

**November 2018**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**   
**November 22**



**Time  
Change  
November 4<sup>th</sup>**



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**Oasis  
Every  
Wednesday  
6-8PM**



**Pledge Sunday  
With  
Carry-In Lunch  
November 11**



**Hanging of  
The Greens  
November  
25**



**November  
18<sup>th</sup>**

## Properly and In Order: The Presbyterian Mantra

As I sit in the office today at the computer, I am on my 3<sup>rd</sup> cup of coffee and have just completed another Committee meeting. While each meeting is of importance to the life of a congregation, they can sometimes be tiring to my spirit. I have known of pastors who so dreaded committee meetings that they chose to do everything themselves instead of seeking input from others. While this may on the surface be easier, it is not the Presbyterian Way. Nor is it healthy for the congregation.

In both churches I have been guiding the Session towards intentionally seeking out members of the congregation for committee work. As Presbyterians we are governed by the people who elect elders to be the Spiritual Leaders and the voice of the congregation in various matters. We do not elect someone to serve because they are really good at playing an instrument or can fix the sump pump when needed. We elect men and women to be Spiritual Leaders of the church who will serve as chair of a committee and lead that group with the help of the Holy Spirit in making decisions. The Session meets to discuss the various committee work and vote on matters as needed. As the Pastor, I guide the Session in their deliberations.

Elders on Session are also given a list of members for whom they are to care for. They are to be praying daily for the congregants on their list and to seek ways to guide them into a fuller relationship with Jesus Christ.

Churches across the nation have stopped expecting the Elders to be Spiritual Leaders. And across the nation, congregations have been in rapid decline. We have stopped expecting members of the congregation to take part in the ministry of the church through committee service. A handful of folks take care of the church work and everyone else is a bench warmer. To use sports analogy; which of you would intentionally sign up to be on a



Football/baseball team so that you could sit on the bench and not participate in the game? Membership in the church is both a joy and a privilege. I have recently started using the Book of Order: Ministry of Members for our Call to Worship. I was asked by someone on the Nominating Committee to do this as a reminder. If we are to serve our Lord and Savior by being a part of the ministry in our community, then we need to go back to the basics and do things properly and in order.

Pray for our Nominating Committees. Pray for our Session Elders. Pray that God would give you a desire to serve alongside of Him as we minister to one another and to our community. For it is only in Jesus name that we have a church at all.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Grace

## **Christian Education**

*by Barbara Pearce*

FUND RAISER for Campers  
Flora Presbyterian, First Christian and Cutler Presbyterian Churches are sponsoring a fund-raising event from October 1, to November 30, 2018. A drove of Semi-wild Pigs will be roaming Carroll County. If you need to have them removed from your yard, you will have to pay an Oasis professional \$10.00. You will then, determine where the swine will be sent. Because this is a county wide infestation, there will be an ad in the Carroll County Comet with instructions on your property. This insurance is only \$7.00. You can also arrange to purchase this insurance directly from our church.

Library will be open on November 7th for Oasis.



### **Presbyterian Women**

*by Jane Bishop*

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on November 13 in the basement dining room at 7:00 pm. The Year Book of Prayer: Sally S; Horizons: Grace

H., Bible Study: Jane K. We welcome and invite all women.

### **November Thrift Shop Schedule**

Sat. Nov. 3....Barbara Pearce.....Sacker  
Sat. Nov. 17.....Joan M & Sally....Sort & Mark  
Thurs. Nov. 17..Jane K.....Sort & Mark

NOTE: Nov. 13 is the right date--changed on account of Thanksgiving week.

## **Stewardship, Mission, Finance**

*By Tammy Moss*

The 2019 annual budget will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, 11/04/18 for review and again on Sunday, 11/11/18 at the congregation meeting for approval.

**2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)<sup>11</sup> Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.**

You should have recently received your 2019 annual pledge letter and commitment card. Please bring your completed card to the Pledge Sunday lunch on November 11<sup>th</sup>, or mail it to the church. Please prayerfully consider your 2019 pledge as we need all of our generosity to be able to provide our Christian service to our congregation and community and all of those we hope to reach!



We need volunteers to help out as ushers, greeters, nursery, scripture readers, if interested please contact Beth in the office

### **Session Meeting Updates**

*by Laraine MacLauchlan*

McGill's have permission to use the church basement on December 1st.

