



November 17 through November 23, 2024

Beloved,

I have been thinking a lot about the saint Fred Rogers recently. Of course many of us have had encounters with him, maybe some even in person. He was so intentional with each and every thing he said and did within his television ministry to children, down to the last word and phrase. He consulted his friend, child psychologist, Dr. Margaret McFarland to ensure that his show was the best that it could be for the audience he was seeking to reach. Words were selected so that they would not confuse the children or be easily misinterpreted.

He listened to those who wrote in and asked questions or expressed concerns and often addressed them within the short 30 minutes he had each day for wonder and play with one another. When one visually impaired fan wrote to say that they were worried he wasn't feeding the fish, Mr. Rogers added a phrase to his routine of feeding the fish to let that fan know that he was feeding the fish.

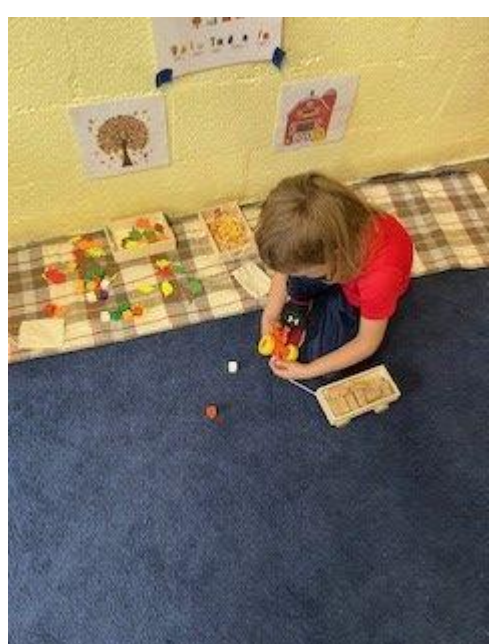
Mr. Rogers preached the Gospel without even mentioning Jesus. Mr. Rogers preached about the beloved community. He also lived it out in his life - one person who knew him told me recently about the time Mr. Rogers found a feather on the beach and brought it to the person because it reminded him of the person. Many disregarded Mr. Rogers, saying he was naive, innocent, not "real" in light of what is happening in the world. But Mr. Rogers, while he spoke intentionally in simple terms, he spoke honestly, and he spoke with a view of a world that God created good, keeping his eyes not on the brokenness of the world, but on that goodness that exists within all of us.

Mr. Rogers explored topics that were difficult for children to understand. Racism, disabilities, divorce, adoption, death, and other topics were handled tenderly, with compassion and kindness in each carefully chosen word. He even came out of his retirement to address the world in the wake of 9/11. Rather than Toby Keith's "boot in your..." style, Mr. Rogers talks about feeling proud of those who have grown up watching the show, and acknowledging how difficult it is some days to look with hope and confidence on the months and years ahead. He reminds listeners that he likes them just the way they are - and how grateful he is to them for helping the children in their lives know that they will do everything they can to keep them safe and "to help them express their feelings in ways that will bring healing to many different neighborhoods."*

May we seek to build up those around us with kindness, hopefulness, kindness, and faith in our good Creator who created us as good, for community, and love.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kalyn

* <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CsuG1e8QQ/>





Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 116 in Worship on November 10
- Choir rehearsal is on Thursday, November 21 at 7pm
- Youth Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Program is every Sunday through December 1 at 9am-9:45am
- Hand bells perform "We Gather Together" on November 24. Their next rehearsal is December 9 at 7pm for the December 15 performance of "Away in a Manger"

Congregational Care

- Deborah Circle is meeting on Monday, December 18 at 6:30 in the Library to prepare Thanksgiving Bags for our members who are unable to attend worship. Contact Patti Strominger at 724-494-2160 or at pattistr@gmail.com for questions
- **STORY TIME ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 9:30 or 10:30**
- **SAVE THE DATE-COOKIE BAZAAR IS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 from 9am-11am.**
SEE INSERT IN SUNDAY'S BULLETIN FOR WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS
- Sign up your college student to receive a care package in December. See insert in Bulletin.

