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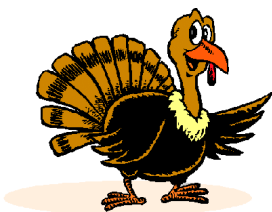
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023



**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS on
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.**
**Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy the
extra sleep!**

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. They will be providing a drive-up in our church parking lot on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11. to purchase the bread. The loaves are \$5 each and all proceeds will be donated to Children's First Center.



Just a reminder: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. All bulletin information for that week will need to be turned in to the office by Tuesday, November 21.



FROM THE PASTOR:

What do you think about clergy collars – some people call them dog collars? Some Presbyterians wear them a lot, like the pastor I grew up with. Several of my friends are Lutheran clergy and most of them wear a collar all the time. More recently, Fran came home from a conference saying that she was going to start wearing clergy collars more frequently. Over the years I have acquired a couple of clergy shirts, but only wear them at occasions like funerals or important times in the church.

A clerical collar is like a giant sign identifying a clergyperson and the collars as we know them emerged in the mid-19th century for that very purpose. A clergy collar reminds the community and the wearer of the sacred and spiritual role of clergy. While any clergyperson, even rabbis, can wear a collar, it's most often associated with Catholics. The traditional practice of wearing a clerical collar was born out of the hierarchical church because it draws a clear line between clergy and laity.

There is an argument that the church has lost its place in our culture and wearing a collar is a visible way of clawing back some of that authority. Some promote wearing a collar to separate clergy from the world, to suggest that there is something greater. These are strong arguments, but there is another side. Some would say that the church is already separate from mainstream culture and a collar only emphasizes that separation. We share the good news with our stories through relationships and drawing a line makes that more difficult.

So, what do you think? Does it benefit the church to draw attention to clergy? To mark them as different and separate? Does the collar even mean those things in the world today?

Shalom, *Pastor David*



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS A NEW STUDY

There are not a lot of women discussed in the Bible and the ones that come to mind are “bad”. Our next Bible study looks at the Bad Girls of the Bible and what we can learn from them. The format for our studies has been to watch a short video and then take on the questions raised by that video. Our discussions aren't scholarly and there's no right or wrong, but our conversations do cause you to think about what you believe.

Everyone is invited to our meetings on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7. We meet on Zoom, but I am in the office so people can come there and participate if they don't care for Zoom. Our next session starts November 8th and everyone is invited.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Thank Offering"

The Auburn Presbyterian Women will celebrate Thank Offering Sunday on **November 19th**. An envelope will be enclosed in the bulletin on that day for your generous contribution.

PW Meeting: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on **Wednesday November 8th at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor David will provide lesson three, A Bleeding Women from Luke 8:43-48. All women are invited to attend

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! We especially would like to thank Pastor David who did all the heavy lifting, moving, and everything in-between! We sold \$2,954 in all, which will go towards PW missions, scholarships, funeral dinners and maintaining the church kitchen.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

USHERS:

November 5: Joe Dick and Phil Bryan
12: Jason Ritchie & Polly Bassett
19: Ruth Randinelli & Joey Aiken
26: Dick Reichard and Doug Morrow

November **LITURGIST:** Barbara Morrow

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Jim & Rachel Roberts, Jim & Julia Nixon, Norm & Peg Yoder and Naomi DeBaillie

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 (Christ the King Sunday). Please mark your calendars.



MUSICAL GUESTS RETURNING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



We look forward to welcoming back Tim and Sharon McEntee as our musical guests during worship on Sunday, November 19. The McEntees have been married and playing music together for more than three decades. Tim plays keys, accordion, and harmonica. Sharon plays guitar and mandolin. Both sing, with Sharon on lead vocals and Tim adding harmonies. Additionally, Sharon writes songs that are faith-focused. Calling themselves the Main Street Porch Band, Tim and Sharon have recorded several of her original songs, which are available on Spotify, iTunes, and other streaming services. Tim and Sharon share their music regularly at area churches.



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 (December 3rd). 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.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The storage building is complete! Any group affiliated with the Auburn Presbyterian Church has the option to store seasonal or bulky items in the building. If you are interested in utilizing this storage space, please contact Jan Nagel at 260-249-4201.



DEACONS

On Sunday, October 8th, the deacons organized an evening of food and fellowship with Fortify for Life. Below are pictures from that event. The deacons are also filling "graduation bags" for each person/family who completes the Fortify Life program and is ready to move into a home of their own. The bag contains basic items such as cleaning supplies, paper products, trash bags, bath towels, a hand written note of encouragement, and perhaps a Crockpot with a few recipes. Please call Veronique Poudrier for more information on this important mission if you would like to get involved.



STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET

CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

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 12, 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.

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: : \$43.62 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: **\$43.62 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SPECIAL GUEST FROM HEARTEN HOUSE SHARING THEIR MISSION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Hearten House Gospel Rescue Mission provides restorative care for women experiencing a homeless crisis. Some women are fleeing domestic abuse; others are pregnant with no support network; many just need a safe place to stay and encouragement as they rebuild their lives. After worship on Nov. 5 we will meet in the lounge with some representatives from Hearten House who will tell us about their mission. Please join us.

TREE TRIMMING TIME



TREE DECORATING TIME:

It's that time of year of again – to put up the tree and other Christmas decorations! Please join us after worship on **Sunday, November 26** as we make our sanctuary look festive for Advent. As always, many hands make light work, so please stay for a short time after worship to place ornaments on the tree and hang wreaths. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Questions: Please feel free to ask Barb Morrow. And thanks – in advance!!!

SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES

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Coppes Commons in Nappanee Thursday, November 9, 2023

The NE Indiana Smock Senior Adult Cluster Ministry would like to invite you to enjoy a day trip to Coppes Common in Nappanee, Indiana. About 20 shops and eateries under one roof, Coppes Common is where people meet, shop and eat. Here are the details...

Arrival at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Tour of Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Collection at 3:00 p.m.

Return at 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 each.

Sign up by 11/5 by calling the church office at 925-2987.

Rev. Ken Weaver will coordinate buses PRN and lead the group. Planning for a great day and a great lunch!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



Join us for **EUCHRE**
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
at 7:00 p.m.



If you haven't joined the party, then now is the time! If you are interested in playing, call the church office!

