



Among Friends

NOVEMBER, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

We celebrate Thanksgiving this month. Where has this year gone? As Christians, as God's chosen people, we have much to be thankful for and we ought to be grateful. When we look through the pages of scripture, we see examples of people who are grateful.

Moses was grateful. In Exodus 15 we see a song of praise and thanksgiving. Moses was grateful that God had delivered the Israelites from the hands of their enemy. He was grateful that God didn't turn his back on them. He was grateful that God had not forgotten them. He was grateful because he saw the mighty power of God firsthand.

***"The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation. He is my God,
and I will praise him, my father's God,
and I will exalt him."***

Exodus 15:2

David was grateful. In Psalm 100, David listed a lot of reasons to be thankful. God had created him. God had chosen him. God is good. God would love him forever. God would not only be faithful to him, but to all those that would come after him.

***"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his
courts with praise; give thanks to him and
praise his name."***

Psalms 100:44

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NOVEMBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

November 27

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints Day, November 1
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 3
- Veteran's Day, November 11
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28



Deadline for
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DECEMBER
newsletter
information is

NOVEMBER 27

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Paul was thankful. Throughout the New Testament, we see the things that he was thankful for. He was thankful for Christ. He was thankful for the empty grave. He was thankful for the gift of eternal life. And he was thankful for other Christians.

***"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances."
I Thessalonians 5 16-18a***

Paul also reminds us of something else; Christ is coming back. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we can be grateful, we can be thankful; Christ is coming back! When He returns, we will spend all eternity with Him. That alone should make us shout for joy and praise our God.

Have you mentioned today that you are thankful? If you are having trouble thinking of something to be thankful for, just look through the pages of scripture. In those pages we see people who struggled with sin... people who were persecuted for their faith...people who had difficulties and struggles, yet we see people who were grateful for their God.

I hope that today you can find something to be grateful for. I hope that through the hardships of this life, you can be grateful. If you have Jesus...if you have the hope of the resurrection...if you have the promises of God...then just as Moses and David and Paul had something to be grateful for, you also have much to be grateful for!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and be grateful for the blessings God has given you!

Diane

P.S. My greatest blessing this past year
is YOU!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?



This month's Second Saturday Concert November 9, is a concert of barbershop music to benefit the **Feed My Sheep Food**

Cupboard of Slippery Rock. We are partnering with the **Olde Town Barbershop Chorus** of the Grove City area. Also performing will be 2 womens quartets from New Bethlehem, PA, **Shades**, and **Special K** and a men's quartet, **Ragged Edge** which is part of the Olde Town Harmony group.

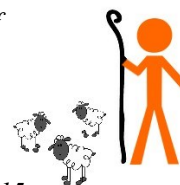


THE SATURDAY CONCERT

Snacks and desserts will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. and the concert is from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received. Checks should be payable to Friendship Presbyterian Church.

*Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"
"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."*



John 21:15

Join us for refreshments and settle in for the concert!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

SERVING THIS MONTH



PREACHING

11/3	Pastor Diane Whitman
11/10	Pastor Diane Whitman
11/17	Pastor Diane Whitman
11/24	Pastor Diane Whitman



LITURGISTS

11/3	Bill Kreuzer
11/10	Michele Lagnese
11/17	Ruth Keith
11/24	Bill Kreuzer



GREETERS

11/3	Joanne Campbell & Lydia Frampton
11/10	Joanie West
11/17	Dave and Donna Walker
11/24	Heather Datt



PROJECTIONISTS

11/3	Benjamin Vukson
11/10	Jeremy Whitehouse
11/17	Benjamin Vukson
11/24	Jeremy Whitehouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3** **Worship and Communion Service**,
Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor
Diane Whitman will lead the service.
Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- November 9** **Second Saturday Concert**,
Community Center, benefit concert
for **Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard**
featuring the music of **Olde Town
Harmony** and three quartets
performing Christian and patriotic
music of the barbershop genre.
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., concert
will follow at 7:00 p.m. (More info on
page 3)
- November 10** **Worship Service**, Worship Center,
11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman
will lead the service. Sunday school
begins at 10:00 a.m.
- ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**, Worship Center, following
the worship service.
Pot luck luncheon to follow.
- November 13** **Friendship Presbyterian Women**
meeting, Community Center, 7:00
p.m. Ruth Keith and Evie Vargo will
be hostesses for the evening.
- November 17** **Worship Service**, Worship Center,
11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman
will lead the service. Sunday school
begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 18–25** **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
DROP OFF CENTER OPEN**, Worship
Center, hours listed on **page 5**.
- November 24** **Worship Service**, Worship Center,
11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman
will lead the service. Sunday school
begins at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

November's lessons come from the letters of Paul to the Corinthians and the Thessalonians instructing them and us on how to live as faithful followers of Christ. Additional lessons come from I and II Peter in which Peter writes to believers scattered through the regions of Asia Minor teaching them (and us) that faith requires holy living and goodness. Join us for a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday School class will be studying the sections of history and poetry in the old testament.

