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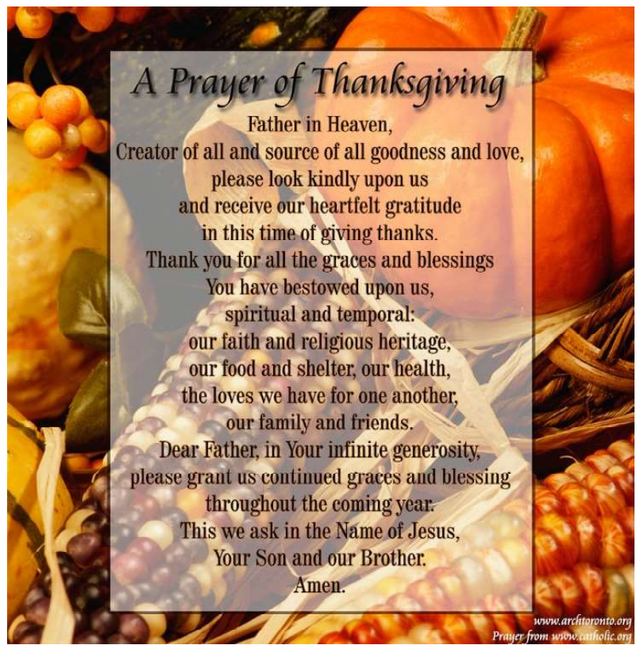
FPC Meetings

Nov. 2 ..... 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
Nov. 7 ..... 5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting
..... 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting
..... 5:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting
Nov. 7 ..... 6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting
Nov. 8 ..... 6:00 PM Deacons Care Packages
Nov. 10 ..... 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
Nov. 14 ..... 5:30 PM Communications Ministry Team
..... 6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting
Nov. 15 ..... 6:30 PM Session
Nov. 20 ..... PRAISE & THANKS BRUNCH
Nov. 21 ..... "CHIMES" DEADLINE
Nov. 26 & 27 ..... OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Thanksgiving!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



NOVEMBER 2016

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This Food Pantry is a BLESSING . . . Thanks to you who donate, many families are being fed. We have found that there are quite a few new families requesting food because, when they get their check and pay their power bill and buy gas to get back and forth to work, they have no money left for food. Your donations of food are touching the lives of many people. **The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity. Meats & Toiletries such as Bath Soap, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc. are needed every week.**

Nov. 6 ... Meats/Boxed Meals with Meat/Velveeta Cheese
Nov. 13 . Crackers/Oatmeal/Canned Meat/Spaghetti/Sauce
Nov. 20 ..... Velveeta Cheese/Crackers/Cereal/Oatmeal
Nov. 27 .... Canned Meat/Boxed Meals w/Meat/Soups

Circle Meetings

Tuesday, November 1 ~ Ruth Circle will meet 10:00 AM in the church lounge.

Thursday, November 10 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the Boardroom at 9:30 AM.

Thursday, November 17 ~ Lydia Circle will meet at 2 PM in the CE Classroom at the church. Please note the change in the date. Hostess will be Libby Milner. Ellen Gramm will have the devotions. Mary Thompson will lead the study, Lesson 9, in the study guide, Come to the Waters. **Please note that the meeting is one week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving.**

Greeters

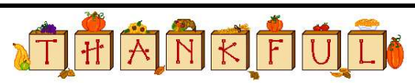
Nov. 6 ..... Virginia Stewart & Lois Stevenson
Nov. 13 ..... Pat Tarr
Nov. 20 ..... Mid Riggle & Judy Laker
Nov. 27 ..... Jim & Marj Gilliland

Flowers to Shut-Ins

Oct. 31 –Nov. 4 ..... OPEN
Nov. 7–11 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer
Nov. 14–18 ..... OPEN
Nov. 21–23 ..... OPEN
Nov. 28–Dec. 2 ..... OPEN

Cookies

Nov. 6 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Jean Land
Nov. 13 ..... Lisa Cline & Mary Thompson
Nov. 20 ..... PRAISE & THANKS
Nov. 27 ..... Myanne Compton



Coffee Hour

Nov. 6 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Bill Garrison
Nov. 13 ..... Bill Garrison & Eva Cornwell
Nov. 20 ..... PRAISE & THANKS
Nov. 27 ..... Bill Garrison

