



# The Buzz

November 9, 2023

## WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD Never Give Up Praying

*"Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and never give up." -Luke 18:1*

There once was a man who never gave up even though time and again he was a complete failure. His young life started by trying out a new business. It failed. Next, he ran for state legislator and again he failed. So he ran a second time and lost a second time. He then decided to try another business but as with everything else he did, it failed. His fiancée died a short time before their wedding. Not long afterward, he had a nervous breakdown. A few years later he decided to try politics again so he ran for Congress. He lost. He ran again and was defeated again. So he decided to run for the Senate, but, of course, he lost. Never one to give up, the next year he ran for Vice President of the United States, but once again, he lost. To make matters worse, he was often mocked because of his gangling arms, his towering height, and his unusual facial features. A year later he ran for the Senate again and was defeated. But finally, in 1860, the man whose name was Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th President of the United States. Here we see a man who would become perhaps the best president ever to hold the office, all because he would never give up. He persevered even when he could easily have quit. This picture can help us see how God wants us, his children, to continue to persevere and never to give up. Jesus made this very clear one day when speaking to his disciples about prayer.

Luke 18 begins with this story: "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

This woman had problems with someone treating her unfairly, so she brought the matter before the judge. However, the judge felt she was far too insignificant to spend his time on her problem. Consequently, he brushed her off. So she came back to him, again and again, until finally he decided to grant her what she requested, all because she refused to give up.

Certainly our loving God never refuses to listen to our prayers, but there are many times that he answers our prayer with inaction. In his divine wisdom he decides that the time is not right to grant us our wishes. But that does not mean we should stop praying. If we suffer from a grave illness, do we come to God just once and ask for his healing power? No, we go to him again and again begging and pleading for his will to be done. If we have a friend who refuses to believe in God, do we ask the Holy Spirit just once to work faith in that person's heart? No, we return to God again and again with the prayer that the friend would come to know Jesus as his or her Savior.

God wants us to come to him as often as we can. He will never grow tired of hearing the same prayer over and over again and we should never feel that we are bothering him. Let's remember to persevere in our prayers!

In Christ, Mike Allard, Principal @ St. John's

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Nov 9

Picture Retake Day

### Friday, Nov 10

Veteran's Day Program  
(Grades 2-8) 10:30 am

### Saturday, Nov 11

Gala at Fannies 5:00 pm

### Sunday, Nov 12

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Monday, Nov 13

School Board 5:15 pm

### Tuesday, Nov 14

Worship 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, Nov 15

Chapel 8:20 am

Pioneers 6:00 pm

### Sunday, Nov 19

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Tuesday, Nov 21

Church Band 4:00 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

### Wed-Fri, Nov 22-24

NO SCHOOL -  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

### Thursday, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Worship  
9:00 am

### Thurs-Fri, Nov 23-24

ELC CLOSED

### Sunday, Nov 26

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Monday, Nov 27

Dartball vs. Globe/Christie

**Veteran's Day Program:** Grades 2-8 will be taking a bus to the Public School tomorrow for a short Veteran's Day Program, which will begin at 10:30. If you'd like to join us, you are welcome to come. The bus leaves at 10:10.

**Gala/Auction:** A fundraiser to benefit St. John's School bathroom remodeling project will be held this Saturday, November 11, at Fannie's Supper Club. The event begins at 5:00, meal at 6:00, and auction at 7:00.

The event will include a buffet-style meal of roast beef or baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, seasonal roasted vegetables, and dessert. Ticket purchasers will automatically qualify for the meal, a variety of raffle prizes drawn throughout the evening, and will have access to view all auction items ahead of the auction time.

**America's White Table:** Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will be listening to/participating in a presentation next week to give students a better understanding of struggles some families deal with when losing or missing a veteran.

**Apparel Order:** Are you in need of St. John's apparel, either for yourself or as a gift? You can now order online at <https://stjohns23fa.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. Check out all the styles, colors, and logos that are available.

**New this time: "Hornet Music" logo.**

The online store will be open for orders through **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. You will receive your items before Christmas.

If your child is playing basketball, please make sure to order a pair of shorts that they can wear with their jersey.

**Farewell:** Tomorrow is Mr. Marohn's last day with us. It has been a pleasure having him here, and we pray for God's continued blessings as he finishes up his college education and student teaching and prepares to begin his full-time teaching ministry.

**Pioneers:** Pioneers will be meeting next Wednesday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. All children are welcome.

