



Mid-Week Update for the week of November 1 to 8, 2020

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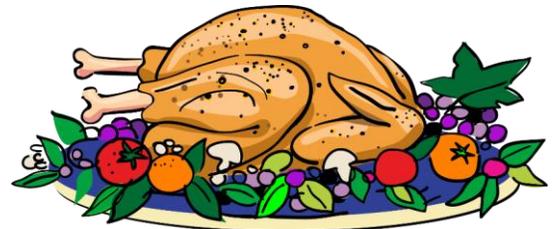


A Prayer During an Election

The 2020 presidential election is going on a lot longer than we thought it would. We woke up this morning with many votes still to be counted. As difficult as it is to be patient, let us take a deep breath and be comforted by words of scripture: remember that “those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength.” – Isaiah 40:31

On Sunday we prayed a prayer from the 1970 *Presbyterian Worship Book* that has the title “During an Election.” Because the election continues, we pray it again:

**Under your law, we live, great God,
and by your will we govern ourselves.
Help us as good citizens to respect neighbors
whose views differ from ours,
so that without partisan anger
we may work out divisions that divide us,
and elect candidates to serve
the welfare of humankind in freedom.
Through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen.**



A Personal Thanksgiving 2020

Please share your Thanksgiving – past and present – with the Peace Church family this year! Let’s all celebrate the season together and share pictures, recipes, videos, and stories of Thanksgiving.

Do you have a picture of the year the turkey turned out perfectly...or not so perfectly? Pictures of the entire family around the table? A special holiday decoration? Scan them, email them or drop the pictures off at church and we’ll do the rest.

Share your stories (either via video or written) or give us names of the people in your life for whom you are thankful. I’ll create a PowerPoint highlighting our personal moments and we’ll share this during a service via Zoom. If you have any questions, please let me know!

– Patrice Meschke



Stewardship Corner

We are in it for the Long Haul!

The stewardship dinner will be held in conjunction with the church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18th at 6pm. Stewardship dinners were a tradition in the past, but it will be a little different this year as we will be gathering as we do for the church service through Zoom. We will each eat our meals in the comfort of our own home, where you can prepare your food & eat it during our time together. No worries about blizzards or ice! We will be breaking out into small zoom groups for a more intimate dinner setting.

In addition, for those who are unable to use Zoom, we will be offering a half hour onsite meeting at 3pm in the church fellowship hall for small groups no bigger than 8 people. To keep people safe, all will be wearing masks, and we will be escorting people into and out of the fellowship hall. If you are interested in this option, please contact the church office by Tuesday, November 10th. If we have more than 8, we will schedule another session.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. What an appropriate time to count our blessings and pledge our gifts to God!

New Ways of Giving

Would you like to give more to Peace, and net still have the same cash as before?

Did you know that if you give your donations directly from your IRA to the church, you receive a tax benefit? You need to be at least 70 and half years old (the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Age), have an IRA (thus are required to take the RMD), and the check has to be issued directly by the IRA, payable to Peace. The check cannot be written by you. Note: sometimes the IRA has rules where they mail the check directly to the church for you.

The tax benefit comes when you subtract that donation on the front page of your taxes, and thus decrease your taxable income. This is especially beneficial now when many are not able to itemize their donations. Another benefit is that this donation decreases your income that is used to calculate your future costs for Medicare Parts B & D and could decrease the taxable portion of your social security.

So you can give more to the church and have your net bottom line be the same because of the tax benefit! Of course, please see your financial adviser for details on your own situation.



Turkeys for STEP

As we enter November, Thanksgiving is on our mind. It's a time when we give thanks for all the gifts God has given us. During this month, it has been our tradition at Peace Church to donate to STEP for turkeys. We want to make sure the clients at STEP have a good Thanksgiving. If you would like to help, please send or drop off

your donation to Peace Church. A 20 lb. turkey costs around \$20, and a 12 lb. turkey around \$12. Don't forget to put STEP in the memo of your check. Thank you for your help!



Memorial Service for Burt Vardeman

During the last months of his life, Frank's father Burt Vardeman started attending church at

Peace Prez, as well as our Thursday morning bible study. He was quite ill, but able to participate with Frank's mother Martha and sister Cile made possible through the miracle of Zoom technology. Burt died on September 13. His memorial service will be held on Zoom this coming Saturday. Frank's video about his father, which will be included in the memorial service, has been posted on our YouTube channel. You can watch it at https://youtu.be/0KF1_VC2Ce8. If you would like to attend the entire Zoom service, please e-mail Frank and he will send you an invitation.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 10 – The deadline to sign up for our in-person Stewardship Day gathering is Nov. 10.

Nov. 18, 3 pm – In-person gathering for those unable to join on Zoom. We will not be serving food. If you would like to attend, you must make a reservation by calling the church office. The deadline to register is Nov. 10. There is a limit of eight participants. If more than eight people are interested, we will schedule a second gathering on a different day.

Nov. 18, 6 pm – Stewardship Day shared dinner on Zoom. This is our traditional church Thanksgiving meal. This time it will be mostly online. You can log onto Zoom while you are eating your evening meal and we will share some stories of Thanksgiving, especially about giving thanks for God's presence in our lives through Peace Church.



Prayers

We offer prayers for the **500+ children**, and their parents, separated at the border and not yet reunited.

Pray for our country during this unceasing **pandemic**, as over 9 million people have been infected and 230,000 have died. Pray for the world as covid cases continue to rise. Pray for medical staff and essential workers as we seek an end to this epidemic.

Prayers for **Cameroon** in their civil unrest, and for church member Caleb, who is so concerned for his family.

If you have any prayer requests that you would like printed in the Mid-Week Update, please e-mail them to peaceprezslp@gmail.com or call

the church office at 952-545-2586 and leave a message.

Worship Resources

You can click on this link to join the zoom meeting, for Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/5046768135>

You can join the meeting by opening the Zoom app and entering the **meeting ID 504-676-8135**. To dial in, call 312-626-6799 (long-distance). The meeting ID is 504-676-8135.

To watch previous worship recordings on our YouTube channel, go to

www.youtube.com/channel/UCvOa5jl8xld1VtI105h6ZRA/. They are also on our website at

<https://www.peaceprez.com/worship-recordings/>. We will continue to post Sunday bulletins ahead of the service on our website at <https://www.peaceprez.com/news/publications/>

Calendar

If you would like to join these meetings but do not have internet access you can:

- Call 312-626-6799 (long-distance) at the meeting time, and enter **meeting ID 504-676-8135**
- Call the church beforehand at 952-545-2586 and leave a message, and we can set up a phone buddy for you

This Week:

Thursday, November 5

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom
10:45 am – Dinner at Your Door

Saturday, November 7

10:00 am – Book Club

Sunday, November 8

10:30 am –Worship service, live on Zoom and Facebook

Next Week:

Tuesday, November 10

Deadline to sign up for in-person Stewardship gathering on Nov. 18.

10:30 am – Morning conversation and prayer, on Zoom

Thursday, November 12

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom

Sunday, November 15

10:30 am –Worship service, live on Zoom and Facebook



November Birthdays

Betts Snyder	Nov. 9
Michele Gallick	Nov. 10
Penny Warren	Nov. 10
Drew Larson	Nov. 10
Greg Stauffer	Nov. 11
Dianne Redell	Nov. 16
Eli Huebner	Nov. 19
Heidi Vardeman	Nov. 23
Jim Moffet	Nov. 28

If You Have Information that needs to be in the weekly update such as meeting dates and times, special events or prayer requests, please get this information to our office manager Beth by Wednesday morning. Please email or call peaceprezSLP@gmail.com or 952-545-2586.