

THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



From the Pastor's Desk...

November 2023

Dear Cup family and friends,

The first Sunday of November is the International day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. On this one day, churches around the world unite together to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who follow Christ under the most difficult conditions. Some persecuted Christians must worship in secret. Others are shunned for their faith. Some persecuted Christians are thrown into prison or even killed for following Jesus. Down through the centuries, stories of standing for Christ are quite common. Paul, the author of many New Testament books, even finishes the book of Colossians with, "Remember my chains. Grace be with you." The International day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is a day to be inspired by the ways that our fellow believers follow Christ under the most difficult of circumstances.

Just as we celebrate those who follow Christ around the world, here at Cup we have been discerning how God is calling us to follow Christ as a congregation. We have been working on growing in sharing our faith, connecting with one another, and reviewing our church's mission statement. One important part of this effort has been the 50 Days to Vitality devotional and sermon series. Thank you for joining us as we have grown together in what it means to be a healthy, vital congregation! We will continue to grow in the area of sharing our faith on Sunday, December 3rd when Rev. Dr. Marc de Jeu will be preaching on Sunday morning followed by a lunch and workshop on creating an evangelistic culture at Cup. Here, we will be discussing what it would look like for evangelism to be an integral part of what we do. Be sure to save the date! The vision for Cup continues to be formed and implemented by the Vision Team.

On a final note, the Session has been working diligently on putting together the Pastoral Search Committee, which will be voted on by the congregation at a called congregational meeting in the near future. Therefore, here are a few prayer requests for our congregation. Please pray for your ruling elders as they seek to shepherd our congregation during this transitional time. Please pray for your vision team as they near the conclusion of their work. Please pray for the search committee as it soon begins its work. Even now, pray for God to prepare our next pastor to lead Cup into the future. Finally, A.B. Simpson was the founder of the denomination called the Christian Missionary Alliance. Simpson's staff would share stories of going into his office and finding him with his arms wrapped around a globe, praying over it. He was praying for the Gospel to be shared around the world. Would you join me in praying that the Gospel is shared throughout our community? In other words, let us pray that we faithfully follow Christ, share the Gospel, and live the Gospel.

Blessings,

Pastor Marc

The Family Ministries Committee hosted it's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat and Harvest Festival at CUP Church on October 24th. This years theme was GAMES. Volunteers decorated more than 25 trunks and passed out candy and treats to more than 100 children. The kids then enjoyed popcorn and games on the side lawn with our Crosscurrent Youth. Chippewa and South Beaver Fire Departments brought out their Fire Trucks and joined in the fun. Our furry friends joined in too, we had some of the cutest hot dogs, Hershey bars and spiders around! The weather was beautiful and we had so much fun. Many thanks to all the planners, coordinators, helpers and to those who donated supplies! We can't wait for next year!



November/December Calendar

Nov 4	Presbytery @ Pittsburgh, PA
Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 7	ELECTION DAY 5:30p Worship Committee 6:30p DEACONS 8:30p TRUSTEES
Nov 8	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ GVI
Nov 11	VETERAN'S DAY
Nov 12	SHINE SUNDAY 6:00p Crosscurrent Chili Cook-off
Nov 19	6:00p Crosscurrent Friendsgiving
Nov 21	SHINE Rehearsal 7:00p SESSION
Nov 23	OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING
Nov 24	OFFICE CLOSED
Dec 2	3:00pm Ladies Christmas Tea
Dec 3	Advent Begins 12:00p Evangelism Culture Workshop
Dec 5	5:30p Worship Committee 6:30p DEACONS 8:30p TRUSTEES
Dec 9	9:00a SHINE Dress Rehearsal 6:30p SHINE MUSICAL
Dec 10	SHINE SUNDAY 4:00p SHINE MUSICAL
Dec 12	7:00p SESSION
Dec 13	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ GVI
Dec 17	6:00p Crosscurrent Christmas Party
Dec 19	6:00p Family Min Christmas Party
Dec 24	7:00p Festival of Lessons & Carols
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 28-29	Crosscurrent Mock New Years Lockin
Dec 31	New Years Eve

Weekly Meetings & Small Groups

Monday Afternoon 1:00pm

Adult Bible Study (library)

Wednesday Evening 4:00pm

SHINE Afterschool Program

Family Dinner at 6:00pm

Evangelism Class at 6:30pm

Thursday Evening 7:00pm

Choir Practice

Saturday Morning 7:30a

Men's Group at Eat N Park

Sunday Evening 6:00pm

Crosscurrent (7th-12th Grade)

The Church Office will be closed November 23rd and 24th. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Sierra Leone Youth Camp Fundraiser

Help us send the kids from Fintonia to the Bi-Annual Winter Retreat in Rokassa in December. This year we need to raise \$2,800. Please place your donations in the offering basket and mark them SIERRA LEONE YOUTH CAMP. See the missions board throughout the month of November to watch the bus "make it's way" to Rokassa. See Jale with questions!



The Crosscurrent Youth are selling Soup by the Quart and Biscotti to help cover the cost of Winter Retreat. Order forms are located in the bulletin. All orders are due to Joel by November 26th. Orders will be available for pickup on December 10th!



Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 20th at 9:00am

We would love to have your help in decorating the Church!



The Deacons in cooperation with the Salvation Army are collecting for The Angel Tree. Take a tag from the tree by the office and leave your donations in the box by Dec. 3rd. Contact Tammy Popham with questions.

Give Thanks in all things,

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What a whirlwind of events happening at CUP Church and with the children and youth! Our big Trunk or Treat outreach was a huge success and our youth were amazing helpers as we welcomed a few hundred people to CUP Church on October 24th. What a night!

Crosscurrent Youth Group What fun we have had over the past month. We have kicked off our Fall semester, we have made a trip to the pumpkin patch that turned into a bowling and pizza event due to rain. We have had our costume party where we invited many friends to join us! Not only that we have been having fun together as we are learning the Truth of the Bible together! Crosscurrent meets on Sunday’s at the church from 6-8pm, to keep updated check out our Facebook page. **Please note the youth are selling soup and biscotti to help us raise money to defer the cost of Winter Retreat in January. Please see the order forms in the bulletin. Due 11/26.

SHINE Wow its already time to work on the musical. We have 16 kiddos in the program this semester and each one is so excited to be here! We are currently working hard on our upcoming musical! “*A Night Full of Stars*” Please make sure you join us for one of our two showings. Saturday, December 9th at 6:30pm or Sunday, December 10th at 4:30pm. Fellowship will follow both performances.

Family Ministry 2nd Annual All Church Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th 6-8pm. Join us for food, caroling and fun. More details coming soon!!

Mini’s Youth Group Look for upcoming details in January 2024.

Littles Quest Group Look for upcoming details in January 2024.

As always I ask you to please keep all the children and youth in our community and beyond in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cunniff

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

