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THE ADVENTURE

NOVEMBER 2026

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

As Thanksgiving approaches, we often think of a table filled with favorite foods and time spent with loved ones. For those cooks in the family it can lead to thinking of making all those dishes that in the end some of the youngest only eat a roll and dessert. Nonetheless Thanksgiving is a time that, for many, leads to fond memories and joy. Yet giving thanks can reach beyond a holiday gathering. It can become a daily practice of noticing what sustains us: a kind word, a warm meal, a quiet moment, or someone who makes time to listen.



It is also important that we note gratitude does not require us to pretend that everything is easy. Some of us enter this season carrying grief, uncertainty, or loneliness. Let's be honest that life is heavy at times. There is room for those experiences, too. We can acknowledge what is difficult while appreciating a small kind-

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ness or an unexpected moment of rest. Giving thanks need not erase sorrow; it can sit beside it.

During the month of November, consider making gratitude specific. Instead of simply saying, "I am thankful for my friends," tell a friend what their presence has meant to you. Send someone whose kindness you remember. At the end of the day, pause and name one thing you appreciate, big or small. Expressions of thanks can help us notice gifts we might otherwise overlook.

We can also turn appreciation into action. A warm welcome, a shared meal, a thoughtful phone call, or an offer of help can pass along the kindness we have received. Let us look for opportunities that fit our circumstances, remembering that listening attentively or offering companionship can be a meaningful gift both to the receiver and the person giving the time.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we make space for both gratitude and honesty. May we notice the good without overlooking those who are struggling. And when the holiday has passed, may we continue to say thank you—not only with our words, but through everyday acts of care. My dear friends an early Happy Thanksgiving and blessings.

Pastor Katie

COOKIE POTLUCK AND TREE DECORATING!

Please join us December 8 after worship for a fun time of fellowship and decorating the tree in the Sanctuary! All are welcome. If you are able, please bring a plate of cookies to share because we all know tree decorating needs some good music, hot cocoa, and cookies along with wonderful company. Hope to see you there!



PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

God is so good!
Such a small but powerful phrase.
As we move into this season of Thanksgiving, we focus on
all the blessings we have been gifted in our lives.
God is so good.
We experience this every day of our lives.
Being thankful, grateful and blessed is a year-round perspective, but it seems
to push itself to the forefront during the month of November.
Thankful - always. I'm thankful for all that I have, both big and small.
Take a moment, grab a piece of paper and
write down the things you're thankful for.
Truly amazing how extensive the list can be!
Good is so good!



Grateful - without bounds. I am grateful that I am never alone
in this journey we call life.
I know that no matter what the circumstance,
there is always someone beside me.
God is so good!
Blessed - eternally! So many blessings in our lives - big and small -
the ones we recognize and the ones
that may not be so obvious at the time they're occurring,
but become clearer after they've occurred.
God is so good!
As we move through the month of November, take a moment each day
and really think about the phrase thankful, grateful and blessed.
What one thing are you especially thankful for this day?
What are you especially grateful for this day?
What is a blessing in your life this day?
God is so good!
Today and everyday.
I am thankful, grateful and blessed that we are all a part
of this family of God.
May your November be filled with many blessings!

Karyl

HART HAPPENINGS

By Barbara Olson

Thank you to all who supported HART by attending our annual fundraiser last week. One of the awards that are given at the fundraiser honors a former homeless resident who has made the most progress in their goal to leave homelssness.

This year we honored Sharon Doremus who, after over 20 years on the streets of Citrus Heights entered Grace House transitional program after Winter Sanctuary 2026 to facilitate her journey.



Sharon with Rhonda (Grace House) and Irene (HART)

I know Sharon as a weekly volunteer from Grace House who comes to the Advent parking lot each Tuesday afternoon to serve a good hot meal and an extra bag lunch to any homeless person that stops at our campus that afternoon. Already giving back to those still on the journey.

As our plans for Winter Sanctuary get into full swing for January 2027, I bring this accomplishment to your attention as a reminder that Winter Sanctuary not only keeps people dry and safe January and February every winter. Winter Sanctuary is our gateway to showing them a way off of the streets. These 7 weeks starting on January 3, 2027 give the host churches and volunteers a good time to prove that we not only SAY we care, but we SHOW that we care through our actions. After 2026 Winter Sanctuary, three men who had been living on the streets found housing and Sharon began her journey from addiction and homelessness to a new life.

