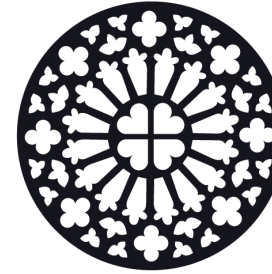


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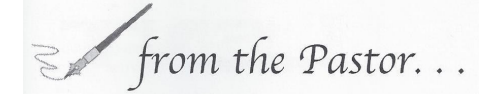
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## POINSETTIAS TO ADORN THE SANCTUARY

It's time to order gorgeous Red Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! **Only \$10 each!** Orders due to Church Office by **December 15th**; make checks payable to "The Church of the Covenant" with "Poinsettia" in the memo line.

In Memory / Honor of - Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (\$10 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick mine up after Christmas  I would like mine delivered to a shut-in

Dear Congregation of God,

On Sunday, October 29th we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. But why? What do the doings of an obscure, Catholic monk have to do with our church today? Well, on October 31, 1517, one single event on one single day changed the entire world. Martin Luther, again, a monk and a scholar, had struggled for years with his church, the church in Rome. He had been greatly disturbed by an unprecedented indulgence sale. The question of the day was "Can we buy our way into heaven?" Luther could no longer remain silent on the issue.

But why October 31? November 1 held a special place in the church calendar as All Saints' Day. On November 1, 1517, a massive exhibit of newly acquired relics would be on display at Wittenberg, Luther's home city. Pilgrims would come from all over, genuflect before the relics, and take hundreds, if not thousands, of years off time in purgatory. Luther's soul grew even more vexed. None of this seemed right.

So, brother Martin took quill in hand, dipped it in his inkwell and penned his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. These were intended to spark a debate, to stir some soul-searching among his fellow brothers in the church. The Ninety-Five Theses sparked far more than a debate. The Ninety-Five Theses also revealed the church was far beyond rehabilitation. It needed a reformation. The church—and the world—would never be the same again.

One of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses simply declares, "The Church's true treasure is the gospel of Jesus Christ." This alone is the meaning of Reformation Day. The church had lost sight of the gospel because it had long ago papered over the pages of God's Word with layer upon layer of tradition. Mere tradition often brings about a system of works, of earning your way back to God. It was true of the Pharisees, and it was true of medieval Roman Catholicism. Reformation Day celebrates the joyful beauty of the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reformation Day is the day the light of the gospel broke forth out of darkness. It was the day that began the Protestant Reformation, where the church found its way back to God's Word as the only supreme authority for faith and life and leading the church back to the glorious doctrines of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. The Reformation rekindled the fires of missionary endeavors, it led to hymn writing and congregational singing, and it led to the centrality of the sermon and preaching for the people of God. It is the celebration of a theological, ecclesiastical, and cultural transformation.

So we celebrate Reformation Day! This day reminds us to be thankful for our past and to the monk turned Reformer. What's more, this day reminds us of our obligation and our calling to keep the light of the gospel at the center of all we do.

Soli deo gloria and hallelujah!

Billy

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**Worship Services**  
Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
10:00 am  
Spiritual development time for  
children and adults  
Church Office Hours  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

Connie Hornickel

Memorial Jayne Wilson

Harry Johnston

Memorial Perry and Paula Lane, Jr.

Memorial Tara Dyer

Memorial Rick and Janet Nevin

Memorial Betty Braun

Memorial Madeline Nelson

Memorial Jean Piatt

Anonymous Gifts

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United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

Long-time member Harry Johnston passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2023. The funeral service was held in the church sanctuary on September 27, 2023, officiated by the Rev. Dr. William Younger.

Interment was at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies, with military honors.

David Faust joined the Church Triumphant on September 27, 2023. The funeral was held on October 2nd at the William G. Neal Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jude Urso officiating.

THANK YOU

Dear Presbyterian Women and Friends of The Covenant,

Thank you so much for remembering me in your prayers, and for get well wishes. I miss seeing you all so much and trying hard to get back in church again to see you all. Thanks again for your loving, thoughtful remembrance of me.

