



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

November 2021

November Message:

Most of us are aware of and know (I hope) the history of our country's celebration of Thanksgiving. Being thankful should not rely on what has become a national extravaganza with football games, parades, huge dinners and usually the arrival of Santa.

Being thankful should be at the core of being a Christian. Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise, give thanks to him and praise". Philippians 4:6 " Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God". 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift".



We all have things for which to be thankful. An old hymn reminds us "to count your blessings, name them one by one, see what God has done", (this hymn's more formal name is " When Upon Life's Billows".) We make lists for so many things making now the time to stop and think and make a list of all the blessings that we have received.

May your thanksgiving table be filled with love, hope, faith and joy for we have reaped the benefits of God's honor and majesty.

With Love and Prayers,

....**Betty**





The annual ritual is nearly upon us!

The end of daylight saving time, which offers an extra hour of sleep, is fast approaching. The seasonal time change will occur on **Sunday, Nov. 7**. Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. which is the official hour to set all of our clocks back to standard time. **Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night (11/6)** to be on time for church services on Sunday, November 7th!



MEMBER UPDATES

Maywood & Music's Fall Show "I'm Gonna Make You a Star", will be performed on **December 3rd & 4th at 8:00pm**. It will be held at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church** on Maywood Ave. Tickets are **\$15.00** and can be bought at the door. Fellow church members **R.V., Sheryl, Tom, Betty and Carol** will be in the show!

➔ Remember to **VOTE** on or before **November 2nd** ➔

CLP Betty Fetzer is continuing to assist and be supportive to the Wallington Presbyterian Church, following the passing of Rev. Dr. Peter Carey. Thanks Betty!

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are extended to Clerk of Session, **Sheryl Heffernan Winkler**, RV and Tom for the loss of Sheryl's Mom who passed away near the end of October.

We are relieved and happy to report that **Sandra Barberena** is doing exceptionally well at home following surgery. Continued prayers for her complete recovery!

*Is there something you would like placed in this area of The Church Mouse Newsletter?
email: CarrieLWerner@aol.com



Happy Birthday to:

Lenin Barberena, Jr. Nov.6th

Sandra Barberena Nov. 20th

Wishing you both a wonderful day and a great year ahead!

We're beginning our annual **TOY DRIVE!** Let's make it a bright and happy Christmas for little children in and around our towns who otherwise might not receive brand new toys this holiday! **Throughout the month of November** and into **early December** we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys! **Please bring your toys to church and place them in the front of the Sanctuary on the stairs** so we all can watch our donations grow into a loving bounty of gifts for children! Thank you in advance...
Our Toy Drive begins....now! ☺



The Wheat: Did you know...?



Heads of **wheat** in the Bible symbolize the **Bread of Life** (Mark 14:22) often depicted with clusters of grapes, appropriate for holy tables. Mark 14:22 reads "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

Pastor Kevin Kwon is preaching a very interesting **8 part series of sermons** focusing on the **Beatitudes!** The beatitudes are considered by the Church, to contain the most concise summary of the spiritual life of man. The eight beatitudes are the teachings of Jesus during his **Sermon on the Mount** in which he describes the attitudes and actions that should characterize his followers and disciples.

The Eight Beatitudes:

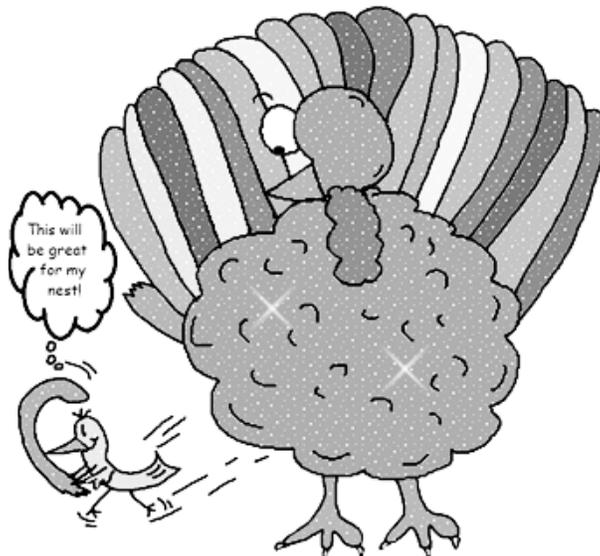
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Don't forget...our November Thanksgiving food collection benefiting the **Center for Food Action**. Many families are suffering due to the pandemic and rely upon donations of food. **Thanksgiving** is November 25th...how nice it will be to make donations that will brighten the holiday for others less fortunate than ourselves. Donations of non perishable items are greatly appreciated. Donation bins can be found in our Lobby area.

Hip Hip Hooray!! Coffee Hour is slated to resume on November 7th!

Please remain after our Church Service and go downstairs to enjoy some goodies and to chat with each other! We will be hanging a signup sheet for those who will volunteer to take a turn bringing some treats on future Sundays! ☺



☺ Just for laughs ☺



Question: What do English teachers eat for breakfast?

Answer: *Synonym* toast!

Thought for the month:

" Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further."

...Thomas Carlyle



! Happy Thanksgiving!