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Jeri-Lynne's Jottings

14 Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:14-16 (NRSV)

Fall is a wonderful time of year! We have survived the Pumpkin Show, apples are plentiful, and Thanksgiving turkey is just around the corner! Time for us all to prepare for the winter, sit back and reflect on the many blessings we have received from God this year. Some years it is more difficult than others to recognize the blessings in our lives. The wonderful little things that happen, like a loving note from a friend, get lost in the tragedies of life. Still, if we really take the time to reflect, we see that God has been working in our lives with these small blessings so that we could face tomorrow in the midst of our struggles. And some of us have been blessed so abundantly we question what we have done to deserve such blessings!

One way we give thanks for our blessings from God is to worship Christ and glorify his holy name in our worship and service. So perhaps November is a good month to reflect on our responsibilities as members of his Church. The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) states (p.21):

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his Church. Such involvement includes:

- a. proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- b. taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- c. lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- d. studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- e. supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents,
- f. demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- g. responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- h. living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- i. working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- j. participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- k. reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

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As we give thanks for our blessings this year let's review our membership in Christ's Church by asking ourselves these questions:

- 1. In what ways have I carried out or been involved in each of the areas of responsibility listed above?
- 2. In what ways have I supported elders, deacons and trustees in their work? In what ways have I supported the pastor in his/her work?
- 3. What areas of Scripture have I studied in the past year?
- 4. Who are specific people to whom I have ministered in Christ's name in the past year?
- 5. How can I improve my exercise of Christian stewardship?
- 6. What are the specific steps I plan to take in the coming year?

God be with you as you count your blessings and offer to God your thanksgiving.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jeri-Lynne

As we look forward to Advent and Christmas please use the following sermon titles and Scripture to assist you in spiritually preparing for worship.

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

"Our Hope is In Christ" Romans 5:1-5

Dec. 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Savor, Favored Peace" Luke 2:13-14

Dec. 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Unwrapping Joy" Luke 2.8-12

Dec. 20 – 4th Sunday of Advent

"Joy for the World" Christmas Program (children and youth)

Dec. 24 – Candlelight and Communion

"All of God's Grace in One Little Face"

Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 27

"The Dark Side of Bethlehem" Matthew 2:13-23

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Alive Inside"

A few weeks ago, in a Minute for Mission, I described a new program that is being initiated at Brown Memorial Home, called "Alive Inside". This worldwide program was developed by Dan Cohen, a social worker, through his nonprofit organization "Music and Memory", which advocates the use of music therapy for dementia patients. The "Alive Inside" program uses ipods that have been customized with the patients' favorite music. Great success has been achieved at revitalizing many of these patients. Brown Memorial is asking for some help with this. We need to determine what music to put on their ipods. So, if you have some time and interest in speaking with the residents (there are 10), please let me know. Our Youth Group has agreed to contribute their technological expertise, and will be downloading the ipods for us. We also are requesting donations of any used ipods. They will be wiped completely and reloaded. If you don't have an old ipod, we would love to have iTunes gift cards and /or cash to help with the expense. A clear plastic bin will be placed in the church office above the mailboxes during the month of November collection.

If you have any questions, please contact me (Teresa Ankrom, 474-7943, or ankromte@hotmail.com) Thank you, and God Bless!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN CHALLENGE

Community Kitchen is a local mission project that relies on support from the local community. Many churches and civic groups have a regular spot on the calendar and provide delinutritious cious, meals each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We couldn't exist without their generous support. We rely on financial contributions from individuals, churches, and organizations to support this mission and maintain our storeroom. These contributions have been lower the past two years and our funds are now at a very low level. I am challenging each of you to include Community Kitchen in your personal mission giving. I will personally match the first \$500 that is donated. Make your check payable to the church and note Community Kitchen on the memo line. Together, we can make a difference! Please contact me if you have guestions or need additional information. Thank you for your support.

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We offer our condolences to the family and friends.....



...of Pat Owens who died on October 13, 2015.

...of Nanette Spence who died on September 29, 2015.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, beautiful cards, and many kind warm hugs. You have been so important to our family during this very difficult time.

With love and gratitude,

Marilyn, Curt, Madison, Makenna, and Kelly Spence

COMING SOON

IN THE NEAR FUTURE (SOMETIME THIS MONTH) THE TRUSTEES WILL BE CHANGING THE DOOR CODE. THERE WILL BE AN EMAIL SENT OUT TO INFORM YOU OF THE CHANGE.

