

NOVEMBER 2023

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

"This is where I worship best," one member of our church family said. "This is where I feel most alive," said another. "Events like these reveal so much joy," said yet another. They were all talking about Goochland Baptist's Fall Renewal last month. But as rich and inspiring as our worship services were, these people weren't talking about the event in the sanctuary. They were talking about our service projects.

When I stand back to consider all that we did, I'm really grateful at the investments we made in the lives of our neighbors over the past month. Twelve of us got up early on a rainy Saturday morning to tear down a delapidated deck and put up a new one. Seventeen of us traveled down to the inner city to host a cookout for CARITAS residents in recovery. Another seventeen of us met in church to put together some of the nicest newborn kits you could imagine – to give to at-risk mothers about to give birth here in Central Virginia. Whether it was packing diapers, grilling burgers, and tearing down decaying wood with a hammer, Goochland Baptist showed up to serve others in the name of Christ. In fact, thirty-seven different people gave of their time and energy to help us serve our neighbors this past month.

That's worth celebrating. Because that's what we were created to do. God didn't make us so that we could sit in a pew and go home.

God created us to make a difference, to bring light into darkness, and to bring hope into chaos. That's what just about everybody I talked to who went out to serve came back saying in one form or fashion – "I feel like I was doing what I was created to do."

That's exactly what Dr. Tom Stocks reminded us! We've got talents, gifts, and an unchanging message of hope to share. One night, Tom kept coming back to the question

God asked an unsure Moses: "What's that in your hand?" Moses was carrying a staff, Tom reminded us, and God used something as obscure as a staff to get Pharaoh's attention. In the same way, God wants to use our experiences, our connections, and our skills to bring His hope to this world. Many of us experienced that firsthand.

And those were only the special Renewal mission projects. We also knitted for cancer patients, collected food, and made Christmas cards for our troops this month. Our youth have put together shoes to send to Uganda. We built tables for young people in recovery. We served our neighbors as we cleaned through the Goochland Cares clothes closet. I'm grateful for all the help of our deacons, our Renewal leadership team, and our monthly mission leaders in making this past month such a positive one.

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*Pastor*

**Rev. Sharon Condrey**

*Minister to Families*

## SHARON'S UPDATES

*Rev. Sharon Condrey*

November is one of my favorite months. The hustle and bustle of the start of a school year has eased into a practiced pattern of daily activity—well at least on some days! There is a sense of pause before we enter the next hustle and bustle season. As we admire the changing colors of the autumn leaves, don our cozy sweaters, and relax with our favorite hot beverages, let us find the space within the pause to reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon us. With Thanksgiving as its capstone, the month of November is the perfect time to count these blessings and to cultivate a practice of gratitude. Practicing gratitude is a wonderful way to deepen our appreciation for all of God's blessings. Here are some creative and meaningful ideas for practicing gratitude as a family:

- Create a routine where, during a family meal or before bedtime, each family member shares one thing they are grateful for that day.

- Keep a gratitude jar in a central location in your home. Family members can write down things they're grateful for on small pieces of paper and place them in the jar. Periodically, gather to read and reflect on these notes.

- Take a walk together as a family. Focus on things in nature or your surroundings that you're grateful for. It could be the beauty of a flower, the warmth of the sun, or the sound of birds singing.

- Challenge yourself and your family to a gratitude challenge. Set a goal to express gratitude to a certain number of people each week, or find something to be thankful for in challenging situations.

I hope and pray that in this season of gratitude, you discover the abundance of God's love for us, as promised to us in John 10:10b "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

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Goochland Baptist Church is making our community a better place.

"What's that in your hand?" I hope you'll spend some time thinking about how God may want to use your experiences, your connections, and your God-given gifts to serve him more in the future. I hope we'll continue to prioritize serving our neighbors in God's name in the months ahead. Because that's how God uses us. That's when we grow. And that's ultimately when we find the life for which we were created.



