b> Day after Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b>
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1	Saturday	Cemetery Workday 9am-12pm
November 1	Saturday	All Saints Day
November 2	Sunday	Daylight Saving Time End
November 4, 11, 18 ,25	Tuesday	Advent bible Study 11am
November 11	Tuesday	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 16	Sunday	St. Johns River base
November 17-Nov 22	Monday	Pastor's Study Week
November 19	Wednesday	Session MTG 6: PM
November 21	Friday	Deliver Thanksgiving Boxes
November 23	Sunday	Magic Penny
November 25	Tuesday	Newsletter Deadline
November 27	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed
November 30	Sunday	First Sunday of Advent





### **Elders**

<b>Rev. Michael Wood</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	
<b>Bill Belke</b>	Administration & Finance	Class of 2028
<b>Kaley Behl</b>	Buildings & Grounds Cemetery Management	Class of 2026
<b>Karen Kirkman</b>	Special Projects & Promotions Church History & Cemetery Management	Class of 2025
<b>Janet Phipps</b>	Worship & Nurture Children's Education Clerk of Session	Class of 2025
<b>Nilda Alicea - Secretary</b>		