Your friend in Christ, Jean Piatt

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



On October 7, 2023, April Batove and Jeffrey Rydzak were married in the Sanctuary with the Rev. Dr. William Younger officiating. As you start this new adventure in your life together we wish you love, joy and many blessings.

THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the newest members of our family of faith. The New Members Class was held on October 3rd, with an additional session for those who were unable to come on that date. They were received by the Session on 10/9/2022, and were received by the congregation at the 9:00 AM Covenant Alive! service on October 15th. Please greet them and make them feel at home!

Our new brothers and sisters in Christ are:

- Kathy Adams
Joshua and Rebecca Anderson
Chase and Kayla Ayers
Dave and Shelley Bane
Steve Bane and Fiancée Hailey Scott
Dennis and Karen Brown

- Steve and Dawn Herron
Jamie and Laura Lawrence
Patrick and Taylor Stewart
Andrew and Athena Valentine
Frank Westcott
Geoff and Janice Weinstock

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER MESSENGER IS NOVEMBER 15th.

THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

The Carnahan Library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third-floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title, or subject. The Library Committee thanks the donors of the gently used books described below. \*Indicates a new book.

Obama: The Historic Presidency of Barack Obama by Mark Greenberg and David Tate was donated by Joyce and David Hough. On January 20, 2009, Barack Hussein Obama became the 44th President of the United States and its first African American chief executive. Through stunning images by White House photographers and others, as well as notable essays and quotes from a broad spectrum of people, this book looks back at the president's journey—from his victory to his achievements and final days in office, to his life after the White House.

The following six books were donated anonymously.

Up Country by Nelson DeMille. There is a name carved into the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., of an American lieutenant whose death is shrouded in mystery. The authorities have reason to believe that he was not killed by the enemy, or by friendly fire; they suspect he was murdered. At first, Paul Brenner, himself a Vietnam vet, is not interested in investigating the case. After his forced retirement from the army's Criminal Investigation Division, he has adapted to the life of a civilian with a comfortable pension. Then his old boss, Karl Hellmann, summons him to the Vietnam Memorial to call in a career's worth of favors. Hellmann tells Brenner of the circumstances surrounding the officer's death: the incident happened over three decades ago in Vietnam and the only evidence is a recently discovered letter written by an enemy soldier describing an act of shocking violence. The name of the North Vietnamese soldier is known but not his current location. Brenner's assignment: return to Vietnam and find the witness. Reluctantly, Brenner begins a strange journey that unearths his own painful memories of Vietnam and leads him down a trail as dangerous as the ones he walked as a young infantryman. His journey will take him from sultry Saigon, where he meets beautiful American expatriate Susan Weber, to the remote, forbidden up-country Vietnam where he will follow a trail of lies, betrayal, and murder.

Jack: A Life of C.S. Lewis by George Sayer. Author George Sayer will bring you closer to the real C.S. Lewis in Jack. Drawing from a variety of sources, including the million-word diary of Lewis's brother and from twenty-nine years of close friendship with this century's most influential Christian apologist, Sayer gives a warm and enlightening insider's look at the man whom God used to bring many back to the faith. Offering never-read-before glimpses into Lewis's relationships and experiences, Jack details Lewis's life at the Kilns; days at Magdalen College; meetings with the Inklings; marriage to Joy Davidman Gresham; and the creative process that produced famous works such as Chronicles of Narnia, Mere Christianity, and Screwtape Letters.

Where the Children Take Us: How One Family Achieved the Unimaginable by Zain E. Asher. This memoir opens with a woman receiving shattering news that her husband and son have been in a terrible accident. In that instant, she becomes a widowed immigrant left to raise four children in a neighborhood consumed by poverty and violence. There is tragedy in this story, but it is not a tragedy. Her struggle awakens an inner strength that — coupled with the rituals of radical mothering from her

village — leads to the family's salvation. The fierce parenting style she adopts ultimately produces an Oscar-nominated actor, an Oxford-educated CNN anchor, a medical doctor, and a successful entrepreneur. This is the story of a woman who battled genocide, famine, poverty, and crushing grief to rise from war-torn Africa to the streets of South London and, eventually, the drawing rooms of Buckingham Palace. It is a testimony to the sacrifices that Nigerian parents make to raise successful children.

