

CORNERSTONE

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With Thanksgiving: Beginning and End



From the desk of Reverend Joel Weible.

As we begin the month of November, this year I am struck by the questions that still hang heavy in the air for me (for us) and the anxiety that I feel somewhere

under the surface of the smiles and warmth that are a much bigger part of our congregational life together. As I search a bit deeper to try and discover the source of that anxiety and those questions, I find their presence hovering around our November 16th **Pledge Dedication** Sunday morning.

That's a difficult thing for me to confess to all of you reading this month's Cornerstone, but there it is. I'm so very aware of the many and sundry obligations that pull at my personal and professional life, and know that those things consume your time, your energy, and your resources – physical, financial and spiritual. I wonder how in the world we'll do it again this year – receive the pledges needed for a 2015 Operating Budget that reflects

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Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 16TH

Don't forget: After five weeks of discernment and discovery during our 2014 Stewardship Campaign, everyone is asked to bring a completed pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 16th, to "dedicate your tithes" to the ministry and mission

of PVPC in 2015! We are blessed as a congregation and faithfully seek to be a blessing to our community and to the world. Please prayerfully consider pledging for the first time or increasing your pledge from last year. Your financial contributions to the

coming year will increase our church's presence in and promise to a world in need of Good News. Let us remember who we have been and dream of who we can be as we faithfully follow Christ with our offerings.

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- Wednesday Night Dinner
- Amazing Games
- Youth Holiday Bake Sale

not only what we require in order to continue Christ's ministry, but what we desire in order to answer God's call. I feel guilty and even unfaithful as the questions persist and the anxiety begins to show. And then ...

I remember what's coming at the end of this month: **A time of Thanksgiving.** No matter what happens in the first few weeks of November, the last week will be one for giving thanks. So why wait to share my gratitude?

I'm thankful for this congregation – each and every one of you – from those who are here every Sunday and often in-between to those I see at Easter, Christmas and Fish Fry's! I'm grateful for the staff I work with

as we all work for you. I'm grateful for the buildings that facilitates our gatherings, our school, and so much of our time together, even when the pipes leak or the plaster cracks! I'm grateful for the ministry we do and the visions we cherish. I'm thankful for the outreach that connects us to the wider world—in our own backyard and far beyond. And I'm grateful for the Spirit that sustains us even in the midst of early November anxiety! I'm thankful for the community that gathers here and all the stories that are ours. I am so thankful for the time we get to spend together.

So, as the month ends ... may it also begin: **With Thanksgiving.**

See you in church ... Joel



SOICC Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23rd at St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Please plan to attend this annual event, held every year on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving. Pastors and church leaders from around South Oldham lead a service of praise and thanksgiving together. You are encouraged to bring canned goods for the food collection that SOICC does each year.



Opportunities To Engage **Middle East Thinkers**

A Muslim Perspective: November 9 at Highland Presbyterian Church

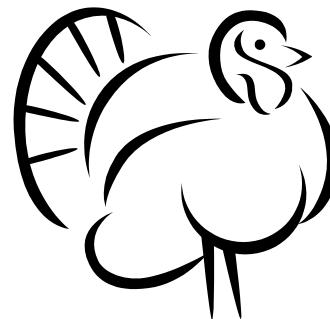
Where: Session Room, Pleune-Mobley Center at Highland Presbyterian Church located at 969 Cherokee Rd. Use side or rear entrances.

When: Sunday October 26, 4:00 pm

Program: Haleh Karimi is a progressive Muslim residing in Louisville. She serves on the board of directors of Interfaith Paths of Peace and teaches their local Islam 101 class. She will offer her perspective on what the Islamic community wishes Christians understood about her religion and what she thinks about the Israel/Palestinian conflict.

Parking: Available behind the Pleune -Mobley Center along Eastern Star Ct.

You can contact Highland Presbyterian Church at [502-451-2910](tel:502-451-2910) for more information



*Happy
Thanksgiving!
The CDC and
Church offices
will be closed
November 27th
and 28th.*

Second Wednesday Dinner In November

November 12: Dinner at 5:30 p.m. / Speaker begins at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Reverend Doctor Wayne Willis

Our former Interim Pastor has written a book! Wayne will be with us on this evening to share his new book Hope's Daughter's: A Helping a Day of Wisdom and Hope. This volume throws out a lifeline to all who are running low on hope—those going under, losing their grip, slipping away, falling, failing, listing, losing, lost—as well as to those looking to enliven and embolden their hope.