Flowers

Nov. 6 ..... In Memory of George Lucas
Nov. 13 ..... In Memory of Don Newton's birthday
..... In Honor of Libby Milner's birthday
Nov. 20 .... In Memory of Chuck Riggle's birthday
..... In Loving Memory of George Torrey
Nov. 27 ..... In Honor of Anne Binette's birthday

Chancel Guild

November~ Captain; Bobbie McHone; Pat de Place; Claudia Ferrell

Ushers ~ Team #2

Sally Masters; Jerry Prideaux; Kathy Delzell; Bill Garrison; Linda Anderson; Jim Anderson; Jean Quick

Liturgists

Nov. 6 ..... Bev Royce
Nov. 13 ..... Susie Townsley
Nov. 20 ..... Lisa Taylor
Nov. 27 ..... Eva Cornwell

Meals on Wheels

Nov. 4 ..... Mary Hardy
Nov. 11 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
Nov. 18 ..... Dale & Claudia Ferrell
Nov. 25 ..... Mary Thompson

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Office Hours ~ 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Our Fall Sunday Schedule Is:

Worship: (Sunday)	9:15 AM
Spirit & Truth Worship: (Saturday)	5:00 PM
Sunday School:	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour:	10:30 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies: (CCS)	11:00 AM

Session highlights for October 2016

Session meeting on October 18, 2016 opened at 6:35 PM with the lighting of the Christ candle and prayer. A quorum was declared. The Rev. Jason Schiller of Tolono served as Moderator.

Clerk's report was approved. There were minutes from the previous session meeting. Clerk Libby Milner also reported that the Presbytery meeting will be November 17 in Carbondale.

Treasurer's report was given by Jim Anderson. He provided that the budget is about where it should be at the ¾ of a year mark. The report was approved.

Devotional. Karen Schildt offered a Devotional from "Me, an Evangelist? " It was about a caring way to share Christ's love for others.

Team reports. The monthly reports from the various ministry teams were accepted. Highlights that were discussed or approved by Session include:

- **Worship Team** – Rick Welchans gave the report. He said the Organ Dedication will be October 23 at the end of worship. The Team minutes said that the Saturday, Nov. 19 contemporary service was canceled, but those in charge of the worship hoped it will be held. The Session approved holding the November 19 service.
- The **Communications Team** has reviewed the website and is trying to make it more user friendly. Discussion also has begun on having someone work on improving the social media and communication efforts of the church.
- **Christian Education/Outreach Team** –The Team is moving forward with plans to have Tim Welch paint a mural in the hallway of the first floor of the education wing. They also discussed improved signage in the building. The Focus Team also reported that a copy of its report and long-range plan have been presented to the Session. Session will act on the report at future meetings.
- **Facilities Team** – Judy Iverson reported that the new windows have been installed in the gym. Also a local heating/air conditioning contractor is in the process of examining the system in the church to see what improvements could be part of the energy savings incentives provided by Ameren.
- **Finance Team** – Jim Anderson presented the report. He said budget work sheets have been sent out to Ministry Team chairmen. The Finance Team will be meeting with bank officials who manage the church accounts.
- **Personnel Team** – Rita Torrey is the new Team chair. The Session also approved appointing Janet Martin to the Personnel Team.

The Interim Pastor Search Committee gave a special report. The process of hiring a "Covenant Interim Pastor" is continuing, and information has gone to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval.

The Session meeting was concluded with prayers. The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Session was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully,
Bob Iverson, Vice Clerk of Session

This Week's Prayer Needs: **Carryl Fox; Ryan Quick** *(Milners' friend)*; **Mike Schmitt** *(open-heart surgery);* **Darren Whitehair** *(spine surgery);* **Rosemary Curtis**; **Eleanor Fleming**; **Lois Stevenson.**

