



Church Happenings

Communion	Nov. 5
Family Faith Night	Nov. 1 & 8
Care of Parish Meeting— 1:30 pm	Nov. 8
PW Bible Study— 10:30 am Friendship & Talent— Noon	Nov. 8
Worship & Music Meeting— 5:30 pm	Nov. 9
Trustee Meeting— 4 pm	Nov. 13
Session Meeting— 5:30 pm	Nov. 28

NOVEMBER SERVERS

LAY LITURGIST:

Cathy Lincourt

GREETER:

Molly Glaser

USHERS:

Roy and Linda Simpson

REFRESHMENTS:

Marilyn Woods

COUNTERS:

Marilyn Woods &
Dennis Shepherd

PASTOR LAWRENCE

Comforting the Bereaved

We are in the midst of a national conversation of how to comfort people when they lose a loved one. This is especially appropriate as we celebrate All Saints Day this week, when we remember **not only the traditional “saints” but also** those of our own congregation who have died recently. This year we will be remembering Patricia M. Martin, George (Rocky) Blare, Charles E. Gilliland, Steven C. Westhafer, Florence R. Shelp, and Gary C. Miller in worship on Sunday, November 5. We also invite you to be in prayer for loved ones you have lost in the past year.

So, what do we do when someone loses a loved one? What do we say to comfort them? I have a lot of sympathy for people who feel awkward in this circumstance and am willing to give the benefit of the doubt to people who try to say comforting things and they just come out wrong.

My father died two years ago and I was suddenly put in the position of being the bereaved, instead of the comforter, and I want to share with you what meant the most to me in that period of grieving. Your own experience may differ, of course, but this is what meant a lot to me.

1. Be there. One of the first things you learn in Pastoral Care and Counseling is that you won't always have the right words for every situation and while it's good to have something profound to say, it's better to listen, and it's best just to be there. In the face of loss it's difficult to say anything. Many of my friends on social media simply said two words, “with you,” and that carried a lot of meaning in my grief. It was good to know they were with me in spirit, even if they couldn't be right there at my side.

2. Bring food. Another thing people do for the bereaved is to dump a whole bunch of love on them in the form of food. This is a blessing because, with people coming and going and the whole family gathering and just the stress of the week, not having to worry about preparing meals lifts a burden. I remember a neighbor knocking at the door and presenting a coffee cake to my mother saying, “It's a coffee cake,” and then bursting into tears. That simple declaration exceeded the eloquence of every sympathy card ever printed. I'd even put “It's a coffee cake” up against a dozen stirring performances of Elgar's *Elegy for Strings* and a hundred heartfelt recitations of the 23rd Psalm.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Presbyterian Women

Join us for the Nov. P.W. Bible Study in the Memorial Room on Wednesday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Lawrence will lead the last lesson of this year entitled WHO IS JESUS? According to the Non-Canonical Gospels. A ten-minute DVD presentation by the author of the study accompanies Pastor Lawrence's lesson.

Friendship & Talent

At 12 noon after the Bible Study, Friendship and Talent meets in Fellowship Hall. The noon meal can be enjoyed for only \$3.00. Please join us! Marilyn Woods will give devotions for November.



PW PRAISE AND THANK WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 19

Guest Speaker to be announced!

There will be offering envelopes included with the bulletins for any donations you would like to make to the Praise and Thank Offering.



Congratulations
To the
Simmonds Family

Dear God,
From the bottom of my heart,
I want to thank you,
praise you for being with me
all the way,
For never leaving me,
and for loving me.

THANK YOU,
LORD!

Amen



IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mike Gommel

THE LOST BOOK OF MOSES

By Chanan Tigay

In 1883, Moses Shapira claimed to have discovered the world's oldest Bible scroll. It was quickly denounced as a fraud. With the discovery of the similar Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, investigators reopened the case, wondering whether Shapira had actually found the first Dead Sea Scroll, decades before the rest. By that time, however, Shapira's scrolls had vanished. Now the author, an award-winning journalist and son of a renowned Bible scholar, set out to find the lost scroll. Tigay spins a remarkable tale of history, theology, intrigue, scandal, greed, ambition and the struggle for authenticity.

TO BE WHERE YOU ARE

By Jan Karon

The latest entry in Karon's beloved Mitford books. Reading it is like returning home after a long absence to visit your own family.



PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER:

Let Us Give Thanks

“Let us give thanks.” This is a phrase we often hear around Thanksgiving time. From the first Thanksgiving Day in 1621, the idea of the special day was to give thanks to God for his bountiful harvest. The real spirit of true Thanksgiving as it spills over into every day of life is expressed in I Thessalonians 5:18, *“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”* *If we believe in Jesus and let him direct our lives, we have something to be thankful for each day.*

Thanks Lord

*I thank thee Lord for eyes to see the beauty of each thriving tree.
I thank thee Lord for a nose to smell beautiful flowers I love so well.
I thank thee Lord for ears to hear the voice of those I love so dear.
I thank thee Lord for hands to work, I pray thee Lord they never shirk.
I thank thee Lord for feet to walk, and for a tongue that I may talk.
I thank thee Lord for thy creation, but I thank thee most for my salvation.*

Mary M. Baker

What are you thankful for?

