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NOVEMBER ISSUE 2023

Sunday school teachers and assistants for November

November 5th

Carolyn Smith and Dean Ripple

November 12th

Becky Moore and Sarah Zundel

November 19th

Chris and Carter Stasicha

November 26th

Rebekah and Randy Foringer

Rehoboth is starting a Podcast called, "Room for You." Let Rev. Glunt know if you are interested in sharing something on this broadcast.

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www.youtube.com

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Upcoming November Schedule

November 5th Worship service/Communion 11:00am

November 5th Coffee Fellowship/ All Saints Day

November 12th Worship Service 11:00am

November 19th Worship Service 11:00am

November 21st Bag Brigade 5:15pm

November 21st Session Meeting 7:00pm

Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Romans will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom. The number to connect is 87821401770. The password is 15012.

November 12- Thank Offering Program, Women will perform the worship service. Irene Mills, an author of a book about Queen Esther will be the morning's speaker. A lasagna dinner will follow after church.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Ashlee Selembo
Nikki Samoda

3rd Sarah Zundel

4th Jennifer Walsh

7th Andrew Zundel

17th James Fowler

18th Jason Chapman
Jacelyn Chapman

21st Beverly Reeb

26th Debi Buza

November Anniversaries

8th Ken and Nikki Samoda

11th Jeff and Kim Fleming



Prayer List

Melvin O'bryon

Dale Nelson

Sherry Freet

Buffy Roberts

Noreen Yakich

Gianna Smoyer

Dave Vindivich

Don Strickler

Donna Adams

Idalee Leeper

Lida Evans

Dee Alekson

Nancy Layton

Florence Orr

Diane Morgan

Cindy & Emil Hruby

Melba Jean & Jeremy Wolfe

Bill & Carolyn Smith

Derryl Smith

Sharon

Ian & Lucy Chikoti

Lou Hayden

Baby Asher

Jamie Alexander

Robert Korff

PASTOR'S CORNER

NOVEMBER 2023

November is a month that is closely associated with a particular bird, the Turkey. This bird has become so popular that it is seen as a symbol synonymous with the celebration of Thanksgiving in America.

But have you ever wondered how this bird attained its name? Turkeys were native only to the New World, so when the Europeans came and found them to be good eating, they quickly began shipping them back to Europe. North American Turkeys had a slight resemblance to the Guinea Fowl that were common in the Ottoman Empire.

The seat of that empire was the nation of Turkey. So, the name of "Turkey's Fowl" was applied to our native thanksgiving bird. Soon it was just shortened to "Turkey." When the newborn American Republic was looking for a national symbol, Benjamin Franklin suggested the turkey, seeing as it was a native bird and was so popular that it found its way to the tables of multitudes of families, not only in the United States, but by now the entire world. Eventually the Bald Eagle won out as our national symbol and the Turkey remained a favorite holiday meal.

In Psalm 91 we read that God is symbolically likened to a protective bird, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Highest will abide in the shadow of the Almighty...He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and protector. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ..." Thank God that we are more precious to Him than any bird or other creature! "So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. " (Matthew 10:31)

Pastor Don

Perfect Autumn Leaves and Christians

My mother's best friend, Molly, moved to Florida to become a teacher several decades ago, and when I was growing up, one of my family's October traditions was to gather colorful leaves to send to her. Molly would display the leaves on her classroom bulletin board, sharing fall foliage with kids from the Sunshine State who didn't experience the changing of the seasons.

These leaves were carefully selected. My mother's rule of thumb was that they couldn't have any insect damage or brown spots. Of course, it was a challenge to find specimens that met this rigorous standard, and I'm still in awe that we managed to track down any.

But as difficult as it is to find the perfect autumn leaf, the perfect Christian is even more elusive. As Paul notes in Romans 3:10: "None is righteous, no, not one." No mere mortal—not even a Christian—will ever meet the exacting standard of Biblical law. We all fall far short of being good, let alone perfect.

That makes Christ's statement in Matthew 5:48 even more daunting: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." That's a really high bar—and it can feel like we're doomed to failure.

However, the key here is that we are not made perfect through our own work or merit. Instead, we are made perfect through Christ and his sacrifice. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*, "God's grace does not come to people who morally outperform others, but to those who admit their failure to perform and who acknowledge their need for a savior."

