

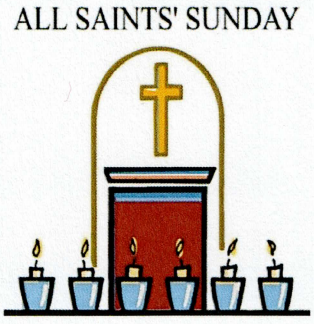
CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dearborn, Michigan

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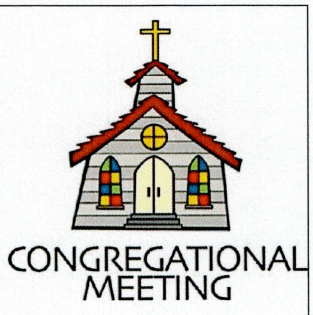
November 2026

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2026



Christians around the world will gather and observe All Saints' Sunday. It is a day to honor all the saints, both known and unknown. In most Protestant churches, it is celebrated on the first Sunday of November. Protestants regard all Christians, past and present, as saints. As we solemnly remember all those who have died in the past year, we also focus on Christ's victory over death. While the festival acknowledges the reality of death, we emphasize our hope in the resurrection and our place in the "communion of saints." As part of our worship service on Sunday, November 1, we will remember all our members who have died in the past year as well as family members and friends who have entered the church triumphant since November 1, 2025. Join us for a special service of worship, communion, and remembrance.

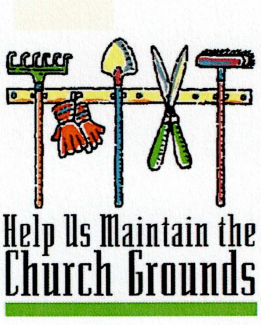
CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – November 8, 2026



The Session has called for a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be:

1. Receive the report of the Nominating Committee
2. Elect Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2029
3. Elect members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee

No other business may come before the congregation at this time.



FALL CLEANUP DAY – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Our Annual Fall Clean-up Day is Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am – 12 Noon. The rain date for this event is Saturday, November 15. All are invited to assist with this cleanup of the grounds. Leaves to get up, flower beds to prepare for winter, dead limbs to trim, etc. Please bring your gloves and favorite garden tools. Additional church tools will be provided. Refreshments will be provided! All are welcome!

MUSIC AT CHERRY HILL CONCERT SERIES – NOVEMBER 1, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Dearborn Symphony principal cellist, **Willis Koa,** will open our concert series with a marvelous recital of the works of Robert Schumann, Reinhold Glière, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. He will be accompanied by pianist Yuta Sugano and joined in three cello duets with his wife, Jennifer Koa. This promises to be an uplifting musical event in the near-perfect acoustics of our sanctuary. A light reception will follow the performance in Weir Foyer. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door. All are most welcome!

Note from the pastor



As we come into November, I am reminded of the need to "breathe" – to take a deep breath and not be overwhelmed by the busy season which I know lies ahead.

This is the season we intentionally remember loved ones, both past and present, who have been important in our lives for Pavarious reasons (think All Saint's Sunday). It can be an emotional time, but a needed time. We then move into considering our commitment to the church and decide what we can give toward its mission and ministry – our time, our talents, our financial resources. And then march right on into Thanksgiving – with the coordination of gatherings which can take stellar planning (right now, it makes my head hurt to even think about it, but in a good way, being grateful for family). Then the very next Sunday after Thanksgiving we begin Advent! So, I remind us to "breathe."

The confirmation class has recently learned about the Holy Spirit whose name in Hebrew is *ruach*. We remembered the creation story in which the "wind" – *ruach* – moved over the earth. *Ruach* also means "breath." God breathing life into all of creation. I mention this as we come into any season which may be overwhelming. Be aware of God's Spirit surrounding you to give you the focus, strength and patience to move through those busy times. Stay focused on seeing Christ in the busyness around you so you might fully enjoy the blessings of the season. May *Ruach* envelope you on life's journey.

Pastor Teresa



Worship Schedule November

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 1	**All Saints Sunday/Communion**
November 8	**Stewardship Sunday**
November 15	**Commitment Sunday**
November 22	**Sunday before Thanksgiving & Advent Decorating**
November 29	**1st Sunday of Advent**



Christmas Decorating of the Church
Sunday, November 22 @ 11:30 A.M.

Do you like decorating, especially for Christmas? You are invited to stay after worship to help transform the church for the Christmas Season. The focus for the day is Weir Foyer, Memorial Parlor, Women's Restroom, Chapel Parlor, Sanctuary and the Chapel.

