



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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November 2021

## Reflections

I am not one who likes to jump straight into Christmas right after all of the Halloween decorations are off the store shelves, but I do have a few Christmas announcements that need to be passed along this month. The first of these is that the kids are going to start practicing here soon for the annual Christmas play. Produced and directed by Patti Amos and Whitney Eanes, the kids will start practicing with them on Sunday, November 7 and that will continue through November. They are planning on having those at 10:15 before the worship service each Sunday. All the kids are encouraged to come and participate. There are parts for the littlest all the way up through middle school.

I am told that the play this year will be based on *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens so I think it is appropriate to remind everyone not to be a Scrooge this year. To that point, I wanted to alert you all to some opportunities for giving even before the holidays arrive.

First, you may have noticed the trunk up in front of the church each Sunday. This is to collect non-perishable food items for the

pick-up/drop-off site that has been set up at the Snow Creek Rescue Squad. Instead of having to drive into Martinsville or Rocky Mount, anyone in need in the Snow Creek area now some has local access to food. Anything not picked up within a certain time is sent to the Heavenly Manna food pantry in Rocky Mount. This is an opportunity to give each week and to establish a habit of giving as we are hoping to make this a long-term mission of the church. So if you are in the grocery store this month stocking up for Thanksgiving, consider getting a little bit extra to stick in the trunk. Also, a special thanks to George Martin, the Rotary Club, and Heavenly Manna for coordinating all of this.

Additionally, the church will be taking up two special offerings before the end of the year to support the larger Disciples of Christ church. On November 14 and 21, the two Sundays before Thanksgiving, we will collect the annual Thanksgiving offering. This helps to fund student scholarships and support Disciples-affiliated colleges and seminaries. Since your minister is a current student at a Disciples-affiliated seminary and is receiving

a very generous scholarship this offering is particularly near and dear to me. Aside from selfish reasons though, supporting seminary students is a direct investment in the future of the Disciples church, so I would encourage all to consider contributing.

Then in December, we will take up our Christmas offering on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the major yearly collection for the Christian Church in Virginia, our regional ministry, that provides all types of services and support for the 130+ Disciples churches in Virginia.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support of Snow Creek Christian Church itself. As COVID-19 has

continued to plague the church and the community throughout 2021, I continue to be amazed at the ongoing support that you have all provided. Let us finish out the year strong so that we can continue to worship God and serve God in mission. Also, as you all give so generously of food and time and money, remember especially this month to be equally as generous in the giving of thanks for all of the blessings that God has so generously given to us. Thanks for not being a bunch of Scrooges and as Tiny Tim said, "God bless us, every one!"

God be with you, Scott Oliver



## November Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

November 7 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
- Psalm 127
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- *Mark 12:38-44*

November 14 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

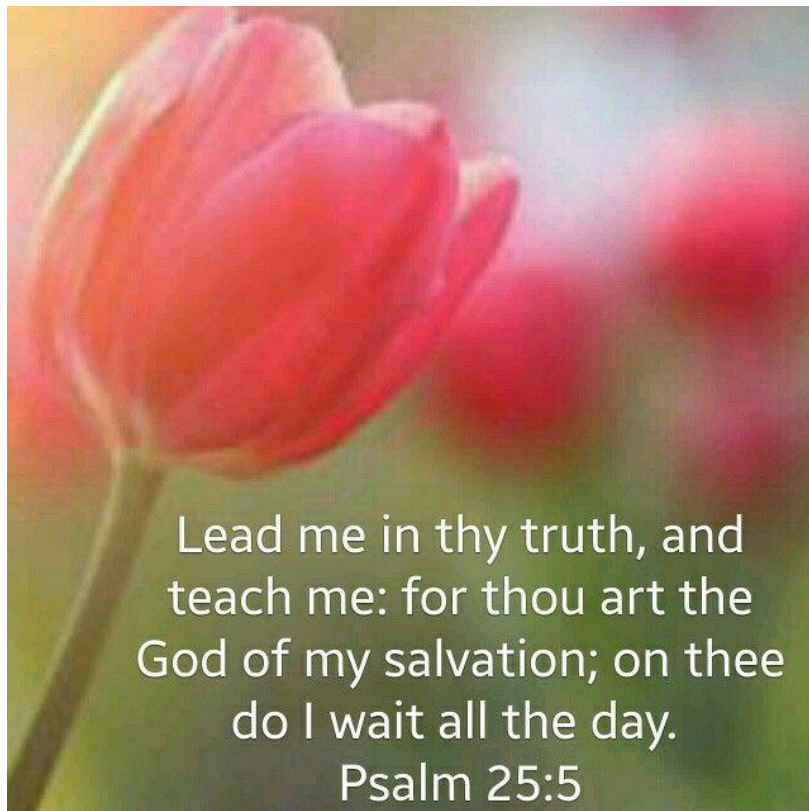
- 1 Samuel 1:4-20
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Hebrews 10:11-25
- *Mark 13:1-8*