ORGANIST CLARK WILSON COMING TO CIRCLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

Clark Wilson, Ohio Theatre Resident Organist, is returning to our organ console on Sunday, November 15. Clark will accompany the silent film classic "Steamboat Bill Jr.," starring Buster Keaton. In this 1928 film, set on the banks of the Mississippi River, the spoiled William Canfield, Jr. (Buster Keaton) returns home from the city and is forced by his father to learn the family business – riverboating. While in town William runs into Kitty (Marion Bryan) an old flame who wants to introduce her to her father. There's one problem – her father is the owner of a rival riverboat company that threatens to run William's father out of business! With William and Kitty forbidden to see each other and William's father thrown in jail, it will take an oncoming cyclone and some ingenuity to set things right.

Clark Wilson just completed his 23rd season as featured organist for the famed Summer Movie Series at the Ohio Theatre. He has been scoring silent films since 1980 and is in great demand all over the United States. He has earned a reputation as an excellent silent film accompanist and the highlight of each Summer Movie season is Clark playing for a feature-length silent film.

This will be Clark's third appearance at Circleville Presbyterian. He presented an organ concert in 2003 and in 2005 accompanied the Cecil B. DeMille silent classic "King of Kings."

Clark owns his own pipe organ business and has been directly involved with the installation of more than 200 pipe organs in the United States and abroad. He has been the featured organist at the Ohio Theatre since 1992 and is responsible for the organ music for the movie series as well as other special events.

The film will begin at 7 p.m. and will be preceded at 6:45 p.m. by an organ overture of 1920s music played by Jack Mader. Clark will also explain the process of creating the music for these old silent films. A reception in Campbell Hall will follow the program. There is no admission charge, however a free-will offering will be received.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see a grand old film and to hear our magnificent pipe organ outside the worship setting, played by one of the top-rated organists of our time.

NEW ARRIVAL

NEW ADDRESS

Ella Kathleen Hatfield, born October 7, 2015, to Erin Spring & Jeremy Hatfield Grandparents: Rita & Doyle Painter Great Grandmother: Gwen Painter

Kara, Mike & Jacob Landefeld 3000 S. Randolph St., Apt. 124 Arlington, VA 22206-2246 703-567-1900

CIRCLE OF CARING FUNDRAISER

The fall fundraiser for Circle of Caring ~ Faith in Action will be dinner and a concert featuring The OSU Men's Glee Club. As in the past, the event will take place at the Circleville Church of the Nazarene, 2264 Walnut Creek Pike, on Saturday, November 14, at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for the concert only or \$25.00 for the dinner and the concert. The goal of Circle of Caring ~ Faith in Action is to keep elderly, frail, and disabled people in their home with help from a cadre of 100 volunteers. Diane Berger will have tickets for anyone who is interested. She can be reached at 740-474-6335 or RevDiane@columbus.rr.com.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have spent much of this year evaluating the ever-troublesome heating and air conditioning control system that was installed with the major building addition and renovation of 2005. This was a computer-controlled electronic system that was supposed to replace conventional thermostats with a "set it and forget it" system that would automatically adjust the heating and cooling in accordance with the outside temperature. From the very beginning the system failed to perform as expected. Numerous attempts to make it right were unsuccessful. A computer was required to even manually adjust the temperatures and other settings and it was an extremely complicated procedure that dumfounded even our most computer-savvy members of our church.

A professional evaluation this past spring revealed shocking deficiencies, such as temperature sensors that were either put in the wrong places or simply not installed at all, wiring that left even the professionals scratching their heads, at least one damper control that was never connected and actually fell out onto the floor when it was touched....the list goes on and on. The system had so many deficiencies that the folks that evaluated it all agreed that it would be impossible to correct them all. None of these issues were apparent when the building was completed. So, after much study and prayerful consideration, the trustees, with the approval of Session, elected to have an entire new control system installed. This work is being done by Accurate Heating and Cooling at a cost of \$16,500. This firm specializes in large commercial installations such as ours. Hammel and McCrady, which has served this church faithfully for many years, was in accord with our decision and will continue to provide service to the actual furnaces and air conditioners throughout the entire building. In fact, this week they installed a new furnace, one of two serving the sanctuary and adjacent areas, replacing one that was nearly 30 years old and in danger of failing.

The new HVAC control system will be much easier to operate and will be tied into the office computer for any adjustments that need to be made. And, in the event of a problem, it is also connected to the Accurate office in Chillicothe, whose technicians can make an online diagnosis and make changes right from there.

While the trustees are concerned with this sizeable expenditure, we felt it was in the best interests of the church to make the change to the new system. And once the technicians began the installation process, they found so many things wrong with the old system that they told us they were surprised it even worked at all. So, in the end, we feel strongly that we have made the right decision.

The other major concern is the condition of the carpet in Campbell Hall, Several of you have expressed concerns about how badly stained it is. We recently had it cleaned, but almost immediately it became soiled again. Many of the stains appear to be permanent and only temporarily removable. We are having several cleaning firms evaluate the carpet to determine if it is salvageable. It is obviously an embarrassing eyesore and the trustees want you to know that we are actively pursuing a solution, which may require replacing the entire carpet. It is our goal to return, and maintain, Campbell Hall as the beautiful room it was intended to be. Again, we want to look at all options, so we ask for your patience.

