

Presbyterian Voice

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Josh Swilley October Elder,

As elder of the month, I was pretty nervous at first but as I stood there in front of the congregation I quickly felt at ease. We are all there for the same reason: to give our praise and thanks for the blessings the lord gives us! For me it was really the first time I have prayed in public let alone in front of a crowd. It felt good. I believe the experience has helped me in my journey of confirming my faith and understanding of gods unending love. It was my pleasure to perform this service for our church.

Thanksgiving

The month of November was a busy month, as I expect December will be as well. When asked to write my reflection concerning my experience as Elder for the month of November, I grumbled. I reverted back to a childhood memory when my grandparents told me to eat all of my food because children were starving in Africa. I remember thinking, well, lets just throw it in a box and mail it to them then.

It seems there is always something else to do, something else expected; session meetings, relationship team meetings, Church cleaning, Bible Study, dinners to prepare, Elder prayers to come up with, being a better Shepherd, writing an article for the Church news letter, etc. There is never a Sunday free. I thought God rested on that day. However, I work every minute of the day or I am driving between Boonville and Pleasant Hill the rest of the week so Sunday is the only day I have to give. I'll be honest. Sometimes it seems like too much.

Yet, is there ever too much for God? What about all that God has done for us? During the month of November, we celebrated Thanksgiving but God wants us to celebrate Him always with thanksgiving. The dictionary definition of thanksgiving is "the expression of gratitude, or giving thanks, especially to God." Thessalonians 5:18 says "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Becky found the following saying going through some of her mother's belongings:

"I sighed because the day was dark
and then I met a child who had no eyes.
I complained because the walk was long
until I met a man who had no legs.
I prayed for wealth beyond my need
and then I met a poor soul who had no bread at all.
Oh God, forgive me!"

I may not have the newest or even a pretty car but I have a car to drive. In fact, I get great gas mileage, got no car payments, and my insurance is really cheap. I may not have any other property to my name, but my property tax was only \$7.05. I may not live in a new house or have a remodeled kitchen but I have a place to live. I may not wear the coolest clothes or be the most gorgeous woman but I have clothes to wear and I am currently healthy. I may not go to the largest Church with the largest congregation but I have a Church to go to and I have a Pastor who is willing to serve God in two Churches in different towns on one salary. I may not have a family or children of my own, but I have at least one person to love. I may not always be at peace with myself or with others but I have the peace of Christ, knowing my sins are forgiven. I am thankful for what I have.

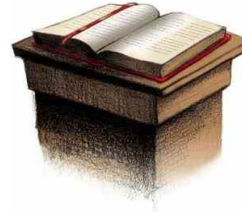
Psalms 103:2 says "Praise the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits." Lets remember to give God thanks for all his blessings, especially the gift of His beloved Son, as we start this Christmas season. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication 'with thanksgiving,' let your requests be made known to God." May the peace of Christ be with you.

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Lectionary For December

Prepare for Sunday Worship



Study the Bible readings prescribed for each week of the year

Study on your own

Relates the Bible & Sunday Sermon to your life

Date	Scripture
12/6	Mal.3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke3:1-6
12/13	Zeph.3:14-20; Isa.12:2-6; Phil.4:4-7
12/20	Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1 46b-55; Ps. 80:1-7; Heb.10:5-10; Luke1:39-45(46-55)
12/27	1 Sam. 2:18-20,26; Ps 138; Col.3: 12-17; Luke2:41-52

This Month!

Happy Birthday!