November 21 (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- 2 Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm 132
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- *John 18:33-37*

November 28 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*
- Luke 21:25-36



Lead me in thy truth, and  
teach me: for thou art the  
God of my salvation; on thee  
do I wait all the day.  
Psalm 25:5



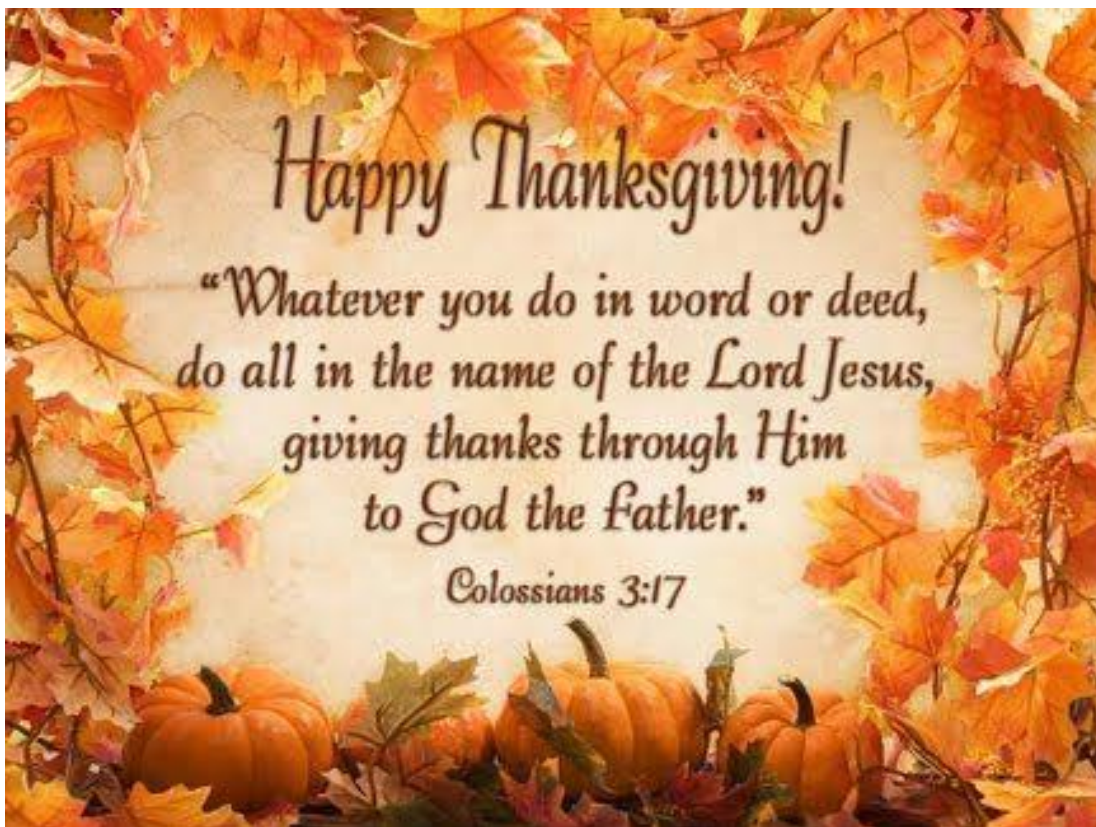
# *2021 Thanksgiving Offering*

(from Disciples Mission Fund)

From the very beginning of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

On November 14 and 21, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. As we continue to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and need our support now, more than ever. Even as they work diligently to ensure safe and healthy learning environments, the financial realities faced by many of our schools is adding additional stress to students, faculty, and staff.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.



## *Food Trunk*

Some of you may have noticed the large trunk that has been up on the porch of the church the last few Sundays. George Martin, in conjunction with the Rotary Club and Heavenly Manna Food Pantry, has set up a food collection point at the church to supplement the food distribution area located at the Snow Creek Rescue Squad. What we would like to do is have people drop off non-perishable food items (canned tuna, peanut butter, soup, etc.) each Sunday or during the week. These will then be sent to the pickup area at the Rescue Squad as a convenient pickup location for those in need in the community who might have difficulty driving into a food pantry in Rocky Mount or Martinsville. Any excess will then be sent to Heavenly Manna in Rocky Mount to be distributed there. So while you are making your weekly grocery run, pick up a few extra items bring them with you to church to place in the trunk. It is a simple way for us to help our neighbors right here in the Snow Creek community who may be in need and to share the love and daily bread with which God has so richly blessed us.

Thanks so much. Scott.



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## Church Board Minutes

Last months board meeting was canceled and no previous minutes were approved.

# *Christmas Play*

The Christmas Play will be based on A CHRISTMAS CAROL by Charles Dickens. The play is produced and directed by Patti Amos and Whitney Eanes.