Ongoing: **Simra Alam** *(2 years old)*; **Diane Bales**; **Kay Barrett** *(Ruth Pancoast's sister–cancer)*; **Mary Carter** *(friend of the Milners)*; **Richard Chapman** *(friend of Jim Gilliland)*; **Roy Christison**; **Pastor Trent Cloin** *(bladder cancer – Lisa Cline)*; **Carlene Coddington** *(friend of Muriel Mullins)*; **Bob Crabb**; **Wayne Dawes** *(friend of Lisa & Jay Cline–waiting for heart transplant)*; **Mary Dison**; **Dr. Robert Elghammer**; **Dale Ferrell**; **Ray Griffith**; **Carol Ingram** *(cousin of George Milner)*; **Dora Jameson** *(friend of Libby & George Milner)*; **Mary Jane Johnson** *(Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant)*; **Bob Kesler**; **Jane King**; **Deronda Kimberlin**; **Pat Kuhs**; **David & Sue Laker** *(David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue–Alzheimer's)*; **Robbie Lewis**; **Jim Meharry** *(friend of Judy Laker–heart infection/surgery)*; **Roberta McNeill** *(Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother)*; **Monroe Melzer**; **Bob Miller** *(friend of Carol McLinden–cancer)*; **Debbie Mullins**; **Nancy Orlea**; **Harriet Rauchbach**; **Catherine Ribbe**; **Jayne Robinson** *(Judy Laker's sister)*; **Jake Ruder** *(brain tumor)*; **Larry Schmitt** *(Parkinson's)*; **Grover Seitzinger**; **Harlan Smith** *(advancing dementia)*; **Wilma Thomas**; **Barbara Todd** *(friend of Judy Laker)*; **Julie Tyndall** *(daughter of Jackie Bean–cancer)*; **Nancy Voss**; **Tom Wagner**; **Gary Waller**; **Nancy Walser**; **Nancy & Charles Winchester**; **Marjorie Young**; **Military Personnel.**

FPC Candidates for the Ministry: **Rachel Riggle, M.Div.** *(Intern at FPC, Columbia, MO);* **James Potts, M.Div.** *(CPE Intern).*

Seminary Students: **Mina Choi** *(Princeton Theological Seminary);* **Mary Hoss** *(Johnson University);* **Joseph Compton** *(Moody Bible Institute).*

Expectant Parents: **Sarah & Matt Smiley** *(due in December)*; **Elizabeth & Jay Tarr** *(due in February).*

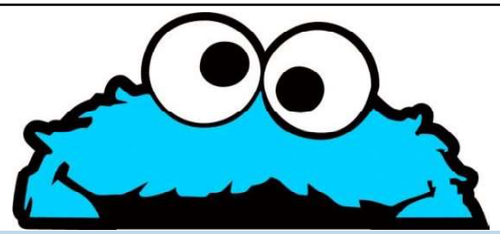
Primetimers

The Primetimers will travel to the Tuscola Outlet Mall on Friday, November 18 so participants can start or finish their Christmas shopping. The van will leave the church at 9:00 AM. We will shop until about 12:30 PM and then eat at the Amishland Buffet in the Red Barn behind the Mall. Please let Judy Iverson or Sheila know if you will be going with us.

On Friday, December 16 the Primetimers' event will be our annual Christmas lunch at Red Lobster in Danville. We will let you know the time at a later date. Please let Judy Iverson or Sheila know if you will be joining us so reservations can be made.

Peacemaking Offering Results

Thank you to all who were able to contribute to the Peace & Global Witness Offering in September. The total offering amount received: **$325.00,** seventy-five percent for Deacons' ministry and food pantry; twenty-five percent for regional PCUSA ministries.



The **BAZAAR/COOKIE WALK** is coming! The date is Saturday, December 10, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Buy by the dozen, your choice. Also included will be yearly favorites of breads, cakes, pies, candy, etc. For those looking for gifts there will a large selection of gift baskets, along with new craft items, books, puzzles and gently used white elephant items. **We are also looking for donations of the above items**. We ask each cookie baker to bake six dozen cookies (1 or 2 kinds) and contact Judy Iverson at 260-2684 to let her know what cookies you are baking so that we will have a large variety. We also need donations of jellies, relishes, snacks, etc. and craft items. If you donate a craft item, please price the item. **Deliver your cookies/items to the church the week of December 5–9.**

November Special Days.

November 1

All Saints Sunday

November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11

Veterans Day

November 20

Christ the King Sunday

Praise & Thanks Dinner

November 23–29

National Bible Week

November 24

Thanksgiving

November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michael Compton	November 4
Muriel Mullins	November 5
Carol Nichols	November 6
William Black	November 11
Claudia Ferrell	November 12
Ruth Hutton	November 16
Meghan Verkler	November 16
Nancy Winchester	November 16
Jessica Smith	November 17
Anne Binette	November 17
Libby Milner	November 17
Lori Hamm	November 17
Sharon Black	November 19
Roger Cornwell	November 19
Rick Welchans	November 20
Pat Kuhs	November 21
Alison Tesmond	November 21
James Christison	November 22
Margaret Crabb	November 27
Malachi Hazelbaker	November 28
Sally Masters	November 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jack & Wilma Thomas	November 1
Jim & Linda Anderson	November 29

MOUSE HOUSE

Please stop by the Mouse House. Christmas cards and small gifts are available for purchase.

