

# Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

*To grow in Christ, becoming like Him, to the glory of God.*

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**Worship: Sunday 10:00am**

## Pastor Appreciation

Well it's that time of the year –football games, fall leaves and Pastor Appreciation Month. Lighthouse Church has been blessed with a wonderful pastor, Kirk Johnston. And although we hope he knows he is appreciated every day, what a great opportunity to let him know how we feel. Please take some time this month to express your appreciation by sending a personal note, baking a treat or sending a gift card. These are just examples. Use your imagination and let him know how much you value him.

We will collect cards and goodies to present to him at the reception on  
**Sunday, October 24th,**  
following worship.



## Thanksgiving Dinner is back!!!



Deacons are excited to be able to host this year's Thanksgiving Dinner following the worship service on  
**Sunday, November 14th.**

Deacons will provide the turkey, dressing, potatoes, green bean casserole, gravy, rolls, beverages and table service.

You are asked to bring a large side dish (to serve 8-12) of your family's Thanksgiving favorite! If you do not have a family favorite, then bring the following, based on your last name:

A-H	Bring a pie or other dessert
I-Z	Bring a salad, vegetable, jello, fruit or relish dish

It is helpful to bring your food item in a disposable container or have your name on all your dishware. Deacons will be available out front to help take your dish when you arrive.





Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of:

- **Mike Bishop**  
(Sue Dumcum)
- **Carol Daugherty**  
(Harry Hellyer)
- **Father Pete O'Sullivan**  
(Rebecca Sutton)
- **Rich Rowan**  
(Abbie Perina's step-dad)
- **Maxine Barber**  
(Georgiea Slyter's mother)

## Christian Childcare Needed

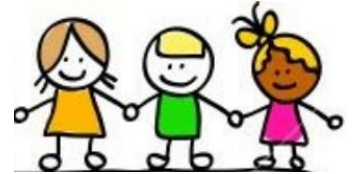


Lighthouse Church has a part-time paid position for childcare on a rotational basis on Sunday mornings, and various other evening times during the week.

**Days:** Sunday Mornings 8:30am to 11:30am  
Monday Evenings—Varying  
Tuesday Evenings 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Wednesday Evenings 5:30pm to 7:15pm

**Wages:** 16 yr. old and 17 yr. old = \$10.00/hour  
18 yr. old and above = \$15.00/hour

For more information, please contact the Church Office at 913-294-2400 or email [tracey@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:tracey@paolalighthouse.com).



Congratulations to Sarah (Bishop) Cano and her husband David on the birth of their son, Royal Alexander, who was born on October 17th. Proud grandparents are Rick & Angela Bishop.

## MONTHLY INCOME REPORT September 2021

### GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$486,293.04
YTD Actual Giving	\$437,403.17
Amount still needed:	\$ 48,889.87

### BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 102,273.79
Loan Balance:	\$2,365,194.49



## Newsletter DEADLINE

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Oct. 29th.

Thank you in advance for your help.

**Thursday, November 4th 11:30am** 1st Thursdays   
for Seniors

We will be enjoying an Italian themed lunch together and Pastor Kirk will share. Lunch will be served with a suggested donation of \$3.00. It is helpful to receive your reservations. Please RSVP to Rebecca Sutton at 913-294-2400 or email her at [rebecca@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:rebecca@paolalighthouse.com), no later than Tuesday, November 2nd or sign up on Sunday at the Welcome table.



## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

You may fill out a prayer request:

### SIGN-UP:

Welcome Table

### CALL:

913.294.2400

### EMAIL:

rebecca@paolalighthouse.com

### WEBSITE:

[www.paolalighthouse.com/connect](http://www.paolalighthouse.com/connect)



## Drive-Thru Living Nativity

Friday December 3rd and

Saturday December 4th

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

(Last tour starts at 7:30)

Lighthouse Church Parking Lot

*Come, create memorable moments  
with your family and loved ones with this multi-scene  
guided tour.*

*Live animals, music, cookies,  
and hot chocolate.*

## Nativity Volunteer Opportunities

### Ways to help before the event:

Committee member to help with planning of event. Project work such as organizing supplies, help assign costumes, hang advertising banners, hang flyers in community, and help with practice on Sunday, Nov 21. Additional projects will be added as the date gets closer.

### Setup the week of the event:

Set up: tents, various scenes with backdrops, props and décor, hang lights, signs, refreshments area, cones in parking lot. Some set up will be done during the day and some in the evenings. Additional projects will be added as the date gets closer.

### Items we would like to borrow:

Propane heaters for tents, small hay or straw bales, animals such as goats and calves, golf carts for parking attendants to use to have vehicles follow.

Contact Tricia Sinclair at  
[sinclairs2014@gmail.com](mailto:sinclairs2014@gmail.com) or at  
913.908.3969.

### Ways to help during the event:

Actor/Actress: Short script to memorize, costume provided. We need children in some scenes, and youth and adults in other scenes.

Biggest needs:

- Non speaking part for a 3, 4 or 5 year old boy.
- 2 Wisemen (adult or children)

Marketplace Peasants: Dress up in costume and pretend to do jobs from that time period. Wonderful place for individuals, families and children. Great place to get to visit with people!

Parking: Help visitors in vehicles line up in designated area and progress from scene to scene. We also need greeters at the front to initially welcome visitors and work with parking attendants.

