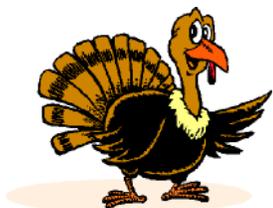


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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018



Just a reminder: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. All bulletin information for that week will need to be turned in to the office by Tuesday, November 20.

KIWANIS HOLIDAY LOAF

Kiwanis will begin baking their Holiday Pumpkin Loaf at our church Thursday through Saturday, November 1 through the 3. They will be making nearly 6000 loaves of bread beginning Thursday at 8 p.m. You may purchase the bread at the church on Friday or Saturday in Fellowship Hall or at participating area businesses. All proceeds will be donated to Children's First Center.



EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP:

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER/T-SHIRT/TIE CONTEST AND POTLUCK COMING IN DECEMBER

We had so much fun with this last year we decided to do it again. One Sunday (to be announced) in December we will once again celebrate the up-coming season by wearing an "Ugly Christmas Sweater, t-shirt or tie" to church. After worship the fun and fellowship will continue with a potluck in fellowship hall. Meat and beverage will be provided for the meal. Also, a prize will be given to the winner and runner-up of the ugly Christmas sweater/t-shirt/tie! Watch bulletin announcements for more information

FROM THE PASTOR:

Friends-As I sit to write this the recent shooting in Pittsburgh is fresh on my mind. The tragic assault on the Tree of Life Synagogue captured national attention and is especially meaningful to those of faith. By unwritten agreement in our society there are some places that we think of as exempt from acts of violence—churches, synagogues, mosques—these places of worship fall into that category. Any shooting is horrendous, but that it singled out people of faith makes it an even greater affront.

As I mentioned in my sermon Sunday, this sort of behavior is a sign of the degree to which some people are broken. There are people in our world who are broken, hurting, and in need to an extent that we can only begin to comprehend. Most of us don't have regular contact with people this broken so their thoughts and ideations are foreign and incomprehensible. There is a depth of need that is simply beyond the capacity to be understood by most people.

In the last few days I've had conversations with people about the "why" of the shooting. Why did this person do this? What did he hope to accomplish? What could have been done to avert this tragedy? In every conversation there is a different attempt to understand the "why". Some say it's due to the decay of the family. Others think if it weren't for social media this never would have happened. Some think it is due to our use of electronic devices. I don't know if we will ever be able to completely know why this man killed 11 people and injured six others.

While we can never know what would push a person to shoot up a place of worship, we do know that such a person is hurting and in need. It is here where a Christian can make a difference. As brothers and sisters of the same creator, we need to care for one another. We need to care for one another regardless of our politics, regardless of our religion, regardless of our nationality, skin color, or first language. We are called by our God to care for others.

This caring I'm writing about is something that can be a challenge. Wrapped up in our own lives and pulled by so many demands, it seems like we don't have time to add something else. Also, more often than not, the people we need to reach out to are precisely the ones that we would rather not speak to. However, caring for someone requires that we step away from our self interest and absorption to attend to another person. We care by taking the time to listen to and share stories. This is how we start living out the care for one another that God asks from us.

When we take the time and invest the effort in another person we begin to know them and, along with that knowing, comes an opportunity to share their hopes and hurts, their blessings and breaks. I know this is something a lot of us don't want to do. It's something easily sloughed off. In fact, it's easy to think something this insignificant can never make a difference. But when we neglect others we open the door for more hurting and need.

I don't know if there were other people involved in the life of the shooter in Pittsburgh, people who cared about him. What I do know is that God continues to offer us an invitation to join in God's mission of healing those in need. We start that effort with a small conversation. With that small start we begin the healing process. We begin to join God's work in our neighborhood.

Shalom, David





Wheelbarrow Food Drive

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to our food drive this past month. With your donations we delivered food to The Presbyterian Church of Portage which helped stock their food pantry and also gave to our own Friends' Table here at our church. We are very blessed to have such a loving and giving congregation!