The kids will begin practicing on Sunday, November 7 at 10:15 a.m. before  
The worship service each Sunday. All kids are encouraged to come and  
Participate. Parts are available for small kids thru middle school.

Stay tuned for more information including a date!



2019 pictures of Christmas plays past





























Additional Trunk or Treat pictures are available on our website, in the photo gallery.





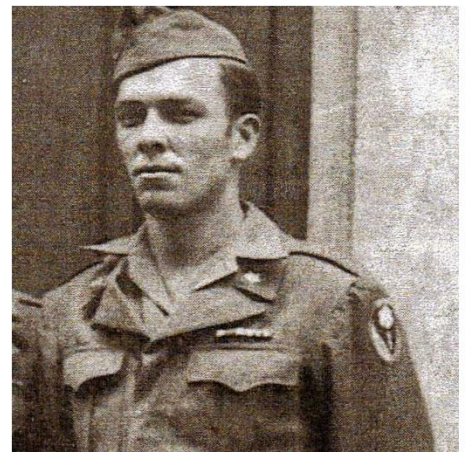
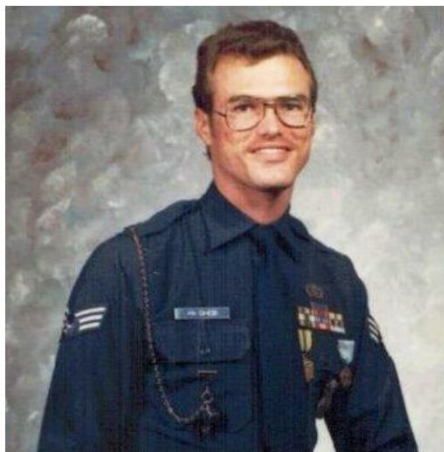
# *Living Veterans*



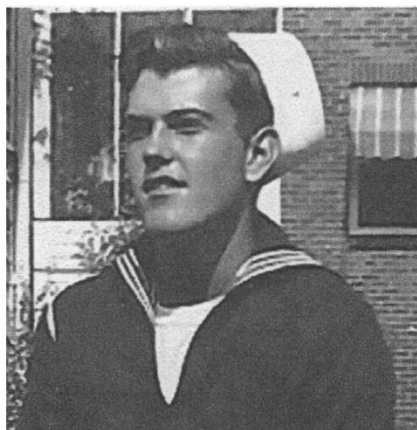
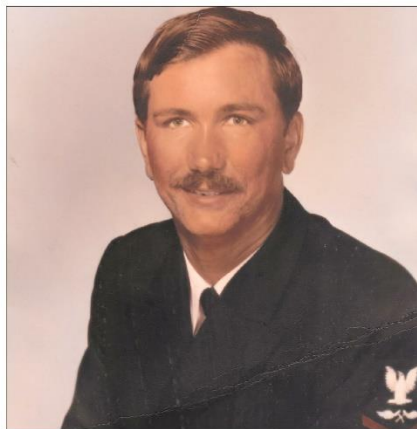
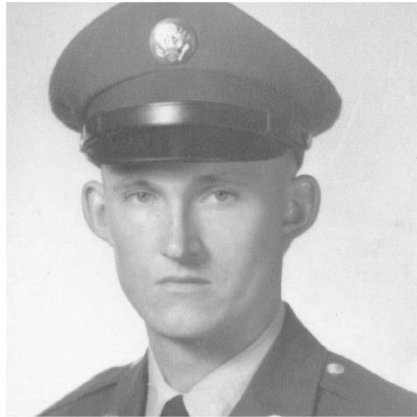
*Happy  
Veterans  
Day*











We want to keep track of our living veterans for Veteran's Day and deceased veterans for Memorial Day. If we are missing any of our veterans, please let us know.





## **LET'S CELEBRATE**



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Debbie Haynes
- 3 Landon Mitchell
- 5 Kay Boyd
- 7 Melody Martin
- 10 Abbey Shepherd
- 14 Josh Gardner
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Barbara Smith
- 26 George Martin
- 28 Terry Davidson

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Sammy & Kay Boyd
- 15 Taylor & Heather Amos
- 15 Edward & Joyce Ingram
- 30 George & Susan Martin

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Michele Beall
- 4 Mason Arrington
- 5 Cynthia Jordan
- 7 Nick Doyle
- 9 Jared Pruett
- 10 Lindsey Doyle
- 11 Aileene Doyle
- 12 Lee Mitchell
- 13 Sammy Boyd
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Donna Thurman
- 25 **JESUS**
- 27 Molly Mitchell
- 29 Breyer Martin
- 30 Marty Plybon

### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Phillip & Debbie Haynes
- 11 Steve & Cynthia Jordan
- 12 Curtis & Louise Washburn
- 23 Howard & Betty Lou Mitchell

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