

The Newsette



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see calendar insert for
dates and meetings

NOVEMBER SERVANTS:

If you are unable to serve on the date(s)
assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER - all month

Johnny Grubb

COMMUNION PREPARATION

6 - Johnny and Linda Grubb
13 - Johnny and Linda Grubb
20 - Johnny and Linda Grubb
27 - Johnny and Linda Grubb

WORSHIP LEADERS

6 - Jackie Twedell
13 - Dolores McCann
20 - Barbara Ozlin
27 - Kevin Scholl

USHERS - all month

Ray Crawford
Mark Kimmel
Jim Rountree

NOVEMBER SERVANTS

(cont.)

ELDERS

6 - Elizabeth Little and Linda Spencer
13 - Ray Crawford and Becky Murrell
20 - Linda Grubb and Barbara Ozlin
27 - Ross Dorneman and Kevin Scholl

Communion to Home Bound

primary: Ross Dorneman and
Elizabeth Little
secondary: Becky Murrell and
Kevin Scholl

DEACONS - all month

Captain: Geoff Gangloff
Tyler Hawthorne
Barb Koch
Sarah McLillard
substitute: Chris Hawthorne

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

"To share the Good News of God's activity in our lives through witness and service to Westover Hills, Stratford Hills, and beyond, in order to encourage people to find their unique place in God's family."

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

~ Confucius

"Make every day Thanksgiving Day! Be thankful for your caring spirit, loving heart, strength of mind and your gifts of will power and determination! Be thankful for another day to share your most valuable gift ... and that is showing others you love them more than yourself! Do it every day and DO IT BIG!!!"

~ Jimmy Hagewood

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends **Sunday, November 6**. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before bedtime!

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

All Saints Sunday is a day in the church year where we remember, honor, and celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. This year, All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 6. Most Protestant churches, including Disciples of Christ churches around the country, will celebrate All Saints Sunday by remembering and recognizing the saints in our midst who have died in the past year.

We, at Bethany Christian Church, will remember our saints on **Sunday, November 6**, by naming in the Pastoral Prayer all of our members who have died this year. According to our records, we will remember Winifred “Winnie” Gassman Phillips, John Henry Spencer, Ronald Stephen Waters, and Ashley Renee Jernell Burke. If there are other church members that need to be included, please let Pastor Jackie know. Also during worship that morning, as the Pastoral Prayer is ending, we will take time for you to come forward as you are able to light candles in honor of or in memory of all the saints in your life, living or dead.

Every year around All Saints Sunday, I am reminded of that “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) who have come before me and taught me so much about God and my own faith. There are so many that I could name, but today I am remembering the love received from my grandparents who died too soon – Jeanette and Jack Twedell, Sr., and Johnny Walker. Today I am remembering my mentors and teachers of the faith – George and Wilma Jean Tade, Kenneth Teegarden, Jack Stempel, and Mrs. V. Of course, I also have a long list of saints in the making, people who are currently still in my life who have loved me and encouraged me and taught me so much.

And so I encourage you, between now and All Saints Sunday on November 6, to remember and honor those saints in your own lives. Who are they? And what did they teach you?

I am looking forward to seeing you all in worship that Sunday as we collectively remember and honor all the saints of Bethany Christian Church and all of the saints in each of your lives. ~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie

SHEPHERDS AND HELPERS

On **Sunday, November 6**, following morning worship, there will be a short meeting of current Shepherds and those who want to help with the program in 2017. We have some ideas about revising the program and need your input and support. (Sorry, no food provided at this meeting ☺.)

NEEDS OF A CARETAKER

Facing the challenge of caring for a loved one with dementia or other medical problems? A number of people in our congregation do every day or know others who do. The Elders are sponsoring a program to address some of the concerns and needs caretakers experience. The date is **Sunday, November 13**, following the morning worship service. Erin Burnette, a social worker and chaplain, will lead a program of information and discussion for all who are involved or interested in the care of others.

Please sign the sheet in the Narthex or call Barbara Ozlin at 748-9673 by Tuesday, November 1. We will provide a light lunch so we need a count of how many will attend. Invite a friend who might benefit from the program.

EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat - a BIG THANK YOU for all the volunteers and members that will attend the Festival on **Saturday, October 29**. As usual, a good time will be had and lots of treats will be given out!

Thanksgiving Season – This year during the Thanksgiving season, we will be taking food to Police and Fire Stations that are first and second responders for Bethany Christian Church to show our appreciation for all they do for our community. On **Saturday, November 12**, we will be putting together lunch meat, cheese, buns, condiments, chips and drinks to take to the closest few Police and Fire Stations. Different stations have been contacted about this project, and we are waiting for them to respond. More information will be coming later as we plan our visits.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Work continues on Pastor Jackie's office. Her temporary office is at the top of the stairs in the former choir room.

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Stewardship report as of September 30, 2016 (75% of the year)

Budgeted offering income received year-to-date \$101,175.44 (80% of annual budget)

Total budgeted operating expenses year-to-date \$130,103.48 (69% of annual budget)

• Year-to-date, we have also received \$10,195.09 in other income (including interest and dividends) and accounted for a \$16,987.62 fund gain in our Perpetual Endowment fund.