Tiger lily painting painted by Susan Hollis will hang in the church in memory of Lola Snavelly. A plan to have a joint session full day retreat on January 5th is in the works.

Christmas Joy offering will be taken on December 2, 9th and 16th.

The next stated session meeting will be November 18th.

### **Choir News!**

By Toni Brewster



**HANDBELLS** are off to a wonderful start! We actually have 2 groups.

The beginner group, those that have never rung bells before, are developing their skills quickly and we hope to play for the congregation sometime in early November. These folks are very dedicated and meet weekly on Sunday afternoons for 90 minutes to rehearse. We have a wonderful mix of youth and adult and rehearsals can get pretty lively. Members are Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan, Judah and Shawn Ross Pitts, Barbara Pearce, Haylee Randolph, and Autumn Mauer. The other group is made of folks that have previously rung bells...most having over 20 years' experience. Members are Pastor Kim and Jeremy Holley, Holly Kendall, Pam Cree and Phyllis Reinke. Both groups are directed by Toni Brewster.



### **Ushers November**

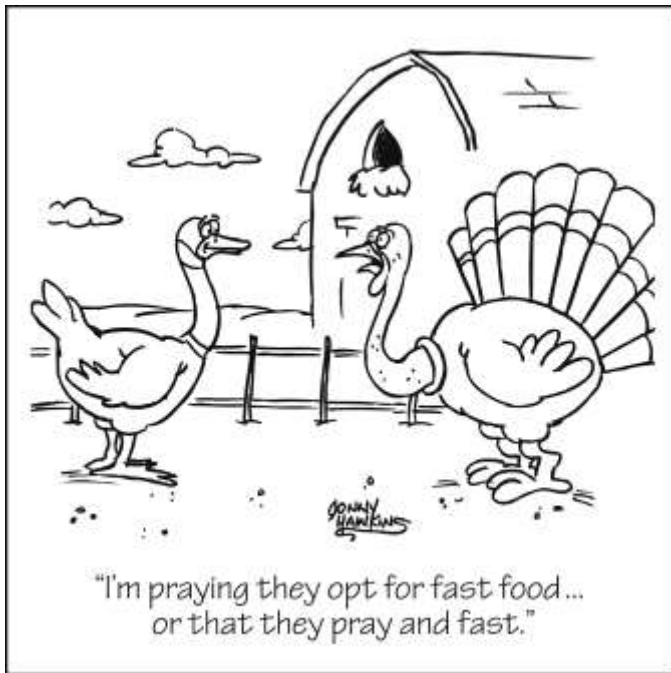
November 4 Sally Schmidt, Laurie Brower  
November 11 Kevin and Martha Clark  
November 18 Bill Kearns, Jay McMillin  
November 25 Doug & Laraine MacLauchlan

### **Scripture Readers for November**

November 4 Kevin Clark, Autumn Mauer  
November 11 Doug MacLauchlan, Jay McMillin  
November 18 Laurie Brower, Barbara Pearce  
November 25 Marlene Smith, Sally Schmidt

### **Audio/ Visual Schedule for November**

November 4 Kevin Clark  
November 11 Barbara Pearce  
November 18 Martha Clark  
November 25 Kevin Clark



### **Nursery Volunteer for November**

Martha Clark

### **Acolytes for November**

November 4 Autumn Mauer, Janessa Pitts  
November 11 Judah Pitts, Shawn Ross  
November 18 Mason Eakins, Aden Mauer  
November 25 Shawn Ross, Judah Pitts

### **Session Leaders**

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk  
Sally Schmidt -Congregational Life  
Barbara Pearce – Christian Ed.  
Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission  
Martha Clark- Worship  
Kent King-Bldg. and Grounds

November  
2018

B=Birthdays

# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4  Time Change	5	6	7 Oasis 6-8	8	9	10
11 Pledge Sunday Carry In Lunch	12	13	14 Oasis 6-8 B=Angie Austin	15	16	17
18 Session Meeting	19	20 B=Ruth Erisman B=Susan Scholl	21 No Oasis	22 	23	24
25 Hanging of the Greens	26	27	28 Oasis 6-8	29	30	