**Upcoming School Schedule:** There will be NO SCHOOL for 3K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wednesday through Friday (11/22-11/24). The ELC will be open for childcare on Wednesday (11/22), but WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (11/23-11/24) for Thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving Worship:** We will be having a special Thanksgiving Day worship service on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. All of you are invited to join us for this special service as we give thanks to our gracious God for his continued grace and blessings to us.

### **12/17-K-8 Christmas Service &**

**12/19-3K/4K Christmas Service:** All students are expected to participate in our children's Christmas services. We wanted to give parents a heads-up so that you can plan accordingly. This is part of our religion curriculum.

The service on Dec 17 will be at 9:00 a.m.

The service on Dec 19 will be at 6:00 p.m.

**Winter Clothes:** We will plan to go outside for recess most days during the winter, weather permitting. Please make sure to send along outdoor winter clothing with your children (snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, coats, etc.)

**Cookie Decorating:** Our Pioneer group will be having a special meeting on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 to decorate cookies to be put into care packages for our shut-in members. Some supplies are needed: cut-out sugar cookies, white frosting, apples, oranges, string cheese, and fudge. If you are able to help by donating any of these items, please contact Mrs. Shadrick at 715-897-0903. Thank you!

**2024 Calendars:** Beautiful 2024 wall calendars with Scripture verses are available. Buy 1 for \$8.00 or two for \$15.00. Proceeds will go toward costs for teens to attend the International Youth Rally next year in Colorado. Inspire your year or give as gifts!




### **Claire Hannasch**

The student of the week is Claire Hannasch. Claire is in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. She is consistently a hard worker, sets a good example, is polite and friendly, and is a good helper to fellow classmates as well as teachers.



***Congratulations Claire!***



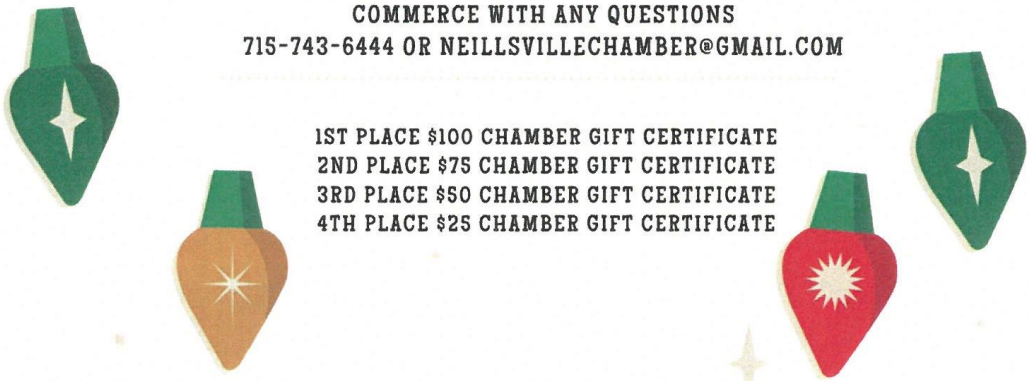
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY  
SEASON WITH US IN NEILLSVILLE

# Holiday Decorating CONTEST



THE NEILLSVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS EXCITED  
TO BRING BACK THE DECORATING CONTEST. IT IS FREE TO  
ENTER AND OPEN TO ALL NEILLSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESIDENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE NEILLSVILLE CHAMBER TO  
REGISTER. REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER  
1ST AND DECORATING MUST BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER  
4TH.

PLEASE CONTACT THE NEILLSVILLE CHAMBER OF  
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715-743-6444 OR NEILLSVILLECHAMBER@GMAIL.COM



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2ND PLACE \$75 CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATE  
3RD PLACE \$50 CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATE  
4TH PLACE \$25 CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATE

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# Santa's Workshop

Thursday, November 30th, 3:30 to 5:00pm



**Snowman Candle**



**Snow Globe**

This year the Optimist Club is teaming up with CART for Santa's Workshop at the CART Center.

*Join the festivities and create one or more of these Holiday gifts for a special person. A card making station and a gift bag station are included.*

*Many choices of ribbon, paint, jars, ornaments, greenery, stickers, etc. for you to choose from, making each design your own.*

**Ages: 6-12**

*Christmas treats and beverages will be served*

**RSVP by Friday,  
November 24th,  
limited to 50 children.**

**Call Barb at  
715-429-0486**

*to make your  
reservation and indicate  
which items you are going  
to make.*



**Holiday Lantern**



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