Missions

- Focus on Mission on November 17 is Aliquippa Impact. It is a Christian, neighborhood-based, non-profit, youth development organization serving the young people and families of Aliquippa. Their mission is to foster tangible hope to youth by building relational bridges and developmental assets
- We are spreading Christmas cheer at Beaver Rehabilitation Center (Elder Care) on Monday December 2 @6p We will be handing out presents (handmade blankets) and singing Christmas carols. It is a great evening For all ages. Any questions call Gina Arzberger at 724-809-3215.
- The Wish Tree is up in the front of the sanctuary. Please consider taking a tag to help local children have a blessed Christmas. Please return unwrapped gift with the tag attached by the due date. Any questions call or text Gina at 724-809-3215

Operations

- October YTD Expenses-\$175,114 & YTD Receipts-\$170,360
- Per capita Expenses YTD - \$6,630 & Per Capita Receipts YTD-\$2,410

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill open positions on the Board of Session for the Class of 2027. If you have any interest or have questions, contact Chris Otto at 412-722-5325 or cco107@hotmail.com



November

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Tom & Terri Owczarzak 11/12	Liz Cagnon 11/01	Trudy Boggs 11/21	Morgan Lewis 11/26
Rich & Christina Palmer 11/14	Dorothy Elko 11/11	Barbara Corsi 11/22	Gina Arzberger 11/27
Alli & Nick Feszko 11/16	Michele Riddle 11/12	Amy Muslin 11/23	Cherryl Lachowicz 11/30
Eric & Kristen Nan 11/20	Casey Atwell 11/14	Sarah Jane Shaffer 11/24	
Marcy & Edward Zombeck 11/24	Bev Abate 11/19	Elizabeth Repman 11/25	

Trudy Boggs is celebrating her 90th Birthday on November 21.

If you would like to send a card her address is:

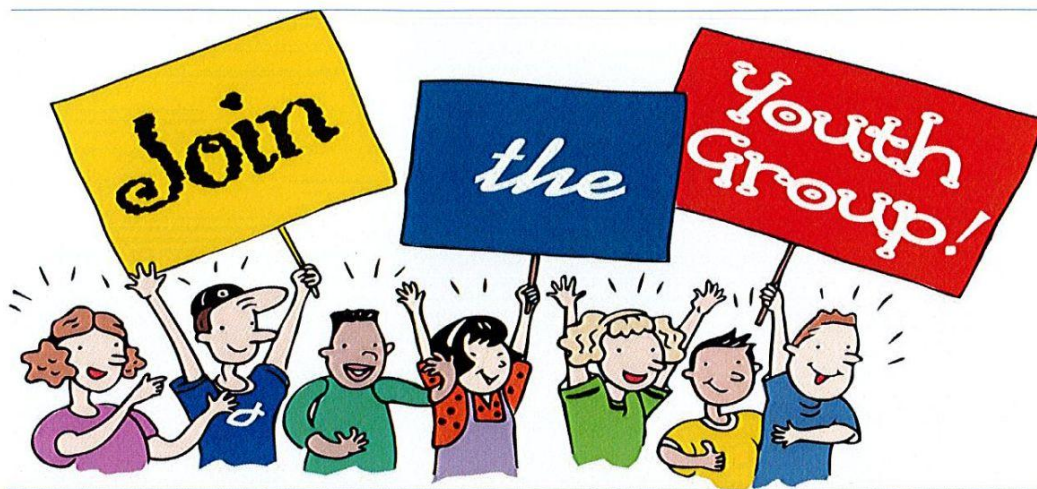
**Dogwood Village
#102
120 Dogwood Lane
Orange, Virginia 22960**

SESSION TEAMS AND LEADS

Worship Team Lead: Gina Arzberger
 Congregational Care Team Lead: John Martin
 Mission Team Leads: Casey Honess/Rayna Knox
 Operations Team Lead: Wendi Rybicki



- Kenny Jones—Friend Vince put on hospice on Saturday; Sister Debbie is caring for him
- Missy Sardo—Elias is getting last chemo. Karen got her hip replacement this week. All went well
- Lynn Smith—Thankful for rain as they need it at home well
- Christina Palmer—Continued prayers for friend Tom who is still in pain from car accident 6 weeks ago.
- Jeff Davis—Prayers of rChris Debrowski who had hip replacement on Monday.
- Dan Fox—Paul Kulha is headed home!
- Rayna Knox—Prayers for kids involved in play “Oliver” at Lincoln Park
- Wendi Rybecki—Jesse and Eva Sue are doing well. She was 2 lbs. And she breathed immediately
- Cherryl Lachowicz—Joy that volunteers are doing a great job with all activities at church
- Prayers of joy for Simon, Megan and new baby Grace
- Ginny Adams—Prayers for friend Karen who was diagnosed with breast cancer
- Jen Davis—Prayers of healing for brother Greg who fell and broke his elbow
- Cliff Howell is in hospital with kidney stones and an infection
- Prayers for Jen Davis who broke 2 bones in her foot
- Mark Douglass—praising the laying on of hands on the Hunsbergers this past Sunday. It was beautiful!



November 4 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

November 11 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

November 18 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

November 24 - 7:00 - 8:30 (**Sunday**)

December 2 – 5:30 – 7:30 We will be traveling to Elder Care where we will pass out presents and sing carols. Church Van leaves at 5:30

Families Welcome

December 9 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

December 16 – Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Happy Holidays No YG Till January 6, 2025