Sunday School classes for adults and children begin at 10:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 7, at Friendship Presbyterian Community Center, 2-3:30 p.m. Emily Hayes will present a program of harp music. An offering will be received that day to help defray the costs of the tea since there is no budget for it. A donation of \$4 per person is suggested.

Pre-school Christmas Program, Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. All Friendship members are invited to attend.

Session Meeting Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. for planning for 2020 and other church business. Lunch will be provided.



UPDATE

GLOBAL PEACE OFFERING

On Sunday, October 6 a special offering was received for the PCUSA peace initiative. We collected \$66.00. Thank you for your help!

ANNE D. OFFERING

Also on Sunday, October 6 we collected our annual offering for Anne D., our missionary serving in India. We collected \$77.00. Thank you for your donation!



Elizabeth Rodriguez was very grateful for the clothes that were delivered to the Butler Branch of "Dress for Success".

The next delivery will be the first good weather week in March 2020. But now is the time to go through the wardrobe and look for good quality spring and summer clothes that were not worn this past spring and summer. Empty hangers are available in the church cloak room.

There may also be neighbors or friends who have recently retired from professional jobs that would be delighted to know about donating good quality clothing and accessories for women who are trying to help themselves in the work force.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to start packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child!** Official boxes will be available in the vestibule of the Worship Center. There will also be information about what items to place in the shoeboxes for the project. National Collection Week is November 18 -25, which is right around the corner. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the Worship Center no later than November 25. Let's see how many children we can impact this year with this project!

MORE WAYS TO HELP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again our **Community Center** will be a collection point for **Operation Christmas Child.** Wendi Vukson will be the chairperson and Ruth Keith will be assisting. Area churches and organizations will bring their shoeboxes to our community center where they will be packed in shipping boxes and transported to the relay center at St John's Church in Butler. Your help is needed to staff the center. Our center will be open 2-3 hours daily November 18 - 25 to receive boxes and will need 3-4 people each day to receive boxes. Watch for further details and a chance to sign up to volunteer!

Hours of operation will be:

Monday, November 18, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, November 19, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, November 20, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, November 21, 9:00 - 11 a.m.
 Friday, November 22, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, November 23, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday, November 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Monday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Prayer List

Anne D. (Missionary to India)
Sally Alben
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
The Cooperstown Congregation
Kathy Reimers Cratty
Kay Curtis
Bessie Datt
Heather Datt
Dennis Dickey
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Bertha Durnell
Randy Durnell
Blanche, English

Jennifer Gilliland
Harry and Janny Graham
Donna Grossman
Rick Grossman
David Hall
John Hines
Timothy James
Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Lisa Leach and Family
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Kevin Michael
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen Piper
Bill and Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Jeremy (God will know which one).
Our military at home and abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
The PCUSA
The Church of Jesus Christ



“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:16

THANKS TO GOD

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,
Thanks for what thou dost deny.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all thou dost supply.
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.
Thanks for comfort in despair.
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!

—August Storm, 1891



BIRTHDAYS

Doris Allison, 11/1
Paul Merkle, 11/6
Matthew Sybert, 11/16
Mark Finch, 11/24
David Sybert, 11/26
Bertha Durnell, 11/27
Lydia Frampton, 11/29

ANNIVERSARY

Nancy and George Natili, 11/19



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

Bessie Datt
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Jessie Myers
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Helen Taggart
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JUST FOR FUN



GRATITUDE
game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned


Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:


1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!


PUZZLE

Harvest hunt


Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



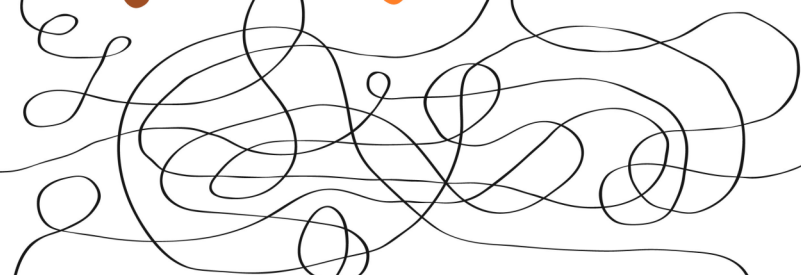
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Galatians
6:9



James 3:18



John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields





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