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Kenilworth at Work! November 2026

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

A Message from Pastor Jenni Bales

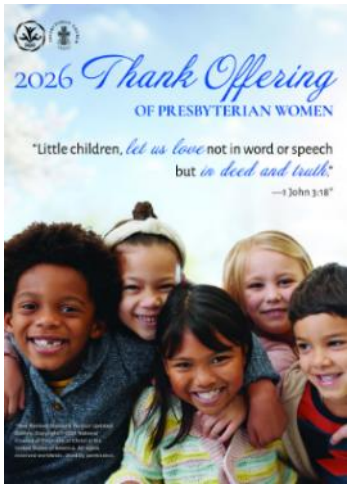
On March 6, 1943, *The Saturday Evening Post* published Norman Rockwell's painting "Freedom from Want." It's the third of four freedoms articulated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his 1941 State of the Union address. The painting is a quintessential, classic, white American, Thanksgiving scene set during WW II. In some ways it demonstrates American overabundance with a huge roasted turkey, and in other ways there's a certain austerity with empty plates and only water to drink. Multiple generations are also depicted, and Rockwell's emphasis was on the family togetherness and thankfulness in the portrait. For those of you who are artists, it was also a masterpiece in painting white on white. It's worth a look online!

I hope as Thanksgiving approaches this month, that we all have a table to sit at with people who care about us. I also hope that there's an overabundance of food on the table to add to the sense of celebration. It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without feeling as stuffed as the turkey.

But, as we give thanks to God for our many blessings and experience the gratitude for our loving family and community, may we take a moment to remember those who are struggling, alone, and hungry. May we not be so comfortable that we isolate ourselves in our abundance and forget the needs of the world around us.

Thank you for all you do as a congregation to keep Groceries for Grout going, helping to feed our corner of Portland. May this also be a call to prayer that those who are alone would be reminded of God's love for them and that they have a place in this world.

Finally, I am grateful for each of you that helps make Kenilworth Presbyterian Church the warm and inviting place it continues to be. Happy Thanksgiving! ***Pastor Jenni***



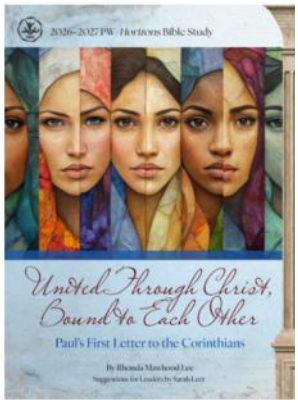
Each year faithful givers demonstrate their thankfulness to God through giving to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women.

The Thank Offering provides grants up to $50,000 to worthwhile programs each year. The recipients are always a mix of domestic and international projects, but all meet crucial needs. At least 40 percent of this offering funds health ministries, often helping the most marginalized members of God's community. The remaining percentage supports new or expanded projects and small capital improvement projects.

During worship in November, you'll hear about some of the amazing organizations receiving grants from the Thank Offering. Please consider contributing to this worthy program. The offerings received will be dedicated at the end of November.

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

Meeting & Bible Study, Saturday, November 21 10:00 am

This year's Bible study continues exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians with lesson 3: Freedom in Christ. "The purpose of the freedom we have in Christ is for our lives to be a sing of God's victory over death. Through the saving grace of Jesus Christ we are set free to make choices that benefit each other." Louise will lead lesson 3.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourselves. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. From Galatians 5

Link to bonus comments about lesson two from Rev. Dr. Rhonda Mawhood Lee, author of the Bible study:
https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2026/07/24/united-through-christ-bound-to-each-other-lesson-three





Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1

BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES

It isn't every year that All Saints Day falls on a Sunday, but this year it is on November 1. Pastor Jenni has asked us to bring a photo of a loved one we consider a saint in our lives. We will also sing "For All the Saints", so let's learn more about it here.

Someone has described a "saint" as any Christian who makes it easier for others to believe in God. One of the neglected liturgical days in many Protestant churches is All Saints Day, which occurs on November 1. This neglect is understandable because the tradition of the day is rooted in medieval Catholicism. Homage is given on this day to the departed canonized saints of the church.

There is, however, an underlying meaning to this day that evangelical Christians should use and recognize. Here, for example, are some lessons it can teach us.

* Every believer whom God has called by His grace and sanctified by His Spirit has been called to sainthood.
* We should thankfully remember those believers from our local church who were called to their heavenly home during the past year.
* We can thank God for that one particular individual who has especially influenced our lives – directing us to God, tutoring us in truth, and modeling the virtues of the Christian life.

Bishop **William W. How** wrote the text of "For All the Saints" in 1864 for use in the Anglican church liturgy commemorating All Saints Day. It was originally titled "Saints Day Hymn – Cloud of Witnesses – Hebrews 12:1"

How do we best honor the memory of loved ones and friends who have contributed to our lives?
By rededicating our own life to God, obeying Him implicitly, and reaching out to the needs of others.

"'Tis the Season"



Last year we had a Christmas concert which included a sing-along of Christmas carols. The same will happen this year on December 12 at 2:00 p.m. The Mu Phi Epsilon Alumni chapter, of which I am a member, will be lending us their talents as well as some collegiate Mu Phi members from Willamette University. The Kenilworth PW will host a tasty reception following the concert. Please plan to join us to hear some great performances and sing along!

