

# The Grapevine

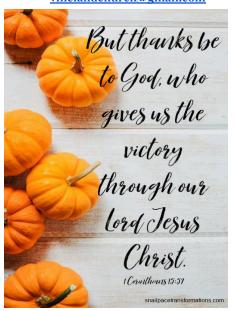
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#### **Important Info for November:**

- Church office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10am-12:00pm.
- If you need assistance outside of those hours, please leave a message and I will return your call or send an email to

vinelandchurch@gmail.com



#### **A Note From Pastor Rick**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we really are. Thanksgiving was never meant to be limited to a single day. The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us. Gratitude is a Divine emotion. When we are grateful, it pleases God. Our task is always to share our blessings with the world around us, to become a channel of blessings.

I am certainly thankful for our church family. I have appreciated the ten and a half years we have worked together in ministry. As we face changes, we believe the best is yet to be. Our congregation has a wonderful future.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. Pastor Rick

## **November 2024 Lectionary**

November 3, 2024 24th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

# November 10, 2024 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

## November 17, 2024 26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8

# November 24, 2024 Reign of Christ Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37

October Giving:
Watoto - \$76
Socktober -200+ pairs of socks and several pairs of jeans.

## **November Mission**

Our mission for the month of November is the Pueblo VFW. Not only does the VFW serve veteran's but they also serve the community with a food pantry held each Monday.

These are items in critical need:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cereal
Soup
Canned Fruit

Canned vegetables are not needed as we have an abundance right now.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate it.



ANGEL TREE PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Angel Tree Gift Tags will be available to pick up by Nov 24th during church.

We will again be purchasing two gifts for each child of incarcerated parents. Each child will receive a toy and a clothing item keeping the price around \$25 per gift. The tags will contain ages and gift

suggestions. In the past some people have asked to be able to get both gifts for the child. When we pass the tags around the congregation this gets a little difficult, so if you wish to purchase both the toy and clothing for the same child or if you wish to purchase for siblings or adopt an entire family, please call or text Debbie (719)334-9578 before the 24th and she can get the tags for you before they are picked individually.

If you are interested in helping with the delivery of the gifts and sharing the love of Jesus to the families, we will be sorting the packages on Dec 15th after church. This is a blessed opportunity to share our love of the season with others.

# <u>Hanging of the</u> Green



A very special time in the

church year is approaching. Advent is celebrated the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The sanctuary is beautifully decorated to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. This activity is referred to as Hanging of the Greens. We will decorate the sanctuary Sunday, December 1, immediately following worship. It is a wonderful time of fellowship as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Please join us!!



## The November Book Club

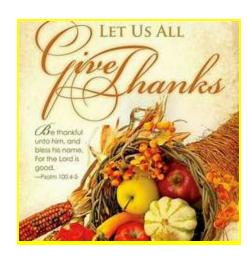
Get out the kleenex before you start to read <u>The Island of Missing Trees</u> by Elif Shafak.

This book is described as a moving, beautifully written story of love, division, transcendence and history. The discussion is sure to be lively and heart felt.

Come join Bookies at the Giadone Library November 19 at 2:00 PM. All are welcome.

# Tell the Good News in Song

Come Make a Joyful Noise! Mark your calendar and come join our Joyful Noise Christmas choir for practice on Wednesday, November 27 from 6:30-8:00p.m; and Sundays, December 1 and 8, after church from 11:30a.m. to 12:10p.m. We will be singing "Go Tell It!" for Christmas at the December 15th worship service. All interested singers are welcome. Start warming up your voices in the shower, in your car, and during our Sunday hymns, and plan to join in making a Joyful Noise!



# **A Caring Pregnancy Center**

extends a "thank you" to Vineland United Methodist Church for all donations made to them.



