

Memorial Messenger

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November 2013



Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for November is peanut butter. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Thanks to Kay and Laurie Anderson, Donna Wright, Eileen Burke, Doris Hinson, Larry Upton, Bill and Norma Taylor, Doug Forsyth and Mike Girdner for helping out on our fall clean-up day on October 19th. Thanks to all of the help, we accomplished quite a bit.—Karen Girdner

Men's Breakfast: On Saturday morning, November 2, at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall, there will be the second men's pot luck breakfast of the 2013-14 Memorial church year. As we did last August, participants are to bring their favorite breakfast food item to share with all. Following a time for good eating and fine fellowship, we will have the privilege of having our own, the Honorable Charles Johnson, speak on the timely topic, the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution. Issues such as freedom of speech and religion, gun rights, and privacy are a few of the issues which confront our country today, and could be discussed in the context of Judge Johnson's expertise. All men of the church are welcome, as well as their guests.—Harry Wright

We will **dedicate pledges** toward the 2014 budget in worship on November 17. Please return your completed pledge card on or before the 17th. If you have not received a stewardship drive packet and would like one, please call the church office, 329-3640.

The Fellowship & Hospitality will host a **thanksgiving-themed luncheon** after worship on Sunday, November 17. Turkey, ham, dressing, and gravy will be provided; please watch for a sign-up sheet to bring side dishes.

Daylight saving time ends Sunday November 3. Remember to set your clocks back one hour, and enjoy the extra sleep!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

It was many years ago, but I still remember sitting at my desk in second grade at Zachary Taylor Elementary School in Oklahoma City when the teacher told us to look at the front of the room. The word, "THANKSGIVING", in large block letters was printed out on the chalkboard. I remember my teacher pointing to the word, saying, "Thanksgiving. Now what is this word when you say it backwards?" I tried to pronounce the word to myself: "g-n-i-v-i-g-s-k-n-a-h-t" before she broke in with, "That's right, 'giving thanks.'"

"That's not backwards," I thought (I can get stuck in minutiae at times), but I dutifully listened to what she had to say.

Her point, of course, was that, more than turkey and pie, thanksgiving is about giving thanks.

Now this may not exactly be a revelation to us, but I certainly need a gentle reminder from time to time. Giving Thanks is not just the time at the end of November. As Christians, we are to give thanks all the time. Our theology reminds us that all of life, all our possessions, are a gift from God.

We are in the midst of our stewardship season, a time when we make a concrete effort in emphasizing giving to the church as a response to God's giving to us.

How can we possibly give thanks for all God has done for us and for all God has given us?

I encourage you to spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving as you consider your pledge. For me, a pledge has always been about the discipline of giving. I learned as a young adult to give weekly, and each year I worked to increase the percentage I gave to my church. It has been a discipline that has served me well.

You and I are part of a wonderful congregation, one which is alive and well and seeking to serve the people of God out in the world. Your pledge is part of that mission and ministry. I hope you will give generously.

Yours in thanksgiving,
Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 P.M. in the church library. Stewardship kickoff is to begin the week of October 21st with information being mailed to the congregation. Worship & Music Committee reported that the new hymnals should be arriving in the next 2-3 weeks. Session approved the Worship & Music Committee's recommendation that the Barbara Jergensen Memorial Fund be used toward purchasing a new electronic piano for the sanctuary. This committee will determine the disposition of the existing piano. The nominating committee is busily trying to fill Session and Board of Deacon positions. Session had a special guest, the Rev. Tim Blodgett, chair of the Mission Strategy Group from Indian Nations Presbytery. His presentation included information about the availability of several grants, disaster relief, and the possibility of starting a new church in southwest OKC. He also encouraged our church to continue our giving to the Presbytery. The next meeting of Session will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

2013 Stewardship Update January 1 to October 31, 2013			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2013 Budget
Pledges	\$116,493.45	\$121,386.60	\$145,664.00
Other Income	\$26,116.55	\$49,999.10	\$59,999.00
Total Income	\$142,610.00	\$171,385.70	\$205,663.00
Total Expenses	\$153,986.98	\$171,383.90	\$205,663.00

Worship and Music Committee Report

The new hymnals are here! The new hymnals are here! Yes, after several unforeseen delays, our new imprinted copies of *Glory to God* are in the building. The Worship and Music Committee will be discussing at our next meeting how best to introduce and dedicate the hymnals along with several other logistical issues. We may be sending out an all call for help in un-boxing the hymnals and putting on the bookplates. We should have more information for you in the Mid-Month Messenger. Stay tuned. Our hope is to have them in the pews by Advent if not before then. If you are having trouble waiting that long, be sure to be in worship on Sunday, November 3. The choir will be singing as the anthem an arrangement of one of the new hymns, *Blest Are They*, which is based on the Beatitudes.

