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## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024**



**DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS on**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024**

**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 7th through the 9th. They will be providing a drive-up in our church parking lot on Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> to purchase the bread. The loaves are \$5 each and all proceeds will be donated to Children's First Center.



**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Brothers and Sisters – We have all experienced the discord and disagreement that’s rampant in our society. It’s so easy to get caught up in that way of being, but God’s way is different. Finding that different way of being is challenging, but over 30 years ago our denomination offered some guidelines to navigate times of disagreement.

*Seeking to be Faithful Together* offers three guiding principles for these times. **1.** Give them a hearing and listen before you answer (John 7:51). **2.** Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). **3.** Maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). Conflicts are unavoidable, but they can lead to creative and innovative solutions. The guidance found in *Seeking* is a means to avoid destructive disagreement and emerge from conflict stronger than when you entered. I think it’s safe to say that conflict in our culture will increase in the days to come. Please remember these suggestions in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Shalom, *Pastor David*



Just a reminder: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. All bulletin information for that week will need to be turned into the office by Tuesday, November 26.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### Advent Study Beginning Sunday, December 1st

The congregation is invited to gather for an adult Sunday School during the four weeks of Advent. Starting the first Sunday of December we will move through a study provided by the Covenant Network of the PC(USA). Please add this to your Advent spiritual practices.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session **for Sunday, NOVEMBER 17**, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is the election of Church Officers AND A By-Law change. Please mark your calendars!

Below is the Proposed By-Law change that will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting:

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1. To allow Elders to serve two consecutive terms on Session.
2. To reduce the number of Deacons from 9 to 6, and to allow Deacons to serve two consecutive terms.
3. To allow members of the Nominating Committee to serve six consecutive years.

The effected sections of the bylaws will be amended to read as follows. Changes are in bold type. Language to be removed is struck through.

II. B. There shall be 9 ruling elders divided into 3 equal classes, one class of which shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. ~~No ruling Elder shall serve on Session for consecutive terms.~~ \*

X. B. There shall be **6** deacons divided into 3 classes, one class of which shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. ~~No deacon shall serve on the Board of Deacons for consecutive terms.~~ \*

IX. A. ...The Nominating Committee shall be chosen annually, and no members of the committee shall serve more than **6** years consecutively.

\*The Book of Order limits Elders and Deacons to two consecutive terms.





## The James Foundation's 2024 Cans for Community Event

**October 21, 2024**

*Thank you for making the 2024 Cans for  
Community event a success!*

*Thank you to our friends at the **Auburn  
Presbyterian Church!** Your hard work,  
enthusiasm, and generosity was greatly  
appreciated this past weekend. Your team was  
so fun to work with and your donations have  
made a huge impact on our community.*



*The canned items went on to support the  
Heimach Center's Emergency Small Food  
Pantry. The food pantry assists seniors in our  
community with access to important food items  
three days per week. Your donations are a huge  
help to feeding our neighbors in need!*

*Jennifer Kasmier, Program Officer*



## HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

### USHERS:

November: 3: Doug Morrow, Carl Smith  
10: Melinda Smith & Cheryl John  
17: Kevin & Stasia Bassett  
24: Joe Dick & Phil Bryan (Communion)

Communion Servers: Joe Dick, Phil Bryan, Doug Morrow

LITURGIST: Barbara Morrow

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Stan & Mary Wilson, Jim & Julia Nixon, Ron & Emily Heymann

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (Christ the King Sunday). Please mark your calendars.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### "Thank Offering"

The Auburn Presbyterian Women will celebrate Thank Offering Sunday on **November 24th**. An envelope will be enclosed in the bulletin on that day for your generous contribution.

**PW Meeting:** PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on **Wednesday November 13th at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor David will provide lessons two: Land Justice and three: Food Justice. All women are invited to attend



Thank you to EVERYONE who donated, worked, or purchased at the church rummage sale. It was a huge success, 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! Our Fellowship Hall was filled with many donations from everyone! Also, A HUGE Thank You to those that brought in Homemade Baked Goodies!

