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Doorstep



First, I want to thank everyone who helped to make our inaugural Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run a success. We were able to raise \$6,000 to help with agency expenses going into the last quarter of 2018! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5, 2019 for our 2nd annual event!!

It is true what people say... the older you get, the faster time goes by! 2018 has flown by and we are already making plans for our Christmas Store for adopted families and individuals. This year, Doorstep will again adopt 250 households from the Christmas Bureau. There are over 775 individuals within these households, and we provide a Christmas for all.

This year the Christmas Bureau will take applications for 7 days between October 22nd and November 2nd. Sign up is for our neighbors in need who cannot afford to provide a Christmas for their families. These are families and individuals who meet the federal poverty guidelines. They are working, but not making a living wage; they are disabled, they are struggling to provide the most basic of needs for their families, and need a little extra help at Christmas.

Our Christmas Store is a unique experience and different from anything else we do at Doorstep! We need your help with gifts, monetary donations to purchase the food, and volunteers to help during the five day process. The Store is such an uplifting experience, and you cannot help but feel good about your time spent volunteering there!

Please mark your calendars for December 9th – 13th, and watch for our flyers on specific days and times for volunteering. Doorstep's Christmas Store is possible each year in large part because of the generosity of our member congregations and their members. Neighbors helping neighbors is what Doorstep was founded on, and what we continue to do today!

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

This year Stewardship Sunday will be November 18. Prior to that you will receive a letter and your pledge card for 2019.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge in the coming days. If you cannot attend on that Sunday, you may mail your pledge card to the church, or bring to the church office.

Blessings to all,

Charles Franks, Stewardship and Finance Moderator



Men's and Ladies' Groups

The Men's and Ladies' Groups met on Friday, October 19th, at Banjos, sharing a meal and fellowship. We will meet at Banjos again on November 16th at 11:30. All are welcome.





Ham and Bean Dinner Successful

Even though the income from our ham and bean dinner was not as much as the last one, there is no way it cannot be called a success. The many



Kitchen Workers

Dick and Aggie with Lily
Always there

compliments on the food, the fellowship of friends old and new, and the work of all those who helped, made it a success.

Thanks to all who came out to support our Ham and Bean Dinner. We received \$791.00 to help continue our church's programs and mission. Thanks to all who donated the food items and those who worked to make it successful.

Defibrillator Purchased



The session authorized the purchase of a defibrillator (AED) for the church. It will be paid for through memorial funds. It is used for someone who has suffered an apparent heart attack. Considering the age range of our congregation, it was felt this was necessary to have available. Quinton

Unruh, a certified first aid instructor, will offer a training session on the use of the AED, to be scheduled on a Sunday after worship. Claudia Hamer did the research and acquired the AED and made the arrangements with Quinton for the training session. When the session is scheduled, all who are interested in becoming familiar with the device and its use can let Claudia know.

Tax Information

There is a new tax law that allows people who are over 70 who have to withdraw funds from their IRAs or 401s or other retirement accounts. Those withdrawals can now be made



tax free if paid directly to a charitable organization, which includes your church. Claudia Hamer has made arrangements with Megan Jones, a financial advisor, to offer a session after worship to more fully explain this process. This session is tentatively scheduled for November 11th. Megan will not be here to sell anything, but just to offer information for you to use now or later to help you save on your taxes.

November 2018 LECTONARY READINGS

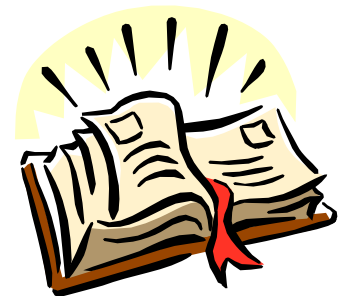
November 1 - All Saints Day-Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24:1-10; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 4-24th Sunday after Pentecost-Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11-25th Sunday after Pentecost-Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18-26th Sunday after Pentecost-1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 25-Christ the King-2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



All Saints Day



All Saints Day celebration will be on November 4th during worship. We will be remembering those who have passed away since last All Saints Day. Those being remembered will be Linda Vargas, Dan Hamer and Mike Kelly.

Communion will also be celebrated on November 4th.



