



We are Building a Servant Community  
Seeking to be Christ's Hands and Heart.

*I will praise  
the name  
of God  
with a song,  
and will  
magnify him with*

# THANKSGIVING

*Psalms 69:30*



### Pulpit Supply for November

**November 2nd** (Communion)  
**November 9th**  
**November 16th**  
**November 23rd**  
**November 30th**

Rev. David Bierschwale  
Sister Mary Dostal  
Rev. George Goodrich  
Rev. Jody McDevitt  
Rev. Doug Johnson

### Liturgist Schedule for November

**November 2nd** (Communion)  
**November 9th**  
**November 16th**  
**November 23rd**  
**November 30th**

Patti Johnson  
Sandy Welch  
Cynthia Kessler  
Jim Tarr  
Dave Kimball

### Musicians Schedule for November

**November 2nd** (Communion)  
**November 9th**  
**November 16th**  
**November 23rd**  
**November 30th**

Martha Krebill  
Jo Chatman  
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### Greeters and Ushers for November

**November 2nd** (Communion)  
**November 9th**  
**November 16th**  
**November 23rd**  
**November 30th**

Bob Wood, Mary Wood, Dave Kimball  
Don Johnson, Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson  
Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Jim Tarr  
Jeff Kessler, Cynthia Kessler, Stan Bayley, Annette Bayley  
Greeters' choice

### November Birthdays

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**5th** Teresa Alexander  
**9th** Gail Kimball  
**16th** Mary Wood  
**17th** Mary Apple  
**23rd** Maggie Brock



November 5	Quilters meet at 12 p.m.
November 6	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
November 7	Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
November 8	<b>Funeral for Marvel Shearer at 11 a.m.</b>
November 11	Women’s Bible Study at 1 p.m.
November 12	Facilities meets at 10 a.m.
	Worship Committee meets at 11 a.m.
November 13	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
November 14	Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
November 15	Quilters meet at 12 p.m.
November 18	Homeward Bound 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
	Women’s Bible Study at 1 p.m.
November 19	Session meets at 10 a.m.
November 20	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
	Writers Group meets at 10 a.m.
November 21	Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
November 23	Rev. Jody McDevitt speaking
November 24	Church decorating at 5 p.m.
November 25	Women’s Bible Study at 1 p.m.
November 26	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
	Garden Committee meets at 10 a.m.
November 27	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
November 28	Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
	Potluck for Al-Anon 5:30–8:30 p.m.
November 30	Rev. Doug Johnson speaking
	First day of Advent

### Women’s Bible Study Fall/Winter Schedule

#### **The Eyes Have It!**

This fall, we are looking at varied scriptures that speak about eyes and sight, seeing what lessons and insights God might have for us as we study, pray, and share. Please join us Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Garden Room.

#### **November**

Nov. 4

Matt. 7:1–5 - *Judging Others: the speck in one’s eye*

Nov. 11

Mark 8:22–26; Matt. 9:27–31; John 9:1–7; Mark 10:46–52 - *Jesus heals the blind*

Nov. 18

2 Kings 6:8–23 - *A story of unseen protection and mercy*

Nov. 25

Craft

#### **December**

Ben Larson has been arriving at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church early in the mornings, late in the evenings or the middle of the day for years. The parking lot may be empty but Ben's car will be there. You might wonder what he is doing there, it's not Sunday. He has come to solve a problem or add to the workings of the church.

Have you ever wondered how piece by piece AV equipment has shown up in the sanctuary to enhance our services. He installed the sanctuary cameras, rewired the sound board, and set up a streaming system so those physically unable to get to church can watch the service at home.

If he's not in the sanctuary he is in the office fixing the computer or setting up the outside sign board, working on the phone system, or the south door entry system.

Ben has served on almost every committee this church has. He gets our offerings to the bank and reports it to the treasurer. He's at church for the annual cleaning Saturday (although he is no longer permitted on ladders). Ben has extensive knowledge of the church facilities and is instrumental in assisting to ensure smooth operation of the building and grounds.

If there is a question to be answered about this church, "who ya' gonna call?", Ben Larson!!

Ben has made things happen at St. Andrew for years. He is a man of great faith and many talents. We appreciate him for his faithful service and countless unseen gifts to this congregation. The church doesn't only run on programs or budgets or committee meetings, it runs because of people like Ben.

As we celebrate and thank Ben, and the ways he serves, we're reminded that each of us has been given unique gifts to share, all working together as one body for God's purpose.