November 6th

Daylight Savings Ends!

FAITH LINE -- 444-5999 -- A Voice of Inspiration available 24 Hours

Happy Thanksgiving!

Memorials

Bonnie Shipley - *Mr. & Mrs. John Douglas*
Gabriel Zamora - *Mr. & Mrs. John Douglas*

CCS Class Continues

Known as "Contemporary Christian Studies," this Sunday School class opportunity for adults is meeting each Sunday this fall in the church library at 11:00 AM , unless otherwise announced. The class is currently discussing the book Toxic Charity.

General Fund
Income & Expense MTD – September 2016

Beginning Balance:	$10019.14	**$10019.14**
*Current Income:	$13355.93	
**Fund Transfers:	$30000.00	Endowment
Total Income & Transfer:		**$43355.93**
Total General fund checking		**$53375.07**
Total General fund Expenses	$(31302.26)	**$(31302.26)**
Total Restricted fund Expense	$(90.00)	**$(90.00)**
Adj Payroll Liabilities	$(2138.59)	**$(2138.59)**
Balance Forward:	$19844.22	**$19844.22**

*Current Income refers to money received during the month from pledges, loose offering, rents, income from outside trusts and misc. donations.
**Fund Transfers refers to budgeted money from the Endowment from earnings and allowable principal. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.

Greetings from your Deacons

...and now, a word from your Deacons:

HELP!

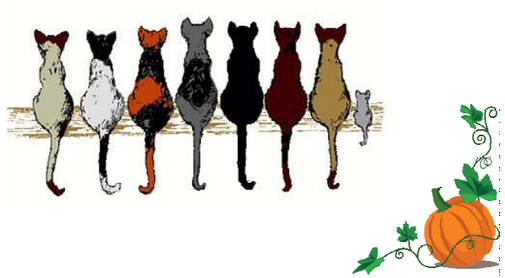
We have scaled down the scope of our annual Christmas food basket program to reflect the amount of funds currently on hand for this project and the fairly large number of food baskets unclaimed last year. As our project approaches, the project chair, Jay Cline, and the Deacons will be asking for help in box assembly, food pickup, and of course, the Saturday morning box stuffing. Watch for further announcements. We appreciated any money or time you can give for this project.

Our other Fall/Winter project is our care packages for college students and for persons serving in the military. For this project we need from the congregation the names and addresses of college students and military personnel connected to the church. Please forward this information to Sheila in the church office by October 30. And, we also need cookies, candies and other goodies to fill the baskets. These items may be dropped off at the church before November 8. Leftover candy from Halloween would be better put to use fattening college students than the rest of us.

In Christ's Service,
Bill Garrison

Praise and Thanks Dinner

November means it is time again for our annual Praise and Thanks Dinner, which this year will be Sunday, November 20. This is the Sunday we give thanks to God in worship and fellowship for all his many blessings to us as individuals and as a church. Don't miss this wonderful day of church Thanksgiving and fellowship and good food as we celebrate our journey with God during 2016 and anticipate His leading and provision in 2017.



Advent Devotional Books

It is time again for the Advent Booklet. Congregational members (and friends) are invited to write a brief devotional. Advent begins November 27. The booklet will include Scriptures and other thoughts for Advent as well as an Advent Calendar. The booklets for church members to take home will be ready (hopefully) to distribute to the congregation during worship by the Praise and Thanks on Sunday, November 20. Copies will also be placed in the sanctuary and will be made available for our homebound and nursing home members. A sign-up sheet with daily scriptures is available on the counter in the office. The deadline for articles is November 14. The theme for the 2016 edition is: ***Waiting for the Light.***

Men's Fellowship Continues Meeting the First Saturday of Each Month

Saturday, November 5 is the date to remember for this month's men's fellowship group that will be meeting again at Charlotte's, near downtown just off of Gilbert on Ann Street. The time is 7:30 AM. Join us for coffee, visiting, and prayer and bring a friend.

From the Communications Team

If there is a church event that you need publicized and/or communicated within and/or outside of the FPC family, you can now come to the office and get a "Communication Worksheet" to complete detailing the time and place of the event and what forms of communication you would like the church to use to get word out about your event: bulletin announcement, newsletter, website, Sunday moment for mission, office mailing, e-mail, local newspaper, radio, Facebook, or other media. This information will be given to the Communications Team and the church office for publicity.

