



## *A Message from Pastor Becca*

### *A Season of Giving*

As we approach the holiday season we reflect on gratitude and open our hearts generously. In the coming weeks you will hear about many ways in which we can support our community through giving. The Deacons will be kicking off their Turkey Drive for the Christian Caring Center and the Mission Committee will set out to collect gifts for Urban Promise. We have a chance to dine out to donate coming up in the first week of December at the Bonefish Grill. Christmas Mission Envelopes will appear in our bulletins before we know it. Our generosity really shows during these special times of giving. I know for some it is hard to constantly hear the requests to support all these worthy causes. If your mail looks anything like mine you have plenty of requests waiting for you at home too. I invite you to prayerfully do what you can during this season of giving.

Today a friend sent me a funny video about “adulthood” a term youngish folks use to describe moments when they realize they are actually the adult in the room. Things like folding the laundry right away and remembering to floss your teeth. This evening, I sat down to go through my annual open enrollment options for insurance: medical, dental, vision, life, and retirement options. This is surely “adulthood”! While at times it can be overwhelming to sit down and read through the options, trying to make wise decisions for health and finances, I found myself overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of health insurance. It wasn’t all that long ago I was making hard decisions between insurance and healthy food for our table. I still marvel at this privilege! The reason I have such a privilege is because of your generosity in giving to the church. My whole life is wrapped up in people like you giving regularly to the church, the reason I have health care, the money I make a mortgage payment with, when I treat my kiddo to a movie, when I myself have the means to share with folks in need... it is all because folks like you set aside some of your own resources and give to the church. I cannot tell you how humbling it is to know this and how very grateful I am for the generous people of faith that you are.

It is once again that time of year when you will soon see a pledge card in the bulletin and you will hear from our Elders about giving. I want to take a moment to share with you where we are this year, first and foremost we are in a better place than last year! However, we still have some work to do to close a deficit. As the Elders begin to plan for the 2020 budget it is imperative that they have an idea of what giving will look like. As such, we will once again ask you to make a pledge for what you will give in 2020. I ask that you prayerfully consider what you and your family are able to give in the coming year. While financial contributions are important to budgeting, your time and talent are important to the life of the church!

When you give financially, you not only support my family, you support our mission efforts, you help make the building welcoming with light and climate control, you bring music into worship, you help make sure the building is clean, you help the building be maintained when things break down. When you give of your time and talent, you make sure the gutters aren’t clogged, you contribute to the Christian education of our children, you make our worship space beautiful. Of course these lists are not exhaustive you give in so many ways to support our life together and I am so grateful!

I am grateful that you beloved followers of Jesus are generous all year long and not only during this season of giving.



## Celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month!



The Deacons cordially  
invite you to a

## Fall Brunch!

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Please join us in the  
fellowship area immediately  
after the service.

**Everyone is invited!**  
**Everything is provided!**  
**Just bring your appetite!**



## The Season of Giving!

### It is time for Turkeys!



The Deacons are working to purchase 175, \$15.00 turkey coupons to support the Christian Caring Center. Contributions of any size are welcome. Please see the table in the Fellowship Area each week after worship.

### 2019 Deacon’s Holiday Turkey Drive

Each year, the Christian Caring Center makes hundreds of food baskets so that our neighbors can have Thanksgiving dinner. The baskets contain all of the nonperishable items needed to prepare the feast.

The deacons provide 175 \$15 Acme gift cards so that the families can purchase a turkey. Faith Church is the main source of gift cards for the CCC. Your generosity has sustained this project year after year.

The deacons thank you and ask if you could help us do it again. Money will be collected during fellowship on 11/03 and 11/10 and 11/17. Look for a deacon at the table near the water fountain!

### Gifts for Urban Promise

We just finished with Halloween and Thanksgiving is a few weeks away. But it’s not too early to think about the joy of Christmas giving. This year the Mission Committee will again be collecting gifts for Urban Promise in Camden. We will have our Mission Tree up in the Fellowship Area by the end of November. Please take a tag or two and shop for a worthy cause. More details to come. Thank you.





## Save the Dates!

- 11/2** – Prayer Shawl Ministry (10am)
- 11/9** – HOPE Garden Fall Clean-up (10am)
- 11/10** – Fall Brunch (10:30am)
- 11/16** – Leaders Retreat (9am-noon)
- 11/25** – Gift Collection for Urban Promise Begins
- 11/30** – Decorating for Advent & Christmas (9:30am)
- 12/2-12/5** – Bonefish Grill Fundraiser, starting at 4pm
- 12/22** – Pop-up Christmas Pageant (9:30am)



**Second Annual  
Pop Up  
Pageant!**

**December 22, 2019  
9:30 am Worship**

Arrive at 9:10 to  
choose a costume  
and part!

