Presbyterian Disciples Church
The Ecumenical Parish

PRESBYTERIAN DISCIPLES CHURCH

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

2026





Pastor Kathy Weaver

## JOIN IN WORSHIP

**Nov. 1st**
**Sermon: A Double-Edged Sword**
**Scripture: Matthew 10:34-36**
**Elder of the Day: Carolyn Johnson**
**Liturgist: Carolyn Johnson**

**Nov. 8th**
**Sermon: Scaricity and Abundance**
**Scripture: John 10: 1-10**
**Elder of the Day: Carolyn Johnson**
**Liturgist: Ladd Drummond**

**Nov 15th**
**Sermon: A Work in Progress**
**Scripture: Philippians 3: 4b-14**
**Elder of the Day: Carolyn Johnson**
**Liturgist: Lu Ann Christian**

**Nov 22nd**
**Sermon: Kyrie Elieson**
**Scripture: Psalm 123**
**Elder of the Day:**
**Liturgist: James Allen**

**Nov. 29th**
**Sermon: Not Just for Weddings**
**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**
**Elder of the Day:Lori Hamburger**
**Liturgist: To be scheduled**

## SPECIAL DAYS

- **All Saints' Day.** November 1st
- **Daylight Savings time ends.** November 1st
- **Veterans Day:** November 11th
- **Thanksgiving Day**. November 26th
- **First Sunday of Advent:** November 29th




November 26

**November 1**
**Linger after worship**
**for cookies and punch and**
**A Bride and Groom Money Tree shower**
**for our newest couple,**
**Montana and Sarah.**
**Let's celebrate this special event with them.**





### Lost and Found

A pair of brown glasses and a garage door opener are in the office. They have been there a few weeks.

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# MEMBERS' CORNER

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Sarah Broussard
4 John Johnson
8 Robyn Renfrow McNeice
16 Stuart Tolson
16 Jeff Klassey
24 Carolyn Johnson
24 Jackie Bruce
26 Clancy Hudson

**Congratulations, Sheila, on your retirement from working in the DA's office!**

**Thank you, Capie Woodhams, for decortaing the church for fall. It looks great!!**

**Thank you, Andrea Renfrow , for organizing fellowship gatherings. Also to Laura Renfrow and Lori Hamburger for our October gathering**









Be Informed,
Pray about it
Vote
November 3



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gentner & Wendy Drummond, 11-25-2010
Cole and Rebecca Weston, 11-20-2021
Missy & Tim Drummond, 11-21-1999 Rev.
Scott & Pam Fischer, 11-24 -1995

**Montana Fuller and Sarah Broussard**



**November 7, 2026**
**Will be joined in marriage with James Allen officiating.**

### Prayer for Older People

**Lord, thou know that I am growing older. Keep me from growing talkative and possessing the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's life. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point and then be quiet. Seal my lips when I'm inclined to tell of all my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by. Make me thoughtful, but not nosey - helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem pity not to use it all, but thou knowest that I want a few friends at the end. Amen.**

Author unknown, Shared by Lindy Hudson

# MEMBERS' CORNER CONTINUED







## ON THE MOVE IN OCTOBER

**Ladd and Ree Drummond** are home from vacationing in Italy for their 30th anniversary. Her pictures and event descriptions posted on her Pioneer Woman blog were stunning. They both look refreshed after being away and having an extraordinary unhurried vacation. It seems they took advantage of every opportunity to see and do everything they could do.

**Jack and Ashley Drummond** were vacationing in Vermont during peak 'leaf peeping' season. There is something amazing about the fall leaves and Vermont. it's magical.







**Leigh Carter** flew to Phoenix, Arizona to spend time visiting her sister. She loved every minute. Now that she has returned, the search is on for her next canine housemate.

A Note from **Sheila Tolson:** "My official retirement date was October 1st. I took some annual leave at end of September and Steve and I flew out to Pittsburgh to spend time with Sarah and family and celebrate Daisy's 2nd Birthday. Sarah and the girls travelled back with Steve and I and spent several weeks here with us. Sarah and I took girls on a roadtrip to Texas for several days to see some old friends from college and meet their children. We also went to OKC and spent time with cousins on Layton's side of family. Aquarium, Gathering Place, Air and Space Museum, cookouts, bubbles, helping Papa around house, and general time in the dirt and sun rounded out our adventures. Great times and wonderful memories. They left tired and Steve and I are still recovering!"

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## LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH



**Each year, Shirley Wadsworth is busy with the Calvary Baptist Church preparing Thanksgiving Dinner baskets for those who have been recommended to them.**

**Our church has supported this ministry in the past and Council voted to continue this year. A gift from PDC for $2,250 will help make a Thanksgiving Dinner for many families.**

# DOINGS

We hope you've noticed all the things going on around the church in the past month. It was a big project, but all of the outside painted areas are freshly painted. You may also notice a venting system put in around the south door area. It was needed! Hopefully, after a new roof this year and now fresh outside paint, we can enjoy the fresh new look and give thanks that it has been done. Thanks go to John Manning and Missy Culver who each worked hard to make sure that everything turned out well.









