

The Presbyterian Press

November 2020 - First Presbyterian Church, Hayfield, MN

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

I'm Thankful for Each Day

Kay Hoffman

It matters not if rain or sun;
I'm thankful for each day that comes.
I open up my eyes and say,
"Oh, thank you, God, for another day."

Though once I thought I had to roam,
I'm now content right here at home.
No longer do I race about
Or think that I must hurry out.

So different from the work-a-day,
I view life in a simpler way.
Now that there's time to look around,
So many lovely things I've found.

A bird's nest in that apple tree
I watch with great expectancy
Till baby bird mouths open wide
For morsels mother bird provides.

A butterfly a pretty rose,
A breeze that ruffles lines of clothes,
Bright blossom cups, a bumble bee
Is sipping nectar gingerly –

It matters not what may transcend,
I'm thankful for each day God sends.
I close my eyes at night and say,
"Oh, thank you, God, for a lovely day!"

~ Clint Patterson ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school for all ages during church after the Children's Sermon each Sunday with the exception of Sunday, November 29th.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we are not having the traditional Cookie Extravaganza this year – however, we will plan a Christmas program for early December (exact date TBD.)



The COVID Pandemic continues...the Holiday's are fast approaching and we will all need to look into different ways to make connections with our families. Get creative! We will need to get creative with Holiday worship services. I am open to ideas and suggestions to keep us all safe and I will continue to ask for ideas from my fellow faith community nurses in Southeastern Minnesota! Continue staying safe and healthy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me either by email: dahlen.nancy@gmail.com or phone: 507-951-0358.

Blessings to you!
Nancy

WE GIVE *because*
GOD GAVE FIRST

Financial Offerings for October

October 4	\$ 2,565.00
October 11	\$ 1,100.00
October 18	\$ 625.80
October 25	\$ 1,030.00
Per Capita	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,320.80

***Needed each week - \$2,010.71*



October Session Notes

- Thirty-four were served on World Communion Sunday
- Session was given an update from Presbyterian Task Force on the pastor search
- There will be no Thanksgiving service this year and no Cookie Exchange due to COVID

Even though these are strange times, the work of the church is still expected to be done. Committees need new members to fill the places of those that completed their terms. If you would like to serve on a committee, please talk to a member of Session. There is always a need for helpers and the fellowship is the best part of volunteering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We celebrate with the Kramer family in the upcoming baptism of Lawson and Collins – son and daughter of Tony and Astyn Kramer. Rev. Clint Patterson will baptize the children during worship on Sunday, November 15th.

Jenna Jacobsen was Hayfield Homecoming Princess – Congratulations Jenna!

Advent starts on the last Sunday of November – we will have traditional lighting of advent candles at the beginning of worship service.



We are requesting prayers for Joan Opseth and the Opseth family. Joan is in hospice care. If you would like to send a card, Don's address is: St. Mark's Heritage Community #160, 400 15th Ave. SW, Austin, MN 55912. We especially remember Don and Joan during this time of COVID when friends cannot visit to show their love and support.

Poinsettias will be ordered again this year – please order how many and “In Memory of” at the sign-up sheet located in the lower area of the church. Contact Dave Livingston or Dave Santjer with any questions.



SEASON OF GIVING

Traditionally November has been the time of collecting donations for SEMCAC food shelf. This year because of the unusual virus circumstances, Session has decided to send SEMCAC \$250 from our general fund. If individuals still want to donate, that is wonderful, either make your check out to SEMCAC or make it to Presbyterian Church and put SEMCAC in the memo. Checks made out to SEMCAC will be delivered but the amount will not show up on your church financial statement.

Share Christmas ornaments will be on the tree in the East Entrance around Thanksgiving time. As in the past, you take an ornament, buy the gift and return it (unwrapped) to the church by the date requested. (To be announced later.)

The need is even greater this year. Thank you!

Community Food Pantry @ Cedar Creek Church: An informational meeting to give you an idea of where we're at, gain your ideas and input for management and next steps, and also gather volunteers for the various parts of the operation and future planning will be held on: Sun, Nov 1st and/or Tues, Nov 3rd – both at 6:30pm. Please contact Kerry at 507-250-2932 or fjerstadk@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



THANKSGIVING DINNER IN A BAG

The area churches are again participating in Thanksgiving Dinner in a Bag- a project to share with families in need in our community. Our opportunities to help come in a few ways:

- 1) Buy the groceries (fixin's) for a Thanksgiving meal and place in designated bag, OR
- 2) Sponsor a turkey for \$20 in an envelope, OR
- 3) Buy the fixin's AND give \$20 for a turkey.

Our church has 10 grocery bags to fill, with a grocery list attached. We also have 10 envelopes for turkey “sponsorship”. Because everything needs to be returned by or before November 19, please consider helping and respond quickly. If you'd like to shop or sponsor, please contact Lynn Wanzek as soon as possible. She can deliver bags/grocery lists/envelopes- both to you and to Trinity for you. Feel free to contact her with any questions you might have at 507-477-2165 or 507-951-0001.

Thanks to all who can contribute to this blessing for our community.



November Birthdays

Jeffery Krekling	1
Sharon Roberts	1
Rachel Johnson	4
Cassidy Rieck	4
Sandy Krekling	9
John Kruger	12
Tyler Krekling	15
Kasey Jo Dahlen	16
Mike Swanson	18
Natalee Heydt	19
Wendy Swanson	22
Randy Janes	22

November Anniversaries

Dawn & Gary Allen	19
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11-1-20

<i>Lay Leader</i>	Natalee Heydt
<i>Counters</i>	Dave S, Melissa

11-8-20

<i>Lay Leader</i>	Josh Jacobsen
<i>Counters</i>	Melissa, Tony

11-15-20

<i>Lay Leader</i>	Dawn Allen
<i>Counters</i>	Tony, Kim

11-22-20

<i>Lay Leader</i>	Brad Heydt
<i>Counters</i>	Nancy, Mariah

11-29-20

<i>Lay Leader</i>	LaVae Kramer
<i>Counters</i>	Mariah, Kim

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Address Service Requested

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Sunday School – All Ages 10:00 AM Worship Svc Rev. Clint Patterson All Saints' Day	2	3	4 6:00 PM PF&P Mtg 7:00 PM Session Mtg	5	6	7
8 10:00 AM Sunday School – All Ages 10:00 AM Worship Svc Rev. Dan Johnson	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Sunday School – All Ages 10:00 AM Worship Svc Rev. Clint Patterson	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:00 AM Sunday School – All Ages 10:00 AM Worship Svc Rev. Dan Johnson	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 No Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Svc - Contemporary Brittney Dahlen Advent Starts	30			Thanksgiving Day		