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## NOVEMBER MESSENGER

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## Change and Celebration

Written by Pastor Don

As we enter into the month of November, something changes in most of us. We recognize immediately that with November change is on the way. The days get shorter and shorter. The temperature is dropping, the “S” word could potentially happen before the month is done. Summer items are packed into boxes or moved into another closet and winter items take their place. Sandals are traded in for closed toe shoes, short sleeve shirts for sweaters, fall jackets for something a bit heavier. Many set up appointments to change tires for “the season.” We begin to pack away our summer outdoor things in the garage or shed. Soon the flowers get frosted - and their time is up. They are removed from the garden or trimmed down until they spring to life again in a few months. The term is often used: “it’s time to hunker down,” time to go into the human form of hibernation. It all sounds rather like retreat.

But it occurs to me that in all of this “hunkering down,” November also marks the beginning of seasons of celebration. In all our “retreating” there is at the same time a call to rise up, to gather, to celebrate, to be thankful. This is immediately followed by our annual season of awe as we remember the miracle of the birth of the Messiah. Some simply call it “the holiday season.” We chose to be non-generic: we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are the months of celebration.

What we choose to focus on will determine how well we navigate these months. If our focus is on

retreat, everything we do will be about “just getting through.” If, on the other hand, we choose to celebrate, this month and next are two of the best. We, Christ followers, can choose to embrace November and December, to embrace Thankfulness and the miracle of the birth of Christ. If we so choose, not only will gloomy months be changed into months filled with joy, but we can also set the tone for all those around us. I choose CELEBRATION. How about you?

As your pastor, let me encourage all of us to make these two months about gathering and celebrating. If you can make it, let’s be in the building...together. When we do things together everything is multiplied. Like instruments, a single instrument can make a nice sound, but when we put all the instruments together, we become a harmonious band. I’m envisioning two of the best months of the year...but for that to happen we need YOU!! And while you’re at it, bring a friend. Bring on November and December. We’re ready!!



**Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)**

**Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** Go to: [www.facebook.com/parknaz/](https://www.facebook.com/parknaz/) or [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
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**Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (in person)**

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## SIGNIFICANT NOVEMBER DATES :

**02: Election Day**  
**06: Teen Service Event**  
**07: Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
**07: Finance Committee Meeting**  
**09: Church Board Meeting**  
**11: Veterans Day**  
**11: Ladies Bible Study Resumes**  
**25: Thanksgiving**

## PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



November is here and we are getting ready for the holiday season! Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place November 16-20. We will be closed on November 25-26 to celebrate Thanksgiving. We have decided to cancel the Thanksgiving Lunch. We are currently working on some wonderful ideas to keep our families engaged, showing our continued THANKFULNESS for being a part of the Parkside Family.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl or Marcella: 440-333-6643.

## November Birthdays

Julie Long	10
Marcella Rivera	12
Melanie DeMeo	14
Marty Adams	19
Phyllis Long	20
Barbara Flack	20
Eric Anderson	21



Ladies Bible Study will resume on Thursday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Vivian's House. It will be nice to get together again after illnesses and crazy schedules. The ladies will continue to meet on November 18 and December 9 before taking a break for the holidays.

## TEEN SERVICE EVENT



The teens will meet on the morning of Saturday, November 6 to help participate in the Great Rake Out sponsored by Bay Middle School (you do not need to be in middle school or a Bay resident to participate). Please bring any rakes, leaf blowers and/or tarps that you have access to. Contact Joanne Murphy for more information.

## November Anniversaries

Joanna & Mike Kolpien	03
Melanie & Romeo DeMeo	11



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 6. If you're an hour early for church, the Worship Team might just put you to work! 😊