

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The holidays are upon us. As I write this it is Halloween and interesting costumes are everywhere. We enjoy getting to dress up like someone or something we are not. Superheroes are always popular. I typically dress as the scariest thing I know – a lawyer!

As we head toward Thanksgiving most of us are busy planning trips and family dinners. Sometimes we get so involved in the preparations, our attempts to have the perfect holiday, that we forget to give thanks. Thanksgiving is about the early settlers being thankful for surviving a harsh winter in the American northeast. Bitterly cold weather, lack of food, and illness had created extreme hardship for those early settlers. Those who survived and had toiled during the summer to prepare for the next winter found cause to give thanks not only for their survival, but also for the preparations for the next winter.

While most of us aren't facing that type of hardship, many have serious concerns. Yet in the midst of our difficulties each of us should take time to be thankful for the good things we have, food, shelter, loving family, and a caring church family. We sometimes find ourselves focused only on the negative things in our life. Leading up to Thanksgiving I hope each of you will focus on the many good things we have. Then we can have a truly joyous Thanksgiving.

Janet

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

1. November 6 - Julie Ciuro
2. November 13 - Pat Nash
3. November 20 - Pat Nash
4. November 27 - Bill Gast

NOVEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

- November 3 - Luke 19:1-10
November 10 - Luke 20:27-38
November 17 - Luke 21:5-19
November 24 - Luke 23:33-43

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in October go to:

1. The liturgists – Pat Nash
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. The acolytes – Michelle and Tiffany Kalu,
4. Those who brought snacks for after worship – Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Irmagene Mitchell
5. Those who brought flowers – Joan Christy
6. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
7. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
8. Pat Nash hosts the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life
9. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion, and picking up the attendance sheets after the service
10. Elders serving communion: Joe Alexander and Bryan Booth Krueger
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates member's and friend's birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

- November 3 Nnennaya Kalu
November 18 Bryan Booth Krueger
November 19 Jeff Alexander

THANK YOU LETTER

We received a thank you from Presbyterian Church (USA) thanking us for our contribution to the Disaster Assistance Fund. We sent donations from members to help support their efforts in Houston. Our donations do make a difference, so please continue to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank You!

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2019:

Income	\$5,373
Expenses	\$6,227

Year-to-Date:

Income	\$50,562
Expenses	\$60,687

Please continue to support the church with your giving of time, treasure, and talent, and your faithful attendance in church. Also continue to pray for the church.

If you have any questions or comments, just call me at 972-223-3631. Thank You, Joan Christy, treasurer.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is "utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Jesus "did not rejoice in the tithe or a big offering as much as He did in the sacrificial, complete giving of a widow, but Jesus called all disciples to absolute surrender of ourselves and our substance to Him."

"Thus, the New Testament concept of stewardship centers in our commitment to Jesus Christ. When He becomes our Lord, He becomes Lord of our time, talents, finances, and everything. We realize that we are not our own, but are bought with a price."

(Previous quotes are from the Holman Bible Dictionary, Trent C. Butler, Ph.D., General Editor, Nashville, TN, 1991, pp. 1303-1304.)

If you did not present your pledge cards during at the morning worship service on October 27, it's not too late. Please either mail it in or give it to Joan Christy or Lori Gast. Our church needs each family group to prayerfully consider tithing or increasing their contribution level, so that we may continue to serve God, our community and one another.

Thank you. Stewardship Committee

CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Our weather is getting colder and our thoughts are with the homeless, so we are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2019 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. If you are an elder and you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Grace Presbytery, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Sue Fitch, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, Irmagene Mitchell, Karla Krueger, Cora Marsaw, Sonia Wills, a relative of Janet's is suffering with depression, Sharon and Clyde Lockhart, Truman and Martha Brashear Jennifer Swan, Diane Sharp, Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University and he needs our continued prayers, Cori Laws, Devynne Boyanton, LaNelle Pierce has lung cancer, Jim Palmer and his family, Irmagene's son Gary and her daughter Lisa , Dwayne, Zac Tucker, travel mercies for all our members traveling, Julie's daughter Becky's parents-in-law, neighbors south of us that were affected by the recent storms, Aurelia's son Joshua Coleman, Nina's next door neighbor lost her son, family of Bill Gast, Janet's friend Chris, Hailey Hicks, Phil Donaldson, Amanda is having surgery, Julie's daughter Jennifer is having wrist surgery, the shooting victims and their families, April was in an accident, Duke Burgess and his family, Jonathan McGee and his wife, Manfred Enoch twisted his ankle.

CELEBRATIONS

Betty Epie and Dave and Cheryl Frame were here visiting, friends of Makia and Mireille were able to get a visa, Alice Anne's son got married, Bill got home safely and thanks everyone for their condolences, Jeanie Cramer was here visiting, Devynne has a full-time substitute teaching job, Cori Laws got her doctorate degree.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Daylight Savings time ends
3 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with communion	4 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	5 10:30 AM FIA Meeting	6	7 10:00 AM Art Group	8	9
10 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	11 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	12 10:30 AM Write Thanksgiving notes to shut-ins	13	14 10:00 AM Art Group	15	16
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24 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	25 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	26 10:30 AM Plan for Advent and do early Christmas decorating	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30