For those that stay and help, you do not even have to plan for lunch as the Growth & Fellowship Committee will provide pizza and salad in lieu of the normal coffee hour. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship and fun while transforming the church for the holidays! **Remember, many hands make light work!**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – October 20

- The following motions were approved by Session at their October 20, 2026, meeting:
  - John and Sandra Elling transfer membership to First Presbyterian of Ann Arbor.
  - Call a Congregational Meeting for November 8, 2026, for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and members of the church nominating committee.
  - Call the Annual Meeting of CHPC for February 7, 2027.
  - CHPC to offer one Christmas Eve worship service at 5:00 p.m.
  - The 2026-2027 Music at Cherry Hill program.
  - Order a plaque honoring Bob Szwed's "greeting door".
- Clarify funding allocations:
  - The PASS Intercom system from member donations received in December 2025.
  - 100 Glory to God hymnals for the Sanctuary, 6 of which will be large print. Funding to be taken from member donations received in December 2025.
- Confirmation Worship Service moved to December 13, 2026.
- Allow PEO the use of Memorial Parlor on November 4, 2026.
- Allow Michigan Rugg Artistes to use Fellowship Hall November 12, 2026, through November 14, 2026, 8:30-4:00 each day.
- Allow Willow Homeschool to use Fellowship Hall on November 20, 2026, for a Friendsgiving lunch, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Rev. Peterson will install the elders and deacons for the 2027-2029 term during the December 20, 2026 service.
- Scheduled joint meeting of elders and deacons for December 15, 2026. A dinner will be served prior to the Session Meeting.

CONFIRMATION AND THE LAYING OF HANDS – SAVE THE DATE!



On **Sunday, December 13** we will be celebrating the church's confirmation - the laying on of hands, the strengthening in the Holy Spirit, and the anointing with oil - of Aleksander and Elijah Dewey. We will be presenting the confirmands with red stoles that include depictions of hands in various colors. The stoles will be placed around the confirmands' necks during the worship service, and symbolize the congregation laying hands on the confirmands, supporting them in their faith journey even beyond confirmation Sunday. We ask that you take a moment to sign your name on one of the hands in pledge of support to the confirmands as they seek to serve Christ. Beginning Sunday, November 1, the stoles will be available for signing in Weir Foyer before and after worship. If you will be out of town during this period, please contact Anna Dewey, as we would love to still have your name represented on a hand, and can make that happen.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATION

Poinsettias will be in the Chancel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Eve.

Please complete the following information and return this form with payment to the church office by Monday, November 30! We will NOT be able to receive any orders after this date.

You may place this form & payment in the offering plate, hand deliver it to the office or mail it to the church. Please make check payable to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church.

The cost is $15 for each red poinsettia. Please PRINT clearly.

Given by: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ In Celebration of Christmas

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL DONATION FOR MISSION WORK

As in previous years, you may make a special donation to our Mission Benevolence Fund "instead of" or "in addition to" ordering a plant. This money is used throughout the year by our Mission Committee to aid local, national, and international mission causes.

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ In Celebration of Christmas

All flower and monetary donations will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



WARMING TREE FOR DEARBORN GOODFELLOWS & W.O.R.D. AFTERSCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAM AT CALVIN EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Deacons will once again be collecting items for our Holiday Warming Tree. We will be working with the Dearborn Goodfellows who distribute the items to families throughout the local community. The generosity of our congregation earned Cherry Hill Church an award from the Goodfellows last year! Let's see if we can do it again.

The Warming Tree will be in Weir Foyer, **starting November 22**. It can be adorned with coats, gloves, scarves, and hats in a variety of sizes for children and adults. It is requested that ALL items be NEW!

PLEASE NOTE: All donated items must be on the tree no later than Sunday, December 6.

HELPING HAND UPDATE

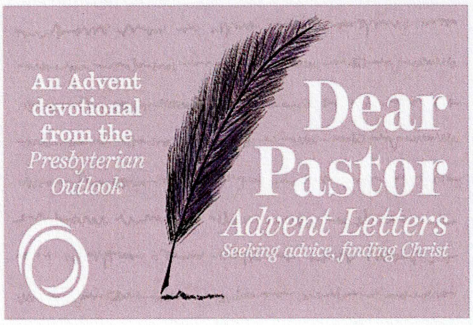


The support we receive from the congregations is much needed and appreciated! Our shopping list has changed for this month! We are focusing on toiletries for our clients so we ask for the following items:

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bar soap, Shampoo, and
Toilet paper (4 pack packages only!)

We also continue to need: cereal, canned vegetables, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, macaroni, and peanut butter. You may place your donations in the Helping Hand box in Weir Foyer. As always, thank you for your support! Remember: Helping Hand is open on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am until 12:00 Noon.

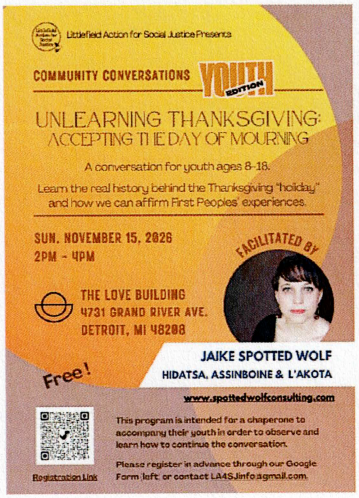
ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE – NOVEMBER 15



We enter Advent carrying grief, uncertainty, strained relationships, exhaustion and questions we may not know how to answer.