The Shack Revisited by C. Baxter Kruger, PH.D. William P. Young's bestseller, The Shack, is the story of a man lifted from the depths of despair through his life-altering encounter with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The character Mackenzie Allen Phillips must endure one of the most horrendous tragedies any parent could face. It becomes his "great sadness." Several years later he receives a note in the mail inviting him back to the shack, back to the source of his great sadness. There Mackenzie discovers God is not bankrupt of love, compassion, and mercy. Rather, he discovers the real God of Father (Papa), Son (Jesus), and Spirit (Sarayu) whose love for one another is intense beyond description and whose love is a mighty river of living water flowing out to all creation and especially to Mackenzie. "I/We are especially fond of you Mackenzie" becomes a statement that is repeated again and again. In talking with people who have read The Shack a common response has been: "Do you think God is really like that?" In The Shack Revisited, Dr. Kruger answers those questions with; "Yes, that is exactly what God is like."

The Shack Revisited guides readers into a deeper understanding of the Triune God to help readers have a more profound connection with the core message of The Shack — that God is love. The book is a remarkable study showing Baxter's understanding of the infinite riches of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit's eternal intent to unite all things in themselves, which has happened in Jesus Christ, as it was eternally planned.

The House of Wolves by James Patterson and Mike Lupica. Murder runs in the family. The Wolfs, the most powerful family in California, have a new head: thirty-six-year-old former high school teacher Jenny Wolf. That means Jenny now runs the prestigious San Francisco Tribune. She also controls the legendary pro football team the Wolves. And she hopes to solve her father's murder if she can survive the killers all around her.

In This Moment by Karen Kingsbury is another Baxter Family novel. Luke Baxter, a lawyer specializing in religious freedom cases, takes on the fight of his life when public school principal Wendell Quinn is sued for starting an after-school Bible study called Raise the Bar. In This Moment is an inspiring, relevant story about the nuances of religious freedom, the cost of the fight, and how a group of determined people just might restore the meaning of faith in today's culture.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Wednesday, November 1**  
Isa. 26:1-4, 8-9,  
12-13, 19-21  
Rev. 21:9-11, 22-27  
(22:1-5)  
or Heb. 11:32-12:2  
Matt. 5:1-12  
**Thursday, November 2**  
Neh. 1:1-11  
or Lam. 2:16-22  
Rev. 5:11-6:11  
Matt. 13:18-23  
**Friday, November 3**  
Neh. 2:1-20  
or Lam. 4:1-22  
Rev. 6:12-7:4  
Matt. 13:24-30  
**Saturday, November 4**  
Neh. 4:1-23  
or Lam. 5:1-22  
Rev. 7:(4-8) 9-17  
Matt. 13:31-35  
**Sunday, November 5**  
Neh. 5:1-9 or Ezra 1:1-11  
Acts 20:7-12  
Luke 12:22-31  
**Monday, November 6**  
Neh. 6:1-19  
or Ezra 3:1-13  
Rev. 10:1-11  
Matt. 13:36-43  
**Tuesday, November 7**  
Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47  
or Ezra 4:7, 11-24  
Rev. 11:1-19  
Matt. 13:44-52

**Wednesday, November 8**  
Neh. 13:4-22  
or Hag. 1:1-2:9  
Rev. 12:1-12  
Matt. 13:53-58  
**Thursday, November 9**  
Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26  
or Zech. 1:7-17  
Rev. 14:1-13  
Matt. 14:1-12  
**Friday, November 10**  
Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36  
or Ezra 5:1-17  
Rev. 15:1-8  
Matt. 14:13-21  
**Saturday, November 11**  
Ezra 9:1-15  
or Ezra 6:1-22  
Rev. 17:1-14  
Matt. 14:22-36  
**Sunday, November 12**  
Ezra 10:1-17  
or Neh. 1:1-11  
Acts 24:10-21  
Luke 14:12-24  
**Monday, November 13**  
Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)  
or Neh. 2:1-20  
Rev. 18:1-8  
Matt. 15:1-20  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
Neh. 9:26-38  
or Neh. 4:1-23  
Rev. 18:9-20  
Matt. 15:21-28