Wayne is Director of Pastoral Care emeritus for Norton Healthcare in Louisville, KY. He holds a BA in Greek and an MA in Church History from Abilene Christian University, an MDiv from Vanderbilt Divinity School, and a DMin from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Wayne has also authored *P.S. God, Can You Fly? Heartfelt and Hope-Filled Prayers of Children* (2002) and *Hope Notes: 52 Meditations to Nudge Your World* (2004). He has graciously offered any proceeds from this book signing to the Youth Ministry at PVPC.

Please set this date aside and plan to join us for dinner and a meaningful night with Wayne. Call the church office for reservations: 241-4326



The Inaugural PVPC Fall Fellowship Festival

Sunday, November 9

Please join us for a fall festival hosted by the Member Development team on November 9, from 4-7:00 p.m. at the home of Larry and Sandy McCarson. You don't want to miss the night of fellowship and fun! There will be stories and songs around a bonfire! Award winning Chili (chicken and beef), Hot Apple Cider, Hot dogs roasted over an open fire, S'mores and a giant Hay Ride!



Lott's Creek

We are now collecting Christmas presents for the 300 children of Lott's Creek Community School located in Eastern KY. This school is unique because it is located on a mountaintop 7 miles outside of Hazard, KY. The families are extremely poor and it is difficult to find work in this area since the coal mines have shut down over the

education if it weren't for Lott's Creek School. The school is privately funded and is located close to the children's "hollers." The buses know their way up into the hollers in order to retrieve the children. The rugged terrain and location of the homes would make it impossible for children to drive 7 miles into Hazard day in and day out for school. The Christmas present drive, which we do just about every year, brings a small gift to each child who would otherwise not have a present to open. We are collecting 150 coloring books and crayons, 150 matchbox cars and 150 small dolls. Any gently used toys are

collected as well. Please drop your gifts off in the box marked Lott's Creek, located in the Family Life Center. Thank you again for supporting this effort. Alice Whitaker is enthusiastically looking forward to a visit to our church on December 10th to share the story of Lott's Creek.

Pewee Valley Presbyterian at Friendship Manor

Sunday, November 30 at 2:00pm

On this afternoon, our congregation will be with the residents of Friendship Manor to be a part of the Sunday afternoon worship time with them. We always share the love of our entire church community, some music, prayers, and most importantly our smiles, touch, and love with those who gather. Our **Men's Quartet** will be with us this month and we encourage everyone to be a part of this very simple "ministry of presence." The 20 minutes you share with the residents of this community will be among the most powerful ministry you do this year...we promise!

Advent Workshop, Potluck, and Hymn Sing

Sunday, November 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:30p

Everyone is invited to join together in the Family Life Center to make an advent wreath and Christmas ornaments for our tree or your own. Our youth, Christian Education and Member Development Teams will provide all the materials necessary!

At 6:15p

We will enjoy a potluck dinner together in the gym. The worship team will provide a meat dish, but please plan to bring a covered dish that will serve ten people. "Variety is the spice of life," so don't everyone bring dessert.

At 7:00p

We will move to our sanctuary to sing some of the most beloved hymns in our tradition. Special music is being planned and Pastor Weible will once again read the greatest story ever told to young and old!

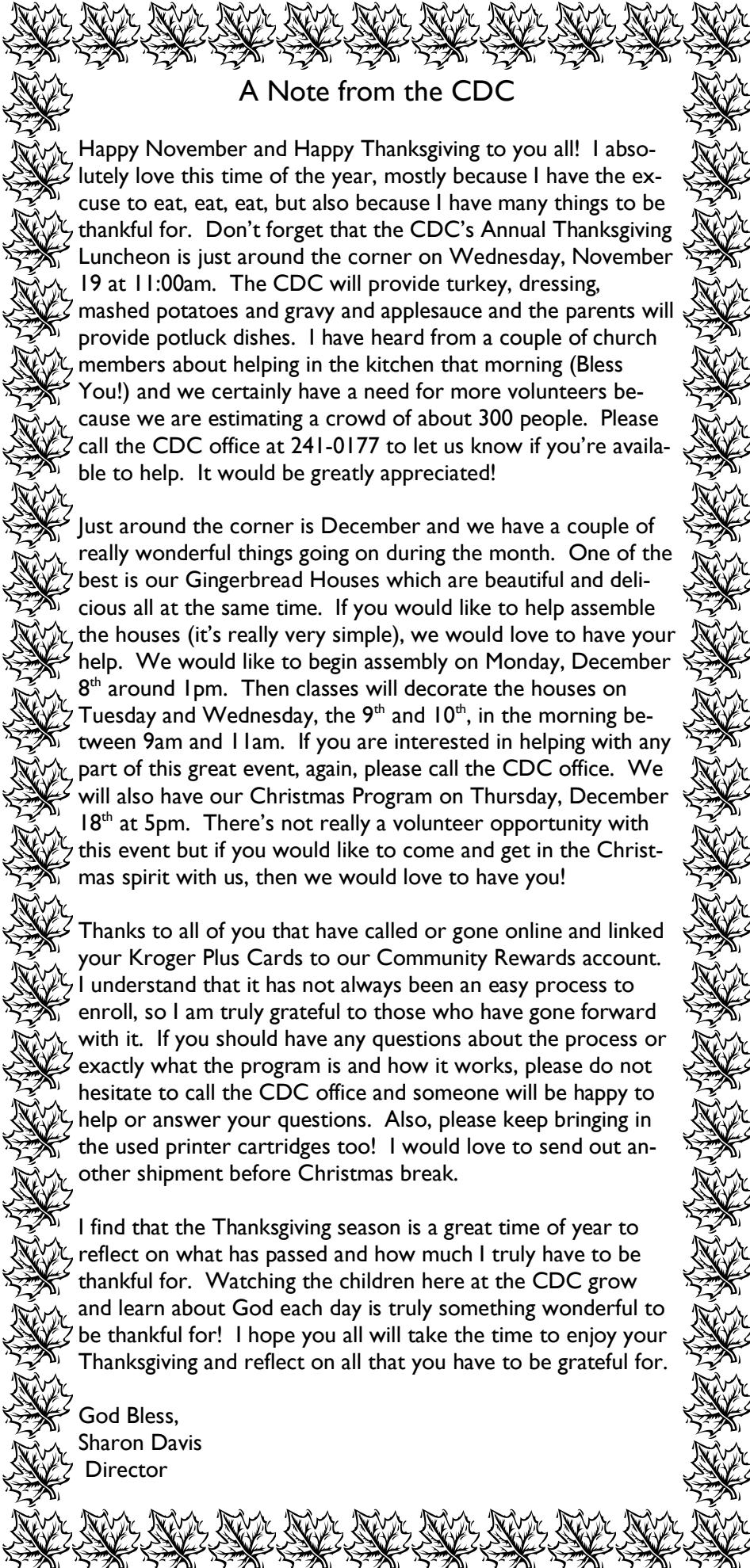


Adopt a Senior Angel

This year the Thoughtful Christian Class is collecting money to "Adopt a Senior Angel" from Annie's Attic. Last year Annie's Attic was able to give gifts to over 3000 senior citizens in nursing homes around the area. The class would like for the congregation to have the opportunity to donate as well. Any amount will help. They will collect money through November 23. You may use an offering envelope in the pew check other and specify "Adopt a Senior Angel." Please make checks payable to Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church with Annie's Attic in the memo line.

Lott's Creek—Thank You!

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Lott's Creek School Supplies drive this fall. Emma and I delivered over 150 school supplies and backpacks to the children of Eastern Kentucky. For most of the students, it will be a treasured gift to have a new backpack and pencils, paper and markers to use in the classroom. For us it may seem small, but for these children this is a huge present that is very much appreciated. "The huge smiles on their faces says it all." - Alice Whitaker, Director of Lott's Creek Community School. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We love you all!



A Note from the CDC

Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving to you all! I absolutely love this time of the year, mostly because I have the excuse to eat, eat, eat, but also because I have many things to be thankful for. Don't forget that the CDC's Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon is just around the corner on Wednesday, November 19 at 11:00am. The CDC will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy and applesauce and the parents will provide potluck dishes. I have heard from a couple of church members about helping in the kitchen that morning (Bless You!) and we certainly have a need for more volunteers because we are estimating a crowd of about 300 people. Please call the CDC office at 241-0177 to let us know if you're available to help. It would be greatly appreciated!

Just around the corner is December and we have a couple of really wonderful things going on during the month. One of the best is our Gingerbread Houses which are beautiful and delicious all at the same time. If you would like to help assemble the houses (it's really very simple), we would love to have your help. We would like to begin assembly on Monday, December 8th around 1pm. Then classes will decorate the houses on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 9th and 10th, in the morning between 9am and 11am. If you are interested in helping with any part of this great event, again, please call the CDC office. We will also have our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18th at 5pm. There's not really a volunteer opportunity with this event but if you would like to come and get in the Christmas spirit with us, then we would love to have you!

Thanks to all of you that have called or gone online and linked your Kroger Plus Cards to our Community Rewards account. I understand that it has not always been an easy process to enroll, so I am truly grateful to those who have gone forward with it. If you should have any questions about the process or exactly what the program is and how it works, please do not hesitate to call the CDC office and someone will be happy to help or answer your questions. Also, please keep bringing in the used printer cartridges too! I would love to send out another shipment before Christmas break.

I find that the Thanksgiving season is a great time of year to reflect on what has passed and how much I truly have to be thankful for. Watching the children here at the CDC grow and learn about God each day is truly something wonderful to be thankful for! I hope you all will take the time to enjoy your Thanksgiving and reflect on all that you have to be grateful for.

God Bless,
Sharon Davis
Director

November Birthdays

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| 02 | Oscar Kingsley |
| 03 | Patricia Payne |
| 05 | Geoffrey Clark |
| 06 | Morgan Goss |
| 07 | Bill Herdt |
| 12 | Ken Hohman |
| 21 | Lynn Stoess |
| 24 | Marlo Age |
| 24 | Stephanie Willis |
| 27 | Holly Clark |
| 27 | Raymond New |

November Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|
| 05 | David and Paula Malone |
| 09 | Robert and Lois Hicks |
| 20 | John and Nancy Appelhof |

Chapel Service With The Child Development Center

10:00 a. m. – Wednesday, November 5
and Tuesday, November 25th

We have two chapel services a month, every month, for the children in our care five days week! Any and all who are able are welcome (and encouraged!) to come. Our time together usually lasts about twenty minutes and includes songs, prayers, a sharing from scripture by Pastor Joel and a celebration of the month's birthdays. Love to see you in our sanctuary with the children!

Children's Church

November

02 Wendy Wilt
09 Heidi Wiser
16 Jenny Williams
23 Stephanie Willis
30 Lottie Williams

Children's Sermon

November

02 Joel Weible
09 Jenna Heery
16 Chrissy Westbury
23 Christiaan Faul
30 Kim Pappas

Coffee Clean-Up

11/02/14 Rebecca Byford
11/09/14 Larry and Connie Vice
11/16/14 Tom and Betty Deibel
11/23/14 Ron and Carol Warren
11/30/14 Jan Beaverson

Worship Attendance September

10/05/14	10:30	88
10/12/14	10:30	98
10/19/14	10:30	80
10/26/14	10:30	86

Ushers for November

11/2/14 Team 1	John Bott, Larry McCarson and Linda Heleringer
11/9/14 Team 2	Bob Pace, Sue Toole, Ralph and Judy Hall
11/16/14 Team 3	Regan Moore, Mark Lane, Mitch and Jenny Williams
11/23/14 Team 4	Ed Staats and David Clark
11/30/14 Team 5	Bob and Lois Hicks

September 2014 Financial

	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget
Member Contributions	\$14,664.00	\$21,282.00	\$164,981.00	\$191,536.00
Loose Plate Offerings	\$211.00	\$267.00	\$1,889.00	\$2,400.00
CDC Contributions	\$7,710.00	\$7,705.00	\$69,480.00	\$69,439.00
All Other Income	-\$781.00	\$2,310.00	\$11,475.00	\$22,285.00
Expenses	\$25,123.00	\$27,296.00	\$253,322.00	\$280,381.00

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:00 AA Meeting
2 11:45 Worship Team 3:00-5:30 Amazing Games—Youth	3 6:30 Volleyball Try-outs 7:00 Member Development Team	4 6:30 Volleyball Try-outs	5 10:00 CDC—Chapel 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Chancel Choir	6	7	8 7:00 AA Meeting
9 11:30-1:30 Youth Group 11:45 CE Team 4-7 Fall Festival	10 6:30 Volleyball Try-outs 7:00 Session Meeting	11 8:00 Finance Team 6:30 Volleyball Try-outs	12 9-12:00 CDC Eye Screening 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Guest Speaker 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	13	14	15 7:00 AA Meeting
16 11:45 Music Team The Bridge 5:00 Youth Dinner 6:00 Youth Worship	17 7:00 CVID	18	19 11:00 CDC Thanksgiving Luncheon 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Chancel Choir	20	21	22 9-1 Youth Holiday Baking 7:00 AA Meeting
23 9:00 Youth Bake Sale 11:45 Mission Team 11:45 Youth Team	24	25 10:00 CDC Chapel	26	27 Closed	28 Closed	29 7:00 AA Meeting
30 2:00 Friendship Manor 5:30 Advent Workshop, Potluck and Hymn Sing						

Prayers and Concerns

Members

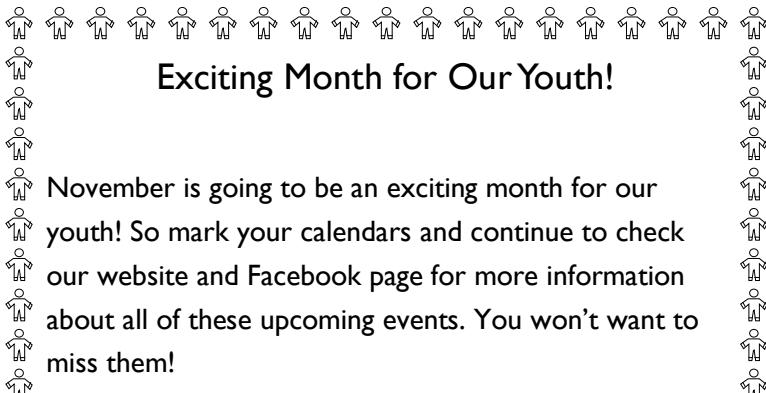
Gary Stoess Mary Boone
Sally Pace Ruth Klingenfus
Margie Thompson Tommy Boone
Charles and Irene Littrell Zachary Corcoran
Celeste New Bill Herdt
Charlene Staats Gin Chaudoin

Luke Shrenger (grandson of Jan Beaverson)
Wyatt Evans (son of a friend of Jan Beaverson)
Rhonda Raley (friend of David Clark)
David M. Ellis (nephew of John and D.D. Hendrickson and David B. Ellis)
Pat and Debbie Handison (former pastor)
Kay Harrod (sister-in-law of Betty Deibel)
Brandi Harrod
Marshall Weaver (friend of Julia Hood)

Allyson Powlus (sister of Rick Fletcher)
Bobbie Holihan (friend of Virginia Baumann)
Jeff McGee (friend of Sharon Davis)
Doug Germond (husband of Kathy Germond in the CDC)
Larry Fox (brother of Gale Fox)
Mary Kistner (friend of Karen Wood)
Hazel Woods (aunt of Jan Beaverson)
Bob and Diana Polgrove (friend of D.D. Hendrickson)
Monte Farmer (brother-in-law of Margaret Hill)
Linda Mahoney (sister of Gale Fox)
Aiden Johnson (son of a co-worker of Maria McC Carson)
Jean Dugger (co-worker and friend of Regina Bates)
Kristen Hall (CDC parent)
Karen Bennett (cousin of Melody Lindsey)
Matthew Marshall (grandson of Linda Heleringer)
Don and Camilla Crowder (cousins of Melody Lindsey)
Sara Hardin (sister of Mark Lane)
Stu Basore (brother-in-law of Jan Beaverson)
Jamelle Norfleet (friend of Linda Heleringer)
Ralph Haskell (cousin of Ann Finney)
Millie Beaverson (mother of Jerry Beaverson)
Ruth Price
Michelle M. Hendrickson (daughter of John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Ed Stoess (son of Jim and Ann Stoess)

Friends and Family

Joanie Walser and Family
Mason Wilt
Kimmy White (friend of Wendy Wilts daughter)
Barry Stoess
Jane Anna (cousin of Lee Goss)
Morgan Williamson, Mary Ann Monks and Madline Straugher (co-workers of Linda Heleringer)
Fred Becker (friend of Sis Marker)
Ardis Elowson (John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Jo Ellen Harvey (friend of Jim Trimpe)
Chuck Littrell (son of Charlie Littrell)
Shelby Hall (granddaughter of Judy and Ralph Hall)
Kenny Jackson (friend of Jill MacNiven)
Brenda Franck (friend of Karen Wood)
Jim Stoien (friend of Ann Finney)
Lamar Burten and Family (friends of Bob and Sally Pace)
Ruth Ann Raines, Peggy Walhgren, and Melvin Lindquist (friend of John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Matt Karlovic (friend of Jill MacNiven)
Betsy Boone-Abraham
Roger Buschur (father of daughter-in-law of Paula Malone)
Ardeth Pappas (mother of Kim Pappas)
Glenn Blayne (grandson of George and Dee Hoge, friends of Ralph and Judy Hall)
Peggy Edmonson (friend of Virginia Baumann)
Alice Whitaker of Lott's Creek Community School
Judy Hirtzel (friend of John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Luther Clark (grandfather of Eric Clark, son-in-law of Rebecca Byford)



Exciting Month for Our Youth!

November is going to be an exciting month for our youth! So mark your calendars and continue to check our website and Facebook page for more information about all of these upcoming events. You won't want to miss them!

Cold Clothing Drive (All month long!) We so appreciate everyone who donated last month in our Spare a Square toilet paper drive for Wayside Christian Mission! This month, as colder weather begins to roll in, we will collect cold clothing items—hats, gloves, scarves, etc. A box will be stationed in the Family Life Center for your donated items!

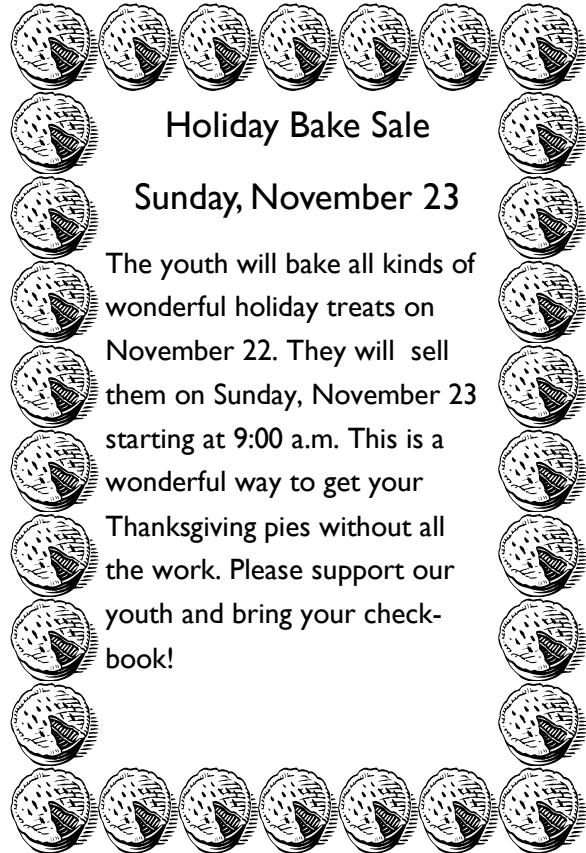
Amazing Games! (November 2nd – 3:00-5:30) This year we will again host Amazing Games for the youth of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery! Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with youth from all over Louisville!

The Bridge (November 16th – 5:00-6:30) Notice the date change?! Though The Bridge is usually held on the last Sunday of every month, this month we have had to move it up due to Thanksgiving. This month the focus will be on our Thanksgiving testimonies! The evening will start with a family Thanksgiving dinner. Bring your Thanksgiving-themed dish to our potluck and share a time of fellowship with all of our families and friends (5:00-6:00). This will be followed by a unique worship experience where we will share our Thanksgiving testimonies with each other (6:00-6:30). All are invited to join us at the Bridge!

Bake Sale (November 22nd and 23rd – 9:00-1:00) Join us on Saturday for a day of baking in preparation for our annual bake sale! And then join us on Sunday to help us sell all of our yummy baked goods!

Hope you can join us! This is going to be another exciting month!

Jenna Heery



Holiday Bake Sale

Sunday, November 23

The youth will bake all kinds of wonderful holiday treats on November 22. They will sell them on Sunday, November 23 starting at 9:00 a.m. This is a wonderful way to get your Thanksgiving pies without all the work. Please support our youth and bring your checkbook!



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Big News From the Little Valley!

Congregational Meeting Called

Sunday, November 16, during Worship

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 16 at the end of the 10:30 a.m. worship service to receive and vote on our Nominating Committee's slate for our Elder Class of 2016.

Our slate of Elders for the class of 2017 includes **John Bott**,

Jamie Kingsley, and Larry Vice. As always, any active member of the church present at the meeting has the opportunity to nominate others from the floor. (Persons nominated from the floor need to have given prior permission to be nominated and declared assent to serve if elected!) Be sure to come to worship on this important day in our common life!

Jenna Heery

Youth Director

Sunday 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Thursday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Kathi Richards

Administrative Assistant

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Marie Fledderman

Bookkeeper

Monday-Tuesday

8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.