



# The Good News November 2021

## “Listening Session” Formerly “Town Hall Meeting” Sabbath, November 6 @ 6:15

The Listening Session for our area of the Potomac Conference will be held Sabbath evening, November 6, 2021, starting at 6:15. The Session will be at the Wytheville SDA Church located at 1600 Chapman Road, Wytheville.

These sessions take place around the Potomac Conference each year. This is a time that conference administrators share important conference news with members as well as a time for members to bring questions and concerns to the administration. We encourage all members to attend these meetings and to share in the mission of what Jesus is doing in the Potomac Conference.

Please make plans to attend this Listening Session and to take an active role in the future and direction of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

*Give thanks to God on  
Thanksgiving Day  
and all year through!*



## A Note from Jean Kennedy’s Family

After viewing the Celebration of Life for Jean Kennedy on the church’s YouTube channel, Karen Jennings, Jean’s niece in Maine, wrote the following:

*“My husband, Greg, and I just watched the service. It was really a beautiful service. We take great comfort in knowing how well thought of she was by her church family. Thank you so much for everything.”*

A kind and loving church family is so important in these days and times! Our church family is just what we need and what we have! Thank you!

## Young Adults Sabbath School

The Young Adults Sabbath School class has resumed meeting after a hiatus during the COVID “season.”

The class meets in Room #9 at 9:30 on Sabbath mornings. The group studies the regular adult Sabbath School quarterlies for now but other materials are under consideration.

If you are between college age and, say, 40 or so, you might enjoy this discussion time together.

Why not stop in and check it out? You will be warmly welcomed!

## Are You Ready?

We will begin having regular monthly meetings for Adventist Youth (“AY”) which really encompasses all ages!

AY was started in the Adventist denomination approximately 125 years ago and it continues today in many churches. Our church is about to join those ranks!

You are invited to join us on Sabbath afternoon, November 6, starting at 1:30. While the 5 to 9 year olds in our church family are enjoying Adventurers, the rest of us will be gathering to sing, pray and praise God together!

Please join us on November 6 at 1:30 and let’s give it a go!

## Fellowship Lunch Thanksgiving Meal Sabbath, November 6

Please join us after worship services for fellowship and a meal together!



## Fellowship Meal

## Welcome to the Family!

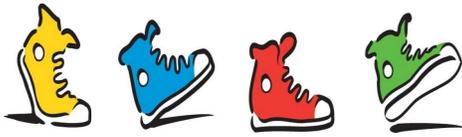
On Sabbath, October 30, we welcomed Sammy Deel into our church family! Sammy is a friendly guy who enjoys walking, working in his yard, photography, caring for his parents and writing letters.

Please take the opportunity to get to know our newest brother and welcome him into the Family of God!



Parents may bring their children, ages 0-3, to the Nursery during the worship service on the first Sabbath of November. Two verified Nursery Attendants will care for your children while you worship in the sanctuary.

Please see Jennifer Dodge if you would like to serve as a Nursery Attendant or if you have questions about this new program.



## Walking Sundays

Health Ministries is inviting all ages to walk the first Sunday of each month at the River's Edge Sports Complex.

We will meet near the Complex at the Virginia Varsity Storage parking lot, across from the tennis courts, on Sunday, November 7, at 7:30 a.m. Virginia Varsity Storage is located at 102 Edinburg Street, SW, Roanoke.

So put on some comfy clothes, lace up your shoes and come walk and fellowship with us as we exercise multiple laws of health.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin its work very soon. Should you be called upon to serve on the Committee or to serve in a ministry position, please consider that call as an invitation to serve God and to serve His church!

Let's continue praying for the seven individuals who make up the Nominating Committee. Let's ask the Lord to guide them and bless them as they chose ministry leaders to serve in 2022!

## Lamb's Offering for November

During November, the children will be collecting the Lamb's Offering and all donations will be used to support the Roanoke Adventist Christian School Home and School programs. The church selects a Home and School Leader who is responsible for overseeing the program needs, similar to a PTA organization in a public school.

In addition to overseeing the school's annual fundraising efforts such as the recent Fall Festival, Home and School funds are used to provide special rewards for our students such as Pizza Days, extra funding for student field trips, acknowledgements of student or family illnesses or deaths, and supporting other special student, family or staff needs.

Please give generously to our Home and School during November.

~ Submitted by Susan Timmons

## Church Board News & Notes

The Roanoke SDA 2021 Church Board met on Monday, October 11. The following are some of the ministry ideas, opportunities and events discussed during that meeting:

- > Current status of screening for verified volunteers was reviewed.
- > Minutes of previous meetings were approved and membership transfers were voted.
- > September financial report was approved
- > Walking Sundays begins November 7
- > Playground will be mulched
- > Recommendation to have internet needs assessed
- > Hats from the Heart program sponsored by Women's Ministries
- > AY program to begin November 6

All board members are encouraged to attend the monthly church board meetings. The next board meeting will be Monday, November 8 at 6:15. Please mark your calendars for this meeting.