Doreen Wilkison, Care of Parish

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3. Pause for the procession. As we were driving from the church to the cemetery, I was deeply moved by the reaction of the people we passed. Cars pulled off to the side of the road and waited patiently, pausing from their busy days. People working in their yards stopped mowing and gardening and paused silently. One woman even crossed herself as we passed. They may have known who was in the hearse. Just as likely they did not. They recognized our common humanity and for a brief moment they made my grief their grief. They shared the load as we passed down the streets and I felt like I was carried on their prayers.

I treasured each and every one of these seemingly small acts of sympathy. They were heartfelt and comforting to me. I know it's hard to speak to other people's pain and you can't assume you know what they feel, because you don't. But these actions spoke louder than words to me.

What carried you through a time of grieving? What do you remember was most meaningful to you? I bet your list is different than mine. Every grief is unique and particular. We can honor that, too.

Many blessings to you that grieve and you that strive to comfort.

In Christ,

Pastor Lawrence



THANKFULNESS BANQUET

Join us in giving thanks to the Lord with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
5:30 p.m.

If you plan on attending the meal, please call the church office with a count on how many people will be in your group to reserve your meals.



Sunday, November 5
It is time to FALL back to standard time.
This Sunday at 2:00 a.m.
remember to move your clocks back 1 hour.

SESSION & COMMITTEE NEWS

- ◆ Rebecca McClintic, daughter of Richard McClintic and Reneé McClintic, married Justin Stamper on October 7, 2017
- ◆ Roger and Laura Simmonds are announcing the arrival of a new family member due in April, 2018.
- ◆ Greg Rust has volunteered to chair what is now called the Thankfulness Banquet. This will take place on November 15 at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to help by donating food or your time, contact Greg and Judy Rust, or Joe and Carey Anne Curran

MISSION COMMITTEE

- ◆ A total of \$3,499 was raised for Hurricane Relief. Most of this came from donations made by our generous congregation. Money raised from the most recent Ice Cream Fundraiser went to Hurricane Relief as well.
- ◆ The pictorial is complete and has been sent to the printers.
- ◆ \$500 in Aldi gift cards from money raised in previous fundraisers have been donated to the Agape Center.
- ◆ **Mission Committee approved \$500 of their budget to be contributed to the Ministerial Association's meal packing event on November 19.** (Look for more information at the bottom of page 5.)
- ◆ We received a total of \$188 for the Peacemaking Offering. \$141 of that was sent to Presbytery and the remaining \$47 was sent to New Directions to promote peace.

TREASURER

- ◆ **Attention Committee Chairs:** 2018 budgets need turned in to Susan Wilson no later than November 30. **It is also time to be thinking about your committee's 2017 Annual Report. Diana would like your reports finished and in the office by December 31.** For all you newbies, the 2016 Annual Reports are on the counter in the church office so you may review last year's committee reports.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

- ◆ We have had a very good turnout for the fall session of Family Faith Night. The last meeting will be November 8. The winter session will run January 10 through February 7, 2018. This will be a five week session. Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

- ◆ November 18 will be our annual PW Praise and Thank Service.
- ◆ Bells will be chiming during the Christmas season. Thanks to the leadership of Cathy Lincourt, the Bell Choir has started practicing for this holiday season. We had a little taste of the beautiful sounds of bells this past Sunday. If you are interested in joining the group, call the church office at 812-663-2197 or Cathy Lincourt at 812-222-0446.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- ◆ Jose Rivera will not be speaking at the PW Praise and Thank Service as originally planned. As this just came about, the new speaker will be announced at a later date.
- ◆ Around \$700 was raised from the PW Rummage Sale in October.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

- ◆ **Trustees are still working on getting the furnace replaced for the upstairs classrooms and nursery.** We are also in need of fixing or replacing the thermostats in the Fellowship Hall.



God's Green Earth: What Can I Recycle?

Paper Products

Most of us use paper products every day. That's because paper products make up about 71 million tons (or 29 percent) of the municipal waste stream, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). So, what paper products can we actually recycle?

Corrugated Cardboard—When recycled, cardboard is used to make chipboard like cereal boxes, paperboard, paper towels, tissues and printing or writing paper. It's also made into more corrugated cardboard.

Magazines—Recycled magazines are used to make newspaper, tissues, writing paper and paperboard. Some consumers think glossy paper can't be recycled. That may have been true in the early days of recycling, but no longer. With today's recycling technology, nearly all community recycling programs accept glossy magazines and catalogs for recycling.

