

Spirit Monthly  
Newsletter  
November 2025

Holy Spirit  
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## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

# 55.....40 Stewardship



I have written about the fact that 2025 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HSLC.

It is also the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the current Sanctuary.

### From our History:

Jan. 11, 1970 - First worship service held at Green School.

Nov.1, 1970 - New church building is dedicated.

April 28, 1985 - Dedication of New Sanctuary

Oct.10, 2010 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, November 2, we will not only celebrate All Saints Sunday but also remember our History.

We will display some of the pictures and other items from the previous years.

### **November 9 & 16: Stewardship Emphasis**



**November 9:  
Luke 19:1-10  
Zacchaeus**

**November 16:  
Luke 16:19-31  
The Rich Man and Lazarus**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- **Our Thanksgiving Food Drive** for 9 families in the WB school system continues! Check your email, weekly E-News or bulletin board.
- **Adult Basic Yoga Class** taught by Tina Green is offered on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available. Geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee is \$5.00 per class.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.
- **Men's Group Dinner** is Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. at The Lodge Grill & Bar in Keego Harbor. All men of the church are invited! Please RSVP (on the bulletin board at church) if you're joining us.
- **Dinner with Friends** is Friday, November 14 at 6 p.m. at the Don Juan Mexican Restaurant in Waterford. Please RSVP (on the bulletin board at church) if you're joining us.
- **The Annual Harvest Table** will be set up by the Altar Guild in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 22.
- **Book Club** is Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss "We Solve Murders" by Richard Osman. Speak with Janet Martin if you'd like the book or have questions.
- **WELCA Christmas Party** is Saturday, December 6 at 11 a.m. Brunch at Ann Elliott's. White Elephant exchange if you want to participate. We will be filling the Toiletry Bags for the Wayne County Family Center. See sign-up for needed items.

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Casagrande	November 2
Katie Elliott	November 5
Nicholas Rozman	November 8
Jeff Parko	November 11
Bob Frick	November 19
Kathy Chiaravalli	November 24
Jenny Rand	November 26
Dan Bergman	November 28
Marian Rowland	November 30

*If you or your family member is missing from our lists or the date shown is incorrect, please contact the church office.*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Sunday, November 2**

Reader/Greeter: Mark Filipp  
Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick  
Counters: Janet Martin

### **Sunday, November 9**

Reader/Greeter: Petra Mattern  
Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Opthoff  
Counters: TBD

### **Sunday, November 16**

Reader/Greeter: Jean Samuelson  
Ushers: Stan Samuelson, Lukas Mattern,  
Roy Salowich  
Counters: Andy Meyer

### **Sunday, November 23**

Reader/Greeter: Tina Green  
Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern  
Counters: TBD

### **Sunday, November 30**

Reader/Greeter: Rob Carson  
Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern  
Counters: TBD

**Altar Guild**  
Ruth Dziuba

## Coming Up at Holy Spirit

### November

**All Saints Sunday, November 2** - All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day we will remember the faithful during worship, who have died during the past year. (Sue Gates, , Terry Rowland, Elizabeth "Betty" Dziuba, mother of John Dziuba, and Anita Pinson, former member).

**Holy Spirit hosts the West Bloomfield Faith & Community Alliance Lunch Meeting, Thursday, November 13 at 12 p.m.** The Forum was founded by Pastor Jack Freed in 1972. These Community Leaders work together to serve and improve our community through networking, relationships, and investing in people and organizations serving the Greater West Bloomfield area.

**Annual Harvest Table** - The Altar Guild will set up the Harvest Table up in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 22. If you wish to donate any items such as pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, etc., please put them on bench outside the Sanctuary.

### December

**Christmas Basket Food Collection** – The collection will begin Sunday, November 30. A donation item list will be shared with the congregation and a Turkey donation sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Food will be distributed on Saturday, December 20.

**The Hanging Of The Greens** – The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for the holiday season following worship on Sunday, November 30. If you are interested in helping, please stay after the service to assist with the decorations.

## Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive

We're collecting food for 9 families in the WB school system. Please see the Grocery List below, which is updated weekly. (Current as of November 1). Thank you to those who have already donated!

If you have questions, please speak with Ruth Dziuba. All donations needed by Tuesday, November 19.