Focus on....

Christian Education

By Diana Jones, D.C.E.

WITH A FULL MOON, PUMPKINS, CORN STALKS ALL AROUND us, we know that it is harvest time in Pickaway County. It also is time to be thinking about others with our activities of the Fall season. God is surely good!

YOUTH GROUPS met in October to celebrate the harvest. The Middle School had their spooky loaded baked potato night and shared loads of candy, while the Senior Highs had their Circleville scavenger hunt preceded by a homemade chicken and noodle dinner! November will see both groups packing and delivering Thanksgiving boxes to some families.

NOVEMBER 8TH is the date of the Sunday school packing party for Samaritan's Purse. If you haven't done a shoebox or donating some items, time is running out. Please help us, help other children around the world who might not have a nice Christmas. Boxes are located in the hall.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION WILL HOLD THEIR MEETING, NOVEMBER 1 in Room 205 following worship.

A REMINDER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL THAT YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON SATURDAY, <u>NOVEMBER 14TH AT THE CHRISTMAS PAST SALE</u>. (9 - 3 p.m.)

SUNDAY, <u>NOVEMBER 22</u> WILL BE HARVEST SHARING FOR OUR CHURCH. PLEASE PLAN TO BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO FILL THE BOXES. They will be located at both entrances to the sanctuary during worship. The Sunday school classes will also be bringing items and they may be put in the youth area on the tables. YOUR help is very much needed for this project.

SAVE THE DATE OF <u>DECEMBER 20TH DURING WORSHIP</u> (all Sunday school children/youth)

AROUND THE CHURCH WITH OUR YOUTH:

Congrats to Andrew Hill on a successful soccer season for LE and also the walk for diabetes.

Wishing LE Crossing Country (Jeff Clydesdale) success in the Regionals. Congratulations to the TV Football team (Neal Davis); Circleville football team (Mac Clark and Brayden Kershaw)

Hip, Hip Hooray for all our Presby Pumpkin Show Winners Great job to our band members marching for Circleville (Monica Gans, Megan Piper)

Don't forget to let me know of others having successful adventures outside of church.

Until next month, diana

**Congratulations to Emma Johnson and Flynn Shannon on receiving National Youth Leadership Conference recognition.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 -Sandra Petty

4 -Betsev Brown

5 -Tom Gans

Susie Hollar

7 -Martha Wolfe

8 -Erin (Davis) Crego

Marie Gamertsfelder

9 -Kim Williams

Sandra Edgar

11 -Megan Piper

Todd Tomlinson

Abigail Rose Bretthauer

13-Charleigh Shannon

14-Reed Matthew Hanes

16-Stephanie Jones

17-Haley Neff

Katrina Marie Young

18-Noni Bretthauer

20 -Jeri-Lynne Bouterse

22 -Drake Sneed

Jeremy Kraus

25 -Rich Johnson

Matthew Wilson

Allison Dean

28 -Lorna Frank

29 -Michael McKelvev

Dean Acklin

30 -Christina Piper

Betsy (McFarland) Cremeans

Barbara Moss **Brenton Brown**

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Woody Jones

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

Clearmont Retirement Village

Doris Gruebel

Franklin Woods

Judy Palm

Genesis

Brendt Utts

Logan Elm Health Care

Tom Cooper

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

Pickaway Manor

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Riverside Hospital

John Stevenson

Convalescing at Home

Ellie Butler

George Butler

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Marcella Hostetler Alfred Johnson

Sue Miga

Nancy Ott

Sharon Ryan

Dorothy Sampson

Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Lindsey Beshear (Larry Logan's daughter)

Susan Bouterse

Vernon Cahill (Donna Solovey's father)

Charley Edgar

Corrine Edgar

Sara Mofield Goga (Judy Spicer's daughter)

Gwen Gruebel (Doris Gruebel's daughter-in-law)

Marty (Ward) Hart (Marcella Hostetler's sister)

Nathan Mofield (Judy Spicer's son)

Nancy Schneider (former member)

Phyllis Smith (Rod Smith's mother)

Betty Topliff (LibbyRushley's mother)

Kim Welter (Pastor Steve's daughter)

We are sorry if we have missed anyone! If you want someone added or removed, PLEASE call the church office.



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Looking ahead to.....



- 6 Second Sunday of Advent Advent Brunch
- 12 Cookie Walk
- 13 Third Sunday of Advent Caroling
- 16 Pres-Line Deadline (due to holidays)
- 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent Children's Program Super Soapy Sunday Pickaway Manor Service
- 24 Christmas Eve Service-Communion
- 25 Christmas Day