

# Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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## NOVEMBER 2018

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

For Halloween William went as a clown. Not just any clown though. He went in a vintage clown costume made by my mother some 60+ years ago for my sister, Julie. It has now been worn by three generations of children in my family – Julie, myself, Edwin, Julie’s daughters, Jennifer and Becky, my son Thomas, and finally Thomas’ son William. It is an unusual tradition to be handed down, but we enjoy it. (I’m sure my mother would have appreciated its use since the pattern for it had 56 individual pieces!)

Traditions hold us together with the past. Though my parents are long gone, the clown costume serves as a tangible connection to family in other times and other places.

Traditions are not just for families, they can also be found in all sorts of organizations. Soon we will be electing new officers for the church and after the first of the year ordaining and installing them. The sacrament of ordination is a tradition of the church that provides a tangible connection to all those saints before us who have served the church in different times and different places.

Through the laying on of hands we are touched not only by those physically touching us, but by those whose hands touched them in ordination, and those before them, and so on back to the origin of the church. At ordination, either as a ruling or teaching elder, we are touched by the Holy Spirit and by all those who came before us.

As we ordain the elders of the class of 2021 look beyond those standing with the candidates. Remember the elders in your life who have gone before us to the church triumphant. See them standing with their hands on your shoulder and know that we stand with Jesus Christ as so many before us have done.

Traditions can be a tangible connection to the past and a promise of our future in the presence of our Lord.

Janet

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

1. November 4 - Bill Gast
2. November 11 - Julie Ciuro
3. November 18 - Bryan Booth Krueger
4. November 25 - Pat Nash

### NOVEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

- November 4 - Mark 12:28-34  
November 11 - Mark 12:38-44  
November 18 - Mark 13:1-8  
November 25 - John 18:33-37

### JACKIE HOLLEY’S NEW ADDRESS

As many if not all of you know, Jackie Holley has moved to Gulfport, MS. We will miss her so much. Her new address is:  
12144 Kencrest  
Gulfport, MS 39503

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates members and friends birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

- November 3 Nnennaya Kalu  
November 14 Ogonnaya Kalu  
November 18 Bryan Booth Krueger  
November 19 Jeff Alexander

### STATED SESSION MEETING

We will be having a Stated Session Meeting following the worship service on December 2nd in the Rainbow Room. If you are on the Session, and you are unable to come to the meeting, please let Lori Gast know.

### A THANK YOU LETTER

We received a Thank You letter from the Presbyterian Church (USA) thanking us for our gift to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Foundation. As it says in the letter, “We cannot touch them all...but we can pray, and we can give, and when we do, we become a visible witness of the loving heart of God, and the hands and feet of Jesus.”

## 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 –Bryan Booth Krueger, Julie Ciuro, Bill Gast, and 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 (3 times), and we had a Pot-Luck Lunch
5. Those who brought flowers –Barry Krueger and Bryan Booth Krueger and Joan Christy (2 times)
6. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
7. Lori Gast– has taken on the responsibility of filling the candles with oil.
8. Pat Nash hosts the after worship refreshment time with help from the Church Life Committee.
9. Bryan Booth Krueger for helping prepare the communion, and picking up the attendance sheets after the service.
10. Elders serving communion: Julie Ciuro and Joe Alexander
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

September:

Income \$7,040

Expenses \$6,475

Year-to-Date:

Income \$50,110

Expenses \$61,596

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Grace Presbytery and all the churches in the Presbytery, Sunday School, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Pat's brother Jim Ammel passed away – prayers for her and her family, Bill's father Bill Gast, Sue Fitch, Joan Christy's nephew Ryan McNeil, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, Maribel Mendiola, travel mercies for all those traveling this month, Joan's sister Shirley and her family, Irmagene Mitchell, Steve Rangel, Bob Drury, Bruce Allen, Tom Roberts passed away prayers for Michelle Roberts and the rest of the family, Kevin Kimsy, prayers for Russia, Barry Krueger, Bryan Booth Krueger, David Shellman passed away prayers for Rachel Kohlhoff and the rest of his family, travel mercies for Gene Knox, Karla Krueger, FBI investigation, the people in Indonesia, the people that have been adversely affected by all the storms we have had lately, David and Trish Derry, Lorrinda is going to have hip replacement surgery, Nina is having shoulder replacement surgery, Janet's secretary's sister, Jackie's son-in-law's mother passed away – prayers for the Weston family, Jackie's cousin had a stroke, Joan's cousin Don Stewart passed away.

## CELEBRATIONS

Joan and Lori celebrate the life of Alyson Keffer, celebrate a new Cameroon, Mike and Jo Keffer are here visiting, Jackie is here visiting, Bill and Lori celebrate their one year anniversary.

## 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.

## **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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 tithes 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.)

We will have the opportunity to present our pledge cards during our morning worship service on November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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

## **ADVENT SEASON**

The following articles pertain to the Advent Season which begins on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DECORATE THE CHURCH**

We will be decorating the church on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00a.m. Please come and help us get ready to celebrate the Advent Season. The more people we have helping us, the quicker we can get it done.

Thank You! The Worship Committee

### **POINSETTIAS**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen for those wishing to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Price should be around \$9.00 each. Deadline for sign-up is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24; those not taken by December 30 will be trashed.

Thank you,  
Pat Nash

## **COOKIE EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 16**

We will have our annual cookie exchange on December 16 in the Opportunity Corner following the worship service. Please bring your favorite cookies to share and exchange. Church Life Committee will provide coffee and juice as usual and have some small containers for you to collect samples to take home.

Pat Nash  
Church Life Committee

## **THE ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree this year will be the same as last year: that is, envelopes will be put out for you to put your contribution in toward a gift from the Presbyterian gift catalog. You may put the envelope in the collection plate when it is passed. If you want credit on your statement for it, you should include your name on the envelope. Or you may simply write a check and note "Angel Tree" in the memo space.

A reminder also that we will be collecting funds for the Christmas Joy Offering. More on this later.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

The Faith in Action Committee.

## **HOPE**

When life seems unlivable  
And pain seems unbearable  
And the enemy seems undefeatable  
And our problems seem unanswerable  
THERE IS HOPE.

And HOPE never fails.

## **OLD CHINESE PROVERB**

“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for one day.  
Teach a man to fish, and you have provided food for a lifetime.”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Daylight saving time ends 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion Congregational Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>6</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>20</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 AM Art Group  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b> 10:00 AM Decorate the Church for Christmas