In November and December as plans to 2027 Winter Sanctuary ramp up, I will keep you informed of the opportunities to provide support to the churches who host our guests. This way we can provide funds, food and volunteers to help them accomplish our mission of love and support for our unhoused neighbors.

ADVENT'S CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2026

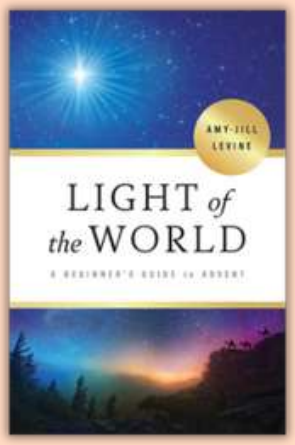
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Heights/streams 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	**2** 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting	**3** Election Day 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:45pm CPR Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (ZOOM)	**4** 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 12:30pm Brown B.A.G. Fellowship 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	**5** 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 5:30pm - 8:30pm Knitters Guild	**6** 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	**7** 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
8 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Heights/streams 10:45am Property Planning Meeting 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	**9** 9:30am Offering Counters 11:00am Bunco Babes 6:00pm AA Meeting 	**10** 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:00pm Finance Committee ZOOM Meeting 1:00pm Transition Team Meeting 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Executive Committee - Zoom 5:45pm CPR Class	**11** Veterans Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	**12** 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	**13** 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 	**14** 8:30am Stern-Johnson Bike Club 9:00am Church Work Day 10:00am - 6:00pm Outside Use of FH - Baby Shower
15 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Heights/streams 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	**16** 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting	**17** 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:45pm CPR Class	**18** 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	**19** 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:30pm Park Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting (Area 5, PONA)	**20** 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm CPR Class	**21** 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class 5:00pm Mexican Train Dominoes
22 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Heights/streams 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	**23** 9:30am Offering Counters 10:00am Serve Lunch @ St John's Program for Real Change 6:00pm AA Meeting	**24** 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:00pm Transition Team Meeting 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution	**25** 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	**26** Thanksgiving Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only	**27** 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	**28** 8:30am Stern-Johnson Bike Club 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
29 First Sunday of 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Heights/streams 10:45am - 11:45am Advent Adult Study 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	**30** 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting					



ADULT STUDY FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

We will be following Amy Jill Levine's book Light of the World which explores the season of Advent showing how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament. We will gather after worship in the Fellowship Hall November 29, December 15, and December 22. December 8 we will gather in the Sanctuary for the tree decorating and cookie potluck.

To purchase the book you can do so on Amazon HERE. Amazon also has the Kindel version as well as audio book if you prefer. If you need help getting ahold of a copy, please let me know. As always, reading is not required and all are welcome to attend all or some of the classes as we all know life is busy, especially during this season, but I strongly encourage folks to try to attend as many classes as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know.



Blessings,

Pastor Katie

FATHER DAUGHTER CONCERT



On Saturday, October 24 Jamal and his daughter Nargis treated us to a beautiful afternoon of music that included organ, piano, violin, guitar and voice! Many, many thanks to both of them for the opportunity to enjoy their talents. Thanks also to Adam Pollock for the many hours he spent helping them set up and prepare the sound system for the afternoon. All Free-Will Donations went to further Jamal's organ studies - thank you for your support!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday on October 25 was a full and wonderful day of celebrating! Not only did we acknowledge the church's ongoing reformation, we had the privilege of celebrating 2 baptisms and receiving a new member during worship! All this followed by a delicious Reformation Potluck hosted by the Fellowship Committee! Thank you to all for making this special day possible; and God's Blessings to Joey White, Darrel Ballard and Bob Beideman as we join together in ministry!

















November Word Fill In

Write the words in the correct place on the grid based on the number of letters. Spaces included in answers.









3 letters
pie

4 letters
yams
coat
cold

5 letters
sales
feast
visit

6 letters
recipe
aromas
autumn
orange
turkey
travel
family
baking
parade
golden

7 letters
Veteran
harvest
pumpkin
cooking
sweater

8 letters
eleventh
thankful
shopping
Thursday
stuffing
election
football

9 letters
hibernate
winterize

10 letters
food drive

11 letters
cranberries
turkey trot

12 letters
Thanksgiving
black Friday

13 letters
Friendsgiving





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BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US!