Children will be learning the following "Need to Know" truths:

**Nov 5 | I Can Wonder About God**

**Nov 12 | I Can Wonder About Jesus**

**Nov 19 | I Can Wonder About the Holy Spirit**

**Nov 26 | I Can Wonder About My Life**

**Memory Verse:** "Lord, who among the gods is like you? Who is like you? You are majestic and holy. Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things." Exodus 15:11





## Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, November 12 @ 11:40 am

Our next quarterly business meeting will be after  
Sunday School on November 12.  
Our church family is encouraged to join us as we  
attend to matters of church business.



## DEACON MINUTES

Diane Proctor

November we celebrate one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. I remember as a child in school we would have a play about the pilgrims and the Indians, we dressed in costumes, and sang songs of the celebration of the bountiful harvest.

Our family would get together for lunch, all the children at one table, and the adults at another. I couldn't wait to sit at the grownup table. We would go around the table and everyone would say what they were thankful for. One of the grownups would say the prayer, and quietly at the children's table we would hope Nina would not say it, because her prayers would take a long time.

Our Thanksgivings have basically stayed the same. With Covid, a few less people. The food is fantastic and family is the best.

A while back I was reading my devotion and came across this devotion I had to read over several times, before it would sink in. "Thank me for the very things that are troubling you." What?? "You are on the brink of rebellion, precariously close to shaking your fist in my face. You are tempted to indulge in a little complaining about my treatment of you. But once you step over that line, rage and self pity can sweep you away. The best protection against this indulgence is Thanksgiving. It is impossible to thank me and curse me at the same time. Thanking me for the trials in your life may seem awkward at first, but if you persist your thankful words prayed in faith will eventually make a difference in your heart. Thankfulness awakens you in My presence, which overshadows all your problems."

This Thanksgiving I will be thanking God for all the blessings he has given me and know that he will be by my side in good and bad.

Philippians 4: 6-7

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!

## November Sunday Serving Schedule

### GREETERS

- NOV 5** John Webb, David Angel, and Diane Proctor
- NOV 12** Gayle Stanley, Amy Robinson, and Justin Lingerfelt
- NOV 19** Betty Meador, Lynn Hayes, and Ed Hayes
- NOV 26** Steve Novak, Diane Proctor, and Jessica Stanley

### USHERS

- NOV 5** Justin Lingerfelt, Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
- NOV 12** Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
- NOV 19** John Webb, Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
- NOV 26** Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



**Do you knit/crochet OR do you want to learn?** If providing caps for chemo patients or blankets for babies in a NICU sounds like a ministry you would like to be a part of please let Erin Kruschwitz know. You can also pick up a hand-out with more information in the foyers of the sanctuary and MPR building.  
**Meets first and third Mondays of each month.**

Wednesdays @ 430 (MPR)

## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY NEW SERIES!

*"Life Transitions: Learning from the Different Phases of Life."*

We'll be studying the transitions of one biblical family (Jacob's) as we make connections and apply them to our own seasons of life.

## GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

2024

Volunteer Days:

**Starting Jan 27th, join  
us the 4th Saturday of  
each month, 8-11am!**

**Contact Shannon Wilson,  
shannonwilson3@mac.com**



## Come Join Us! Wednesdays Nights

**Nov 1st | Community Speaker**

*Robin Hillman (Goochland EMS) covers the basics of  
preparing for a disaster*

**Nov 8th | Game Night**

*Family-Friendly BINGO*

**Nov 15th | BGAV 200th Anniversary**

*Joining VA Baptist churches across the state to  
celebrate via a live webcast*

**Nov 22nd | NO Meeting**

*Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday!*

**Nov 29th | Service Night**

*Brown Bag lunches for Goochland Elementary*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>November 2</b>	William Chaisson
<b>November 3</b>	Barbara Chisholm
<b>November 9</b>	Kevin Richardson
<b>November 12</b>	Crystal Waldrop
<b>November 13</b>	Linda Gibbs
	Gerry Nuckols
	Curt Kruschwitz
<b>November 18</b>	Lois Lane
	Heather Stewart
<b>November 19</b>	Abbie Arnold
<b>November 21</b>	Erin Kruschwitz
	Alexandra Sargent
<b>November 26</b>	Mickey Meador
	Linda Mawyer
<b>November 27</b>	Sadie Alvis
<b>November 28</b>	Blake Dabney