12/1 D.J. Snyder & Judy Hickman
 12/2 Jerry Talkington
 12/5 Becky Burris
 12/6 Lizz Talbot
 12/7 Cher Carpenter
 12/8 Brian Dinges
 12/10 Steve Long
 12/11 Donna Long
 12/17 Diane Gorman
 12/20 John Van Gorkom
 12/28 Hannah Talbot
 12/30 Ruth Flanklin
 Anniversaries
 12/10 John & Kathy Van Gorkman
 12/20 Bill & Sharon Kahl
 12/27 Josh & Jennifer Swilly
 12/31 Nick & Natalie Burris

ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Jerry Talkington

CHURCH OPENER:

Jerry Talkington

CHURCH GREETER:

Ruth Talkington



Puzzles and Paints November was a very rewarding time at Preschool. We learned about our family's and being Thankful. We collected food for the Food Pantry. We had a large box full. We will be having a Christmas Program on December 17th. All are invited. Mrs Ruth



December Lay Clergy Devotions

Please come and join Pastor Ku and others this month for the Lay Clergy Devotion. The Presbyterian Church's schedule December 9th at 10:30 am Pleasant Hill Health Center



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00-2:00 Puzzles & Paints Preschool 9-12 C. Closet	2 9:00-11:30 Puzzles & Paints Preschool 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg 6:30 pm The Story	3 9:00-11:30 Puzzles & Paints Preschool 9:30-12 & 3:45-6:00 Food Pantry 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	4	5
6 SUNDAY Services 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc	7 9:00 - 12:00 pm Puzzle and paints 8:00 AA Meeting	8 9:00-2:00 Puzzles & Paints Preschool 9-12 C. Closet	9 9:00-11:30 Puzzles & Paints Preschool 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	10 9:00-11:30 Puzzles & Paints Preschool 9:30-12 & 3:45-6:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Wilber Pest 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	11	12
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20 10:00 Sun. School The Story 11:15 Worship Svc	21 8:00 AA Meeting	22 9-12 C. Closet	23 Preschool Christmas Party ! 11:30 am to 1:00 pm 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	24 No preschool Dec 24-Jan.4 Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Merry Christmas	26
27 10:00 Sun. School The Story 11:15 Worship Svc Next Session meet- ing Date	28 8:00 AA Meeting	29 9-12 C. Closet	30	31 New Years Eve		

RELATIONSHIP TEAM

Team Members: Carrie Brockman
 Cher Carpenter
 Ruth Talkington
 Jennifer Swilley
 Phyllis Hook
 Bill Kahl- Lay Clergy Representative

Relationship Team- ministers to the congregation and the community by caring for church members, building up the church in fellowship, and reaching out to others in mission and service.

We take care of the following:

- 1.) Fellowship Activities:
 Fellowship dinners
- 2.) Shepherd's list
 Reaching out to members who have been absent
 Caring for members in crisis (death, illness, etc.)
- 3.) Worship Needs

MEET YOUR SHEPHERDS! Your Shepherd will be contacting you in the near future. The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to improve the level of care of our congregation.

Do let your Shepherd know if you have a concern.

We want to know!

Group 1 - Jennifer Swilley
 Group 2 - Carrie Brockman
 Group 3 - Ruth Talkington
 Group 4 - Cher Carpenter

We are working on New Shepherds for the coming of the new year of 2016.

Shepherd's will be contacting from time to time. To carry out church's family's caring ministry.

A big thank you goes to all the people that help with the Fellowship Dinners. We really appreciate all of you!!

A Partnership of Prayer

December 6th, 2nd Sunday Advent

First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

The Rev. David Carlson, Pastor
 The Rev. R. Duane Stephens, Assoc. Pastor Emeritus,
 HR

Ms. Jennifer Vansandt, Clerk of Session
 Ms. Deborah Sullivan, Secretary

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

The Rev. Elizabeth Meador Strobel, Pastor
 Ms. Lucy Berry, Clerk of Session
 Ms. Barbara Ploeger, Secretary

