

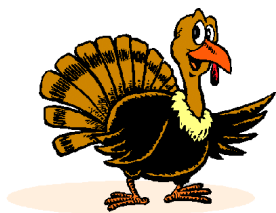
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KIWANIS HOLIDAY LOAF

Kiwanis will begin baking their Holiday Pumpkin Loaf at our church Thursday through Saturday, November 11 through the 13. They will be making nearly a total of 6000 loaves of bread beginning Thursday at 8 p.m. Because of Covid changes you will not be able to purchase the bread inside the church but they will be providing a drive-up in our church parking lot on Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14. All proceeds will be donated to Children's First Center.



Just a reminder: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. All bulletin information for that week will need to be turned in to the office by Tuesday, November 22.

SMOCK DINNER THEATER: November 15

If you have signed up for the Smock Senior Ministries trip to see "Our Christmas Dinner" at the Blue Gate Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, November 15th the show begins at 1:00 p.m. Arrive early and shop and then meet up for lunch at the Blue Gate at 11:00 a.m. The Cost is \$14/each which includes the meal and show. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and in the memo portion write "Smock Dinner Theatre"

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-With Fran active on the denominational level, I get to meet all kinds of creative, interesting people. One of those people is Rose Niles and several years ago I had the pleasure of meeting her. Dr. Rose Niles works for the Presbyterian Foundation and writes a regular blog – it was that blog which inspired this newsletter piece.

Rose began her article with Paul’s words to the Thessalonians. It’s there that Paul writes:

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a reminder of the power of gratitude, which Rose writes is “a vital force in nurturing cultures of generosity.” Paul locates the faith of the Thessalonians in their relationship with God, “prompted by God’s love”. Our faith is likewise encouraged and inspired by remembering God’s love for us. That Scripture reminds me of the importance of thanks, the role of gratitude in faith, and leads me to show my gratitude in ways that are more creative, wholehearted, and lavish.

Generosity and thanksgiving are really the basis of our theology. That basis guides our practices – how we live our faith. It begins with God’s gift of life, new life, not because we earned it or deserved it, but just because God loves us. Gratitude should be our response to God’s gift. We are thankful for God’s generosity and show that gratitude by responding in kind, with generosity. God’s abundance stirs us to generous acts of faith, which enables us to witness even more of God’s gift. God’s generosity and our gratitude form a never-ending spiral.

Reflecting on God’s abundance during the troubling times we are experiencing in the world and in the church reorients us and consoles us. We find consolation remembering God’s loving and generous gift, which points us back to the gospel message’s hope and assurance. Even in these dark days, the gospel inspires people of faith to service, commitment, and generosity.

The Presbyterian Foundation and Rose are resources for stewardship. They think about the connections between God’s gift and our response every day. APC has a Stewardship and Budget team that gives this a lot of thought, as well. Every year our stewardship team reminds us of the faithful connection between gratitude and generosity and they do that to inspire our faith. I give thanks and pray for you in your walk of faith and I want to encourage you to be even more creative and lavish in your generosity.

Pastor David



SESSION NEWS:

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called by the Session **for Sunday, NOVEMBER 13**, 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 2023 Nominating Committee.

To the congregation of the Auburn Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all of your support as I continue my education at Purdue. I appreciate the letters and gifts I have received, and it is always fun to see that I have a new letter in my mailbox.

I hope to see you all soon, and I will continue my studies diligently!

Sincerely, Marcus Smith

Thank
You

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Thank Offering"

The Auburn Presbyterian Women will celebrate Thank Offering Sunday on **November 20**. An envelope will be enclosed in the bulletin on that day for your generous contribution.

PW Meeting: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Wednesday November 9 at 10:30 a.m. Polly Bassett & Joyce Phillips will provide combined lessons. Lesson two: Genesis 38 and lesson three: Joshua 2:1-25.

Thank
you!

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated, worked, or purchased at the church rummage sale. It was a huge undertaking and it wouldn't have been possible without all of you!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

USHERS:

November 6: Hilda Kennedy & Stan Kessler
13: Doug & Barb Morrow
20: Jim & Julia Nixon
27: Dick Reichard and Jason Ritchie

November LITURGIST: Jan Nagel

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Norm & Peg Yoder, Barbara Bushnell

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (Christ the King Sunday). Please mark your calendars.



MISSION ACTION & INTERPRETATION

ANGEL TREE ARRIVING SOON! For several years, the Auburn Presbyterian Church has helped meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the families who have a mother or father incarcerated. The national program is overseen by Prison Fellowship, an evangelical organization formed by Charles Colson as a result of his experiences in jail. Angel Tree's objective is to connect parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. It is a volunteer program, one in which we are given the names of families and the needs of their children. An "Angel Tree" will be placed in the Narthex of the church on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27). Members who want to bring the joy of Jesus' birth to DeKalb County children whose parents are incarcerated may take an angel off the tree and buy a gift for a child.

DEACONS

APC CHURCH PICTORIAL

Work on the new Auburn Presbyterian Church Pictorial Directory is continuing, with the last of the photographs to be taken by the third week in November. If you have NOT had the opportunity to get your picture taken, Jim Nixon will be available to do so the first three Sundays in November (Nov. 6, 13, 20). It just takes a few minutes after worship to get your photographs taken! If you would like to be included in the pictorial and are unable to come to church, Jim said he will be happy to photograph you in your home at your convenience. Just call the church office and we can make arrangements to get it taken care of. We hope to have as many congregants as possible represented in our new up-dated publication.

If you are an active member and do not get your photograph taken, you need to know that your name, address and phone number will be printed in the directory, unless you tell us you do not want to be included by calling the church office at 925-2987 no later than November 27th.

STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET

Per Capita helps churches. . .

Through your per capita giving, the Presbytery of Wabash Valley:

- Helps congregations with pastoral transitions
- Trains and supports interim ministers
- Supports congregations in times of conflict
- Cares for Pastoral leaders and their families
- Helps prepare people for service as ministers of the word & sacrament
- Provides funds for special projects or needs of individual churches

PER CAPITA RELEASED: \$42.90 per confirmed member

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: **\$42.90 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.

CE NEWS

The Christian Education and youth programs have been doing some things! Kari Ackerman has been meeting with kids as often as they are available and helped lead us into a focus on the Ukraine. Unfortunately, these programs and activities hit a bump in the road. Kari asked for and was extended a leave of absence from her duties at APC.

Kari was only working part-time at the church and sought out some other work and ways to use her creativity. Most of us were aware of her masks, teas, and bowl cozies, but she is doing a lot more than that. Kari began substitute teaching and, of course, she did a great job. In fact, Kari did so well that she was offered a long-term substitute position. Because of the demands on her time with work and family, Kari had to let go of her work here at the church for a few months.

This was just announced and the session is working through how to support these programs for the next few months. Things are starting to take shape and we hope to have a plan for carrying on in the next couple of weeks.