Please join us at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 4! All are invited to bring a lunch (including something to drink) and come participate in some guided conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

QUOTABLES

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
~ Aesop



INTRODUCING THE TRANSITION TEAM



Our Transition Team has begun their work and are meeting every 2 weeks. Thank you to Mary Grivna, Linda Belchem (chairperson), Bill Bevier, Barbara Olson and Lanny Johanek for serving Advent in this important role!

If you have questions about the process, please feel free to reach out to one of them.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29
GREETER	Cheryl & Ron Adams	Ken & Kathy Johnson	Dean Henricks	Pat & Keith Johnson	Carol Crespo
PASTOR	Rev. Katie Holeman				
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luke Patterson	Jeffrey Belchem	Josh & Cole Tolman	Pat Johnson	Debbie Leporini
LECTOR	Karyl Cimini	Linda Belchem	Leslie Scheurer	Ken Johnson	Bill Bevier
ALTAR FLOWERS	Twila Engler	Available	Maggie Ciak	Phil's Family	Available
AV TECH	Bruce Hansen	Noah Qalliu	Nancy King	Nolana Mymka	Joyce Montag
LIVESTREAM TECH	Adam Pollock (Nolana Mymka on 11/15)				
USHERS	Jeffrey Belchem, Biff Strom				
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM E: Leslie Scheurer, Cornelia Chancellor				

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maverick Jones	Nov. 2	Phil Davidson	Nov. 22
Twila Engler	Nov. 3	Russell Beeck	Nov. 23
Richard Robinson	Nov. 3	Jody Presto	Nov. 24
Leslie Scheurer	Nov. 7	Cornelia Chancellor	Nov. 25
Biff Strom	Nov. 10	Debbie Leporini	Nov. 29

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Linda Mathews	Nov. 4
Tom & Audrey Werth	Nov. 5
Todd & Karen Franz	Nov. 21



OUR RWANDAN COMPANIONS

An update on Pastor Jackson's new position as General Secretary of the Lutheran Church in Rwanda: While the new bishop has been installed, Pastor Jackson is currently still serving at Matimba Parish until a replacement there has been secured, as he cannot do both positions at the same time (the new position is in Kigali). Please keep him, the parish and LCR in your prayers during this transition.