We sold nearly \$2,300 in all, which will go towards PW missions, scholarships, funeral dinners and maintaining the church kitchen. Thanks again!  
Presbyterian Women

## 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 1st). 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.



## STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

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 10, 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: \$43.66 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: **\$43.66 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.

## TREE TRIMMING TIME



It's that time of year again – to put up the tree and other Christmas decorations! Please join us after worship on **Sunday, November 24** 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



### A Smock Ministry Program for 'Veterans Day' Week Thursday, November 14, 2024 Beginning at 10 a.m. at the Eckhart Public Library

The Smock Senior Adult Cluster Ministry of NE Indiana would like to invite you to an outing celebrating Veterans Day Week beginning with a presentation from Barbara Morrow about her most recent book *Army Guy, Red Cross Gal* at the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn (700 S. Jackson Street).

The Smock program will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and greetings; Morrow's presentation – complete with archival photos – will immediately follow. Afterwards, attendees will be given a tour of the 114-year-old library, which suffered extensive damage due to an arson fire in 2017 but has been successfully renovated. As part of the tour, guests will view the library's extensive and highly acclaimed art collection. Lunch will be served at the library following the tour.

The cost is \$5.00 which includes lunch. Please sign up by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be our last Smock event for the year.

If you haven't had the opportunity to read the book a summary is below:

#### ***Army Guy and Red Cross Gal: World War II Through the Eyes of Two Small-Town Hoosiers***

During World War II, Auburn attorney Bill Husselman served as a military police lieutenant with U.S. General George S. Patton's Third Army as it marched across northwest Europe. Auburn music teacher Mary Brandon served as an American Red Cross club worker in Italy as Allied troops slogged up the peninsula. Never did Bill's and Mary's paths cross overseas, never did their duties – wildly different – overlap.

But their similar backgrounds (they were friends before the war) and their distinct voices and perspectives (as gleaned from wartime letters) form the heart of Barbara Olenyik Morrow's latest book, *Army Guy, Red Cross Gal: The Lives & Letters of Two Small-Town Hoosiers Who Helped Win World War II*, written in collaboration with Ellen England.

Bill's and Mary's war-era stories are separate and riveting. Morrow will share some of their stories as part of a three-pronged Smock Ministry program on Thursday, November 14 at the historic Eckhart Public Library, one of Auburn's crown jewels.

**Exciting News!!! The church is organizing a trip to see the Broadway Show “Shucked”**



**WHEN:** SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

**WHERE:** Wharton Center in East Lansing, MI  
(<https://www.whartoncenter.com/>)

**TIME:** Arrive at the Church by 10:45 a.m. -- Musical begins at 2 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Plans are for the bus to leave at 11:00 a.m. to take everyone to the show. The cost of the bus is yet to be determined, depending on how many people will be taking the bus. We will let you know the final price for this trip as soon as possible. If you choose to drive yourself you will be responsible for obtaining your ticket from Jerri Imus.

**TICKET INFORMATION AND PRICING:**

Tickets range anywhere from \$51 - \$85 depending on where you choose to sit. The Wharton Center has stadium seating. We currently have 30 tickets reserved but more can be added if necessary.

**MEAL FOLLOWING MUSICAL:** The bus will be stopping at Schuler's Restaurant & Pub (<https://schulersrestaurant.com>) located at 115 S Eagle St, Marshall, MI 49068. You will be expected to pay for your own meal.

**SIGN-UP INFORMATION:** You will need to sign up for this event by December 10th and include a check for the entire amount of the event. (Full Refunds will only be given if you cancel at least 10 days before the trip. You must call the office to cancel at 925-2987)

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, you may call the church office or Jerri Imus (925-2609)



Many of the congregation have asked about seeing Aidan play at PFW; here is an opportunity coming up! This is a solo recital, and he will be playing the marimba.



Details: Students from the percussion studio will perform solo music written for a wide array of percussion instruments that will leave you questioning the boundaries of classical music.

**When:** Sunday, November 17 at 2:30pm

**Location:** Rhinehart Recital Hall at PFW (2101 E. Coliseum Blvd,  
Fort Wayne)

**Admission is FREE!**