

The Week of November 24, 2024

# THE KISKI WEEKLY



## From the desk of Rev. Erin Kobs, Transitional General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Greetings from Dayton, OH, where I am spending the Thanksgiving holiday with my family. As many families, we have some long held traditions - watching the Macy's Thanksgiving parade, arguing about whether to watch football or the National Dog Show, eating lots of great food, & of course, making our plans for Black Friday early morning shopping. My father has been taking us "kids" out shopping for 41 years now. It started when my cousins & I were younger, now it is their children who go out with Uncle Alan - rain or shine or snow. We stand in long lines & laugh about the whole thing as a distraction for the freezing cold temperatures. Then, it is onto our post-shopping family breakfast at one of the favorite places - Scramblers. The non-shopping crew will meet up with us. Of course, this Friday morning will certainly be the same - wake up way too early, be cold, laugh together & make sure to snag a group selfie to commemorate the occasion. Now, our family definitely has an unusual tradition - on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, we eat Indian Curry Chicken. Several of us know how to make it. We all love it & each year, we have to up the spices simply because we've all grown accustomed to it. Heaven forbid anyone new comes into the family - they will need a lot of milk to cool their mouths!

Thanksgiving is meant to be a time to gather together. Some of you will host big meals, some you will head to family or friends, & others might have small gatherings at home. My hope is that you will take time to remember to be grateful to God for all the blessings of this life. And, share the love with those around you. We all need a little more love in these times. Thanksgiving blessings!

# HAPPY THANKS GIVING

From all of us  
at the  
Kiskiminetas  
Presbytery!



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Grace  
Presbyterian  
Church  
155 N. Jefferson St.,  
Kittanning, PA 16201-1547

Christmas  
Cantata

*"Waiting for  
Christmas"*

December 8th at 11:00 a.m.  
& 4:00 p.m.  
(two performances)  
Everyone welcome!



## Hear the Word podcast - First Sunday of Advent

Year A in Video, audio and multimedia Resource Details

Each podcast (MP3 file) includes four lectionary readings for one of the Sundays or festivals of the church year: an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, an Epistle and a Gospel reading. Following each set of readings is a prayer for the day from the Book of Common Worship. May these scriptures be a source of challenge and hope as you prepare your heart and mind for Sunday worship, and may the Word of God guide and nourish you in the service of daily living. [VISIT HERE.](#)

## Per Capita Reminder for 2024

Reminder that the 2024 Per Capita is due Saturday, December 14. Checks can be mailed in or dropped off to the Presbytery, [or paid online here.](#)

## WALK WITH THE SHEPHERDS

### Beechwoods Presbyterian Church

14 Beechwood Rd., Falls Creek, PA 15840.

Saturday, December 7th 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Come walk among the shepherds anytime between 10 a.m. & Noon for a morning of creative fun for all ages. Free & Open to the public. All are invited to a live event where "shepherds" tell about the birth of Jesus Christ in their own words and through various outdoor stations that recount the events recorded in the Bible through drama, engage people of all ages in hands-on activities like crafting a sheep ornament and playing music or singing, and invite all to join in refreshments. Most of this event will take place outdoors. Refreshments including hot chocolate will be offered inside and provide a place to warm up if it is chilly outside.

## Per Capita Rate for 2025

General Assembly -	\$10.84
Synod -	\$ 2.40
Presbytery -	<u>\$26.00</u>
	\$39.24



## Advent Lectionary Discussion Group

We would like to invite you to a lectionary based discussion group for Advent. It will be a zoom meeting for anyone wanting to join in or just listen hosted by Commissioned Pastor Donna Kanouff. If you are preparing a sermon, a Sunday School class, or maybe just interested in learning more about the Scriptures for Advent, join us Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm. [Click Here to Join.](#)

## GOOD NEWS BOARD



Please share GOOD NEWS from your church with all of us. Send information to [communications@kiskipby.org](mailto:communications@kiskipby.org)

## Food Bank Donation Advice

If you are planning on helping families at a food bank this season, things you probably don't know.

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.



*For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; Matt. 25:35*

Please contact the Food Bank, Pantries, Cupboards, Libraries, etc. to make sure that what you are donating is meeting those in need. NOTE: Not all Food dispensaries are equipped to handle perishable foods.