**GBC Christmas Card  
Post Office**

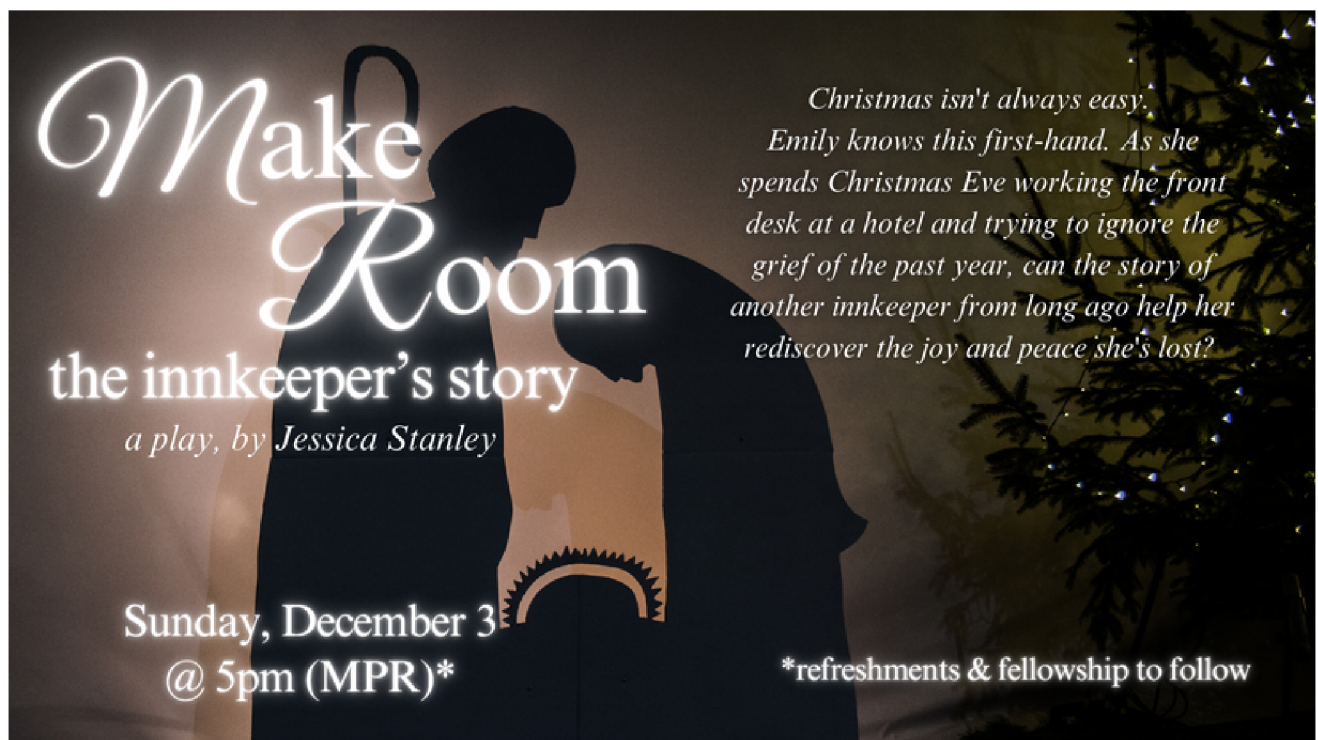
**Open Nov 26 - Dec 24**

The "Post Office" will be located in the Foyer of the New Life Building.

