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The Church Mouse



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A place to belong...
 A place to become...
 A place to make a difference.



For All The Saints

By Temporary Pastor, Rev. Dr. Richard O. Griffith

We all have people who are, or have been, especially important in our lives. On November 6, during our All Saints Sunday Communion service, we will be memorializing those who are no longer with us. For me, one of the special saints was my paternal grandmother, who was a source of unconditional love. Without her influence I would not be a pastor.

She came to live with us when she became a widow in 1950, until her death in 1955. As she became increasingly infirm, I had escalating responsibilities for her care after I got home from school when my parents were working, and when they had evening commitments. I would also make her morning tea (she had emigrated from Wales, and couldn't stand coffee). As she experienced a series of mini strokes, increasingly I helped her be mobile to wherever she needed to be in our home.

My other grandparents cared for me, of course. I do not intend to give them any slight.

My parents, naturally, were important. I especially credit my mother with my love of language and my father for his work ethic and commitment to doing what is right. We have saints of sacred memory here at Peoples Presbyterian. Like my parents and grandparents, they were not perfect, but were important, and we honor them, including those in our Columbarium.

Vern Campbell	Fran Jorgensen	Richard McMullen
Tom Carbeck	Jennifer (Stanton) Kreger	Jeff Ryan
Audrey Edwards	Elaine Libbey	Mary Ann Ryan
Gertrude Flint	Fred Libbey	Frank Sinclair
Ethan Jones	Beverly McMullen	Bernice Stanton

Thank you, God, for all the saints, without whom we would not be the people we are.
 In faithfulness, Dick

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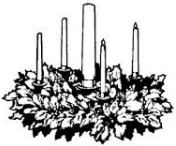
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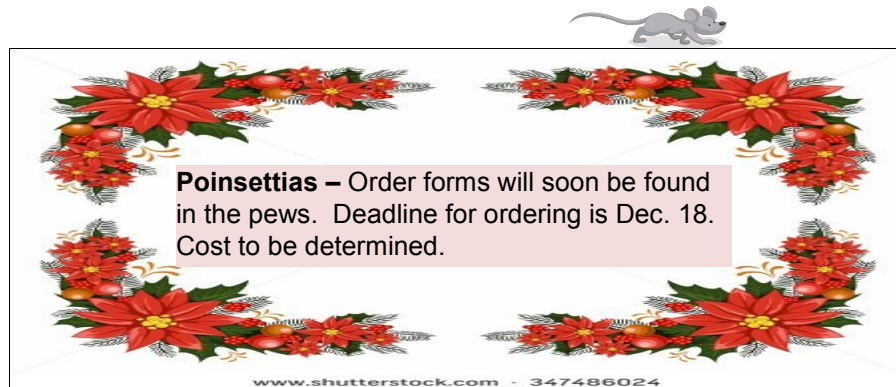
By Helen Barnes Committee Chair



ADVENT



The Season of Advent is approaching, and in preparation the Worship and Music Committee invites the congregation to share in decorating our sanctuary. Please mark **Friday, Nov. 25 at 6 pm** on your calendar, and come help beautify our sanctuary. All are welcome to join in! Pizza will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.



Fellowship Committee

By Chuck Pratt Committee Chair

On December 10 there will be a church family dinner and Christmas Party. Dinner will start around 6:00 pm, and the party will follow. More details to come.



January 21, 2017 - The Merry Makers will be going to Metzgers German Restaurant in Ann Arbor.

Sign up sheets will be posted shortly in the Fellowship Hall.



Who is a Deacon

By Jo Lawver Deacon

The Ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry. (from *The PC USA Book of Order*).

Deacons are the “servants” or “caregivers,” the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring. People have all kinds of needs. They may be recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or in a time where they welcome the ministry of care from our congregation. Deacons assist the Pastor. At Peoples we also help serve Communion. We try to administer to the flock with birthday and Christmas cards as well as get well, congratulations, and other appropriate sentiments. We make visits to homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. Sometimes the visit can be a breakfast, or lunch out. We try to have a listening ear.