Your Help Needed! Worship duty schedules for 2014 will need to be put together before we know it. As always, help is needed in all areas of worship including ushering, head ushers, acolyte assistants, nursery assistants, sound/light booth operators, lay leaders for special services along with those willing to preach in Tracy's absence. If you are willing to assist in any of these areas, and aren't already on a list, please see a member of the Worship and Music Committee and we will make sure to get you in touch with the right person.

The next meeting of the Worship and Music Committee will be Monday, November 4, at 6:00 P.M. Along with discussing *Glory to God*, we will begin planning for the Advent and Christmas season. All are welcome!

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord! (Psalm 98)

Lucy Lanning, Chair
Worship and Music Committee

November Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

- November 3 Communion Servers: Harry Wright, Donna Vint, Loreen Upton and Lucy Lanning
Ushers: Kirk Forthman and Samuel McCann
Sound booth: Will Farris
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner
Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck
Lock-up: Harry Wright
- November 10 Ushers: Ann and Holly Forsyth
Sound booth: Mike Cole
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner
Lock-up: Trudy Beard
- November 17 Ushers: Charlotte Lovett and Holly Van Auken
Sound booth: Mike Girdner
Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint
Lock-up: Joan Cole
- November 24 Ushers: Paul and Karen Upton Family
Sound booth: Dave Iske
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole
Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel
Lock-up: Mike Cole



MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

M.Y. Group will meet on Sunday, Nov 10th at 5PM for a time of study, games and good food. Our focus will be on honesty. Dinner will be provided by Loreen Upton.

Our second meeting in November (Nov 24th) will focus on respect. Trudy Beard will be providing dinner.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: YOUTHQUAKE IS COMING IN APRIL 2014. CHECK OUT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD FOR INFORMATION.



Planting pansies in Kids' Club, with Kay Anderson and Samuel McCann, October 30.

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Bob Clarke
Melinda Clements
Mike Cole
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Dottie Hinson (Karen Upton's mother)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Peggy Strunk
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

Those who grieve

Karen Cummings (daughter of Kay Anderson), whose husband died suddenly
Family of E.W. Hanselman (Julie Forthman's father)
Family of Bob Montgomery (Carolyn Montgomery's brother-in-law)
Jim & Sally Riley on the loss of their son
Family of Joan Smith (Charlotte Lovett's former neighbor)

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Janice Crump at:
janicec11@cox.net



November Birthdays

4 Justus Rambur
5 Patsy Jones (Jayelle Martin's granddaughter)
7 Vince Leseney
Jerel Williams
9 Abigail Jangha
10 Jennifer Eckel
13 Lorraine Annoh
15 David Wilson
16 Sandy Clarke
17 Gladys Jangha
18 Lola Carroll
Jan Cunningham Garlett
Leann Williams
23 Ben Jangha
Alice Lanning
25 Josh Hudson

November Anniversaries

3 Tim & Georjana Mauldin
27 Jim & Linda Rodriguez

Find the Thanksgiving-themed words in the puzzle below.

G X B M N I N D I A N S
R N H T U O M Y L P M A
A A I T U R K E Y A W L
T O T V R C I B Y X I Z
E N A G I Y U F E A S T
F S M I R G L I P A N Y
U Q A R A O S Y C K Q L
L U I O W Y A K C A Y I
S A Z E C O L O N Y U M
U S R A J O R O Q A J A
M H G H E N A C E A H F
X E C R A N B E R R Y T

colony	family	Mayflower	Thanksgiving
cook	feast	pilgrims	turkey
corn	grateful	Plymouth	yams
cranberry	Indians	squash	



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Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

					1	2 8:30 A.M. Men's Potluck Breakfast
3 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper 12:00 P.M. Memorial service at Columbarium	4 6:00 P.M. Worship & Music meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	5	6 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Choir	7 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study	8	9
10 5:00 P.M. Memorial Youth Group	11 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	12 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education meeting	13 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Choir	14 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds meeting	15	16
17 12:00 P.M. Congrega- tional lunch 5:30 P.M. Stewardship meeting	18 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	19	20 Articles due for December Messenger 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Choir	21 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study	22	23
24 5:00 P.M. Memorial Youth Group	25 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	26	27 No Wednesday Night Activities	28 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving	29 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving	30

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments	10:30 A.M.
Worship Service	10:55 A.M.

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Kids' Club	3:15 P.M.
Children's Choir	5:00 P.M.
Chancel Ringers	6:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir	7:00 P.M.