Children's Ministries to Again Have Love Bucks for November/December

***Let the church help your children or grandchildren with their Christmas gift-giving for their families, teachers, etc.* while encouraging church participation at the same time!** During November and Advent, our children's ministry activities will be sponsoring "Love Bucks," which will be given to each child any time they are in worship, Sunday School, the Nursery, Shining Stars, attending or helping with other church events, etc. During this same period, we will be asking church members to bring extra goodies, gifts, etc. to supply a "Love Bucks Store" of sorts, and on the Sundays of December 11 and 18 the store will be open for children to shop for gifts with their Love Bucks to give to parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, etc. Our youth will be on hand to manage the store and staff the gift-wrapping department. For more information, you may contact Youth Director Kelly Whitehair or check the church calendar or website for church activities at which Love Bucks will be available through December 18.

ELDERS AND DEACONS NEEDED TO SERVE COMMUNION

The Worship Ministry Team needs Elders and Deacons to serve Communion the first Sunday of each month. For the months of November through May, five persons are needed; four persons are needed in June, July, August and September when the choir does not sing. October is World Communion and more persons may be needed, depending upon the way Communion is served. You do not currently need to be serving an active Elder or a Deacon. It is a privilege to serve the people of God.

A sign-up sheet is available on a clipboard which is placed on the buffet in the Lounge on Sunday; the clipboard will be found on the counter in the office at other times during the week. Those who agree to serve will receive a letter from the Church office or by e-mail from the Clerk the week prior to Communion.

In Christ, Libby Milner, Clerk of the Session

Food Pantry

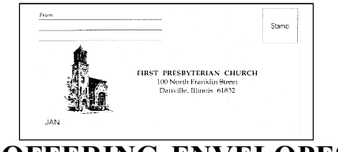
Many area residents continue to face tougher times with the higher prices of gasoline, utilities, and groceries. The number of first-time referrals to our church's food pantry has grown over the past two years. Please take note in the worship bulletin each week and in the "Chimes" each month about particular items that are needed and feel free to also bring additional items whenever you can. And during this season of Thanksgiving, please consider giving some extra items as you do your shopping for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your continued concern, assistance, and care.

Church Phone Tree Reminder

With the coming of winter and the holiday season, one of the church's newest ways of contacting members and friends regarding special church events like Praise and Thanks, Christmas Eve, and weather cancellations is the Phone Tree. If you are not on the list, please call Sheila at the church office so your contact phone # can be added. We remind all that when the Phone Tree is activated to contact the church list via phone, the number from the Phone Tree you will see on your caller ID resembles a toll free/telemarketing phone number, which is currently: 800-679-0847

COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Attention, Cookie Bakers!!!! We will need all of your wonderful treats baked and brought to church on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8. It's that time of year again when the deacons will be assembling the College and Military Care Packages on November 8. So mark your calendars and get baking. First, the deacons need the names and addresses of any family members attending college or in the Armed Services. Please turn in their names and addresses to the church office by **October 30** so we can get labels made for them. Also, let the church office know if the package needs to be mailed or if a church member will be picking it up for the college students that live in the area. Next, the cookies, snacks, microwaveable popcorn, nuts, raisins, instant oatmeal, packages of cereal, etc. can be brought to church on Sunday, Oct. 30 or Nov. 6. The following items can also be brought to church for the military packages: insect repellent (non-aerosol), sun block, lip balm, breath mints, batteries, tea and coffee, pre-paid phone cards, socks, hard candies, wet wipes, Gatorade and Crystal Light powders, playing cards, deodorant, soy sauce, BBQ sauce, taco packets and cards or notes of encouragement.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

All those who already have an envelope number will receive Weekly Offering Envelopes for the year 2017. If you do not receive Offering Envelopes, but still want them, please contact Paula in the Office.

Poinsettias Order Form

Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary beginning **Sunday, December 11.** If you would like to place an order in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate, or return to the office. **The price is $6.00, and they will be purchased from Lowes. Deadline is November 16.**

Name: _____

In ( ) Honor or ( ) Memory of: _____
(Please Check One)

_____

_____

Please choose a color

2 qt. Red _____ **2qt. White_____**

2 qt. Pink _____

Christ the King Sunday, November 20

Praise and Thanks Sunday this month is also Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the current church year prior to Advent beginning on Sunday, November 27. The Worship Ministry Team asks that we consider the special significance of this last Sunday in the church year prior to the beginning of the "New Church Year" with Advent. Now, it should be understood that every Sunday or Lord's Day is meant to worship Christ as our Lord and King. And it is during what is known as the "church year" that worshipers are helped to remember specific events in the life of our Lord such as His birth, ministry, crucifixion, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. A new church year then begins with the four Sundays in the season of Advent, as the remembrance of Christ's birth is celebrated as well as the anticipation of his return.