Mission and Outreach

By Chad Lawver Committee Chair



WOW !! From the Pentecost offering we will be contributing \$340 dollars to Milan High School for the Project Straight Talk and Peer Mediation groups. These groups help students with self-esteem, anti-bullying, coping skills, and mental well-being.

Thank you also for the donations to the Peacemaking offering! As a congregation we have donated \$115 dollars. A portion of this offering will be given to Safe House in Ann Arbor. **SafeHouse Center** provides support for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault. SafeHouse provides free and confidential services for any person who lives or works in Washtenaw County. SafeHouse services include emergency shelter for those in danger of being hurt or killed, counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and especially, *hope*.

In November, PPC will again sponsor 10 Thanksgiving dinners for needy families through Aid in Milan. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We will also accept monetary donations to be put toward the purchase of turkeys.

Looking ahead to December, we will also again sponsor a needy family through Aid in Milan for Christmas! Thank you for your continued support!



Christian Education

By Carole London Committee Chair

Hopefully everyone, children and adults alike, have had an opportunity this past month to "go the extra mile": going beyond what is expected. The youth of the church presented the biblical gesture to the congregation, and provided everyone with a "green = go" card that read "go the extra mile, it is never crowded." They challenged the adults to conscientiously go the extra mile in the coming week. Listening to the children's recollections of personally going the extra mile in their daily lives, it reminds me, again, what great children we have in our congregation! Upon receiving a special price for some pumpkins from Tom Zilke, the kids made a thank you poster for Tom and the Zilke Vegetable Farm, to show our appreciation for their going the extra mile for us. Zilkes were asked to sell us some pumpkins. They did so, but offered us a lower price.

Many little pumpkins adorned the railing in the sanctuary on October 23. Everyone heard the story of "The Pumpkin Gospel" during the Children's Message. Then as the closing prayer, we had an "eyes open" action pumpkin prayer. As the prayer was spoken, different facial parts of the pumpkin were described and then were revealed. The top was taken off to "open our minds," goo was removed, symbolizing all the bad attitudes and wrong things we do. Then descriptions went on to his eyes, nose, mouth and ears. Finally, a candle was lit and put inside so others can see our light shining deep inside us through the things we do every day. After each child had the pleasure of carving their own pumpkin, a copy of the prayer was attached to the pumpkin's stem.



On October 30, the children are welcome to wear their non-scary costumes to church. Ellen Bell will be creating a Halloween project with them during CE class.

November will bring project ideas for Thanksgiving, and we will be sharing a new "thanks" idea with the congregation. Stay tuned ...

October 30 wear your non-scary costume to church

November 20 last day to bring in pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House



December 10 Christmas Pageant Practice, 5 pm in sanctuary

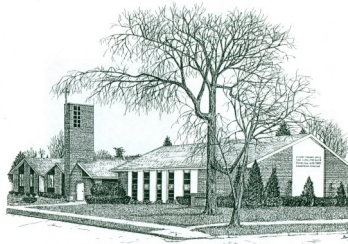
Church Wide Christmas Party and dinner following Practice, 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

11 Christmas Pageant and Genesis Bells will play during worship service followed by a family potluck by the Deacons

January 8 Birthday Party for Baby Jesus on Epiphany Sunday, complete with a special birthday cake

Session Highlights from October 19, 2016

By Nancy Kuzniar, Clerk of Session



Building Our Walls The conversion of the heating and cooling system for the main part of the church to conventional electronic controls has been completed. Total cost of the project was \$28,550. The controls have been programmed to operate automatically. This means they will either heat or cool to the desired temperature during specified times (obviously, Sunday mornings, and other times that we specify). It has been recommended that we stay with these initial set ups for approximately two weeks to see how things work. When we have our annual mandatory boiler inspection at the end of October, they will assess how the system is working for us, and will provide training on how to change/set programs. The controls are very easy to operate, but we will provide a quick "cheat sheet" and training.

Pastor Nominating Committee The PNC has met with the COM liaison. We are in process of writing PPC's Mission Information Form (formerly Church Information Form). When that is completed and approved by COM, the COM will begin to send applications from interested clergy.

