

The NOVEMBER Leaven 2022

Dear Friends,

A pastor in our Presbytery recently retired and I watched his final Sunday service online. He talked about the things he wouldn't miss about being a pastor. He said he wouldn't miss Stewardship Campaigns (which got a laugh from the congregation) but he would miss Stewardship. He said he would miss that Stewardship means living in community, giving ourselves to one another, giving ourselves to the world, stretching ourselves beyond what we think we can do in order to reach one another, to touch those who society says are untouchable. I think that's a good description of Stewardship. What you will do on Sunday, November 13 (when you are invited to bring your financial pledge cards to worship) is allow God to work in you as we live out that description of Stewardship. And at the beginning of 2023, we will ask for you to pray about your commitment of time and talents. All of these things are to help us to give ourselves to one another, to the world and to God.

Now to Advent/Christmas.... Advent begins on Sunday, November 27 and Our Advent/Christmas theme this year is ***Unexpected Gifts: Peace, Hope, Joy, Mercy, Love, Light***. We will explore these themes each Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (which is on a Sunday this year). We hope you will feel God's love and call during this sacred season.

Peace - Krista

Transition Team Lunch – Sunday, November 6

Stewardship Commitment Sunday -November 13

Salute to our Veterans (may wear uniform) – November 13

Hanging of the Greens – November 20

Advent Devotional Available November 20 emailed on Nov. 21

VACATION

Krista will be on vacation November 20 through November 26. Our guest preacher on November 20 is Rev. Jennifer Baer who is Heartland Presbytery's fairly new Stated Clerk/Resourcing Presbyter. Welcome Jen!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have two weekly, ongoing adult small groups that will continue to gather (post Gospel Reading Project) and they are:

Sunday Morning, 9:00am group – currently meeting in fellowship hall. This group will be looking at the preaching text for the following Sunday (and helping the preacher with her sermon! 😊)

Tuesday Morning 10:00am group - This group will be studying the book of Romans. We will meet in Classroom 8. Come join us!

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

We will remember all of our members who died this past year at our All-Saints Remembrance Service during worship on November 6.

*If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die,
we die to the Lord;
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
-Romans 14:8*

*Members and Friends who died between
November 2021 and October 2022:*

*Gerald Carder Shirley Comstock
Twila Corley Robert Doby
Alfred Pursell*

*Relatives and Friends of Members who died between
November 2021 and October 2022:*

*Kristine Elizabeth Anderson
(Mother of Audrey Anderson)*

*Donna Borchardt
(Sister-in-Law of Elaine Carder)*

*Amy Dodson
(Friend to Jim and Merna Roe)*

*Patricia Fargen
(Sister-in-Law of Linda Barry)*

*Joy Jean Forrest
(Carolyn Anderson's Aunt)*

*Jim Gebhardt
(Friend of Linda Barry)*

*Mary Hickie
(Cousin of Linda Barry)*

*Dorothy Hurt
(Mother-in-Law of Anna Hurt)*

*Anthony John Jimenez
(Nephew of Becky Stovall)*

*Ava Mae Sperry
(Sister of Audrey Anderson)*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK IN THE OFFICE

Can you volunteer in the church office? If so, Arlene will be gone November 7-10, please sign up on the bulletin board. Tuesday is still available.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with YOU and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship and Multiplication

Once again PWC is sponsoring **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** and the time has come! This is a great opportunity to share with your children or grandchildren!

Filled Boxes are due before Nov 13, 2022. Instructions, colorful shoeboxes, and labels are now here to take home. (Or you may use your own cardboard or plastic shoeboxes.)

Each box should be packed for a girl or a boy in age category 2-4; 5-9; 10-14. Remember this box may be a child's only gift – include fun things as well as school and hygiene items. (Ideas are on the —help sheet) Lots of boxes will be needed for the Ukraine and our Southern Border this year as well as areas hit with Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Floods, etc.

Donations toward the \$10/box shipping costs are welcome (checks should be made out to Samaritan's Purse or, if giving via our church, indicate OCC with your cash/check.) For more information go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>
A Night of Worship & Conversation

MISSION COLLECTING THE BLUE BAGS THROUGH DECEMBER



Mission Committee will be collecting the blue bags through December.

OFFERING #3 IS IN THE BOOKS

The third denominational offering of the year, the Peace and Global Witness Offering, brought in a total of \$816, according to our administrative assistant Arlene Hansroth. Of this amount, \$204, or 25 percent of the total, has been retained by the church and combined with the previously unallocated local shares from the 2020 Peace and Global Witness Offering and the 2021 Peace and Global Witness Offering to bring this account up to \$437.75.

The remaining \$612 from this year's offering has been turned over to Heartland Presbytery so that the money can be used to support peace and reconciliation efforts on the national and regional levels.

In response to a solicited proposal from Lansing USD 469, the Faithful Discipleship Committee has decided to donate the aforementioned \$437.75 and part of the previously unallocated local shares from the 2020 Pentecost Offering and the 2021 Pentecost Offering to pay for 60 affirmative word signs that can be placed at the district's six buildings to help promote a healthy learning environment that will benefit students, staff and patrons alike by focusing on positive attributes all of us can readily embrace when we see them in an individual..