While, as humans, we inevitably bear the spots and stains caused by our sinful natures, those imperfections are wiped away by Christ. It takes humility to recognize this and accept the chance at perfection that He offers to us. And even after we've accepted that grace, the good we do is not through our own strength, but that of the Holy Spirit.

In short, we do not become beautiful Christians on our own, but through the Trinity. As Keller puts it: "[...] every act of goodness, wisdom, justice, and beauty is empowered by God."

Laurie Bartolott

- **October 17, 2023, Session Highlights**

- Motion made by Dean Rippel, seconded, and passed to give voice to Randy Foringer to speak at all Session meetings as the treasurer.
- Randy Foringer reported a CD for \$10,000 was reinvested with over 5% yield for the next 12 months at Janney Montgomery Scott.
- Important Dates to Remember for Budget Discussion
- November 26, 2023, the tentative budget for 2024 will be distributed to the congregation.
- December 3, 2023, the Session, and Finance Committee will have a pre-congregational meeting after church to explain the 2024 budget and answer questions and hear comments from the congregation.
- December 10, 2023, will be the Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2024 budget, approve the 2024 Terms of Call for the Minister, and approve the 2024 Nominating Slate.
- The Personnel Committee Chair, Debi Buza reminds the congregation of any concerns of personnel issues to direct them to the Personnel Committee (Chair-Debi Buza, Bev Reeb, and Bill J Smith).
- Rev. Glunt will determine dates for the training of new Elders and Deacons.
- The Personnel Committee is working on the 2024 Terms of Call.
- The Finance Committee is working on the 2024 Budget (Randy Foringer-Chair, Jeff Smith, Bill Nicholls, Justin Walsh).
- Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed to give \$3000.00 to 2024 First Fruits.
- Motion made by Bill Nicholls, seconded, and passed for Rev. Glunt to contact Jen Callahan that Rehoboth Church is not open to weddings for non-members.

- **Moderator's Items**

- In Rev. Glunt's continuing education classes, he is excited to try these new ideas.
- Rev. Glunt will work to raise awareness of Rehoboth in the community by starting a podcast. A podcast is a recording/program he prepares about Rehoboth's members and events that people can listen to online whenever they wish). His podcast will be called, "Room for You."
- Rev. Glunt in raising awareness will focus on young children and families with the Nursery School.
- Rev. Glunt will work to re-invigorate the church service.
- Last, Rev. Glunt will look at Church Answers that provide demographic studies.
- Sunday, December 24, 2023, morning service, Donna Santoro (Becky Moore's sister) will play the organ/piano for the service.
- Rev. Glunt will check Mr. Walker's status for playing Christmas Eve.
- Candles will be used for the Christmas Eve service, not glowsticks.
- Motion made by Dean Rippel, seconded, and passed to approve Hayley King's Request for a Birthday Party using the social hall and basement kitchen on November 11, 2023, from 1:00-5:00 PM with 50 people attending.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Building and Maintenance**

- Surge Protectors on Electrical Boxes, Bill Nicholls, not completed yet.
- Salvio Heating/Air-Conditioning Unit work completed but unit in library must be checked.
- Use \$200.00 of the money donated by Vacation Bible School for security/safety to install safety locks using same key on the first floor of the Educational building. Locks will be installed by Ken Amrick.
- Entrance to electric line needs replaced at Manse, Randy Foringer knows electricians to ask.

- **Nominating Committee Report from Chair, Ed Moore**

- Motion made by Bill Smith, seconded, and passed to accept the 2024 Nominating Committee Slate.
- **2024 Deacons:** Colleen Ress and Ed Moore
- **2024 Elders:** Bev Reeb, Bill Welsh, Melvin O'Bryon
- **2024 Auditor:** Janice Sandy
- **2024 Corporation Officers:** Corporation President-Justin Walsh, Corporation Treasurer-Randy Foringer, Corporation Secretary-Sally Finley Nicholls
- **2024 Nominating Committee:** Justin Walsh-Chair, Dalton Smith, Carolyn Smith, Janine Blacka
- **2024 Financial Secretary:** Luann Zundel
- **Assistant Clerk of Session:** Rotating Elder

Thank You to everyone for all your help and support to the Deacons during our October Craft show. We made a profit of over \$2800 from the show. We are so Blessed to have a wonderful church family and community.
God Bless everyone!