MISSION UPDATE: Buckhorn Children & Family Services



Linda and John Jackson visited Buckhorn Children & Family Services Agency in Buckhorn, KY on October 12th to deliver supplies and clothing collected by the women of APC. We toured the campus and saw recent improvements to the residents homes and grounds. We were invited to help with the Halloween party and Haunted House scheduled for that Friday night. Basketball, games designed by the residents, dancing, face painting, and



food were available along with a Haunted House designed and run by the residents. Linda and I were appointed judges for the closing dance and got to boogie a little ourselves. The evening events were closed by a young man praying for all the resident and families. We were privileged to see 50 teens with issues from severe autism to abuse and abandonment spend an evening having fun, feeling safe and loved.

Buckhorn is a interesting mix of religion, government and community striving to guide a small group of "at risk" children to adulthood with some self appreciation. I looked at Linda and asked "if not Buckhorn who?"



HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Daylight Savings time is Nov. 4. Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra sleep!

USHERS:

- 4: Kevin & Stasia Bassett
- 11: Doug Morrow, Sue Peterson
- 18: Betty Sue Gengnagel, Tom Reinsch
- 25: Mark Bassett, Polly Bassett

- 18: Evan Zielke
- 25: Gabe Ackerman

ACOLYTES:

- 4: Aidan Smith
- 11: Isabella Gettys

Flowers: Jim & Julia, Barb & Doug, Barbara Bushnell, Norm & Peg Yoder

Liturgists: Rosemary Jones

Cantors: Rosemary Jones, Barbara Morrow, Julia Nixon, Carl Smith, Lisa Magsamen

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2018.



The Stewardship and Budget Committee would like to thank you for your tithes and personal giving this past year. With your financial support and personal involvement, the church will be able to do God's work. Every year we set aside one day to emphasize responsible, grateful stewardship of God's blessings. This year, Sunday, November 11, is that day. There will be a time during our worship service in which we will be dedicating both our monetary giving and the gifts and talents our God has blessed us with in furthering his kingdom here on earth. If you cannot be present during worship on that day, you can mail your pledge card to the church. Please take prayerful consideration in filling these out.

PER CAPITA RELEASED: \$41.21 per confirmed member

Per Capita Apportionment is the Presbyterian Church's way of attempting to fairly and evenly cover the cost of the ecclesiastical expenses of all three governing bodies beyond the local church: the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the General Assembly. Our Wabash Valley Presbytery represents all northern Indiana Presbyterian ministries. Our Lincoln Trails Synod consists of all Indiana and Illinois Presbyterian Church ministries. And finally, the General Assembly, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, provides for our global Presbyterian Church outreach ministries.

Per Capita is assessed on the number of active members on the church's roll. Each governing body beyond our Session determines how much Per Capita it will assess the membership. For next year, our church Per Capita Apportionment is: **\$41.21 per member**. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and either mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Be sure to mark at the bottom of your check "per capita" so the treasurer will apply the funds appropriately.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Thank Offering"

The Auburn Presbyterian Women will celebrate Thank Offering Sunday on **November 18**. An envelope will be enclosed in the bulletin on that day for your generous contribution.

Circle Meetings:

Priscilla Circle will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14 for lunch at the Cranberry Cottage Café.

Ruth Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14 in the church lounge.



HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS:

If you would like to participate in Hurricane Florence & Michael's recovery you can do that by making a financial offering. If you write a check please list PDA on the memo of a check to Auburn Presbyterian. If you receive this

electronically, just click [DR000194](#). Finally, you can use your computer to go to pda.pcusa.org and find even more information about giving and participating.



INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR CHURCH...GARRETT PRESBYTERIAN

GARRETT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO ATTEND an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 11 from 12-2:00 p.m. Garrett Presbyterian built a ground level fellowship hall with a kitchen, dining area and two handicapped bathrooms as well as a storage room and a garage for their bus. It also has an indoor lift to get up into the sanctuary. They call it Heritage Hall.

INTRODUCING 3B CLASSES: 3B Vision statement: To enhance the lives of senior adults through education and physical movements focused on enriching their Body, Brain and Spiritual Beliefs as they embrace the full life God intends for each-individually and in healthy congregations.

You are invited to attend our 3B class on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. This class is done with a chair assistance and helps with balance, joints, muscles and stretching . It is a do what you are able to do class. The only cost is the purchase of a foam ball and a rope which is \$10 a person. There is no other cost for the class. If there is a Garrett Keyser Butler school delay or closing the class is canceled for that day. If you would like to come and check it out please call Mary Wilmore 260-226-0088 or Adele Williams 310-930-0516. Everyone is welcome to join us. The address is 201 S. Franklin St. You can park on the alley side of the building, close to the new building, and there are no steps to get into the building where the class is held. We would love to have some of your congregants join our small class of 5 people. We welcome you and anybody you bring with you!