- (9) Turkeys (sign-up sheet)
- (9) Jars/Cans Gravy
- (6) Boxes/Bags of Pasta
- (2) Jars Pasta Sauce
- (9) Jars Jelly
- (9) Boxes Breakfast Cereal
- (9) Cans Fruit
- (8) Jars Applesauce
- (9) Boxes Mac & Cheese
- (9) Jars Mayo
- (7) Bags Rice
- (9) Bags Potatoes
- (9) Bags Carrots
- (9) Boxes Butter
- (9) Packs Sliced American Cheese
- (9) Dozen Eggs
- (9) Loaves Bread
- (9) Rolls Paper Towels
- (9) Boxes Facial Tissue
- ~~Tuna Fish (have)~~
- ~~Jars Honey (have)~~
- ~~Corn Muffin Mix (have)~~
- ~~Pumpkin (have)~~
- ~~Baked Beans (have)~~
- ~~Canned Vegetables (have)~~
- Bags Onions
- Cans Cranberry Sauce
- Jars Peanut Butter
- Boxes Stuffing Mix

# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						<i>Zumba (Rental)</i> 9:30 a.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba (Rental)</i> 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	<i>Zumba (Rental)</i> 6:30 p.m.	<i>AA Meeting</i> 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 9:30 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba )</i> 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	WB Faith & Community Alliance 12 p.m.  <i>Zumba</i> 6:30 p.m.	Dinner w/ Friends 6 p.m.  <i>AA Meeting</i> 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 9:30 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council 7 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 6:30 p.m.	<i>AA Meeting</i> 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 9:30 a.m.  Food Basket Distribution 12 p.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Day	<i>AA Meeting</i> 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba</i> 9:30 a.m.
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Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.						

## Holy Spirit: A Praying Community - [Prayer Ventures for November 2025]

*All Saints Sunday* - Who have you lost in your life? A family member, spouse, friend, neighbor, co-worker, a fellow congregant? Reflect on their significance in your life and community, and give thanks, praying that their memory and influence endure.

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you” (Luke 6:27-28). Ask God for the faith and courage to follow Jesus when he implores us to resist human nature and social influences that drive us to vengeance, malice and judgment. Pray that our words, actions and decisions reflect God’s boundless love for us—for humanity.

Pray for the Spirit to temper our emotions and actions when we experience conflicts of opinions, values, religious belief or political ideology. Ask God to help us relate to one another without violence or belligerence—despite our differences—and to engage one another with attention, respect, attentive listening, dialogue and, when possible, reconciliation and compromise.

Give thanks to God for the promise of an eternal inheritance, attained not by the quality of our faith or good deeds but through God’s undeserved gift of love and redemption through Jesus Christ, our one true Savior.

We are children of God and children of the resurrection! Pray for the Spirit to help us comprehend and celebrate our life in Christ, which is not limited to our short life on earth but extends into eternity with God.

*Veterans Day* - Remember and pray for military veterans who have engaged in the causes of pursuing peace and justice, defending freedom and responding to natural disasters. Give thanks for their sacrifices and service on our behalf.

Pray for those who suffer memory loss and dementia, and for the spouses, families and others who surround them with love, care and support. Give thanks for health care workers and care providers involved in memory care, treatment and research.

“As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped” (Psalm 17:4-5). Pray that it be so!

Pray that our faith in God’s enduring promises about our future is strong and that we respond to God’s persistent call to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to love and serve our neighbors. Ask the Spirit to free us from fixation, fear, prediction of signs and speculation about when and how Jesus will return, bringing God’s kingdom to Earth.

Pray for the Spirit to teach and embolden us to be tireless advocates and bearers of peace, mercy and compassion into our communities, nation and world.

Ask God to help us be grateful, wise and effective stewards of creation, understanding our connection to all living things and teaching others to care for our environment and natural resources — life-sustaining gifts from God entrusted to our use and care.

*Thanksgiving Day* - Praise God for the gifts that sustain our body and spirit — food, shelter, family, friends, faith communities, the bounty of creation, God’s love and forgiveness, and so much more. Remember and give thanks for those who plant, cultivate, harvest, prepare and deliver the food that nourishes us.

Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who lack safe shelter and wonder how their basic, daily needs will be met. Ask God to help us be attentive to their immediate and long-term needs and be diligent in seeking solutions to the dearth of affordable housing and access to social services in our communities — solutions that respect the value, rights and dignity of our neighbors in need.



## YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

## WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. (during the school year)

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism

GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to

celebrate God's grace in our midst

SENT to share God's blessings in our

community and beyond.