Hearts @ Home will meet November 8 at 7pm in Youth Room



11/7	Cody	Nelson
11/8	Noah	Anaya
11/11	Corry	Higbee
11/17	Ken	Stowers
11/18	Wade	Leach
11/18	Greg	Eastman
11/20	Bruce	Roberson
11/25	Roxy	Jones



11/9 Jack & Nola Chick 11/10 Abby & Anthony Martinez 11/12 Cliff & Wadene Hopper 11/20 Rick & Edith Calhoun



PHONE:
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## I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER

POINSETTIAS

@ \$20 each

Please place your order form in collection plate or mail to the office

## Nurture & Outreach/Administrative Board Minutes October 16, 2024

Prayer - Pastor Rick Calhoun
Administrative Board
Finance Report

- Balances are healthy
- Report given by Wadene Hopper

## **Trustees Report**

- Renters will proceed with replacing the kitchen window with a door as their schedule allows
- Lights on the side wall of the gym aren't working
- Margaret will have fire extinguishers inspected

### **Christian Education Report**

• Children's SS is doing well; hopefully, another class can be added

#### SPRC

• A selection committee has been appointed to discuss options for acquiring a pastor when the need arises

#### **State Fair Committee**

- Net profit approximately \$30,000, Will be transferred to the general account in January
- Staffing the shifts at the food booth is a serious problem
- Scott Stollar has left the position of fair manager and his replacement started
- October 14, 2024, Andrea Wiesenmeyer, Relocating from Idaho
   Has educational and job experience related to fair management

#### **Old Business**

## **Youth Program** ~ Denise Cooper

- Fall Festival October 27, 2024
- Lunch and games to follow Trunk or Treat, Hope to involve children from outside the church family

#### **September Mission**

- UMCOR Hurricane Relief
- Cathie Stueve made a motion to match the funds collected from the congregation from Missions; Mike Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **October Mission**

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#### **November Mission**

- Veterans Food Pantry
- Needed items: peanut butter, jelly, soup, and canned fruit
- Shelly Gauna will put an article in the Grapevine.

## **New Business**

#### **Life Line Screening**

- Danny Jones made a motion to make the education building available for Lifeline
- Screening after the first of the year, Debbie Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- When more details are available, people may be contacted to help with set up.

### **Angel Tree Christmas**

- Debbie Walters
- Seventy children will be serviced; 35 by the church and 35 by the public defender's office.
- A request has been made to furnish gifts for an entire family. People will have the opportunity to contact Debbie and let her know if they want to buy for a family.
- Debbie will put an article in the November Grapevine.

#### **Angel Tree Summer Camp**

- Debbie Walters
- Plans for the summer camp will be made by the organization in January. Vineland will furnish 20 fleece blankets if that is what Angel Tree wants.

#### **Banners**

New banners for fall are in place in the sanctuary. Pam Pettijohn was asked to order a set of banners to be hung after Christmas.

## **Blessing Box**

- The Blessing Box is being abused by a few people. They come to the Blessing Box on a regular basis and take everything in the box.
- Members of the community also place donations in the box and the church wants to encourage them to continue.
- Fewer items at a time will be placed in the box by the church. A sign will be placed in the blessing box instructing users of the service to call the church office and request a box of food if there is a need. Other blessing boxes in the Pueblo area are experiencing the same problem.

Next Meeting - November 20, 2024

Members in Attendance: Rick Calhoun, Denise Cooper, Mike Cooper, Jackie Dorenkamp, Shelley Gauna, Diana Garcia-Rincon, Wadene Hopper, Danny Jones, Margaret Newby, Pam Pettijohn, Cathie Stueve, and Debbie Walters.

10/27 - Fall Festival

10/27 - Trunk or Treat

11/28 - Thanksgiving Day

12/1 - Hanging of the Greens

**12/15 - Angel Tree** 

**12/15 - Caroling** 

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 4:30

12/29 - Fifth Sunday Covered Dish



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3 Adult ss 9:30am Worship 10:30 Children <b>IN</b> worship	Zoom Bible Study 6pm	Lion's Club 6pm	6 Prayer Meeting 10am	7	8 Hearts @ Home 7pm	9 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am
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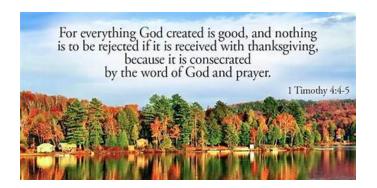
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Please join us for worship Every Sunday at 10:30 Children's Sunday School during worship



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