Kids and Kids at heart are welcome to join in our no rehearsal Christmas pageant. Join us for a time of celebratory worship as we reenact the arrival of Jesus.

**Let's Decorate!**

**November 30 9:30 am**

We will decorate the church for Advent & Christmas.



*Did you notice the newly re-lined parking lot?  
Thank You Buildings & Grounds Team!*

## DRIVERS NEEDED!!



The Deacons are compiling a list of drivers who would be willing to take members to and from appointments. If you can volunteer to drive, please contact Kay Galberg.



### A Call to Prayer Regarding Recent Events in Syria

Our missionaries in Iraq, Rev. Greg and Chris Callison, are calling on us for serious and ongoing prayer for the Kurds and Christians in Syria. While the Callisons feel they are very safe in Iraqi Kurdistan where they are based, they also fear, along with local authorities, that if the US can abandon their cousins in Syria, ultimately how secure are they?

Greg and Chris were deeply disturbed and embarrassed by the ordered pullout of US troops in nearby Syria. They seek to be representatives of Jesus Christ, not the US. Nonetheless, they state they are American and US actions do have an impact on their witness to Christ.

Please join us in heartfelt prayer for the ongoing safety of our missionaries, the Kurdish majority and Christian minority in northern Syria, now in turmoil. "Oh Lord, hear our prayer."

- Lorraine Kunkle, Mission Elder

*"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?  
Then said I, Here am I; send me." ~Isaiah 6:8*



## Faith Bible Study Groups

**OGs Men's Bible Study** has started a new series, The Truth Project from Focus on the Family. There is open discussion following the video, then brunch at the Medport Diner. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the church.

**Morning Glories Women's Bible Study** is reading "Bad Boys of the Bible: Exploring Men of Questionable Virtue." The book presents the stories of 14 well-known men of the Bible, who are strong and weak, faithful and challenged, including Cain, Abraham, Moses, Samson, Saul, David, Judas and Pontius Pilate. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 9:15am at the church.

**Please Join Us!**

## All-in-One Sunday School November 2019 Schedule

- 11/3 **Solomon Becomes King**
- 11/10 **Solomon's Wisdom Proverbs**
- 11/17 **Solomon Builds the Temple**
- 11/24 **Solomon Dedicates the Temple**



## Mission Sunday Scavenger Hunt!

We'll be collecting food for Faith's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Stay tuned for details!



*"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." ~ Luke 18:16*



## HOPE Garden Fall Update!



2019 has been a great season, with nearly 1,270 pounds of produce harvested to date! Fall crops of lettuce, radishes, beans and peppers are still growing and being donated to the Christian Caring Center each Monday. A fall clean-up day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. There will be manure to spread, plants to remove and cedar boards to install along the perimeter of the garden area.

Thanks to ALL for your support throughout the season to Help Other People Eat!!

## Thank You from the Prayer Shawl Ministry!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is wrapping up the fall meeting schedule on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. We'll reconvene in April 2020!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who continue to donate their time and knitting talents to make dozens of prayer shawls, baby blankets, lap robes, scarves, prayer pillows – and now – newborn baby hats!

*The PSM is ALWAYS grateful for additional home knitters. Please contact Janet Sharpe if you can help!*



*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” ~ Corinthians 15:58*



## **SMALL WORLD NEWS**

**Transitional Kindergarten** is counting down the days until Thanksgiving!

We will be learning Thanksgiving songs for our Feast and charting what we are thankful for.

We will be baking oatmeal cookies, pumpkin bread and making butter.

Healthy eating is a big theme for us this month.

The end of November we will present our Lots of Little Pigs play to our friends and family!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!

**Pre-K** has been busy discovering the season of fall.

We will be preparing for our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast.

We will be discussing things that we are thankful for ~ family, friends and school.

We will be making special bracelets that symbolize the special parts of the Thanksgiving story.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

**Small World's three-year-olds** have been busy little spiders crafting and decorating Fall and Halloween things!

Nature walks, in this fall season, have taught us so much about changing colors, the beauty of leaves and fun nature items to collect (leaves, acorns, pine cones and pumpkins).

Moving into November we will discuss being thankful which will lead up to our Thanksgiving Gathering, where both classes prepare eat a shared snack together.

Bring on Turkey Day!!

**Small World two's classes** will be focusing on the color brown and the triangle shape.

We are still working on classroom routines, using our manners, listening and playing nicely with our friends.

The children will be making many adorable turkey and Thanksgiving related crafts.

We will also talk about our favorite Thanksgiving foods!

**Small World families and staff are very thankful for everyone at Faith Church and wish you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving!**

