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# Edgewood Presbyterian Church

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## Newsletter November 2022

(Excerpt from Chad's article of 11/2021)

Ask yourself, what is important in my life? There can be many answers to that question. You might say love, or wisdom, or family. Or my husband, wife, or children. Financial security, wealth, friendships, peace of mind, salvation, or all the above as well as many other things might be on your list.

Once you've settled on your answer, the next question is simple: How do I obtain and hold on to whatever is really important to me? You intend to try as hard as you can to be a good person, or husband, wife or parent; maybe you will spend quality time with the people who are important to you; maybe you will save and invest carefully; maybe you will go to church weekly and pray daily. Maybe you will do all of these things—and more. All of them take time—time today and time in the future. They take energy and attention. The truth is whatever we want; whatever we do...all takes time and energy, and usually money. The old saying tells us "you make time for what is important to you." And it is true! People say I wish I had time to do this or that. We all have

the same amount of time; we do what we choose to do. We use our time as we choose. The same is true of our money. Other than paying for necessities, the rest of our funds are spent on what we choose to spend it on. No matter how much we have, we will always want more.

The wonderful part of choosing to give, is that we are resisting the lure of stuff. We choose to be generous and declare that money is not our god. In our decision to give our money to God, we declare that our money does not control us. We reject greed and materialism for faithfulness and discipleship. Our faithful stewardship not only supports the work of God in our church, community, and in the world, but it also declares our independence from material goods. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

This year our theme for our Stewardship time is *Responding to God's Goodness*. Think for a moment about how richly you have been blessed. Think of the goodness and faithfulness of God, even during tough times. We are indeed blessed again and again. This year, as you consider your giving for 2023, remember God's goodness. By sharing together, we build the ministries which can bless others, so they also can know the goodness of our God.

### Session Notes

The Stewardship committee has mailed out your commitment cards. Please prayerfully consider your giving for 2023 and return your card in the envelope, on *Sunday, November 13*. During worship service we will dedicate our Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2023. If you miss that Sunday, just leave your card in Mary Holder's box.

The Elder nominating Committee was elected at the congregational meeting on October 9. Members are Jerry Wynn, Sandy Dull, Trisha Sellars, & Steve Womack. We thank Jerry Wynn and Sandy Dull for their service to the church, as Elder during the last 6 years.

Sunday November 6, Gracie Williams will be here to lead us in worship. November 13 Rev. Matt Garrett will be here. Terry Pleasants will be here November 20. *November 27 will be our Hanging of the Greens and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.*

The Christian Education Committee had a successful Trunk or Treat night, October 22, for the neighborhood kids. Thanks to everyone who contributed candy and prizes. We especially thank Stephanie Sellars for all she did to make it a fun time that night with games, prizes and candy. And thanks to all the members who came out with the festive & creatively decorated trunks for everyone to enjoy.





Congratulations Kylie  
for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Blue Ribbon at the NC  
State Fair!

We see your pappy  
taught you well on how to make the beeswax  
candles!



## November Prayer Families of the Week

- 6 Charles and Sandy Dull
- 13 Dale Edwards Family
- 20 Atha Lou Gibson
- 27 Leslie Hanna & Family

## September Treasurer's Report

Receipts . . . . . \$8,147.00

Disbursements . . 4,414.83

Wounded Warriors - \$445.00

(In memory of Bob Rosser)

Sarah Wilson Scholarship \$325.00

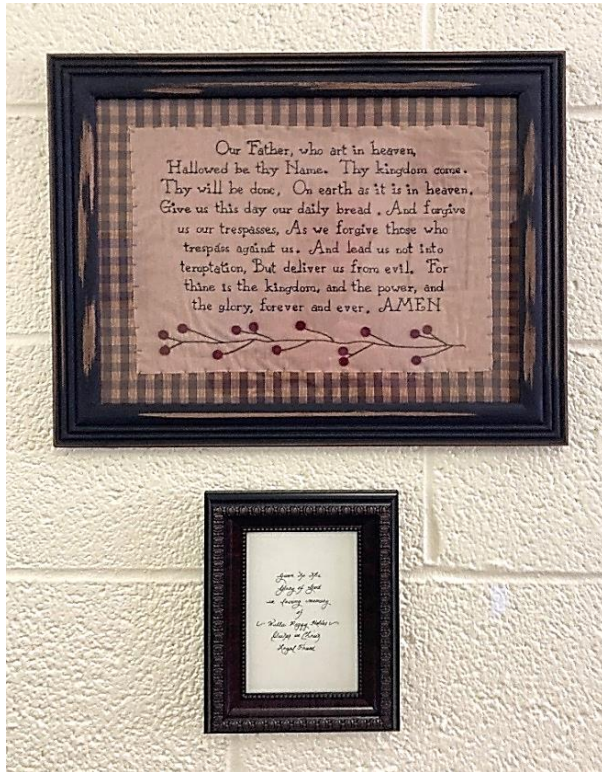


*To everyone celebrating  
November Birthdays*





Atha Lou Gibson gave this memorial gift of "The Lord's Prayer" to the Mary Olive Smith Sunday School Class *in memory of Willa Holder.*



We lovingly remember Willa Holder as a sweet, humble, Christian lady, who loved her church and her Lord.



The PW coordinating team will meet November 7, at 2:00. The Circle will meet November 14, at 2:00. Teresa Mangum will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> session of our Bible Study. (Chapter 11)

The special Honorary Life Membership pin and cross was given to Patricia and Johnny Sellars October 16, for their many years of service to the church. They both have served as Elder & deacon on the Property & Grounds committee over the years. Patricia has served as treasurer for the PW and is now treasurer for Edgewood.



Thanks for your service to Edgewood!



Stephanie had a great Children's sermon.



Teresa Mangum, our worship chairman, is working hard to find our ministers for each Sunday.

### All Saints Day

We will remember the saints of the church who have passed since November 2021, on Sunday *November 6, 2022*. They are: *Peggy Palmer, Sarah Dahl, Bob Rosser, Ruby Godwin, and Bill Hayes*. Jean McSwain will honor them with a few words that Sunday.

### Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon

The fellowship committee is hosting a potluck luncheon Sunday, November 20 immediately following worship service. Turkey and ham will be furnished, so bring a side dish or dessert, and bring a friend to join us for worship and meal.



### Thank Offering

The PW Thank Offering will be a special offering you can give to November 13. There will be blue envelopes for this offering in the vestibule.

This year's Thank Offering grant (in the Synod of Mid-Atlantic) has been awarded to one of our missions we contribute to: Interfaith Prison Ministry for *Women's Reentry Project*, in Raleigh. This mission helps women prepare for and navigate life after incarceration by developing tools to forge new and better lives. This program helps women achieve stability, family reunification and independent living.

### Mission Committee

First Sunday offering goes to CUOC. Salvation Army Angels will be ready in November. And donations for CUOC – turkeys will be Sunday, 11-20-22.