Rehoboth Deacon's

All Saints Day November 5th, 2023

On Sunday November 5th we will be remembering our dearly departed members by placing flowers and lighting candles in their memory. Join us for worship at 11:00am.

Emil Hruby

Mary Ann Turcheck

Lenore J. Leeper Mankin

Katherine Bennett

Helen Biksey

George Gerhold Sr.

Richard Lapinski

Gerald Stasicha

Donald G. Leeper Sr.

June Leeper

Betty J. Ruettg

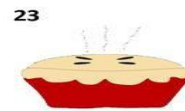
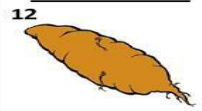
Poinsettias will be available to order to decorate our church for Christmas. The 6.5-inch pots will be available in Red, White, Pink, Marble, and Jingle Bells (red with specks). The cost is \$8.50 per plant. The last day to order will be Sunday, November 19th, 2023. Orders and money can be given to the deacons.

Find the words in the puzzle, and write them under the appropriate picture.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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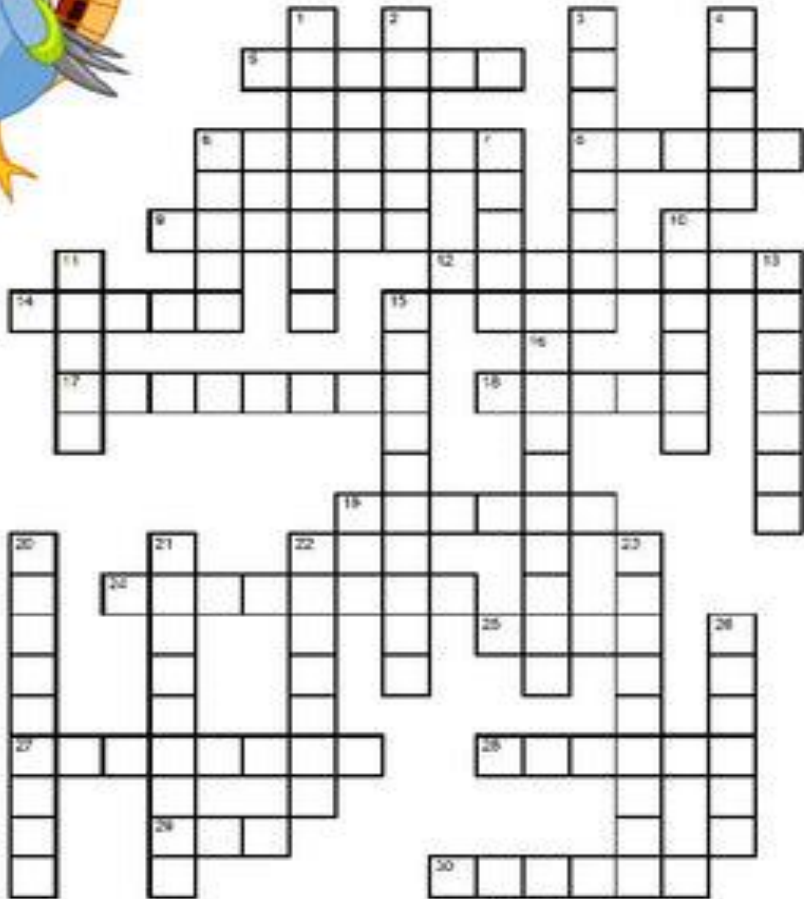
31 Clues to Thanksgiving

ACROSS

5. Make a journey
6. It may be North or South
8. Mashed potato and turkey sauce
9. What the turkey said
12. Pilgrim's arrival point
14. Nut used to make a sweet pie
17. Bird filling
18. Birch bark vessel
19. Kinfolk
24. The Americas in 1500
25. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
27. Thanksgiving Day day
28. Native American
29. Mr. Turkey's first name
30. Pumpkin kin

DOWN

1. Thanksgiving's month
2. Indigenous
3. Colonials
4. Slice a turkey



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| 6. ___ squash | 16. Pilgrims' transport |
| 7. Popular autumn fruit | 20. Customs |
| 10. Gobbler | 21. Commemorate |
| 11. Abundant meal | 22. Break |
| 13. Fruits and vegetables | 23. Scrumptious |
| 15. Eat your . . . ! | 26. Supper |