*"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function..." (Romans 12:3-8).*

Thank you , Ben!



Demonstration Garden. Its purposes are many, including:

- to demonstrate the abundance of native plants which can be used in urban landscaping
- to celebrate and cultivate the biodiversity, both plants and animals, of our region
- to reduce water use, since native plants thrive in our semi-arid climate
- to add beauty to our landscape

We broke ground in late April, planted nearly 40 different species, weeded, weeded, and weeded some more, and now it's time to let the garden rest for the winter. This is a project which will take 3-5 years to establish, but already we are seeing progress towards our goals. This winter we will work on more permanent signage to help us all learn the names of the plants.

Take a moment to stroll through the new garden, and imagine its future!



## Billings Climate Coalition News

What do fish and turtles have to teach us about climate change?

Come find out on **Monday, November 17 at 6 pm at Prescott Hall on the Rocky Mountain College** campus. Two local speakers will share **“Water: Climate Threats and Solutions.”**

Kayhan Ostovar is an RMC professor who studies the Yellowstone River. His research has a particular focus on the river's turtles, who, it turns out, are excellent biosentinels of the health of the river. Since our lives depend on having a healthy river, we need to know how the turtles are doing.

Bruce Kania is the owner of Floating Islands International in Shepherd, MT, a business which makes “floating islands” which mimic nature, using recycled plastic bottles as a matrix for plants, soil, and biofilm. These “islands” clean ponds and lakes of the excess nutrients which pollute the water and stimulate methane production. 12% of all greenhouse gas emissions are

Mild fall temperatures continued through the third week of October without a significant frost event. But finally, a few beautiful sunny days ended with a light frost. Sometimes, we really are ready for things to come to an end.

We had great garden production this year, with 7,000 lbs. of produce delivered from the garden to Family Service. We then priced out what that produce would cost if purchased in local stores—over \$17,000! What a gift to people in our community who welcome fresh vegetables they might not otherwise be able to afford.

A big thank-you goes out to everyone who participated in our Harvest Dinner. What a spread of dishes to choose from! We ate well and enjoyed celebrating the end of another successful gardening season. Special thanks to Jody for the beautiful harvest worship service and to Annette and Shirley for the wonderful communion table décor.

The garden will be put to bed for the year during our fall workdays on the weekend of October 25 & 26. We're already planning for the 2026 growing season, and most of the seeds for the Mission Garden have already been ordered.

Our newest additions to the garden this year were the pergola and the Native Plant Demonstration Garden. Grape and honeysuckle vines have been planted to grace the pergola, and the Native Plant crew added a variety of new plants this fall. There's always something new on the horizon—an arbor over the entry to the labyrinth is planned for next year.

The old “gleaner” will be taking a winter rest and will return with garden news in the spring.



welcoming place for worship, discipleship, and renewal. We maintain a list of "stuff to fix" and periodically set priorities and timing.

Dealing with the cracked floor tiles in the Garden Room finally floated to the top of our repair list. When Don said it was time to replace the broken tiles, we were floored! The groundbreaking for the Garden Room and Sanctuary was March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1986. Ask me how I remember the date ☺. Somehow (divine providence) when the tiles were ordered, we ordered WAY too many. That meant that we had more than plenty for this project. It was quite a task, chiseling out the cracked tiles and old mastic and grout. For that part of the project, we camped in plastic "tents" taped to the ceiling and to the floor for dust control. As of this writing, about half of the new tiles are left to be bonded to the concrete and then all the replaced tiles will be grouted.

Ben has primarily been in "charge" of such electrical things as motion sensor switches and new thermostats. His expertise is shocking.

Don recently "blew us away" when he managed to make the fan in the Garden Room bathroom run and run quietly.

Jim is currently the chair of our committee, since he is active on session. Jim has lots of experience with building design and construction.

A rain gutter and downspout have recently been installed over the south doors. No more frozen puddles on the walkway. That project was actually hired out.

A year or so ago, when one of the furnaces on the south end of the roof was being replaced, we had one of our most newsworthy activities. Between the removal of the old furnace and the placement of the new one, the contractor took a short break, and a pigeon entered the return air ductwork. A few days later, we could hear something scratching around in the ceiling of the library. As a team, we placed a paper plate with a couple of crackers on top of the ceiling grille and closed it. We then positioned the large blue trash can so that when we heard the bird going after the crackers, we could open the grille, let the pigeon fall into the trash can, and close the lid. We then carried the can outside and freed the bird!

Bob Wood reporting for the fixit folks.





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