**Wednesday, November 15**  
Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18  
or Neh. 5:1-19  
Rev. 18:21-24  
Matt. 15:29-39  
**Thursday, November 16**  
Neh. 6:1-19  
Rev. 19:1-10  
Matt. 16:1-12  
**Friday, November 17**  
Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47  
Rev. 19:11-16  
Matt. 16:13-20  
**Saturday, November 18**  
Neh. 13:4-22  
Rev. 20:1-6  
Matt. 16:21-28  
**Sunday, November 19**  
Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26  
Acts 28:14b-23  
Luke 16:1-13  
**Monday, November 20**  
Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36  
Rev. 20:7-15  
Matt. 17:1-13  
**Tuesday, November 21**  
Ezra 9:1-15  
Rev. 21:1-8  
Matt. 17:14-21  
**Wednesday, November 22**  
Ezra 10:1-17  
Rev. 21:9-21  
Matt. 17:22-27

**Thursday, November 23**  
Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)  
Rev. 21:22-22:5  
Matt. 18:1-9  
**Friday, November 24**  
Neh. 9:26-38  
Rev. 22:6-13  
Matt. 18:10-20  
**Saturday, November 25**  
Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18  
Rev. 22:14-21  
Matt. 18:21-35  
**Sunday, November 26**  
Isa. 19:19-25  
Rom. 15:5-13  
Luke 19:11-27  
**Monday, November 27**  
Joel 3:1-2, 9-17  
1 Peter 1:1-12  
Matt. 19:1-12  
**Tuesday, November 28**  
Nahum 1:1-13  
1 Peter 1:13-25  
Matt. 19:13-22  
**Wednesday, November 29**  
Obad. 15-21  
1 Peter 2:1-10  
Matt. 19:23-30  
**Thursday, November 30**  
Zeph. 3:1-13  
1 Peter 2:11-25  
Matt. 20:1-16



**NOVEMBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

November 5, 2023  
“A Light That is So Lovely”  
Nehemiah 5:14-6:16

November 12, 2023  
“Life Stewardship 101”  
Matthew 25:14-30

November 19, 2023  
“The Treasure”  
Matthew 13:44-52

November 26, 2023  
Rev. Bob Hedges Preaching



**SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS  
CELEBRATION SUNDAY— December 17**



On Sunday, December 17 at the 9:00 A.M. service, our children will present *The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd*, a musical play that tells the inspirational story of Aaron, a poor shepherd, who just can't seem to stay awake while counting and tending his sheep. He is on the brink of being fired from his job, but the many travails of our wayward shepherd finally lead him to the manger where he witnesses the miracle of Christ's birth. After this glorious event Aaron is renewed, inspired, and determined to follow his dreams. The play includes seven songs, and a cast of characters that includes the comical sheep, a band of angels, Mary and Joseph, with speaking and non-speaking roles. All of our children will be included, from preschool to teens. Pastor Billy will conclude this service with a brief message.

Also on Sunday, December 17 at the 11:00 A.M. service, our Covenant Choir and Jubilate Ringers, along with the West Virginia Brass Quintet, will present *A Celebration of Carols*. This service will include carol singing by the choir and congregation and music by the West Virginia Brass Quintet.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY— December 24**

9:00 AM— Covenant Alive! Candlelight Service in the Covenant Center  
7:00 PM— Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY— December 31**