PET BLESSING WORSHIP



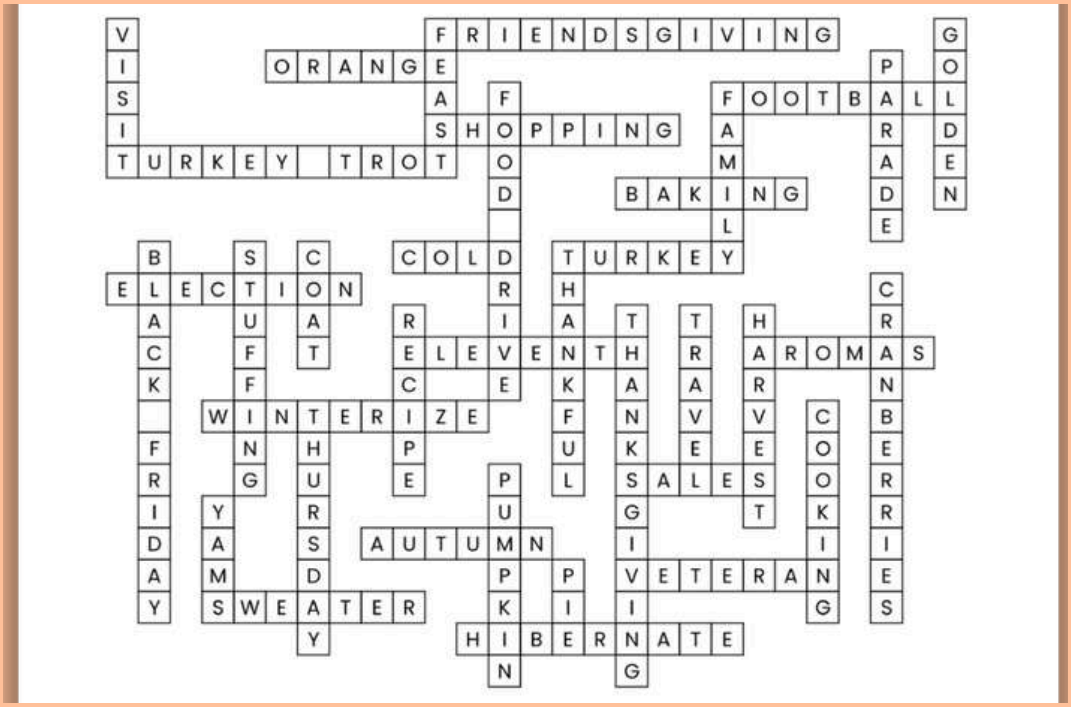


October 4 was a warm day, but that didn't stop us from celebrating God's gift of pets with an Outdoor Worship Service! Why October 4? Pet Blessings occur on the first Sunday in October to honor St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in the late 12 and early 13th centuries and viewed all nature, plants and animals as brothers and sister reflecting God's creation.



Many thanks to ALL who made this special service possible!

PUZZLE SOLUTION



TREASURER'S REPORT

PROFIT & LOSSES SEPTEMBER 2026



	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Budgeted Offering	29,375.72
Total 4030 Facility Use	563.00
4035 Interest Earned	3.79
4050 SCFM Rent	1,200.00
4057 Other Income - Maintenance	200.00
Total Income	$31,342.51
GROSS INCOME	$31,342.51
Expenditures	
Total 6000 Personnel	11,799.42
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	1,024.25
Total 7030 Finance	163.70
7050 Property	356.85
Total 7080 Worship & Music	0.98
Total 8190 Office Expense	247.74
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	1007.45
Total 8280 Service Contracts	2,977.10
Total 8330 Utilities	1,693.18
8345 Bank Charges	5.55
Total 8350 Benevolences	1,335.93
Total Expenditures	$20,612.15
NET OPERATING REVENUE	$10,730.36



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MANY THANKS!

PRAYER REQUESTS INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

All those serving as caregivers for a loved one, that they may experience God's comfort and renewal.

The Congregation of Advent, as together we navigate this time of pastoral transition. May we all keep our hearts and minds open to the new things God has in store for us!

Patty Barnes, sister of Russell Beeck and Carol Whyte, who continues to receive chemo weekly for kidney cancer. Prayers for the success of her cancer treatment in stopping the progression of the disease.

Marcia Becwar, a close friend of Jenny Stern, who is undergoing treatment for recurring cancer. Please pray for Marcia's comfort and successful treatment.

Russell Beeck, who continues to deal with medical issues. Please pray that he is able to find comfort and healing.

Marianne Harper, Margaret Johnson's sister-in-law, who underwent extensive cancer surgery on 9/15 and is now back in the hospital with pneumonia. Please pray for comfort as Marianne recovers, and strength for her family.

Jeff Henry (Kathy and Ken Johnson's son-in-law), who is doing well as a participant in a clinical trial for the development of a new drug for post pancreatic cancer patients. Please continue to keep Jeff in your prayers as this study evolves.

The family of Norman Johnson, Gary Johnson's brother, who entered life eternal on 10/28. May they know God's comfort during this difficult time.

Tom Kent, prayers for increased physical strength and mobility, and the optimal functioning of his main medical devices.

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PRAYERS CONTINUED

Jann Knutson, as she continues to struggle with Parkinson's and related issues. Let us pray for Jann's comfort and patience.

Todd Lindstrom, who is hospitalized in San Francisco for a serious hearth infection that they were unable to treat at the hospital in Reno, where he lives. Please pray that they are successful in finding a treatment and that Todd is kept comfortable while they do so.

Beth Mora, whose weekly chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer will be continuing indefinitely to keep the mass from growing. Please pray that these treatments will be effective.

Nolana Mymka, as she navigates a change with her chronic leukemia. New treatment options are being explored. Let us pray that she finds one that works with minimal side effects.

Michelle O'Dell, Suzane Henderson's niece, who is undergoing chemo treatments for colon cancer. Let us pray that the treatments are effective with minimal side effects.

Susan Pederson, Karen Franz's sister, who has been transferred to Fair Oaks Health Care Center where she will have rehabilitation for her strokes. Please pray that Susan continues to gain strength, and that her peripheral vision improves.

Lawrence Presto, following knee surgery on 10/23. Let us pray that Lawrence's recovery goes smoothly.

Carol Whyte, who has a broken elbow and wrist after a fall. Please pray for Carol's quick healing and full recovery.



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