

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:34 (NKJV)

Wise advice from Jesus that is as applicable today as it was 2,000 years ago. As followers of Christ we are told to trust in God and Jesus tells us not to worry. That is hard when the world seem bent on self-destruction. And that does seem where we are today.

But this is certainly not the first time the world has appeared to teeter on the edge and I feel certain it will not be the last. When we are faced with difficult, sometimes horrifying situations, we must believe that God is in control. With God's help, humanity has survived disasters, and He is with us now.

We are not to worry or be anxious, but in all things trust in God's wisdom and grace. His grace is all sufficient and with God beside us we can weather any storm the world throws at us. I wish God promised us happiness with no troubles, but He doesn't. His promise is that He will be with us forever.

Janet

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Ivan Yuhanna is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Our thoughts are with the homeless, so we are collecting clothing for the needy. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

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 and Bill Gast
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price, Lori Gast and Joan Christy
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Joan Christy
4. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
5. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
6. Joan Christy and Elizabeth Price host the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life.
7. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the dirty dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Lori Gast
10. The Ushers – Okoro Kalu, Bill Gast, Ivan Yuhanna and Joe Alexander
11. Barry Krueger and the choir for our Anthems

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

Pledge letters and cards are being distributed beginning October 22nd. We will be dedicating our pledges for 2024 on Sunday, November 12th.

Pat Nash, Administration Committee

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

We will be decorating the church for Advent/Christmas beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2nd. We hope to see you then.

Pat Nash, Faith in Action Committee

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

We will once again be obtaining poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board located next to the Opportunity Corner. The price will be \$10 each, and the last day to sign up will be December 10th.

Pat Nash, Faith in Action Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Sue Fitch, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Nancy Hollingsworth, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino, DeSoto Food Pantry, Joan's sisters Marj and Connie, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the tornados just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, Tracy Berkich, Alice Anne's best friend's mother has had shingles since last July, Joan Christy, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Donnie Jordan has stage 4 throat cancer, Bryan's mom had knee replacement surgery but will need another one, Thomas' cousin Kenny's wife was brutally attacked, a former coworker of Thomas has a mass on their brain, the people of Maui, Christians in Pakistan, teachers and students this school year, Josie's daughter Sienna's best friends mother was diagnosed with cancer, Brian Gearheart had to have a stint put in, all of Joan's nieces and nephews in Michigan who were affected by the storms, Janet, Brice Sanders, the war in Israel and Palestine, Eric Bartels had surgery and needs our prayers for healing.

CELEBRATIONS

Joan Christy is sorry she forgot about the celebration of life party thanking God for Makia's life, Happy birthday to Makia, William, Chikezie and Ada Kalu, Joan Christy is celebrating the life of Alyson Keffer, Bill and Lori celebrated their anniversary.

VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

We are going to have a luncheon after church on November 12th to celebrate our Veteran's. We would like you to share some of your stories and or photos from when you or someone you loved were in the military. Please let Heidi know what dish you are going to bring to share.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Main line churches all over the country are experiencing declines in membership and giving. Our lovely church is no exception.

With that in mind, and unwilling to accept the status quo, one of our members is convinced that a brainstorming meeting of the minds is one answer to the problem. That we sit down and throw out ideas about how to get more worshippers in our doors and be more proactive and visible in the community. We are a loving, friendly congregation welcoming all who come to our door. How do we get that information out?

We have set Sunday November 26th, after church, as the time to meet as a group and share our thoughts. Anything and everything is acceptable in this brainstorming session. Perhaps something will come of it that will lead us on the way to growth. Please plan to join us.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the new treasurer's report.

September 2023

Bank balance	\$54,206
Expenses	\$5,564
Dedicated Funds	\$11,542
Available Funds	\$42,664

Plus there are investments totaling \$64,106 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Christy, Treasurer.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November	3	Nnennaya Kalu
November	18	Bryan Booth Krueger

GOSPEL READINGS for NOVEMBER

November	5	- Matthew 23:1-12
November	12	- Matthew 25:1-13
November	19	- Matthew 25:14-30
November	26	- Matthew 25:31-46

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10:00 AM Art Group	3	4
5 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Daylight Savings time ends	6	7 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	8	9 10:00 AM Art Group	10	11
12 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Pledge dedication Sunday	13	14 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	15	16 10:00 AM Art Group	17	18
19 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	20	21 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	22	23 10:00 AM Art Group	24	25
26 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Luncheon and Brainstorming activity	27	28 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	29	30 10:00 AM Art Group		