December 6, 2nd Sunday Advent

Argentine United Presbyterian, Kansas City, KS

Mr. Stephen Christine, Clerk of Session

Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS

Ms. Kathy Milborn-Montague, Clerk of Session
 Ms. Daisy Riedl, Secretary

The Sanctuary Place, Kansas City, KS

The Rev. Terra Pennington

Iglesia Principe de Paz, Olinthepeque

The Rev. Jose Augusto Sapon

December 6 2015 - 2nd Sunday Advent

Heartland Presbytery Stated Mtg. - November 1 2015

Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS

The Rev. Rick Behrens, Pastor
 The Rev. Terry Woodbury, Parish Associate, HR
 The Rev. Thomas Williams, Pastor Emeritus
 Ms. Rhonda Spears, Clerk of Session

Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

The Rev. Heidi Peterson, Pastor
 The Rev. Kristin Austin, Parish Associate
 Mr. Tony Beyer, Clerk of Session/Inquirer
 Ms. Jan Powell, Secretary

Iglesia Espiritu Santo, La Cumbre

The Rev. Juan Lopez
 The Rev. Fredy Gomez

December, 2015 6th 2nd, Sunday of Advent

Christ Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Mr. Kirk Patton, Clerk of Session

Haitian Christina Fellowship, Kansas City, MO

Mr. Olain Francois, Commissioned Ruling Elder/Inquirer
**Iglesia Liberacion Divina, Nueva Candelaria, Toton-
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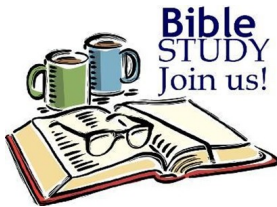
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Holy Communion

COMMUNION
SUNDAY December 6,



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

BIBLE STUDY

Come join us in October for a new and exciting way to learn about the Bible. The study will be on the book *The Story* which will be a condensed chronological journey through the Bible. Join us on a 31 week exploration to discover how your story fits with God's story. Classes for Adult, Youth and Children and will be offered on Sunday mornings at 10:00 beginning September 13th and (tentatively) Wednesday evenings beginning October 7th from 6:30 to 8:00. Please sign up below if you are interested in attending one of these.

Classes are going very well, we are learning a lot. Pastor Ku is teaching us a lot of information.

December

Fellowship Dinner

Will be December 20th, 12:15 pm
Bring a side dish to share.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you for all the people who have signed up for the dinner. Who Donated time, food preparing, food servicing, & clean up. Thank you again for all your support and help. We served 150 people at Thanksgiving Dinner
Between deliveries & walk ends and a lot of volunteer's from public helped.

Relationship and Worship Team

We have been very busy this month picking songs that we sing on Sunday.

This year for Christmas we will be collecting gifts for the people who live at Broadway Village who might not have a Christmas, we did this last year and it was very rewarding, and a great help for others. We will have a Tree in the narthex with names and gift ideas.



Prayer
List

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ken Meyer

HOME BOUND

Edith Harrer

ON-GOING CONCERNS

George & Audrey Goodman Audrey

Bob Sudhoff

Bob Kimbrell

Kent Meyer

Bob Hook

Phyllis Hook

John Armstrong

Judy Hickman

Jung-Im Ha, Pastor Ku's mother has Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Pray for all the military who are serving away from their family's on the holidays.

We invite you to join in the worship of God each Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m. We also invite you to participate in the prayers, fellowship, work and activities of this church. For more information about these opportunities to be involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill, please speak with Pastor Ku, any member of Session or call the church office at 540-6179, email us at pleasanthillpresbyterian@gmail.com.

First Presbyterian Staff

Rev. Jason Ku, Pastor
 Becky Burris, Clerk of Session
 Yvonne Curry, Church Secretary
 Jennifer Swilley, Church Treasurer
 Finley-Evans Sue, Organist

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 12:00 pm
 Pastor Ku is in the office on Tuesdays
 and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
 Secretary ; Yvonne Curry
 Monday- Thursday 9:00-12:00



Sunday Morning Schedule
 Sunday School – 10:00 am
 The Story – 10:00 am (Begins 9/13)
 Worship Service – 11:15 am

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Clothes Closet

Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Puzzles & Paints Preschool

Monday & Tuesday
 9:00 am-2:00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday
 9:00 am -11:30 am