YOUTH NEWS!

Greetings and Thanksgivings!!!! I can't believe we are nearing the end of the year!!! Our youth have spent the last month rehearsing and performing for Sunday morning services. A big thanks to Judy Rhoades for working with the youth during this time; she has been so great with them. I hope everyone has enjoyed them sharing their many talents with you. We are planning on continuing the youth participation throughout the rest of the year.

We spent October discussing things around us. We collected leaves of all sorts and talked about how different and yet how alike they are. If we put this into our daily lives we can see how people, cultures and places are the same way.

A big THANK YOU to members of our church who have help support our youth financially by providing us with meals on Thursdays or money to afford us the ability to get meals. This is huge for us and brings the group a feeling of unity and fellowship.

November is going to bring us some colder weather so dress warm . We plan on continuing to meet at our usual times. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace be with you Kari

Marcus Smith is selling pies again to earn funds for his Philmont Scout camp trip next year. Get your orders in by **Nov. 5**. The delivery date is November 20 and 21.... just in time for Thanksgiving and other Holiday gatherings! Flavors available: Apple, Dutch Apple, Blueberry,



Cherry, Peach, Pecan, Pumpkin, Red Raspberry. We also offer: Apple- No Sugar added, Cherry- No Sugar added. Each pie is \$15.00...they are approximately 8 1/2" !!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have a very strong lineup of topics and speakers this month so please join us in the lounge following worship. All are welcome!

Nov. 4: What does it mean to be a "mere Christian"? Join us as we take a brief look at the life and work of C. S. Lewis, the British scholar thought by many to be the greatest lay theologian of the 20th century. This educator, author and Christian apologist called himself an atheist until his conversion to Christianity in 1931. During World War II, he delivered well-received radio broadcasts in England on the subject of Christianity, with his essays later adapted into his acclaimed non-fiction work "Mere Christianity." We'll look at some of Lewis's works and discuss their relevance for today. Marjorie Reinsch will lead our discussion.

Nov. 11: Each of us is a theologian, whether we know it or not. On Nov. 11 and again on Nov. 25, we will explore theologies that may assist us in our journey of faith, and we will begin by taking a brief look at two theologians from the 20th century – Paul Tillich (1886 - 1965) and Rosemary Ruether (1936 -). Tillich's focus was the relationship between religion and culture; Ruether's was on overcoming sexism through Christian feminism. Bring your questions as we together celebrate God's claim on our lives. The Rev. Stan Wilson will lead our discussion.

Nov. 18: We will welcome guest speaker and organist David Eicher, who helped create the most recent PCUSA hymnal "Glory to God." Eicher is a friend of Pastor David. (please see his bio below)

Nov. 25: The Rev. Stan Wilson will continue to lead our discussion on 20th-century theologians.

David Eicher is Staff Assistant in the Department of Music at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN and accompanist for the college choirs. He also serves as organist at Grace Methodist Church in South Bend and is a part-time Hymnal Consultant for Presbyterian Publishing Corporation in Louisville, KY. Prior to his current position, David was Hymnal Editor for Presbyterian Publishing Corporation where he served as Editor for *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* published in 2013. He has been a church musician in Northwest Indiana for almost 30 years, Accompanist/ Assistant Director of the South Bend Chamber Singers from 1990-2007 and Accompanist for the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra Chorus from 2006-2007.

David holds degrees in organ and church music from Manchester College and Valparaiso University. He is a past president of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada and also holds professional memberships in the American Guild of Organists and the Association for Reformed & Liturgical Worship.

SESSION NEWS:

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called by the Session **for Sunday, NOVEMBER 18**, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is the election of the following officers: Elders, Deacons, Foundation Directors, and the 2019 Nominating Committee.



OFFICE REMODEL ALMOST COMPLETE!!!

Please stop by and check out the new pastor's study and church office. We appreciate everyone's patients as the remodel comes to an end. Special thanks to our volunteers who spend many hours working on this project!