

RPC NEWSLETTER



Just These Thoughts My Friends....

A Recap of our Costa Rica Mission Trip Experience:

Our journey began early Monday morning, meeting at the church and departing for GSP Airport at 3 AM. After checking in and making it to our gate, we were playfully scolded by the gate agent for cutting it a little close—but from there, our flights to Miami and then to San José went smoothly.

When we landed, we were greeted by Ludem and our Costa Rican friends with warm smiles, hugs, and pure joy—the kind of welcome that instantly fills your heart. It made us think... if this is how it feels to be welcomed here on earth, imagine the celebration that awaits us when we're greeted in heaven by our Savior—arms open wide, love overflowing, and joy beyond measure.

After a wild ride through San José traffic (where stop signs seem to be just suggestions!), we made it to our mountain home at El Chante. There, we were welcomed with music, dancing, and an 80's themed celebration, followed by one of many delicious meals we would enjoy throughout the week.

The next morning, our team got to work—shoveling dirt and painting posts for a future patio overlook. As we worked side by side, we were reminded of Colossians 3:23:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

Our mission wasn't just about moving dirt or painting posts—it was about serving with purpose, loving others well, and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

We came to partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ and witnessed how God is doing mighty things in Costa Rica. Testimony after testimony revealed His power at work—restoring broken families, calling believers to serve others, and welcoming prodigal sons and daughters back home to Him.

It was humbling and beautiful to see how God weaves His story through ordinary people who are simply willing to say “yes.”

Our only hiccup came on the way home, when our flight from San José was delayed, causing us to miss our connection in Miami. We spent the night there before finally making it back to Greenwood the next day. Even then, we could see God's hand at work—His protection and timing guiding every step.

We returned home with grateful hearts, renewed faith, and a deeper bond with our Rock Presbyterian family.

Mrs. Christy Stevens



YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

October went out with a BANG!



Our youth had an amazing and faith-filled finish to the month. They kicked things off by helping with our Trunk or Treat festivities, spreading joy (and candy!) to our community. Then, they stayed up all night at the church for our SNL Lock-In, a time filled with laughter, games, and no sleep. They wrapped up the weekend by putting their faith into action by serving at Greater Greenwood United Ministries, helping restock the food pantry and blessing others in need.



As we've been having fun together, we've also been serving the Lord with glad hearts. What an amazing month it was!



Looking ahead, November promises to be just as action-packed. Our Confirmation Class will come to a conclusion on **Confirmation Sunday, November 23**, as we celebrate our youth's growth in faith and commitment to Christ. Thanks Be To God!!

Blessings, Marshall



Second Sunday Breakfast! 10:00 a.m. Sunday, November 9 Mission House

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Rock Youth volunteer at Greater Greenwood United Ministries



Stocking the shelves for our community!



Rock JAM



November Activities:

Nov 2: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30

(Parent Helpers: Snelling & Snelling)

Nov 9: Rock JAM Family Cook Out

at the Leaches from 4:00-6:00pm

Hotdog dinner, S'mores, trail hike & games! 

Also: Second Sunday Children's Service at 9am!

Nov 16: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30

(Parent Helpers: Croyle & Stevens)

Nov 23: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30

Your family is invited to help decorate the church for Advent and enjoy a pizza dinner together in the MPB!

Also: Children sing at the 9am service!

Nov 30: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30

We will practice for the Christmas Cantata / dinner provided

Also Sat, Dec. 6, 10am: Christmas Cantata practice for the

Sunday, Dec. 7: Christmas Cantata during both services!



RPC Fall
Family Festival
 Fun!

Rock JAM
Fall Family Cookout
Sunday, Nov. 9, 4-6pm
Home of Robin & Ken Leach
507 Pembroke Rd
**HOTDOG & CHILI DINNER
CAMPFIRE & S'MORES!
OUTDOOR GAMES!
TRAIL HIKE!**

SECOND SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday, November 9

All children K4-5th grade are invited immediately following the 9:00 a.m. children's message, for Bible time, music, snacks, crafts, and more in the fellowship hall.





Rock Family Supper, Wednesday, November 12
5:45 p.m., MPB
Program: Oh, How the Lord Has Blessed Us!

Calling all RPC Family!! Come and enjoy a delicious meal provided by Divine Smoke. The menu is smoked ham, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, and dessert. A stewardship program will follow.

Cost is \$5/adult, \$3/children, and under 2/Free **Sign up in the church office!**

Stewardship



Stewardship Sunday

November 16

Our Stewardship Emphasis for 2026
The Four Things We Can Give Back:
Our Talents, Time, Treasures, and Thanksgiving.

As the Lord has blessed us so greatly in Jesus Christ, let us prayerfully consider our response to his faithfulness to our Rock Church. Our gifts honor the Lord and support the ministries of this Rock Presbyterian Church.

There will be a time of dedication at each of our morning worship services.

ASK CHUCK:

Simplified Steps to Eliminate Financial Headaches:

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-simplified-steps-to-eliminate-financial-headaches/>

Dealing with Financial Failure:

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-dealing-with-financial-failure>

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October Sermons *Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 9:00 a.m.*

The Four Things We Can Give Back...