Office Paper—High-grade papers, such as white computer paper can be turned back into office paper. It can also be used to produce tissue paper, paperboard, stationery, magazines and other paper products. Lower-grade papers, such as newsprint, colored paper, file stock and ground wood papers, are made into cardboard, tissues, newspaper and toilet paper.

Newspaper—Recycled newspapers can be made into cereal boxes, egg cartons, pencil barrels, grocery bags, tissue paper and many other products, including new newspapers. Newspapers can be made into a fiber mulch and mixed with grass seed, fertilizer, green dye, and water to create a "slurry" that can be pumped over broad areas. It stabilizes roadside dirt for erosion control and is used to reseed grass over broad areas.

Paperboard—used for products such as breakfast cereal boxes, recycled paperboard is made from 100 percent recovered fiber, which may include newspaper, magazines, corrugated boxboard, paperboard folding cartons, and telephone books. Like glossy magazines, recycled paperboard often includes a coating to improve its printing surface and provide protection from fingerprints. It's still perfectly recyclable as long as it is clean and free of food waste..

Other paper items that are also recyclable—Dairy and juice cartons, mail, catalogues, coupons, phone books,

After having listed all the paper products that can **be recycled, unfortunately, Greensburg's recycle is more limited.** As far as paper products go, you **CAN** recycle: newspapers, glossy coupons, cardboard and brown paper bags. You **CANNOT** recycle anything that has a binding (like phone books); nothing that has staples (like magazines); or anything that has glue on it (like any boxes that are held together with glue, pretty much all food boxes; or any envelopes)

Last week, we read about what aluminum, steel, and metals to recycle. Greensburg is a little pickier. Beverage cans- crush; steel food cans- rinse, remove all labels, if possible remove the bottom, and flatten the can.

Next month we will read about recyclable plastics, and what Greensburg will NOT recycle!

<http://www.wm.com/thinkgreen/what-can-i-recycle.jsp>



Volunteers Needed!

Annual Love the Hungry Meal Packing Event
 Sunday, November 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 North Decatur High School Gym
 A Greensburg Area Ministerial Association Event

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Prayers

Each week, on Sunday, our church is praying for a member or family in our congregation, or whoever they request we pray for.

We are also selecting a church in the Whitewater Valley Presbytery each week to pray for as well.

For the month of November we have selected:

Larry Clark

Phillip Clark

Rachel Clark

Anna Clemenz

Edinburgh Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh, IN

Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN

1st Presbyterian Church Anderson, IN

White Lick Presbyterian Church, Avon, IN

Terri Pleak – Trustees

Larry Clark – Spiritual Formation and Education

Roy Simpson – Finance, Investment, and Stewardship

Jeff Lincourt – Worship and Music

Marilyn Woods – Mission, Outreach, and Advertising

Katy Prairie

Betty Zillick – Personnel

Dennis Shepherd – Care of Parish

Mary Stradley

Rev. Lawrence Lee – Pastor

Darleen Fox – Clerk

THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME TO HELP A LOCAL ORGANIZATION?

- Bread of Life • 812-662-4887
- New Directions • 812-662-8822
- Meals on Wheels • 812-663-6099
- AGAPE Center • 812-222-4273
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters • 812-663-7556
- Kids Closet • 812-663-2084
- Decatur County Special Olympics • 812-663-4690
- Decatur County United Fund Adult Literacy Program • 812-560-3820



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Shut-ins

Anna Clemenz— Room 405
Aspen Place, 2320
N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg,
IN 47240

Bill Baumgartner
At Home, 924 E. Beechwood
Ln., Greensburg, IN 47240

Hazel Shonk
At Home, 1029 E. Tara Rd.,
Greensburg, IN 47240

Barb Blare
At home, 207 Orchard Drive,
Greensburg, IN 47240

Pat Rooker
1555 N. Main St., Rm. H122
Frankfort, IN 46041

YOUR PRAYERS DO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



PRAYERS

Agatha (Aggie) Search	Larry Baker
Alice Rust	Larry Prairie
Anna Clemenz	Larry Skinner
Audrey (Rust) Hadler	Merrilyn Gronau
Bill Baumgartner	Michael Yarmuth
Brenda Oldham	Monique Rust-
Carol Courtney	Metzing
Claude Bilbrey	Naoyuki Furukawa
Clinton Shepherd	and family
David Prairie	Phyllis Hellmich
Diane Critser	Rose Prairie
Eva Westhafer	Steve Gookins
Gary Miller	Toni Prairie
John Connel	
John Yale	The family of
Jonathan Friend-	Gary Miller
infant	
Kate Bausback	
Kathy Autry Miller	



First Night of Family Faith Night



Traveling Presbyterians visited Marguerite Roller in October for her 101st birthday!



Helpers for the PW Rummage Sale