But back to the last Sunday of this month, the 20th. Christ the King Sunday is intended to help lead congregations directly into Advent, the Christmas season and the new church year. Advent itself means "appearing" or "coming," and by the time Christ the King Sunday arrives in mid to late November, we find ourselves already beginning to think about Christmas.

So it is good that we have Christ the King Sunday to remind us that we have more than just a baby Jesus to remember and worship at Christmas. We have a sovereign Christ – the eternal Word made flesh – who is the risen Lord and Savior. Christ the King Sunday reminds us that the only reason we have Christmas and remember Christ's birth is because of Easter. Without the cross and resurrection, there is no need to have a Christmas celebration. Christ the King reminds us as we prepare for Christmas that Jesus Christ is already risen and seated at the right hand of the Father. And the next time He comes, it will not be as an infant but in might and glory to judge the world.

So as we get ready for this Christmas season, how much room is there in this busy time of the year – or any other time for that matter – for the risen Christ? If Jesus were to return today, would you be glad to see Him? Would you seek Him out, or would He have to find you in hiding?

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27 this year is the First Sunday in Advent and we will celebrate it during worship with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath.

Advent Wreath Readers and Candle Lighters Needed

Please speak with Lisa Taylor or call the church office if you and /or your family or you and your friends are interested in being readers during worship for the Advent Wreath portion of the services during December including Christmas Eve. The devotional material will be provided by the Worship Team, and readers will also be lighting the appropriate candles on the Advent wreath for each Sunday. Dates for which readers are needed are as follows:

- **Saturday, November 26 – 5:00 PM (chapel)**
- **Sunday, November 27 – 9:15 AM (sanctuary)**
- **Saturday, December 3 – 5:00 PM (chapel)**
- **Sunday, December 4 – 9:15 AM (sanctuary)**
- **Saturday, December 10 – 5:00 PM (chapel)**
- **Sunday, December 11 – 9:15 AM (sanctuary)**
- **Saturday, December 17 – 5:00 PM (chapel)**
- **Sunday, December 18 – 9:15 AM (sanctuary)**
- **Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24 – 7:00 PM in Sanctuary**
- **Christmas Day – 10:30 AM in Sanctuary**

A **BIG** thank you from the youth/college age to all of the trunk-or-treat volunteers and those who gave candy. Another **BIG** thank you from the New Edition group for coming out to enjoy the movie showing.

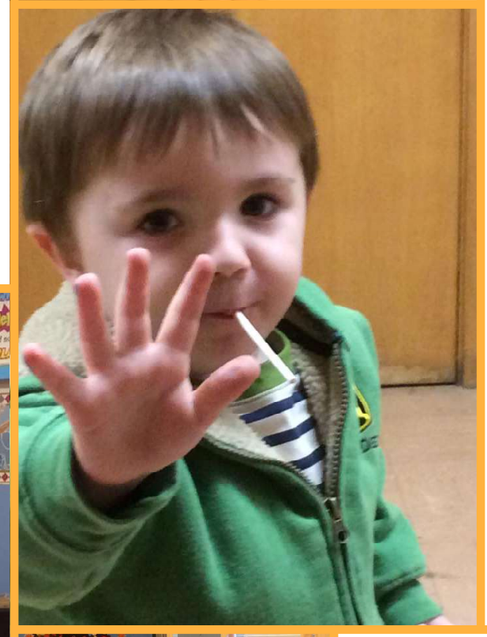
Youth Ministry

CHURCH YOUTH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

November 5, 6:30 PM – Youth/College group will meet at retreat site (Jeanine Kingore is cooking dinner for the group)

November 5, 12, 19, 3:00 – 5:00 PM – Boys basketball practice ***(NO practice on November 26)***

November 6, 13, 27, 5:30 PM – Youth/College group will meet at the church for Bible Study.

November 19, 5:00 PM – Youth/College Age meet at church to decorate for Praise and Thanks.

November 20, – Praise and Thanks dinner after the 9:15 AM service. We need Youth and College to stay after dinner to help clean up. Please ask parents to lend a hand. **(Youth will not meet that night, stay home and rest. God bless and thank you for all you do for the church)**