



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM

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231 PINE STREET
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP TIME: 9:30 AM

Pastor's Journal

Dear Friends in Christ,



It's that time of year that we really start thinking about being thankful. When the leaves are nearly gone from the trees, the air is frosty in the mornings, and the farmers are nearing the end of harvest. When we are reminded of Thanksgiving get-togethers with our families and friends.

We're told in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." But are we truly thankful in all things?

We are to be thankful not only for the things we like, but for the circumstances we don't like. When we purpose to thank God for everything that He allows to come into our lives, we keep bitterness at bay. We cannot be both thankful and bitter at the same time. We do not thank Him for evil, but that He is sustaining us through it (James 1:12). We don't thank Him for harm He did not cause, but we thank Him when He gives us the strength to endure it (2 Corinthians 12:9). We thank Him for His promise that "all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).



The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God (Psalm 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 1 Chronicles 16:34; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). Most verses go on to list reasons why we should thank Him, such as "His love endures forever" (Psalm 136:3), "He is good" (Psalm 118:29), and "His mercy is everlasting" (Psalm 100:5).

Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us (James 1:17). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratefulness, we become arrogant and



self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we don't have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we do have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

We can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. That is what the Bible calls a "sacrifice of praise" (Hebrews 13:15). Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience (Philippians 4:6-7).



So how are thankful are you today? I know what I am thankful for everyday and I will share my prayer with all of you, so you may pray as well: "Almighty God, thank You that I don't have to earn my way to heaven. Thank You for the gift of faith. I know that I have been made right with You because of my faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ. My salvation is secure. In Jesus name I pray, Amen."



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Your Servant in Christ, *Pastor Cyndy*





Community Presbyterian Session Meeting November 8, 2017

The Session met on Wednesday, November 8th.

Elders Present: Joyce Roeschke, John Hammer, Bev Logsdon, Darwin Brink, Lorna Peters, Bob Ownby & Kris Koch.

Elders Absent: Joe Garthright, Troy Widman.

Also Present: Clerk-Nancy Todd, Treasurer-Raejean Furne, Moderator-Pastor Cyndy.

Presbytery Meeting at Lakeshore Center in Okoboji on Saturday, October 28th was attended by Bev Logsdon, Lorna Peters and Pastor Cyndy.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers to be brought before the congregation for a vote. A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on December 17th.

The Finance Committee conducted a review of the Treasurer's books and they were found to be in good order.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. Please contact Nancy Todd if you wish to add an item to the agenda.



The Bible Study groups have resumed their normal Tuesday schedule: Bronson - 10:00 a.m.; Lawton - 2:00 p.m.;

Bible Study



Char Mac - 6:00 p.m.

Communion at Community



Communion for December will be on Sunday, December 3rd.

If you or someone you know would appreciate home communion, please let Pastor Cyndy know.



Necrology Report

The reading of the Necrology Report will take place during worship on Sunday, November 19th.



ADVENT



The next potluck will be on Sunday,

November 26th, in conjunction with the Hanging of the Greens to decorate the church for Christmas.

Come to worship and stay for the fun and fellowship!





*New Prayer Requests for
Our Community
Presbyterian Church Family
Nov 5th - Nov 12th, 2017*

*A complete list can be found at
www.community-presbyterian.org*

Please keep the following members of our church family in your prayers:

Randy Logsdon, Galen Benson family, Jason & Aliesha Maddy, Norma King, Charles Roeschke & Debbie (brother & sister of Joyce), JoEllen McCord family, June Vondrak, Jason Maddy & Vets in Puerto Rico, Matt & Brandi King, Dee Larson, Mark Wilson, Ann Marie Hunter, farmers in the fields, victims of hurricanes and fires, the Military. JOYS: Luke & Ali Peters new baby girl; Tyler & Georgia Walker new baby girl.

Also, please pray for our shut-ins:

At Char-Mac: Donald Harrison, Mary Gerking, Helen Eberly, Lucille Eberly, Lawrence Edwards, Altha Bos, Betty Law
At Correctionville: Harold Howard
At Countryside: Francis Hartz
At Kingsley: Anna Packard
At Sunrise: Delores Handke
At Sunrise the Pointe: Don Grigg
At Touchstone: Alice Vanlangen
At Home: Barb Willer; Ruth Rathe; Velura Stilwell, Jerry Stilwell



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(Living at Char Mac: Mary Gerking.) Galen Benson family, Thomas (Gene) Lyndon family, Loren & Virginia Lewis, Randy Logsdon, Lynelle Amick, Richard Gerking, Paul David Cox, farmers in harvest, Joy: Paul Corrie's good results from surgery, Virginia & Loren Lewis, Terry Hazard, Linda Scadden Family, Larry Lewis, , Dean & Linda Rasmussen, victims of hurricanes and fires, the Military.



Don't forget to leave an item in the Operation Christmas Child box across from the first Sunday school room. A list of items needed is on the bulletin board above the box.

**When my arms
can't reach the
people who
are close to my
heart, I always
hug them with
my prayers.**

- Author Unknown



Mystic Sounds





The next Game Nite will be Wed. Nov. 29th 6:30-8:30 pm in the fellowship

hall. This is for everyone of all ages, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



The Deacons will host Christmas Caroling on Dec. 3rd. (Time TBA) Come join us on the Mini-bus as we travel through Lawton singing Christmas Carols for our friends and neighbors!

Sign up to bring cookies or bars for Deacons to prepare Christmas plates to deliver to our shut-ins during Caroling.



Santa House hosted by the FAMILY group will be at the Community Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 9:30-11:00 am.



Our Per Capita is due on or before Dec. 31st. Per Capita per member this year is \$37.34. If you are able to help by paying Per Capita for a member not able to do so, such as those in nursing homes, home bound or with limited incomes, know God will bless you for your generosity!



There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on December 17th to approve the budget, and elect the new officers. Mark your calendars!



The Children's Christmas Program will be on Jan 14th during worship. Last year, we were forced to move it to January due to inclement weather in December. We decided that the January date seemed to work better for everyone! Who says that Christmas should only be celebrated in December??!



November 2017

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29	 <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR, PLEASE</p>	<p>Turn your clocks back before you go to bed on November 4th. Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th.</p>	1	2	3	4																																																																																																	
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