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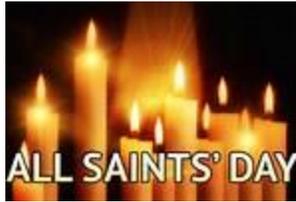


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All Saints Day



All Saints Day celebration will be on November 1st during worship. We will be remembering those who have passed away since last All Saints Day. Those being remembered will be Richard (Dick) O'Neill and Lacey (Root) Grey.

The Faithful of every generation

An excerpt from the [Companion to the Book of Common Worship](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

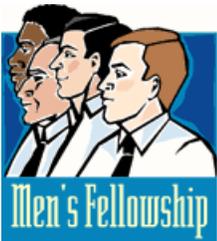
Communion will be celebrated on November 8th.



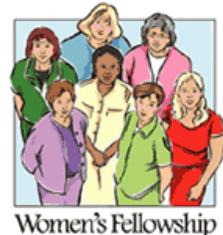


November 3rd is election day. Voting is a privilege. Exercise your right to vote. St. Andrews is a polling place. The Fellowship Hall will be occupied from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please be aware of this if you plan on being in the building that day.

Men's and Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups met on Friday, October 16th, at Banjos, sharing a meal and fellowship. We will meet at Banjos again on November 20th at 11:30. All are welcome.



Doorstep

Mission Needs



This year has certainly been a different one! Our 3rd Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run became a virtual event. We had half the number of participants as previous years. We still made \$5,900 thanks to our sponsors, and those who did participate. However, we didn't meet our goal of \$9,000, and we had to cancel the cinnamon rolls and tamales sale, losing more event income for 2020.

We appreciate everyone and our member congregations who have continued to bring in food to stock the pantry, and sending monetary donations to keep our doors open and helping even more people in need during this time of COVID-19.

Our focus now is this year's version of the Christmas Store. It won't be a Store this year where the clients we adopt through the Christmas Bureau come in and shop for the families. This year we are working even more closely with the Christmas Bureau, United Way, Topeka Rescue Mission and the community by streamlining how we are approaching Christmas adoptions.

Doorstep will still adopt the 260 households and 800+ individuals like before, but what and how we provide food and gifts will change. In 2020, adopted families will receive a \$15 gift card for each family member, our regular Christmas food order, a health kit, and a blanket or quilt.

What we need for Christmas this year is: Towel sets (bath, hand, washcloth), Shampoo/Conditioner, Combs, Bar Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Full/Queen and King Blankets only, and money. We need money to purchase the gift cards, the food, and any of the above items not donated. Where we have asked for items in years past, please send a check or go to our website (www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card.

All of the items we have collected to date will be saved for next year. This is the best way to reduce the number of people we need, and the number of people who are working together at one time. We know it is not ideal, but with COVID, nothing is normal this year, and unfortunately, the Christmas Store process will not be either. Please help where you can.

November 2020 LECTONARY READINGS

Sunday, November 1 (Proper 26) Joshua 3:7–17; Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Matthew 23:1–12

All Saints' Day Revelation 7:9–17 Psalm 34:1–10, 22 1' John 3:1–
Matthew 5:1–12



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Sunday, November 8 (Proper 27) Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25; Psalm 78:1–7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13

Sunday, November 15 (Proper 28) Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 22 Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

First Sunday of Advent—November 29 Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

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

Katelyn Brown, November 28th

Junior and Mary Jane Elder, November 25, 1982



Thanksgiving Worship Service



Our Thanksgiving worship service will be held Sunday, November 22nd, in Fellowship Hall, to accommodate more seating while providing adequate distance. This service will also include the Congregational Meeting for the election of 2023 Officers and the Stewardship Commitment and Dedication.

In years past, we have celebrated Thanksgiving by sharing a meal. With the restrictions surrounding Covid-19, we are not sure, at this time of publication, if we will be able to have a meal that day, but we will keep you informed."

Christmas Poinsettias

It's getting close to time to request Christmas Poinsettia Donations In Memory or In Honor of loved ones. Gold foil 6.5" potted poinsettias will be \$8.10 each. Please place your order by Sunday, December 6th. Checks payable to: St Andrews Presbyterian Church.



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 1st. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

Caring for our Members and Friends



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pastor Stacey, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Kathy Fuller's Abbi, Karl and Dolores Wilmers, Jerry Barton, Martin's sister, Marlene Watson, Russ Beall, Francene's brother-in-law, John, Kelly Sunderland, 17-year old student of Stacey's, Schools and teachers and students dealing with remote classes, in-person and hybrid classes

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic, our nation as we struggle with the effects of the coronavirus.

Keep our nation in prayers for peace for the violence in the cities throughout our country. Pray for the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community. Prayers for those suffering from the devastation from the fires and floods. Pray for cooperation and respect. among our government officials on all levels. Remember those who have lost jobs, the hungry and the homeless.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-October 13, 2020

Present: Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Kathy Fuller, Betty DeShazer, Charles Franks, Bill DeShazer, Claudia Hamer, Jan Rice, Matthew Reynolds, Stephanie Reynolds, Jo Ann Miller Janet Schiesser, Dianne Deuser
Absent: Sharon McDaniels (illness)

Checking account balance as of September 30th was \$14,211.61.

Memorial Fund balance-\$3,453.50.

Pledges for September-\$3,580.00; non pledges-\$760.00; loose offering - \$128.00

Current income for September was \$4,578.35; current expenses were \$5,491.55.

For the year, income is staying ahead of expenses.

Election of officers for the class of 2023 will be on November 22nd following worship.

Nominees from the committee are Charles Franks, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer and Linda Ozaki. Worship is scheduled to be in Fellowship Hall that day.

If we are able to have a Thanksgiving Dinner it will be on November 22nd in Fellowship Hall.

Box lunches may be provided. Details will be sent to congregation.

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November 3rd is election day. St. Andrews is a voting facility.

Next communion is November 8th.

November 2020						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Communion	2	3 Election Kaylin McDaniels B'day	4	5	6	7
8	9 Helen Jackson B'day Emily DeShazer B'day	10 9:00-11:30 Presbytery Mtg. Zoom 6:30 - Session	11 Veterans Day	12 Dolores Wilmers B'day	13 Larry William B'day	14
15	16	17	18 Myron Wilson B'day	19	20 11:30-Men's Ladies' Lunch	21
22 Election of Officers Possible Thanksgiving Dinner Tom Luedke B'day	23	24	25 Junior and Mary Jane Elder Anniv.	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 Katelyn Brown B'day
29	30					

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