For some reason, which remains a mystery, the light on the south door keypad lock decided not to work. Members were tested with kinesetic memory to tap in the door entry code without actually seeing the numbers.

Thanks to James Allen for replacing the lock and programing it as well!!

You do know that saying about the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray.... well, there were several codes programmed into the old lock, and only the main one was programed in the new one. at first. Josh came to clean the church very early on Sunday morning and couldn't get in the church. oops. James fixed it, so all codes are programmed. Good job, James!

Council voted to buy new outside llights to replace the ones on the building by the main double oor entrance. They are on at dusk and off at dawn lights. You should see them installed in early November.

Also, Council approved ceiling fans for the parlor to help with airflow and cooling. These, too, will be installed in November. If you've ever been in the room with a crowd, you know it can be stuffy at any time of the year , and it is hot in the summer when the air-conditioning can't keep up with the outside heat. Ceiling fans should help with the issues.



**Treasurer at work**

# DOINGS CONTINUED

## LEGACY GIFT FROM GOOD SHEPHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH






**Unfortunately, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville is closing its doors after so many years of being a presence in the community.**

**James Allen found out that three pianos were among items being donated by the church and passed that information along to Joel.**

**Joel went over during their open house and was allowed to play all three grand pianos. They had a Steinway, a Chickering, and the Baldwin. They asked Joel which one he preferred , and he chose the Baldwin. They said if his name was drawn and if the Baldwin hadn't already been claimed, then we could have the piano.**

**According to Joel, any of the three would have been a definite upgrade to our current piano, but, in the words of Joel," The sound and mechanics of the Baldwin melted my heart - really." I asked him about the keyboard response, to which he said, "The word 'Perfect' comes to mind."**

The piano arrived on Wednesday, Oct 21, moved by Saied Music Company in Tulsa. It is a 6'3" Baldwin Grand, Model L, made in 1942 (a very good year).



**In December 2025, several gathered in the kitchen and made gingerbread cookies. We said at the time that the next year (2026) we would make sugar cookies. Capie Woodams gathered all of the ingredients and was our leader**

**Check the hall bulletin board for a sign up sheet if you think you would like to join in cookie making this year. We can then pick a date!**



# BIBLE NUGGETS

A thought for the day after Thanksgiving

**You realize we just had Thanksgiving, have barely gotten the table cleared and the kitchen cleaned, and the out of town guests may have left or are leaving! This is a fact, but realize that it is time to put the tree up and on November 29, as you slide into the pew for worship, we are going to be in the season of Advent.**




Translated: Christmas is upon us!

I decided to ask my new friend, AI, from Logos Bible Software , about how Advent got started.
This is what I found, and it surprised me.

**Advent emerged gradually across the Christian world, developing differently depending on geography and local practices. The season's origins remain unclear, as liturgical rhythms took shape unevenly across centuries and regions.[1]**

**The earliest documented Advent-like observance occurred during the three weeks before Epiphany (January 6), functioning as preparation for baptismal candidates.[1] This practice developed primarily in missionary territories of northern and western Europe, where Eastern church influence—transmitted through Mediterranean trade—inspired a penitential season connected to Epiphany baptisms.[2] This pre-Epiphany fast eventually stretched to forty days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays), extending the season back to November 11, St. Martin's Day.[2]**

**Rome's trajectory differed markedly. Advent didn't appear in Rome until the sixth century, and since Epiphany wasn't a baptismal occasion there, Advent developed instead as preparation for Christmas.[2] Around AD 480, the bishop of Tours shifted emphasis from Epiphany to Christmas, and Pope Gregory I later standardized the season at four weeks.[1] Rome emphasized joyful anticipation of Christ's historical incarnation, while the missionary territories stressed eschatological themes—Christ's final return and the last judgment.[2]**

**These regional traditions eventually merged, though not without tension. By the early twelfth century, Roman festive customs dominated, with white and gold vestments and the Gloria sung joyfully; by century's end, the mood had reversed to somber penitence, with black vestments and the Gloria silenced.[2] By the twelfth century, Advent had largely shed its penitential character in favor of hopeful anticipation.[1]**

**[1] Danielle Hitchen, Sacred Seasons: A Family Guide to Center Your Year Around Jesus (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2023), 39.**

**[2] Robert Webber, The Services of the Christian Year, The Complete Library of Christian Worship (Nashville, TN: Star Song Pub. Group, 1994), 5:108.**

This is the end..I hope you've found something you enjoyed. You may either thank or complain to the writer and editor.... Either way, I hope to share more in December. Be thankful in all. C Johnson