10:00 AM— Covenant Alive! Service in the Covenant Center



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Frank Westcott	11/01	Jacqueline Grantz	11/11	Barbara Payne	11/21
William King, Jr.	11/02	Kylie Leckie	11/11	Debra Evans	11/21
James Simonini	11/03	Destiny Alexis Lehew	11/11	Ryan Kelley	11/21
Mary Smith	11/04	Annabelle Knestrack	11/12	George Rau	11/21
Dona Hamilton	11/04	Linda Grimm	11/12	Catherine Heck	11/22
Marna Day	11/04	Daniel Orr	11/12	Charlotte Herron	11/23
Jill Losko	11/04	Sharon Burchett	11/13	Luke Day	11/23
Susan Moninger	11/05	Robert Burdette, III	11/13	Cynthia Osbourne	11/25
Ryan Hoglund	11/06	Michele Carl	11/15	David Dickson	11/25
Chad Carl	11/06	Amanda Gibson	11/15	Lois Core	11/26
David Bane	11/08	Jacob Betzner	11/15	Daniel Gottron	11/27
Daniel Kephart	11/08	Linda Chaney	11/16	Carol Ann Yohe	11/28
Rebecca Aizupitis	11/09	Steven Devenney	11/16	Emily Pitner	11/28
Mason Burchett	11/09	Edna Grimm	11/17	Charles McIlvaine	11/29
David McClellan	11/09	Thomas Knight	11/17	William Roesner	11/29
Julie Densmore	11/10	Brittany Ingram	11/19	Betty Lou Engle	11/30
Lauren Jurovcik	11/10	Adam Denmead	11/20		



**ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTIONS—2022**

On October 4, the Endowment Committee performed one of its most important regular functions. The Committee made its annual distributions from endowment income to the budget of the Church.

This year distributions to church budgets totaled over \$97,800 to support categories required by restrictions in the various endowed funds. These restrictions fall into eight (8) broad areas listed below alongside the amount distributed to each in 2022.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
\$40,413	General Use	\$13,167	Building & Grounds
\$25,689	Missions	\$10,097	CoTC Preschool
\$ 478	Childrens' Ministries	\$ 3,644	Music Purposes
\$ 2,508	Presbyterian Women Mission	\$ 1,885	Memorials

Endowment monies are generous gifts to the church from thoughtful individuals and families. They intend that their gifts be held intact as a principal sum to generate income far into the future. These benefactors customarily designate the use of the income to annually preserve and enhance the worship, Mission and ministries of the church in very specific ways. The Church of The Covenant has a long history of endowment gifts and in 2010 the Session revised the Bylaws for processes and procedures of an Endowment Committee to oversee the invested funds of the church.

The Endowment Committee publishes details of its work in the "Annual Reports" of the church. Additional information about the Endowment Committee, endowment giving, or establishing endowment funds, can be obtained by contacting the Church Financial Administrator.



**FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN**

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.

**PARISH NURSE CORNER**

Washington County has a new Parkinson's Support Group. This group is open to all affected by Parkinson's and provides a positive and practical way to cope with this chronic, progressive disease. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00pm at the Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center, 240 Wellness Way, Conference Room B in Washington. The facilitator is Casey Peluso and for any questions, please call her at 412-837-1357. More information on Parkinson's can be found at [pfwpa.org](http://pfwpa.org). Please stop by my office in Room 302 on Sunday mornings from 10-10:45am. Good Health to all, Linda Grimm 724-777-9240.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS**

**PW THANK OFFERING**

The Thank Offering is one of two annual offerings received by Presbyterian Women each year. The autumn offering gives women tangible ways to express their gratitude for blessings in their lives. From the Thank Offerings of Presbyterian Women groups across the country, recipients receive from \$5,000 - \$50,000. This year's recipients are:

National:  
Synod of Mid-America,  
presbytery of Goddings-Lovejoy  
Light for the Darkness  
New Worshipping Grounded Gardens  
\$10,000

International:  
Zambia  
Church of Central Africa  
Phalaza  
Rural Health Club  
\$50,000

Synod of the Northeast  
Albany Presbytery  
Troy area United Ministries  
Tech for Teens  
\$35,000

Thank Offering envelopes will be available at the entrances to the sanctuary and the Covenant Center. There will also be envelopes at the Welcome Center. Please make out your check to Presbyterian Women, with "Thank Offering" in the memo line. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to Joan McCrory, 1240 West Wylie Ave., Washington, PA 15301-1636. Please remit no later than November 30th.