## November Birthdays

- 1 Amor Cadiao
- 3 Marty Squier
- 5 Jennifer Dodge
- 6 Claude Brown
- 7 Liz McLennan
- 8 Suzanne P. Lancaster
- 10 Mark Raleigh
- 12 Vicki Brown
- 13 Ryan Greenway
- 14 Carol Sprague
- 15 Beth Armstrong
- 17 Jayden Gooden
- 18 Marc Buch
- 21 Mitzi Harlow Boggs
- 22 Kurt Rardin
- 24 Danielle Pleasants
- 24 Jackie Powell-Long
- 28 Megan Greenway
- 29 Murray Joiner
- 30 Rickey Deyerle

## Hats from Our Hearts

Let's make 200 warm hats for the homeless in our area and give them to the homeless shelter to distribute in December! Warm hats may be homemade or purchased and donated. Women's Ministry is coordinating this project but everyone is encouraged to participate! You can bring in the hats as you get them done and place them in the basket provided in the church foyer!

Let's share the warmth of our hearts by making/buying hats to distribute to those in need this winter!



## Thanksgiving Brunch - You Are Invited!

On Friday, November 19, the students, staff and board of the Roanoke Adventist Christian School will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Program and Brunch starting at 10:30 and lasting until noon.

The school students and homeschoolers in the CONNECT program will have a program of music and poetry. After the short program, all participants and guests are invited to join in a delicious Thanksgiving Brunch.

If you are a member or friend of the Roanoke SDA Church or a family member of one or more of our students, then you are invited! Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than Sabbath, November 13, so there will be a plenty of food available for all guests.

To reserve your place there will be a **sign-up sheet** in the church foyer or you may **RSVP** by emailing the school at [RoanokeAdventistPrep@gmail.com](mailto:RoanokeAdventistPrep@gmail.com) no later than November 13.

Please note that all COVID precautions will be taken in preparing and serving the food for this event. If you have questions, please see our teacher, Jackie



## DRUMSTICK DASH

The **Drumstick DASH** is a 5k Run and Family Walk that happens every Thanksgiving morning in Downtown Roanoke. The DASH benefits the Roanoke Rescue Mission by helping provide for the meals that the Rescue Mission serves on a daily basis.

The DASH welcomes some of the best runners in the area to the race as well as those who just want to have a good time and a morning stroll to help those in the community. For several years in the past our church has had walkers/runners participate in this event to help feed, house and clothe those in need. Maybe that will happen again this year!

**2021 Atlantic Union Bank Drumstick DASH!** Join us on Thanksgiving morning, November 25, starting at 9:00 a.m. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!



## VBS ON THE GO!

During October Children's Ministries took our VBS program on the road to the Roanoke Rescue Mission and to Kids Soar in downtown Roanoke. Pictured are two of the 45 children that attended *VBS on the Go* on October 22 at Kids Soar.

On Friday, November 12, we will go one more time. This time we will go to see the children at the Presbyterian Community Center to share *VBS on the Go* with them. The Center is located at 1228 Jamison Avenue, SE, Roanoke.

The children we've met so far have been excited for us to be with them and very willing to participate in the activities we have planned for them.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry to the children in our area, please see Jennifer Dodge to sign up! This is a great time to share Jesus!

The December 2021 issue of ***The GOOD NEWS*** will be distributed beginning November 27, 2021. Please send info and pictures to [RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com](mailto:RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com). Next Deadline: November 20, 2021

## OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE!

A first time donor, Bob Garrett, came to our October blood drive after being encouraged to come for over a year by some at the Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast. Before leaving after having donated and eaten, Bob was heard to say he was "so sorry he had not been sooner because it was such a great experience!" That's one of the goals of the blood drive - help individuals have a good experience in our church setting with the idea of having them come again for other reasons.



Another donor in October, Charles Bowles, has donated 180 units of blood since August 2015, our very first drive! Charles has only missed one of our blood drives and that's because he was traveling out of town.

Pictured to the left is our own Raymund Cadio just starting the process of donation while drinking a yummy smoothie. Our blood drives routinely provide opportunities to witness to others about Jesus' love and care while providing a very important service to those in crisis in our community. Our next drive is in January 2022. Be sure to get on the list of donors!

**Who to Contact?**

If you need pastoral assistance, please contact:

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For other needs, please contact the following:

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Head Deaconess: Carol Doudiken  
540-580-1589

Finance: John Hodgkin  
336-817-0260

Treasurer: Mona Robinson  
757-880-0377

School: Lea McKenney  
813-312-5365  
or  
Jackie Powell-Long  
540-798-6061

## Adventurer Club

The new Adventurer Club is off to a good start with the Induction Ceremony having taken place in October. It isn't too late for your 5-9 year old to participate in this worthwhile activity. Please see Nina Kesselring for info on how to join!