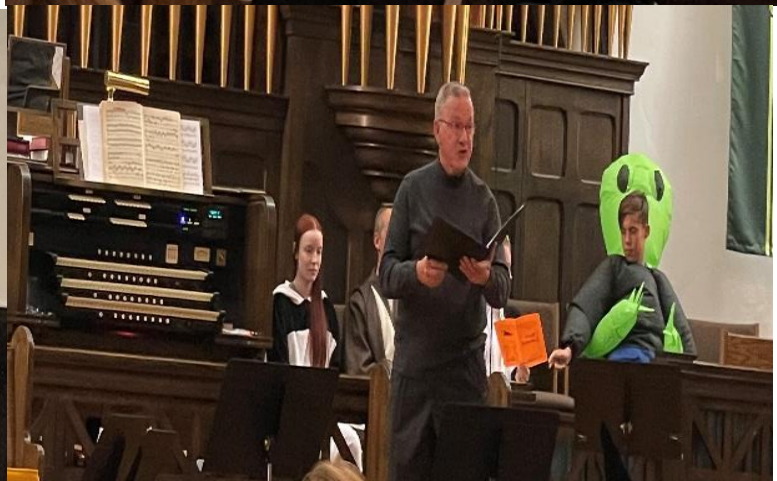
The affirmative signs that will be purchased chose the following words to put on the signs are: Compassionate, Kind, Successful, Confident, Capable, Unique, Motivated, Brave, Productive and Inspiring. Each of these words is to be followed by the words "students learn here" to complete the message on the sign.

Up next is the fourth and final denominational offering of the year, the Joy Offering. It is to be received Sunday, December 18, and more information about who benefits from the money that is collected here and elsewhere across America will be shared with the congregation in early December.

On behalf of the rest of the committee, Carl Johnson, Ginnie Strand, Dennis Goodwin, Shirley Rockwell and Pastor Krista, I want to thank everyone for their generosity in giving to the Peace and Global Witness Offering this year. May God bless you for your support of this important offering!

Rick Nichols, Moderator, Faithful Discipleship Committee

“A LITTLE FRIGHT MUSIC”



178 in attendance for the wonderful concert!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**3- Tera Cameron 7-George Morton 10-Jim Williams 10-Kathy Kenton 13-Ginnie Strand
18-Alexa Allen 18-Emalee Litewski 22-Elaine Carder 25-Rodney Schwatken
28-Peg Nichols 30-Jim Mathison**

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11- Jim and Gail Garrett 30-Howard and Joyce Kirk



CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Alfred B. PURSELL

Alfred B. Pursell, age 93, died on September 21, 2022 at his home. Mr. Pursell spent his youth in West Orange, NJ, but after 22 years in the Army lived in Leavenworth since 1973.

November 18, 2022

Visitation: 9:30am – 10:30am – First Presbyterian Church
“Family Room”

Service: 10:30am - Sanctuary

Lunch: All are invited to lunch in fellowship hall immediately after the worship service.

The Graveside Service and Full Military Honors will be at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery at 1:30pm.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER December 10

Deacons have scheduled the progressive dinner for Saturday, December 10. 5:00-9:00 p.m. Starting at Carl and Linda Johnson's at 5:00 p.m. for appetizers followed by the main course at Claude Wiedower and Pat Domann's and to finish with singing and dessert at the church. **If you need child care please contact the church office.**

PRAYERS

Immediate: Anne Harker Dayton (Lorna), Family of June Strader (Ginnie), Jennifer Anderson (Debbie), Edwin and Bre FlueVog (Anna), John Kellie and TK, Al Pursell's family, John (Pam Crume), Margie Holland, Elaine Coffman, Kiara “Boo” Doby, Steve Finch, Brianna Hoffman and Family (Cindy Scircle), Elicia, James Cloud (Howard and Carolyn), Karen Miller (George and Ellen Morton), Robert Boyd, Bill, Jim and Lorna Mathison, Diann Wooley (Cindy Scircle)

Ongoing: Maria Gordon (C. Tillotson), Bernice Johnson, Erika Johnson, Shirley Rockwell, Joe Hudson, Barbara-Sue Rose, Le Thomas, V. Williams (Barbara-Sue Rose), Judy Jahn, Michael Brock (C. Scircle), Mike Graham (Norma Graham), Jeanie (Barbara-Sue Rose), Rick Nichols, Greta Sharp, John Garner (Carolyn T.), Richard and Linda Cooper (Darrell and Margie Holland's daughter and son-in-law)

NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Nov. 6 –Lunch Provided **Nov. 13** – Circle 5

Nov. 20 –Deacons **Nov. 27**-Session

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 All Saints Day 10:00am Circle 3 1:00pm ESL	2 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 10:00am Flute Practice
6 Daylight-Saving Time Ends Transition Team Lunch - Lunch will be provided 9:00am Adult Study led by Krista 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	7 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliars	8 10:00am Adult Study 1:00pm ESL 6:00pm Circle 5	9 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 11:00am Deacons Meeting 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir	10 <i>6:00pm Session Meeting</i>	11 Church Office Closed Veterans Day	12 10:00am Flute Practice
13 Fellowship Treats-Circle 5 Worship Committee Meeting 9:00am Adult Study 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	14 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliars	15 10:00am Adult Study 1:00pm ESL 5:00pm - 6:00pm Community Meal	16 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir	17	18 Al Pursell Memorial- 9:30-Visitation 10:30- Celebration of Life 1:30- Fort Leavenworth National Cemetry Church Office Closed	19 9:30am - 11:30am League of Women Voters 10:00am Flute Practice
20 Fellowship Treats-Deacons Hanging of the Greens Mission Committee Meeting 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	21 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Circle 4 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliars	22 1:00pm ESL	23 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir	24 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving-Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed 6:30pm - 8:00pm Amateur Radio Testing	26 10:00am Flute Practice
27 Advent Fellowship Treats-Session 9:00am Adult Study 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	28 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliars	29 10:00am Adult Study 1:00pm ESL	30 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir	1	2 Church Office Closed	3 10:00am Flute Practice