**Veteran Recognition**

Hands and Hearts would like to recognize members of our church family who have served or are active-duty military this coming Veteran's Day. If you or someone you know who attends the Church of the Covenant is a veteran or is currently serving in the Armed Forces, please contact Linda Grimm at 724-777-9240 or Mary Wichterman by phone or text at 724-809-5017.





# PRESCHOOL NEWS

BLESSINGS—we have so many to be thankful for. Take a moment and be thankful for our church Preschool and for all of the chil-

dren and youth that we have in our church. A huge blessing!

Our Preschool kiddos have been enjoying our space unit that we have designed especially for them. We had a special Space Camp Day that we had rocket blast offs, and planet journeys and finding that glow-in-the-dark moon rock.

Check this out—If you haven't noticed our new canopy over our Preschool entrance. Doesn't it look great??!



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS

#### JINGLE JAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 9th

We kindly request your help at Jingle Jam. Jingle Jam is a day where we try to give back to our parents by providing them time to get their Christmas errands done. Since our parents are some of our most frequent volunteers, this decreases our pool tremendously.

We are in need of group leaders, registration help and station leaders. Jingle Jam has grown in numbers over the past few years and we would appreciate your help. Would you please consider helping out on December 9, from 9:30 am to 2 pm? There are some roles which require only an hour of your time.



### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

#### A CALL FOR GIVING IN 2024

Just a few days remain in the Fall campaign for pledges to the Covenant Fund 2024! Are you among the planners making a commitment in faith for giving in 2024?

Pledges for gifts in 2024 make possible a budget to support plans for Ministry, Mission and Worship throughout the coming year. Each pledge puts dreams in motion for activities and programs to preserve and enhance the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Covenant Fund campaign culminates on Consecration Sunday, November 19. On that day, God's blessings will be sought on every pledge and with added prayer for commitments yet to be received.

For additional details about the Covenant Fund scan the QR here with a smartphone to read Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and better understand how the Covenant Fund works all year throughout our Church.

*This QR code can be scanned to view our Stewardship FAQ Sheet*



You can also scan the QR code below with your phone to reach an online pledge card. Pledges are welcome online, by mail or in the offering plates any Sunday.



*This QR Code can be scanned to submit your pledge electronically via our secure website.*

### JINGLE JAM IS BACK!!!

It's our favorite time of year! Time to sign up for JINGLE JAM! Embark with us for a day of fun on our Jingle Jam Christmas Cruise on December 9, from 10 am to 2 pm. Kids ages 4-11 will experience the Christmas Story, popcorn painting, reindeer games, grinch punch, crafts and more. Dress in your favorite Christmas attire or jammies! Be sure to be comfy since we will be movin and groovin as we set sail. Please use the link to register your children now.

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**FALL FAMILY CHALLENGE RETURNS!!!**

The Annual Family Challenge returned on October 22 at 5:00 pm. The evening was filled with goofy games and challenges.

From Yvonne: We had so much fun at our 3rd Annual Family Challenge. The winners this year are the DiPietro's! All of the contestants gave it their all and were great sports! Thank you Coach Calvin Blunt for all of the fun competitions.



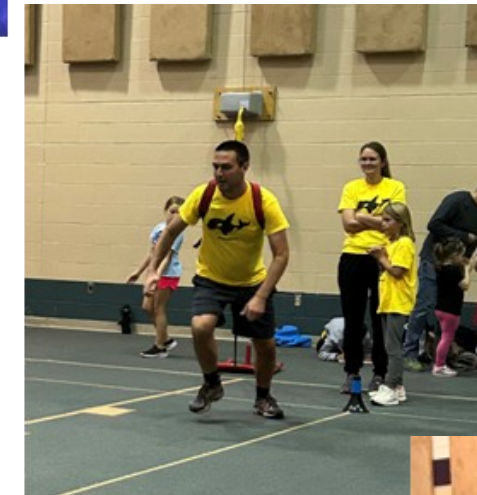
The Winners!!!  
The Di Pietro Family



'Tis the season for pumpkin innards!



3-D  
Tic-Tac-Toe?



What on Earth are they Dragging?



Oh, THAT'S what they're dragging!



Relay Race Laughs



No idea WHAT he's doing, but his form is impeccable!