November 2 <i>All Saints'/Communion Sunday</i>	My Tithe of His Hours Romans 12:9-13	Rev. David Turner
November 9	Our Treasures Matthew 6:19-21	Dr. Chris Leonard
November 16 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	Our Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1-3/Colossians 3:15-17	Dr. Chris Leonard
November 23 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	Do You Believe This? John 11:25-27	Rev. Marshall Steinle
November 30 <i>1st Sunday of Advent/Angel Tree</i>	The Three Gifts of Christmas - Gold Isaiah 9:6-7	Dr. Chris Leonard
November Ushers: *Andrew Nickles and Dennis Murphy		
Communion: 9:00 a.m. Judy Markell, Jeanne Price 11:00 a.m. Pam Griffin, Linda Kellam		
<i>Childcare is available for all services.</i>		



November Childcare



Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
November 2	Mary Ann Edwards	Julia McClanahan	Carolyn Fish
November 9	Karen Reese	Beth Taylor	Mary Catherine McCartha
November 16	Susan Chasteen	Nealy Shiles	Debbie Leonard
November 23	Shelley Botchie	Patty Clark	Kathryn Luke
November 30	Elizabeth Hinson	Lauren Sullivan	Darlene Mallow

A Word from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by Henry Alford



As a junior high school student, I will always remember preparing for our Thanksgiving Chorus Concert. Our teacher, Mrs. Collins, would bring out some of the same songs each year. These arrangements were mostly intended for girls with soprano and alto parts, boys were not usually in the chorus or ensemble (an auditioned group) during the 1970's. Each year "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" would be sung. I always wondered what "tares" was when we got to the second verse in the line "Wheat and tares together sown". Matthew 13:24-30 tells us "The Parable of the Weeds" where the man sowed good wheat seed in his field, but at night an enemy came and sowed weeds or "tares" among the good seed. The good seed and the weeds grew up together in the field. When it came time for harvest, the workers gathered the weeds first and destroyed them, then returned to gather the good wheat. The second verse of the song begins "We ourselves are God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield". In our lives we can strive to bear "wheat" for God with our good deeds, but sometimes our thoughts and actions will produce "weeds". This Thanksgiving season let us be thankful that we have a Savior who can forgive our "tares" and as in the last line of verse two, "Whole-some grain and pure may be".

Happy November Thanksgiving month! Prayers you will all have a blessed holiday season. Our recent Presbytery 2025 Fall meeting was a huge success! **THANK YOU** to all who helped to make this an enjoyable event. Whether you came for an hour or stayed for the entirety, whether you made banana pudding, cooked cookies, whatever you did to help, thank you so much. We got lots of compliments. Some folks even took pictures for future reference. Dr. Chris sends a huge thank you too. I think we made him proud. We are blessed with fine pastors and great volunteers! If you have not done so, join a circle, get involved, and enjoy the blessings.

Blessings, Linda Goldstein, Moderator, WOC

Evangelism/Missions



Thornwell Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 23. Please consider your gift of support to the ongoing needs and ministry that offers support to children and families in our area.



Sunday, November 30 we will once again partner with the Burton Center to offer support to their many angels this Christmas.

Miscellaneous Church News

“One Can” Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 73 lbs. of food to the local community of Greenwood. Please bring any non-perishables each Sunday to place in the bins located in the Welcome Center and CE Building.

No expired food accepted.



Men's Breakfast Saturday, November 1 8:00 a.m.



All men are invited to the Mission House for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a brief devotion.

Celebrations...

Happy Birthday

- 11/1 Cameron Figueroa
- 11/2 David Day
Dave Doughty
Chad Reese
- 11/5 Courney Tsai
- 11/6 David Crenshaw
Nancy Scott
Beth Taylor
- 11/7 Charlotte Craig
Anastasia Fletcher
Chris Miller
- 11/8 Lynn Taylor
Andrew Worthy
- 11/9 Leah Newton
Bill Scott
- 11/11 Aria Bannister
Walt Sullivan
Luke Turner
- 11/13 David Grant
- 11/16 Wynde Edwards
Gerrie Mayo
Ann Newell
- 11/18 George McCartha
- 11/19 Brianna Clayton
John Gasque
Connor MaGill
Pat Poole
- 11/20 Natalie Scheirer
- 11/21 Neil Gerrard
- 11/22 Luke McClanahan
- 11/24 Larry Haynes
Sherry Newton
- 11/25 Jim Gasque
Linda Goldstein
Kenneth Reynolds
Baker Steifle
- 11/27 Lynn Johnson
- 11/28 Jean Price
- 11/29 Peggy Boyce
Larry Rollison
- 11/30 Mary Ann Boggs

Happy Anniversary

- 11/1 Leon & Beverly Sautter
- 11/4 Craig & Ashley Palmer
- 11/14 Cody & Sarah Jane Scheirer
- 11/17 Kenny & Jenny Craig
- 11/22 Rhett & Kaye Brock
- 11/23 Paul & Amanda Swan
- 11/26 Sam & Beth Armstrong



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I recycle old/new/used/unused greeting cards (birthday, Christmas, any kind of card) into gift tags. Don't throw them away – throw them my way! Feel free to put them in my mailbox or on my front porch, or I will even come get them. Call Jan Coffey with any questions.

Rock of Ages Luncheon Monday, November 10 12:00 p.m.

Rock of Ages will meet on Monday, November 10, at 12 noon. Meat will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a side dish. Rev. Debby Plumstead Marshall will speak on her role at The Presbyterian Home. Come and bring a new covenant partner.



Wreaths Across America, a national Program to remember veterans, will again be placing wreaths of remembrance on veterans graves in Rock Church Cemetery this December. This year the date is Saturday December 13th. If you would like to purchase a wreath or wreaths (\$17 each) it can be done online at www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org and select cemetery SCROCK. Any questions contact Bob Lentz.

*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Bill Cochran
Lib Grier
Katherine Martin
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge’s grandson)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach’s son-in-law)
Adam Hix
Matthew McManis

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray’s son)
Chris Miller
Craig Watkins

**Rock Presbyterian Church wishes to express
Christian Sympathy to...**

*David & Christine Gray, in the death of Christine’s father,
Dr. Pat Killen*



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