The last day to drop-off is 12/24 and the last day to pick up is 12/31.\*

**NOTE: \*No letters will be sent via the US Postal System.**

**\*Uncollected cards will be recycled on Sun 12/31/23.**



**Make Room**  
the innkeeper's story  
*a play, by Jessica Stanley*

Sunday, December 3  
@ 5pm (MPR)\*

*Christmas isn't always easy. Emily knows this first-hand. As she spends Christmas Eve working the front desk at a hotel and trying to ignore the grief of the past year, can the story of another innkeeper from long ago help her rediscover the joy and peace she's lost?*

\*refreshments & fellowship to follow



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## Fall Renewal

We had a wonderful season of Renewal as we gathered, worshipped, learned and served together as a church family in the month of October. GBC members made a significant impact in the community by:

- Demolishing & Rebuilding a porch for a Goochland resident in need
- Hosting a Cookout at the Caritas Healing Place for those in rehabilitation
- Making “Newborn Kits” for the Louisa Health Services Clinic

to name a few!





## GBC Seniors



**JOY CLUB**

*Annual Banquet*

**Friday, December 1st**  
**@ 5:30pm**

**Entrée:** Chicken Parmesan w Pasta,  
Sautéed Spinach, Salad & Bread  
**Dessert:** Tiramisu

Ol' fashion sing-along with  
**"The Christmas Goose & Gander"**  
By Paul & Lynn Muller

**Cost: \$10/person**  
RSVP to John Webb (804) 334-9270, by Nov 26th



### October Joy Club

We had a few guests addressing the proposed Centerville planning for roadways, zoning & development.



### October Senior Outing

We had a delicious lunch at the Wood Grill Buffet in Charlottesville.

**JOY CLUB**

**Friday,**  
**November 17th @ 4:30pm**

**Dinner at**  
**Tanglewood Ordinary**



*Joy Club & Senior  
Outing are combined  
in one event for the  
month of November.  
Hope to see you there!*

Any questions please call John Webb at 804-334-9270.  
[www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults)

# NOVEMBER 2023 PRAYER REQUESTS

**Allen Bowles** - at home

**Frances Bradshaw** – living at the Laurels Convalescent Center

**Eva Childress** – recovering from a recent fall

**Frank Faudree** - health concerns

**Linda Gibbs** – Linda has transitioned to hospice after several falls.

**Scott Hobson** - has multiple myeloma

**Amos and Judy Johnson** – have moved into Vitality Living Assisted Care.

**Connie Jones** - heart and lung issues

**Lois Lane** – diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome (blood cancer). She'll be having regular blood transfusions. Feel free to reach out to Lois with cards and calls.

**Connie Long**

**Fannie Lou Melton** – has been moved to rehab at Beth Shalom.

**Hazel Melton** - recovering from stroke at home

**Rebecca Michels** – new trial drugs aren't working anymore. Rebecca is in contact with some others at the NIH about other drug trial options. In addition, one of the cancer growths caused a compression fracture on her spine. She'll be receiving radiation on it next week. Rebecca is grateful for the love and prayers of her church family.

**Mike Nicholas** – had successful foot surgery at Parham Doctors Hospital on October 20

**Morris and Audrey Nuckols** – Morris is recovering from foot surgery and Audrey has had muscular problems. Audrey had an outpatient surgery last week to remove a carcinoma from her leg.

**Robert Nuckols** – back home, after a brief hospitalization last weekend

**Don Powell** – receiving in-home nursing care; family has recovered from COVID, but Don is still very weak. They welcome prayers but kindly ask for no visitors.

**Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)** - got good results from her ultrasound last week; awaiting labs later this month

## Family & Friends of GBC Members

**Jaimie Algood** (37 year old friend of Sherry Rosen, wife and mother of 3) – dealing with rare and serious form of cancer; is at MD Anderson in Houston for 31 days of chemo and radiation

**Olivia Baker** (10 yr old great niece of Betsy Alvis) – bone cancer. Had surgery to receive an artificial knee and tibia. She has 10 months of physical therapy – please pray for her on this journey.

**John Bartlett** -- Linda Moore's brother

**Larry and Debbie Barrett** (parents of Robert and Kitt Townsends' good friends) – both were diagnosed with cancer in the same week

**Julia Beaver** (friend of Janet Myers) -- has Crohn's Disease and significant weight loss

**Travis Brown** (Pastor Ken Stalls' good friend) - melanoma

**Suzanne Coats** - Recovering from back surgery

**Wanda Coppedge** (friend of Diane Proctor's son, Travis) – hit by forklift at work, has had 2 brain surgeries, and is in an induced coma

**Barbara Cottrell (cousin of Amy Robinson)** – health concerns

**Megan Curry and family** (Nicole Lingerfelt's cousin)

**Ann Dalton (friend of Jackie Ford)** – has cancer which isn't responding well to chemo

**Jerry Fanning (friend of Willy Hall and John Webb)** – health concerns

**Jimmy Fincham** (husband of former member, Sherry Fincham [Hughes]) – just started dialysis and is on a donor list for kidneys and pancreas

**Ashley Harper** (Wayne and Ellen Melton's daughter-in-law) – Pituitary macro adenoma

**Bill and Virginia Hayden** (Gayle Stanley's parents) -- health concerns

**Kimberly Ann Hill** (sister of Mike and Kathy Nicholas' good friends) – stage 2 cancer

**Stephen Hill** (brother of good friend of Gwen Padgett) – praise that cancer is in remission

**Christina Holleman** (John Webb's granddaughter) – Presumed to have compartmental nerve syndrome in her left leg due to improper positioning during her hospital stay. She has come home. There has been no improvement as of yet. Please pray for a full recovery.

**Jean Jearman** (Gwen Padgett's cousin) – surgery scheduled for 11/3/23; pray they remove all the cancer and she makes a complete recovery

**Patti Jenkins** (Brenda French's sister) – continuing to test to determine extent of cancer. She is weak.

**James Jett** (Jessica Jett-White's dad)-- has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He started chemo on 7/28. Please keep James, his medical team, Jessica (his daughter), Paul and Colter in your prayers.

**Linda Kellum** (Rebecca Michels' Mom) – went home at the end of April 2022

**Maggie Vaughan Lawrence** (Brenda French's friend, a wife/mother in her 30s) – continuing her ongoing cancer treatment.

**Alice Miller** (Brian Miller's mother) – aging at home, which requires a lot of care from her son, Brian, and his sister, Anita.

**Kathy Moore** (sister of our organist, Brad Brown) – her husband, James Moore, passed away unexpectedly several weeks ago

**Phillip Nicklas** (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC) – doing much better

**Neal Purcell** (David Purcell's brother) – health issues

**Jay Ramsey** (William and Lila Hicks' son-in-law) -- diagnosed with liver cancer. Please pray for Jay and his wife Kim, as well as the entire Hicks family.

**Mary Rivera** (Daisy Purcell's sister) – cancer has returned and is requesting prayers. She's beginning treatment this week.

**Frank Shields** (Pastor Sharon's son-in-law) – still recovering from stroke but has returned to work half-time

**Shirley** (friend of a Joy Club member) – has very aggressive bone cancer

**Sandra Survello** (friend of Tami Ricketts) – Needs prayer while taking cancer radiation treatments everyday for 8 to 12 weeks.

**Dolly Vopelak** (Ken Stalls' mother in NC) – on hospice

**Jackie Woods** (family member of Brenda French) – continues immunotherapy. She is almost completely deaf from her brain radiation and struggles to adjust.

**Mariam Egbal Yuen** (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law) – recovering from neuropathy