I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Musically yours, Barbara Votrobeck

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before the Lord with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God, it is God who made us,
and we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to God and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100



Session Highlights October 18, 2026



- Eight new face plates have been applied to the peace poles, and the new panic bar and door latch have been installed on the North door of the church.
- Properties committee put away the window air conditioners, cleaned rain gutters, and replaced light bulbs and furnace filters.
- Flickering lights in the fireplace room may be due to a mismatch between the new dimmer switch and the new dimmable LED bulbs. Properties Committee will install a different dimmer switch to attempt a solution.
- Preschool reports:
  A former student will return for one month while their family is visiting Portland.
  A different style of combination lock may be needed to ensure the yard gates are automatically locked in the evening.
  Vandalism has occurred when the gates were latched but not locked.
- Session approved a letter in support of a SE Uplift Grant application by the KCP leadership team. If Grant funding is approved Kenilworth Community Preschool (KCP) will host monthly free outdoor play mornings during the summer of 2027 for young children and their caregivers in Southeast Portland. Early-childhood teachers will lead story time, music and movement, and open-ended process art, with allergy-friendly snacks for the kids and coffee for the grown-ups. Each two-hour session gives District 3 families with children under five a no-cost place to play, learn, meet their neighbors, and build lasting connections.
- Community Music celebrations at KCP:
  1) 2:00 PM, November 14 - 250th Declaration of Independence Anniversary Concert by Allison Zimmerman and Marie Wachlin. PW will host a reception following the concert.
  2) 1:00 PM, December 5 – Welsh Society Christmas Event with paid admission.
  3) 2:00 PM, December 12 – KCP and Mu Phi Epsilon Christmas Concert with a PW reception to follow.
- November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent
  Saturday, November 28th; join us at 9:00 AM to decorate the church for Christmas.
- Removal of the apple tree in the community garden has been postponed pending interpretations of the City of Portland tree removal policy.
- The Creston Kenilworth Neighborhood Association would like to sponsor two Community Art Workshops in the Fireplace room in March and April, 2027. Session authorized Laura Schaefer to proceed with scheduling if space is available.
- Session authorized Rick Votrobeck to gather more information on PGE's Energy Partner Smart Thermostat Program for the church building.
- The next regular Session meeting is scheduled at 1:30 PM, November 15, 2026 in the Fireplace Room.

Rick Votrobeck, Clerk of Session



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Jewel	10
Daniel Upchurch	13
Paul Youngs	18
Alan Bales	24



GREEN TEAM NEWS

Give Thanks, Not Waste

Simple Ways to Celebrate a More Sustainable Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of America's most cherished holidays—a time to gather with family and friends, share a delicious meal, and express gratitude for all we have.

But amid the joy and abundance, it's easy for the holiday to become a little too abundant. Studies show Americans generate about 25% more waste between Thanksgiving and New Year's—and much of that comes from uneaten food. In fact, it's estimated that we toss out around 200 million pounds of turkey during Thanksgiving week alone!

This year, let's make Thanksgiving not only a time to be thankful—but also thoughtful. Here are seven simple ways to host a more sustainable celebration that's every bit as joyful (and delicious).

1. Cut Down on Food Waste by Planning Ahead
While everyone loves leftovers, too much extra food often ends up in the trash. Spend a little time planning your menu and coordinating dishes with guests so you don't double up. Encourage everyone to bring reusable containers for leftovers—it's a simple way to reduce waste and share the feast.

2. Shop Local and Seasonal
Shopping locally supports nearby farmers and reduces the environmental impact of long-distance shipping. Visit a farmers' market for your produce or check if local farms offer fresh turkeys and deliveries. Local ingredients often taste better, too—harvested fresh and full of flavor.

3. Make Cleanup Eco-Friendly
Set your table with reusable dishes and cloth napkins, and avoid disposable items like paper towels. Make recycling easy for guests by labeling bins clearly—and don't forget that aluminum turkey trays are recyclable!



4. Add More Plant-Based Dishes
You don't have to skip the turkey, but you can lighten your meal's footprint by adding more plant-based options. And invite your vegetarian or vegan guests to bring their favorite dishes—you might discover a new family favorite that becomes part of your holiday tradition.

5. Decorate Naturally
Skip the store-bought plastic décor and opt for natural beauty instead. Gather colorful leaves, pinecones, gourds, and pumpkins for your table centerpiece. They'll look festive, smell amazing, and can be composted or reused afterward.

6. Travel Smart
If you're traveling for Thanksgiving, consider lower-impact options like trains or buses, or carpool with family and friends. Traveling on off-peak days can save both gas and stress. Or create a new local tradition—invite neighbors or friends who may not be traveling, and keep the celebration closer to home.

7. Give Back to Your Community
Thanksgiving is rooted in gratitude and community. You can honor that spirit by donating to a food bank, volunteering at a local shelter, or lending a hand to neighbors in need.

Extracted from: Keep America Beautiful

https://kab.org/7-ideas-to-keep-your-thanksgiving-eco-friendly/

Hot Topic Discussion Group Will Resume in January



Hot Topic's October question was: Can we redeem the recycling program? Laura offered two articles about how the plastic producers have not been sincere in their efforts to make the plastic industry more environmentally safe and sustainable. Our lively discussion, which frequently veered off track, returned to our own role and participation in recycling. We may not be able to solve the problem ourselves, but at least we won't be the problem.

Barb prepared a wonderful roast pork with mashed potatoes and gravy supper, with sides provided by others.

Hot Topic will be cancelled in November and December due to the holidays. We will resume in January with another intriguing subject to discuss. Becky

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