November Birthdays



Kaylin McDaniels, November 3rd

Emily DeShazer, November 9th

Helen Jackson, November 9th

Dolores Wilmers, November 12th

Larry William, November 13th

Myron Wilson, November 18th

Tom Luedke, November 22nd

Cassy Duer, November 25th

Katelyn Brown, November 28th

Rev. Mike Kuner, November 28th

Duane Wulfkuhle, November 30th

Junior and Mary Jane Elder

November 25, 1982



Thanksgiving Dinner



We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18th, after church in Fellowship Hall, and we hope you all will join us. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be providing the four turkeys.

Everyone else, who wants to join us, is encouraged to bring in side dishes like gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, etc. to go along with the turkey, and of course desserts are always welcome. Please add this to your November calendar.

Blessings,

Kathy Fuller

Fellowship Hall

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11th. Remember those men and women who have served this country with their military service.



Daylight Saving Time Ends



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 4th. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

Helen Jackson's 90th Birthday

Helen Jackson's 90th Birthday Bash will be on Saturday, November 10th. It will be at the Crestview Shelter House at 4901 SW Shunga Drive, Topeka on Saturday, November 10th. Open House is from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come and help Helen mark this milestone.



Caring for our Members and Friends



Please keep the following in your prayers: Virginia Bohn, Dick O'Neill, Gail Estes, Betty DeShazer, Rita Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Marlene Watson, Jean Ann Beall, victims of the Pittsburg shooting.

Keep Marine 2nd Lt. Randy Luedke in your prayers, as well as all other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country; hurricane victims. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-October 8, 2018

Present: Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Kathy Fuller, Betty DeShazer, Charles Franks, Bill DeShazer, Claudia Hamer, Jan Rice, Matthew Reynolds, Stephanie Reynolds, Jan McPherson, Jo Ann Miller

Absent: Jan Schiesser, Bob Bodenheimer

- Treasurer's report: General fund checking balance as of September 30 was \$1,092.88. Memorial fund checking balance-\$3,351.00. General fund income for September was \$4,248.00; general fund expenses were \$6,245.75. Utilities still high because of air conditioning.
- Insurance policy renewed. Building insured for \$1,182,600.00; business personal property-\$118,100. Policy includes liability and workers comp. Annual premium is \$6,765 - paid monthly.

- Draft of proposed Operating Budget for 2019 presented - \$77,153.53. Budget for \$2018 was \$78,248.98.
- Discussion regarding possible seminar for congregation regarding the Required Minimum Deduction for people over 70 and 1/2 who have to draw a certain amount from any retirement funds and how it can be done tax free by making a contribution directly to a charitable organization, which can be to your church.
- Nominating committee has chosen their officer nominees to present to the congregation for the class of 2021: Sharon McDaniels - 1st term; Jan Schiesser, Jo Ann Miller and Bob Bodenheimer renewing for a second 3-year term. Date for election of officers to be announced.
- Thanksgiving dinner will be November 18th following worship. Members of fellowship committee providing turkey. Congregation to furnish the rest.
- Doorstep is getting ready for their Christmas Store. Volunteers will be needed to move items to the Nazarene Church, and to help with the families who will be making their selections at the store. Charles will be providing further information.
- Thanks to the effort of Claudia Hamer, a defibrillator (known as a AED) has been purchased by the church, to be paid for through memorial funds. An AED is used for immediate treatment for someone who has suffered a heart attack. Martin Unruh, a certified first aid instructor, has agreed to provide training in the use of the AED for members of the congregation.
- Communion will be celebrated on November 4th.

◀ Oct 2018		November 2018					Dec 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	2	3 Washburn Christian Fraternity here Kaylin McDaniels B'day	
4 Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6 ELECTION DAY	7	8 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	9 Emily DeShazer B'day Helen Jackson B'day	10	
11	12 Dolores Wilmers B'day 6:30 -Session	13 Larry William B'day	14	15 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	16 11:30 -Men's & Ladies' Lunch	17	
18 Myron Wilson B'day Thanksgiving Dinner	19	20	21	22 Tom Luedke B'day THANKSGIVING	23	24	
25 Cassy Duer Junior & Mary Jane Elder - Anniv.	26	27	28 Katelyn Brown B'day Rev. Mike Kuner B'day	29 7:00 Choir rehearsal	30 Duane Wulfkuhle B'day		

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