Halloween on the Corner PPC will again serve hot cider, coffee, and cookies to trick-or-treaters on Halloween during Milan's trick-or-treat hours of 6 - 8 pm.

Buildings and Grounds Work on the Manse continues. Painting of the walls is almost done. Carpet has been installed. The kitchen floor tile and grouting are complete. New kitchen cabinets have been installed. Still need to trim out the woodwork in the kitchen and seal the tile floor, and redo the wood floors in the bedrooms. Work is progressing slowly, but it is progressing.

Christian Education On October 23, the Children's Message and CE class were a Pumpkin Prayer Project. How are YOU like a pumpkin??? On October 30, the kids are welcome to wear their non-scary costumes to church and enjoy a special Halloween project with Ellen Bell.

Bring in your pop tabs by Sunday, November 20, so they can be taken to the Ronald McDonald House to be added in the competition between Michigan and Ohio State. We are starting to plan our Annual Christmas Pageant which will be held on December 11.

Fellowship Fifteen people attended the Merry Makers Dinner at Red Lobster on October 8. The next Merry Makers outing is scheduled for January 21, 2017, at Metzger's on Zeeb Road. A church family Christmas Party and dinner/potluck are being planned for Saturday, December 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be coordinated by the Fellowship and Membership Committees.

Mission and Outreach The Peacemaking Offering was collected during worship on Sunday, October 2. We will provide Aid in Milan with ten boxed Thanksgiving meals. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship Consecration Sunday will be on November 13, with leadership provided by The Rev. Beth Downs. A luncheon will be provided for everyone.

Worship and Music All Saints Sunday will take place on Nov. 6. On Communion Sundays, the traditional Doxology and Gloria Patri will be sung. Children are enthusiastically signing up to be Acolytes and are enjoying wearing the Acolyte robes for the Worship Service. Decorating the church for Advent will take place on Friday evening, November 25.





HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving
(Lizella Augusta Jenkins Moorer)

Let us give thanks to God above,
Thanks for expressions of His love,
Seen in the book of nature, grand
Taught by His love on every hand.

Let us be thankful in our hearts,
Thankful for all the truth imparts,
For the religion of our Lord,
All that is taught us in His word.

Let us be thankful for a land,
That will for such religion stand;
One that protects it by the law,
One that before it stands in awe.

Thankful for all things let us be,
Though there be woes and misery;
Lessons they bring us for our good-
Later 'twill all be understood.

Thankful for peace o'er land and sea,
Thankful for signs of liberty,
Thankful for homes, for life and health,
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.

Thankful for friends and loved ones, too,
Thankful for all things, good and true,
Thankful for harvest in the fall,
Thankful to Him who gave it all.

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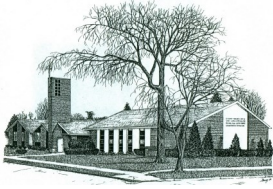


November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>November Fellowship Hour is hosted by: Buildings and Grounds</p> </div>		1 All Saints Day	2 9 am Bible Study Lounge 7 pm Bookworms Lounge	3	4 	5
6 10 am Worship, All Saints Service, Communion, Handbells, C.E. Green Tape Sunday Session Committee Monthly Reports are due to the Clerk	7 7 pm Handbells Sanctuary	8 Election Day 7 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting Lounge	9 9 am Bible Study Lounge	10 7:00 pm Buildings and Grounds Lounge	11	12
13 10 am Consecration Sunday Worship, C.E Luncheon following Service Session Committee Packets are ready for pick-up	14 7 pm Handbells Sanctuary	15	16 9 am Bible Study Lounge 7 pm Session Lounge	17 1 to 3 pm Hats for Cancer Project Lounge	18	19
20 10 am Worship, C.E 11:15 am Deacons Meeting- Lounge Community Thanksgiving Service Last day for pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Church Mouse Newsletter articles are due for the November issue	21 7 pm Handbells Sanctuary	22	23 9 am Bible Study Lounge	24 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed 	25 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Church Decorating Party	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 10 am Worship, C.E, Hanging of the Greens Begin collection of Christmas gifts for Adopted Family	28 7 pm Handbells Sanctuary	29	30 9 am Bible Study Lounge			

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