That's where the Outlook's 2026 Advent devotional begins. Dear Pastor: Advent Letters draws inspiration from the real questions people bring to pastors and church leaders. Through letters and thoughtful responses from a variety of voices, the devotional explores how the familiar Advent promises of hope, peace, joy and love speak into the complicated realities of our lives.

It's an Advent devotional for people who don't need easy answers — but do want space to listen, reflect and look for Christ in the midst of real life.



Littlefield Action for Social Justice (LA4SJ) provides several anti-racism education opportunities, including our Engage! Book and Movie groups. Last year we hosted a talk on decolonizing Thanksgiving that some of our Cherry Hill family was able to attend. This year we are excited to offer a version of this program for our youth. Please think about a young person in your life that you'd like to accompany on this educational journey. Registration details in the flyer. LA4SJ is co-directed by Anna Dewey and Lorelei Muñiz, with board members Kim McDonald and Nancy Bass, CRE.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS THIS FALL
SUNDAY MORNING & MONDAY AFTERNOON



11:45 am Sunday – Book of Genesis - Conference Room
Lead by Dr. John Whitfield

Our late Sunday Morning Bible Study group will continue studying the first eleven chapters of Genesis. They will meet in the conference room, by the office. All are invited to be part of this study.



1946: THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED A CULTURE

Monday, November 2 at 1:00 PM in Memorial Parlor, the 92-minute documentary, *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted a Culture will be shown.*

The film follows researchers Kathy Baldock and Ed Oxford as they use newly discovered archives at Yale University to trace how the 1946 creation of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the Bible mistranslated Greek words (*arsenokoitai* and *malakoi*) into the word "homosexual." This mistranslation has impacted the way many Christians have read and interpreted certain scripture passages.

You are invited to join us for this insightful viewing. A follow-up discussion time will be held the following Monday, November 9 @ 1:00PM. We hope you will be able to join us as we continue a time of learning and reflection.

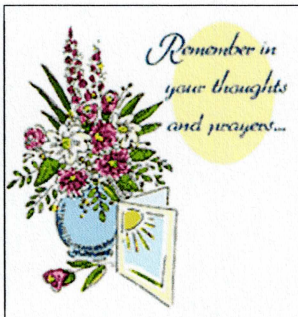


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stu Oke 11/09
Anna Dewey 11/18
Cindy Betley 11/25

Debbie DeKarsky 11/13
Ruth Ann Johnson 11/21
Sue Dalton 11/26

Pamela Moore 11/17
Kathy Kerr 11/24
Mary Boudreau 11/30



IN OUR PRAYERS

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Lewis Sequin Pam Thorpe
Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekpenyong Winnie Murphy

Health Concerns & Support

Marv Oberdier John Nichols Bob Stead Judy Tisdale
Sue Webster Pamela Moore David Murphy (friend of Deb Szwed)
All those who serve as caregivers to the ill and the infirmed
Our new Pastor and her family as they prepare for her ordination and to move to Dearborn
Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church - The Presbytery of Detroit



Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday - 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Friday – 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon (By appointment only)

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Rev. Emily Bruno, Pastor Designate
Charles Miller, Director of Music & Organist - charles@cherryhillchurch.org – 313-768-5905
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The doors of this church are as wide as God's love!
Rev. Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Cherry Hill's First Pastor

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion **All Saints' Sunday** 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:45am Bible Study 11:45am Confirmation Class 4:00pm Concert Series	**2** 10:00am Sew What 1:00pm Study Group	**3** CHUP	**4** CHUP TOTS 9:30am-noon Helping Hand 6:15pm W&M 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**5** CHUP 6-10:15pm Tatry Dancers	**6**	**7** 9am – 12pm Fall Yard Clean Up
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15 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am Stewardship luncheon 11:45am Bible Study	**16** 10:00am Sew What	**17** CHUP 7:00pm Session	**18** CHUP TOTS 9:30am-noon Helping Hand 6-8:30PM CHUP General Meeting	**19** CHUP 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Rex's 6-10:15pm Tatry Dancers	**20** 10am – 2pm Willow + Reverie Friendsgiving Celebration	**21**
22 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship/GP 11:45am Bible Study 11:45am Decorate Church and Pizza Lunch	**23** Willow Closed 10:00am Sew What	**24** CHUP Willow Closed	**25** Willow Closed	**26** **Thanksgiving** **Office and Building Closed**	**27** **Office and Building Closed**	**28**
29 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am Birthday Cake 11:45am Bible Study 11:45am Confirmation Class	**30** 10:00am Sew What					