WORLD OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Thanksgiving – Our Thanksgiving Offering benefits colleges, universities, and seminaries affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning institutions are extensions of the church where students are expected to study, understand, and respond to God's call. Over 8,410 students graduated in 2016 from Disciples' colleges, universities, and graduate theological institutions. Our offering will be collected **Sunday, November 6**, and **Sunday, November 13**.

Bainbridge – On Monday, October 3, Charles Stevens took approximately 18 bags of groceries and paper bags to Bainbridge Community Ministries. Thank you for your donations, and thank you Charles for delivering them!

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet **Monday, November 7**, at 7:00 p.m.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (DWF)

Harvest Luncheon – The DWF will be having a harvest soup and chili luncheon on **Saturday, November 19**, at noon. Penny Gradwell will share information from her Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey! The service project for this luncheon will be a monetary collection for the Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond.

REDD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Redd Elementary School needs donations of underwear, t-shirts, and sweat pants for the nurse's office to keep for incidents when children need a change of clothes. A donation box is on a table outside the Chapel for

- underwear [boys and girls], sizes 6-10
- t-shirts and pants, sizes 5-12

Also, please contact Barbara Ozlin to learn of volunteer opportunities at this school.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and other kindnesses after my knee replacement surgery. Recovery is a slow process but I am making progress towards a full recovery.

~ Brenda Kidd (June Sears' sister)

We would like to thank our Bethany Christian family for the beautiful cards, flowers and delicious food. Most of all the loving support during this time of our loss.

~ Love, Linda Walls and family

I want to really thank everyone in the church for their many prayers. My church family means so much to me. Also the visits and cards gave me so much encouragement to keep fighting and get stronger everyday – I feel like I'm heading in the right direction. I hope to be back to church very soon when they allow me to drive.

~ with Christian love, Betty Stargardt

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful school supplies contributed for children at Bensley Elementary School. The school personnel were so happy to receive these items to help underprivileged children succeed in school. Thank you again.

~ Dee Evans, DWF Circle #1

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Matthew and Marianne Walls Dickerson on the birth of Adelynn Grace Dickerson on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Adelynn is the little sister of Liam and Elizabeth, and she is the 5th grandchild for David and Linda Walls.

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Joan Barrett on the death of her mother, Carrie E. Mercer on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at the age of 101.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Acute:

none currently – praise to God!

Ongoing:

Merrily Baber	Florence Banks	Dee Evans	Ann Hasty
Hazel Heider	Sandy Lewis	Earl Little	Carolyn Moore
Ken Roland	Gladys Rountree	Betty Stargardt	

♥members of our church family struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or those that just need a “prayer hug”

Extended Church Family:

Miriam Adams (John Lancaster’s grandmother)
Phil and Jean Anderson (Merrily Baber’s sister and brother-in-law)
Lisa Carlson (Carolyn Moore’s friend), her son, and her doctors
Jim Castle (Donna Yates’ cousin)
Pamela Cochran
Bill Dean (Ashley’s Koch’s father)
Nick Elam (Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne’s friend)
“Jane” (Carolyn Moore’s friend)
Geraldine Russell (Penny Gradwell’s mother)
Nell Toole (Duane Toole’s mother)
Claudine Wood (Carole Morris’ mother)

ANNIVERSARIES November

Date		Years
6	Howard & Gerry Jones	62
7	Jason & Kim Creekmore	7
10	Jeff & Suzanne Sears	26
15	Brian and Emily Harman	2
21	James & Debbie Jett	43
24	Johnny & Linda Grubb	49
25	Charley & Betty Lindsey	49
28	Bill & Cindy Jordan	35
29	Mark & Carol Kimmel	41
29	Jay & Mary Kay Paulette	32

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Nov. 27	Advent begins
Sunday, Dec. 11	Chancel Choir Cantata / membership meeting to discuss 2017 budget
Sunday, Dec. 18	Children’s Program during Sunday School time and brunch
Saturday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25	Worship service at 11:00 a.m. [no Sunday School]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2016</h1>						
		1 AA-YC 7:00 pm	2 Choir 7:30 pm	3 AA-YC 7:00 pm	4	5 AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends Thanksgiving offg Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am - All Saints Sunday ----- Shepherds' Mtg noon	7 Pastoral Relations Committee 7:00 pm	8 AA-YC 7:00 pm	9 Choir 7:30 pm	10 AA-YC 7:00 pm	11	12 put together food for 1 st and 2 nd responders fire and police TBA AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
13 Thanksgiving offg Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- Elders' Mtg and "Care for the Caregiver" Program noon	14	15 DWF Circle #1 at church 10:00 am ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	16 Choir 7:30 pm	17 DWF Circle #4 at church 7:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	18	19 DWF Harvest Luncheon noon AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
20 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- Board Mtg noon	21 —decorate the church for Advent	22 AA-YC 7:00 pm	23 Choir 7:30 pm	24 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 Advent begins- HOPE Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	28 DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSETTE	29 AA-YC 7:00 pm	30 Choir 7:30 pm			AA: Alcoholics Anon YC: Youth Center DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship