

# Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Halloween is now behind us. The anticipation of Christmas glows on the horizon like the eastern sky before dawn. And, the season of Thanksgiving is upon us, like a welcomed guest with a warm pumpkin pie to share. The days of gratitude are here. But, are we feeling grateful?

For some of us, gratitude is an expression that comes as naturally to us as taking a breath. For others among us, gratitude is a discipline, a learned habit accomplished only through diligent practice. But, unfortunately, for some us, gratitude generally eludes us. We know we should focus on our blessings instead of our curses, but knowing that truth in our minds and living that truth out in our relationships are two different things. And, for us, the words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Thessalonica ring hollowly in our ears:

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Here are some practical tips for gratitude that have been shared with me throughout the years. Some of these tips I practice as often as I can. Some, I have been rather negligent in my daily routine. So, take heart if you feel you need to be more grateful. I share your struggle. These tips are for myself as much as they are for you...

1. Be thankful for little things. We tend to take many things for granted: our home, clean water, access to education, etc. When we practice gratitude for small things, our gratitude for those big moments will become natural.
2. End each day with gratitude. Don't go to bed angry. Before going to sleep, think back on your day and be grateful for each moment and blessing.
3. Look inward and give thanks for who you are. Remember, God created you GOOD! Appreciate your positive attributes. God has blessed you and you are WORTHY of those blessings.
4. Gratitude is an expression to God. So often, we get bogged down in our prayers with negativity, trials, sickness and worries. Don't get me wrong, we need to take our concerns to God as well. But, all too often, we forget to take our gratitude to God. Did you appreciate that piece of pumpkin pie? Thank the person who

brought it. But, don't forget to thank the one who created that pumpkin to begin with!

I believe if we spent as much time in prayer thanking God for specific blessings (and of course for the gift of his son, Jesus Christ) as we do in prayer with our concerns, we would all become people of gratitude.

Thank you for all of your blessings to me and thanks be to God!

Pastor Pat

### *Our Church Mission Statement*

*Jesus Christ calls us to:*

- *Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,*
- *Grow in love for one another as children of God,*
- *Invite all to share in our fellowship,*
- *Demonstrate God's love through service to others.*



### November Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. except Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, when it will be closed in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Current Elders

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## Worship Assignments for September:

### Sound Tech:

11/1/2015 Allen Vogt  
11/8/2015 Ian McCracken  
11/15/2015 Joe Hagan  
11/22/2015 Tom Ellenberger  
11/29/2015 Tim Urban

Worship Leader: Laura Lawson

### Ushers

Shirley Coulter & Mauri Truesdell  
Richard & Barbara Duemler  
Luther Bierbaum & Barb Hagan  
Laura Evans & Jane Bugele  
Sid & Janet Thayer

### Greeters

Tim & Gerry Urban  
Whip Schultz & Nancy Klingert  
Don & Jenny Scheibe  
Allen Vogt & Karla Becker  
Karen Gruber & Dan Greer

## The Lord's Supper

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, November 1.

## Thank You!

A big thank you to Anna Mae Boehmer for cleaning the choir robes and stoles for the choir!

## Blessing of the Animal Service THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone that helped with the Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Animals service as we had a terrific turnout of 25 pets (including 20 dogs, 1 very scared cat, 1 slightly noisy chicken, two stately miniature horses, and Elsa the goat that was at the service last year and has really grown!) and about 30-35 pet owners, several who were from outside of our church. We had several Youth Group kids helping with the service and Mission Committee members, too. The Missourian was there taking wonderful pictures and we had one incredible picture in the paper of two of our Youth Group kids, Kaci Conley and Haylee Struckhoff, blessing Jared Thater's smiling dog, Jack! We had awesome weather once again for the service and it was out on the back patio of the church with lots of water bowls and animal treats. The Youth Group hand made the dog treats and Vivian Marshall made pet bandanas in several sizes and adorable prints! If you weren't able to make it this year, we're planning on it again for next year. Another big thanks for everyone that donated Purina pet food to the Franklin County Humane Society as we collected over 150 pounds! Way to GO!



## **“Fearless Generosity” Sunday**

On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be dedicating our “Fearless Generosity” Pledge Cards during worship. If you have not received a pledge card for 2016 in the mail, please contact the church office. Please prayerfully consider your level of fearless generosity, boldly fill out your cards and bring them to worship on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **All-Church Potluck**

The next pot luck will be November 11 at 5:30 p.m. and the main dish will be turkey and dressing. The special speaker will be Keith Whittemore from Warner’s Coat Drive. Please sign up! Come for the meal! Stay for the mission!

## **New Members**

On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, four new members will be joining the Covenant Family of the Presbyterian Church of Washington. That Sunday, Christy Eckert, Kay Hucke, Jean Weekley and Michelle Zumsteg will be formally recognized as active members of PCW and welcomed into the life of the church.

## **Adult Sunday School**

The Advent Season begins Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The adult Sunday School Class will be starting on the 29<sup>th</sup> an Advent Study called "The Gift of New Hope." - "connecting the light of the manger with the hope of the returning Christ," says Cokesbury. Prepare yourself for the celebration of Christ's birth by attending this study of the lectionary Bible readings for Advent and Christmas. This is a 5-session study, so the class will continue through Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. – Jocelyn

## **Circle of Friends**

Let’s enlarge our Circle of Friends. The women’s circle began a Bible Study “Come to the Waters” on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter Circle will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (but not in December) All women are encouraged to share in this study. Bring your friends to our Circle of Friends.



## **Christmas Variety Show**

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. That night we will sing Christmas Carols and enjoy our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Variety Show and Silent Auction! The evening will begin with a Gathering Time at 6:30pm. The Talent Show will begin at 7pm. Invite your family, friends and neighbors! If you are interested in singing, acting, reading, playing an instrument, etc at the Talent Show, please see a member of the Worship Committee or Pastor Pat. All acts should be Christmas themed.



## **Hanging of the Greens**

Following worship on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be decorating our church for the Advent and Christmas season. The more hands the merrier!

## More Info On The Presby Scrip Program

Did you know, in addition to the Presby Scrip Program list that's in the newsletter and in the bulletin there are a lot more merchants on the National List offering gift cards/certificates for you to order? That list is available from the team at the Presby Scrip table in the foyer on Sundays. Other available merchants include:

Aeropostal	10%	Famous Footwear	8%
American Eagle	10%	Gap	14%
American Girl	9%	Gordman's	7%
Babies "R" Us	9%	Great Clips	8%
Barnes & Noble	9%	Groupon.com	7%
Bass Pro Shop	9%	Outback Steakhouse	8%
Bath & Body	13%	Olive Garden	9%
Bed Bath & Beyond	7%	Royal Caribbean	9%
Big Cedar Lodge	9%	Ruby Tuesday	8%
Carnival Cruise	8%	Sunglass Hut	12%
Cheesecake Factory	5%	T. J. Maxx	7%
Chili's Grill & Bar	11%	Tanger Outlets	8%
Crate and Barrel	8%	Texas Roadhouse	8%
Dell Computer	4%	The Home Depot	4%
Denny's	7%	Toys "R" Us	3%
Dillard's	9%		

This is only a short list of other merchants that you can order gift cards/certificates from. Just see the team at the Presby Scrip Program table on Sundays in the foyer following worship! Happy Shopping!



## Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11pm. We will have a candlelit service, special music and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

## Tech Team

Do you have a knack for technology? Are you well-versed in social media and/or website updating? If so, please consider joining our "Tech Team." This team will evaluate our existing technology and internet presence, make suggestions for upgrades, maintain web-site, Facebook page, etc. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Pastor Pat

Silent  
Auction



## Silent Auction items needed!

We are currently looking for any and all items for our Silent Auction that will be on the same night as the Variety Show, Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a great time for both events, so please donate anything new or gently used, possibly to be combined with other items for baskets, gift cards, baked goods, etc. Please get to Gretchen Farrell or leave in the church office. Thank you The Mission Committee

## **ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET**

Make plans to participate in the Alternative Gift Market, which will be held Sunday, November 22 in the Narthex after worship.

The Alternative Gift Market is an opportunity to get an early start on your Christmas shopping and at the same time support various life-giving projects from around the world and locally. You will be able to purchase food for the hungry, care for the sick, shelter for the homeless, renewal for our endangered planet and more, in honor of your family, friends, neighbors, teacher and colleagues.

A copy of the order form with prices is included in this issue of Pres-bits. For additional information on each project, shopping catalogs will be available on a table in the foyer. Any questions, call Jean Van Der Kamp at 239-3709.



## **Coat Drive Mission Project**

For several years now, our church has been involved in and been the host sorting facility for our area Warner's Warm-Up Coat Drive that happens every November for the first two weeks. We have a fun sorting day to go through and disperse all the coats and jackets, usually about 1500+ for nine area agencies that are always in a great need for them. Please check your closets for anything that you can donate and then sign up to help on the sorting day of Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 2pm. Many people from the Washington area help us out, but we need your help, too, as it's a big job. A light lunch will be provided along with much comradery. The Mission Committee

## **Tannenbaum and More Auction**

The Friends of Emmaus will again have a TANNENBAUM AND MORE AUCTION:  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4, 2015.

The LOCATION has CHANGED!!

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1121 Columbus Lane, Washington, Mo.

5:00 P.M. -- 9:00 P.M.

Proceeds will be used for an additional handicap van and scholarships for Exceptional Equestrians.

The Friends of Emmaus has provided support to the residents at Marthasville for the past 42 years. They will continue this tradition...

CHRISTMAS THEMED DONATIONS are especially welcome...but you may donate items for other categories such as: "I can't live without it" category! We have extended categories to all seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Info: Ginny Brinker: 239-5206 or E mail: [acenturyadv@att.net](mailto:acenturyadv@att.net)

Your donation earns you one free ticket of admittance.

Everyone who has ever attended TANNENBAUM WILL TELL YOU IT IS LOADS OF FUN! VENDORS SERVE FOOD TIL IT RUNS OUT!!

## **2015 Per Capita**

If you haven't already done so, it isn't too late to pay your portion of the 2015 church per capita tax. The amount this year is \$30.29 per member. Please note "per capita" on your check memo and envelope. There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes marked specifically for the per capita purpose.

## **Food Pantry Item of Month**

You may have heard that the shelves at Loving Hearts Outreach are running low. In an effort to revitalize our sense of mission to this organization, we will be collecting a specific item for the food pantry each month. November's food pantry item is **Canned Fruit, Jello and Pudding**. All through the month of November, you are encouraged to bring canned fruit, jello and pudding and place them in the donation box for Loving Hearts. They can also use canned vegetables, canned meats, cereal and cake mixes – basically anything non-perishable. Empty egg cartons can also be used. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Faith-Based Support Group – THE REFUGE**

This month's meeting will be November 12, 2015. Founded and facilitated by Robbin Thayer, this group was formed in order to provide **refuge** to those experiencing sadness, grief, stress, anger, or any other negative feeling caused by life's endless obstacles. The Refuge is an open door support group. You may come once or as often as you'd like. An oath of confidentiality is expected by all who attend. Facilitator is not a licensed therapist. Group will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M., in room 12 of the fellowship hall. For more information email [RefugeWashMo@gmail.com](mailto:RefugeWashMo@gmail.com) or call the church office 239-3178.

## **Harvest Table**

Our next Harvest Table supper that we will sponsor is coming up soon on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are all set with salad items and volunteers, but would love to have any canned goods for the St. Peter's Food Pantry to help the Harvest Table celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Please see the collection bag in the Narthex. Also, for everyone's information, we have signed up for four suppers for the 2016 year for Harvest Table and those dates are: January 23, April 9, August 20, and November 12. Thank you! Gretchen Farrell and the Mission Committee.



## **Coins for Chickens**

Are your pockets jingling with lots of extra change? Is your wallet or change purse too bulky? Then drop a few coins into the collection jar for the Change for Chickens and see how far those pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters will go. This program gives hope and help to underprivileged people and really educates them and their families. Any big or little coins will be much appreciated.

