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From the Pastor's Heart

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! This is a holiday of thanksgiving. It's all about gratitude. We are so grateful to all of you for being so kind and loving to Marianna and me for these last six and one-half years.

Our time with you has been a very good season in our lives. So many of you all are happy people, and the happiest people among us exhibit the character quality we know as grateful.

This is a time of year we should sit down and make a list of all the things we are grateful for and express this appreciation to God and others.

Gratitude gives you an edge in life. It gives you a leg up, so to speak. Possessing a thankful heart and an attitude of gratitude puts you in a position to get more out of life.

Being truly grateful puts you in a league of your own. It gives you an edge. It separates you from the crowd.

We are so blessed are we not?

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You,
Pastor Steve

- 5 Amy Maninfior
- 8 Barbara Browning, Mike Dilley
- 10 Marilyn Purcell
- 12 Beverly Beeler
- 13 Mary Guill
- 15 Aaralynn Maninfior
- 16 Brenda Wofford
- 17 Don Wisner
- 20 Max Betty
- 21 Marlee Brand, Gene Himes
- 24 Gene Swearingen
- 25 Wayne Kirby
- 27 Donica Brand
- 31 Barb Wisner



- 1 Brian and Lisa Ingram
- 7 Gene and Jeanette Swearingen
- 14 Sid and Mary Guill
- 17 Bill and Laurie Olson
- 27 Jeff and Amy Maninfior
- 28 Dave and Glenda Wright
- 29 Jack and Bonnie James
- 30 Jim and Thelma Whetsell
- 31 Scott and Dolo Wishard



The Chosen Ones

The Chosen Ones will be here on Sunday, November 25th to sing Christmas music. They will begin their performance at 8 am and sing during the 8:30 am service.

Ladies Night Out

There will be a "Ladies Night Out" on Tuesday, November 27th at 6 pm in Campbell Hall. The meal will be catered so come relax and enjoy the fellowship! There will be a program and we will have a sock exchange. If you would like to be a Table Hostess, please contact Jan Kepley at 246-4462.



The Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 8:30—Noon. There will be lots of homemade cookies, candy, and treats for sale.

Everyone is encouraged to please bring cookies and candy for the sell. Goodies can be brought on Friday, November 30th from 8:30—4:30 pm or the day of the event by 7:30 am.

Do you have extra Christmas ornaments or decorations that you no longer use? Donate them to the Deaconess to sell at the Cookie Walk, a box is available in the narthex for donations.

The Christmas Offering will go to construction needs at Little Galilee Christian Camp. This is the church camp we send our young people to each year and where many of them accepted Christ. The camp is currently updating and enlarging the Dining Hall which was built in 1955. We will collect the Christmas Offering on Sunday, December 2nd and 9th. There are Christmas Offering Envelopes in your envelope box or memo "Christmas" on your regular envelope.



Serving Communion

Sunday, November 25

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Colin Vandeventer

10:30 am — Max Betty, Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Jeff Maninfior

Sunday, December 2

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson, Steve Lane, Jack Little

10:30 am — Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker

Christmas Schedule

December 9th
Christmas Musical, 8:30 and 10:30 am

December 16th
Wassail and Reception for Richard, 9:30 am

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 pm



The church would be happy to have a poinsettia in the sanctuary on Christmas Sunday in memory of your loved ones. Call the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 18th with the information as you want it to appear in the bulletin. Please have your plant here by noon on Friday, December 21st and take it home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Church Life

Sunday, November 25

8:00 am *The Chosen* to Perform Christmas Music
 8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center
 No F/R Group Meeting

Monday, November 26

7 am SALT Group to Branson
 No Staff Meeting
 6 pm Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, November 27

7 am Prayer Time
 No Bible Journaling
 6 pm Ladies' Night Out in Campbell Hall

Wednesday, November 28

9 am Crafts R Us Group
 5 pm Bell Choir Practice
 6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
 6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 29

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, December 1

7 am Men's Breakfast
 8:30-Noon Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 2

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 5 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, December 3

10 am Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 4

7 am Prayer Time
 6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, December 5

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group Out for Breakfast
 No Bell Choir Practice
 6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
 6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 6

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, December 8

1 pm Christmas Musical Rehearsal



Board Splinters

Elders: will meet November 26th at 6 pm.

Deaconesses: 2019 Officers are Co-Presidents: Nancy Huckaba/Dolo Wishard, VP: Kathy Newlin, Secretary: Sandy Pierce, Treasurer: Sally Dickerson. The Wassail and Richard Eident's Retirement Reception will be December 16th, 9:30 am.

Senior Minister: will be introducing a new pre-holiday series entitled *Immovable*, a practical series on Christian Living.

Associate Minister: baptized Tyler Dammerman and Britney Estes, held a bonfire at the church property with 23 kids in attendance, helped plan the Vision Team Meeting with David Upchurch from LCU and the training went very well.

Elementary Minister: the Trunk or Treat Downtown went well, Carolina Maninfor will be the new Child Care Provider, and still need volunteers on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm.

Worship: the Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30 pm and a special committee is looking into updating the bulletins.

Outreach: the Christmas Offering will go to Little Galilee Camp, donated \$100 to the MMS for their community chili supper and donated \$500 to Coats 4 Kids.

Evangelism: had a great turnout at the Ministry Fair and thank you to everyone who participated and attended.

Christian Ed: Bible Journaling is going great.

Stewardship: went over the reports.

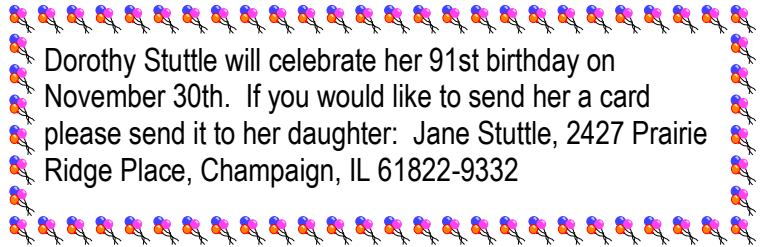
Personnel: turned in the staff salaries for the budget.

Trustees: the wooden doors on the Educational building need replaced due to warping and discussed some cracks in the outside walls in the education building.

Seniors Minister: helped with Back Pack, worked at the Food Pantry, attended Veronika Burks memorial service, and attended a Vision Committee Meeting.

World Outreach: they met and finalized the budget.

New Business: accepted Carol Wilson's resignation as a Deaconess and Jack Browning's resignation from the Personnel and Evangelism Committees. Accepted a Nominating Committee consisting of: Jeannie Cunningham, Linda Fleming, Candy Tate, Angela Freeman, Donica Brand, Terri Goings and Greta Grafton. The 2019 Holiday Office Schedule was approved. The 2019 Budget was approved.



Dorothy Stuttle will celebrate her 91st birthday on November 30th. If you would like to send her a card please send it to her daughter: Jane Stuttle, 2427 Prairie Ridge Place, Champaign, IL 61822-9332



Building Fund balance:
\$340,394.08

Church Attendance

Nov. 11th — Traditional: 102, Contemporary: 95 = 197
 Nov. 18th — Traditional: 97, Contemporary: 90 = 187

Giving and Expense Totals

November 11th General Giving: \$3,503.00
 November 18th General Giving: \$4,385.18
 Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$7,005.98
 Year to Date Income verses Expenses: \$-61,265.00