



Among Friends

NOVEMBER, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



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Greetings

I recently heard someone say that they didn't want to turn their clocks back because they didn't want 2020 to last one minute longer than it has to! And I would be less than honest if I said that this past year hasn't been challenging. I think that if you asked almost anyone, they would say the most difficult thing during this past year has been the separation from family and friends. That is true of the Church family as well. However, in the midst of the separation and loneliness, God has been blessing us all year long.

***Now in him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21***

All through 2020 God has been blessing us, as a congregation and as individuals. Thanksgiving 2020 should be a day where we give God the thanks he deserves. I think this poem would be a good place to start:

THANK YOU, MY LORD!

**I asked God for some water
to ease my thirst,
He gave me rivers, the rain,
lakes and also the sea...**



DECEMBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

November 25

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SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 1
- Election Day, November 3
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- First Sunday of Advent, November 29

The annual
Congregational Meeting
will be held on
Sunday, November 22,
immediately following the
worship service.

Deadline for
DECEMBER
submission of
information is
NOVEMBER 25

Submit to:
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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

**I asked God for many songs
to delight my ears
And through sound of nature
I heard birds singing...**

**I asked God for many spectacles
to my entertainment
And He showed me
The sunset enchantments...**

**I asked God for a mansion
to realize an old dream
And the Lord embraced me
in his friendly arms...**

**I asked God to keep me company
so I don't have to be alone...
He gave me friends
and the affection of my family**

**I asked God for some medicine
to ease my pain
He filled my life of pleasure and love...**

**I asked God for the return of all beings
who left us alone
He showed that souls remain among us...**

**I have nothing, in short, that ask You, my Lord,
Because You are realizing my deepest dreams...
You provided the Earth with all good I need
And that my soul needs...it is for all infinity!
(Oriza Mardina)**

I hope that each and every one of you has a blessed Thanksgiving. And I hope that each and every one of you will be able to see all the blessings God has provided this past year!

***In His Love,
Diane***



MISSIONS

across the street &
around the world

MISSION UPDATES



DRESS FOR SUCCESS: Approximately 80 items of clothing were delivered to the Butler office in October. Thank you for your generosity. We plan to make another delivery in the spring of 2021. Clothing must be clean and suitable for working or interview attire.

ON-LINE SERVICES

We continue to have online worship which will be recorded during the worship service on Sunday morning and will be available sometime Sunday afternoon. We are providing this online service for the people who don't yet feel comfortable being in large groups and we respect your decision. Also, we ask that if you are sick, please stay home.

(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))

Click Here

www.friendshippresbyterianchurch.weebly.com



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 16-23, which is right around the corner. **Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the Worship Center no later than November 22.** 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 local relay center. Your help is needed to staff the center. Watch for further details and a chance to sign up to volunteer!

Hours of operation will be:

Monday, November 16, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 20, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 21, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 22, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Prayer List

*“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*

Anne D.
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Cooperstown
Congregation
Kay Curtis
Bessie Datt
Heather Datt
Winnie Davis
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
The Family of
Bertha Durnell
Randy Durnell
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland

Donna Grossman
David Hall
Kimberly Harrison
Nancy Huntington
Timothy James
Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Lisa Leach and Family
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen Piper
Jon Richards
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott

Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
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
All those who have been
impacted by
COVID19

OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a “just war.” Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.”

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES



BIRTHDAYS

Doris Allison, 11/1
Paul Merkle, 11/6
Matthew Sybert, 11/16
Mark Finch, 11/24
David Sybert, 11/26
Lydia Sybert, 11/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy and George Natili
11/19



Bessie Datt
Orchard Manor
20 Orchard Dr.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Our November lessons are from John 13 and 15, I John, Acts 4, and James 2 and finish up our unit titled Love For One Another. Lesson themes include "You are called to serve - go and love!", "Love like Jesus-lay down your life.", "Trusting Jesus transforms us from haters into lovers.", "Test your on motives before you test God.", and Show love by honoring people, not positions." All are welcome to join us for Bible study and discussion. We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is studying the books of the New Testament and how they apply to our lives. We will be comparing the writing of these books.

FUN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday school teacher asked her class of kindergarteners to draw pictures of the manger scene at Bethlehem. The children quickly and eagerly began to color. The teacher walked around the room observing each picture in progress. She was puzzled by something she saw in one little boy's picture. In one of its corners was a very plump, jolly-looking fellow.

"Bobby, who's this person?" she asked, pointing to the portly character.

"Why, that's Round John Virgin!" Bobby replied.



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In graphic detail she described how the assaulted man was left helpless beside the road. Then she asked the class, "If you came upon a wounded man lying by the road and he had blood all over him, what would you do?"

A dainty girl spoke first, "I think," she said with a wince, "that I'd probably throw up."



Sunday school teacher: "How many of you children want to go to heaven?" Everyone raised a hand except one little boy.

Teacher to the boy: "Johnny, don't you want to go to heaven?"

Johnny: "I can't. Mother told me to come home right after Sunday school."

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of encouragement.

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**OLD AGE
IS JUST
ANOTHER VERSION
OF YOURSELF**

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**ARE YOU
FOLLOW-EEN
JESUS?**

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**HAPPY FALL
Y'ALL**

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**JESUS
GIVES US
TREATS
EVERYDAY**

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Welcome
November!

May our faith be
strengthened, and our
actions reflect the love
and light within us that
come from God.

Have a blessed month!

**SUBMITTED BY
HEATHER DATT**