## OUR NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are thrilled to say we had over 65 photos taken to be included in our directory! We will be submitting our completed directory for printing with many candid photos for our "activity" pages the first week in November. The candid photos were chosen from hundreds of pictures and selected on the basis of picture quality and flattering shots. We were limited to five of activity pages without additional cost. This was difficult because we had so many pictures to choose from. Thanks to all who helped with this project! Judy Bierbaum, Directory Coordinator

## Youth Group

We are having a great time with our Youth Group as we start our new year together. We created a SPOOKY Haunted Hallway for the Church Halloween Party and made dog biscuits for the Blessing of the Animal Service. Our upcoming Church Youth Group meetings will meet on November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>. We continue to meet on our regular schedule of meetings with the first and third Wednesday nights in the Church Youth Group room (Room #10), the first room to the right off of the Fellowship Hall. The first Wednesday of the month we usually do a mission project and on the third Wednesday, we usually have a fun activity(always a surprise!). All Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are welcome to come have some fun, snacks, a short Bible Lesson and a great time to be with other Christian Youth. Any questions? Just ask any of the YG sponsors: Laura Conley, Gretchen Farrell and Ian McCracken.

## November Birthdays



11-1	Jack Truesdell	11-9	Andrew Kellermann
11-4	Nancy Nolting	11-12	Mary Ellenberger
11-5	Bruce Wiese	11-21	Jane Bugele
11-7	Roni Fowler	11-26	Diane Brunworth
11-9	Barb Hagan	11-29	Allen Vogt



## Prayer for Life (PFL) meets Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Prayer can be the glue that holds individuals, couples, ministry teams, families, and churches together and the fuel that makes them soar. It is the means by which we can all engage in ministry to each other. Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. We study and learn a variety of prayer methods, both as individuals and as a group, to connect people and their needs to God.



## Bridge

Please join us on Fridays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. to play Bridge. Everyone is welcome to come and play. Bring your friends.





### **Creative Hands Group**

Beginning in August, our group changed our day of meeting to Tuesday at 9:00. Meetings will be every Tuesday of the month. The quilt frame is set up and quilting is going strong! For information, please contact Barbara Duemler.



### **Warblers**

The Warblers sing at Cedar Crest the last Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We would love to have more voices come. The only requirement is to make a “joyful noise.” Call Anna Mae Boehmer for more information at 239-3344 or call 314-691-0473

### **Name Tags**

A new name badge signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Nametags are important to all to all of us, and especially so for new members and visitors. Both lanyard and pin on badges are available. Please sign the sheet or contact Judy Bierbaum at 636-432-1293.



### MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Heather Miller, Barbara Pierce, Whip Schultz, Don & Connie Conrad, Karla Becker, Janet Aaron, Roni Fowler, Scott McCracken, Laura Fenner, John Anglin, Lisa Conrad, Jim Watson, Kaci Conley, Confirmation Class, Peggy Otto.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

SOUTH POINTE: Elsie & Jack Truesdell, Elaine Dodson, George Peters

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Glenda Nagel, Dorothy Mutert,  
Beth Saunders

PARK PLACE ASSISTED LIVING (O'Fallon) Sam & Boots Bonney

MARYMOUNT (Eureka): Joan Schultz

### FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

Cindy Demitroff (friend of Paul & Lya Struckhoff)

Jim Lebreton (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Anna Roetheli (friend of the church)

Doug Holtmeier (friend of Karla & Mike Becker)

Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)

Dixie Kottwitz (friend of the Bierbaums)

Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)

Phil Colter (friend of Mauri Truesdell)

Rick Kresse (father-in-law of Mauri Truesdell's daughter)

Becky Lunsford (friend of Lya Struckhoff)

Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Mary Bray Wheeler (friend of Barbara Duemler)

Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd)

Paula Pursley (grandmother of Hailey Joyce)

Patti Mathews (sister-in-law of Joe & Barb Hagan)

Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)

Dottie Shelton (sister of Shirley Coulter)

Debbie Stone (daughter of Jack & Elsie Truesdell)

LeRoy Riechers (cousin of Karla Becker)

Holly Stoltz-Smith (friend of the church)

Betty Buerk (relative of Schultz, Vogt, Struckhoff)

Jean Kimme (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Barbara Lais Shroyer (daughter of Mary Lais)

Susan Conrad (daughter-in-law to Don & Connie Conrad &  
sister-in-law to Paul & Janet Henderson)

Ray Tucker (father-in-law of Jamie Tucker)

Chris Miller (brother-in-law of Mike Becker)

Dora Lafferty (friend of Lya Struckhoff)

Dianne Symansky (friend of the Duemlers)

Marc Houseman (friend of the congregation)

Family of Frank Bradley (brother of Barbara Pierce)

Kenny Becker (father of Mike Becker)