Costumes: Check out costumes at beginning and end of each night.

Ways to help after the event: Clean up Sunday, Dec 5, 11:30 am: Serve lunch, take down tents, tables, chairs, props, backgrounds, signs, empty trash, clean up fire pits and more. We really need a lot of help with clean-up! Lunch provided. Costumes: Wash a small group of costumes after the nativity.

# NOVEMBER



- 1 Jaime Trent
- 4 Kelli Whitney
- 8 Shannon Roseberry
- Josh Simons
- 9 Lane Hoffine
- Hoyt Hoffine
- John Walters
- 11 Susie McClurg
- 13 Judy Kappler
- 15 Wesley Maxwell
- 17 Meredith Drummond
- Mary McDougal
- 18 Susan Blain
- Kelsey Martin
- 19 Neil Blakeman
- Jim Queen
- 21 Jason Mueller
- Kaleb Mueller
- 22 Nick Hartig
- Kendra Wedde
- 23 Lucille Baecker
- Ella Needham
- 24 Cutter Meade
- 25 Niko Carter
- Phyllis Hollinger
- 26 Brian Briley
- Bev Knapp
- 27 Layne Taylor
- 28 Jim Adams
- 29 Dave Hime



## Congregational Meeting Results October 10, 2021

- Elders elected to begin serving in January of 2022:  
Rob Burdge, Darren Green, Ivy Poetter, Alex Weidman, and Tom Wolf
- Deacons elected to begin serving in January of 2022:  
Paula Armstrong, Jessica Meade, Linda Morrill and Randy Nemeth
- Members elected to the Church Nominating Committee for 2022:  
Marsha Adams, Frederick Poetter, Brent Eppler, Jimmy Hay and Heather Sterk



## MEN, from age 18 to 180....

Come and join us for some serious **Soul Work**. Experience a weekend like you've never experienced before. It's not sitting around, listening to keynote speakers. It's intensive soul work between you and God. Marked Men for Christ builds stronger men for Jesus through ongoing transformational experiences and authentic relationships.

To register, go to: [www.markedmenforchrist.org](http://www.markedmenforchrist.org) and you will see the "Sign Up" button. When you hit that button, scroll down the events page to USA - Heartland Region and you will see the event at Heartland Presbyterian Retreat Center. The register button is on the right side of the page.

The registration fee is a suggested donation, or whatever a man can afford, no questions asked. We never make payment a requirement for what God wants to do in a man's life.

**The event runs**  
**Friday, December 3rd, 5:00pm**  
**through**  
**Sunday, December 5th, 1:00 pm**

If you have questions, call Jim Gillespie at: (913) 638-2016

## PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



### What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

### What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

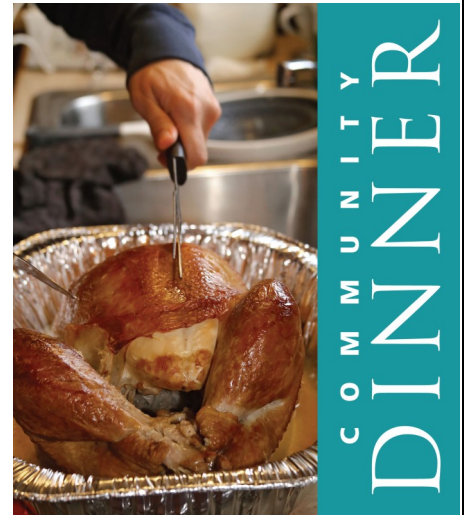
## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

For Miami County

Cost: FREE  
 Date: Thanksgiving Thursday, November 25, 2021  
 Time: 12:00-1:30pm  
 Location: Lighthouse Church

Meal delivery available upon request.

For more information, call Lighthouse Church at 913-294-2400.



*RSVP's are not required, but it will help us in our planning.*

### Ways to help with this ministry:

- Help get the word out - deliver flyers to your neighbors, place of business, etc.
- Help on Thanksgiving Day with meal prep, deliveries, serving and clean-up at Lighthouse Church.
- Give financial contributions (this event is privately funded).

For more information, contact: Church Office 913.294-2400 or Troy & Kim Bruza at [bruzafam2015@gmail.com](mailto:bruzafam2015@gmail.com).

## Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 7th

We have now distributed stewardship packets to members and friends to participate in our stewardship drive. If you have not received these materials and would like to, please contact the church office: (913) 294-2400; [tracey@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:tracey@paolalighthouse.com), [rebecca@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:rebecca@paolalighthouse.com) or [erin@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:erin@paolalighthouse.com).

We also ask that you would bring your pledge card to worship on **November 7th – Pledge Dedication Sunday** – when we will dedicate our gifts to the Lord and to His Cause. Thank you in advance for your willingness and generosity toward the building of God's Kingdom in Paola, Miami County, and to the end of the earth.

**PLEDGE**  
*Sunday*

Thank You.





# SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

**PACK A SHOEBOX**

 **Samaritan's Purse®**  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

## Pack the Pump

Years ago, before Lighthouse was built and the youth group was meeting at the Briley building, my sister Delores and I organized a packing party there for Operation Christmas Child.

I spent a day and a half sorting everything by age group and gender. I had a table for things that would go in every box – soap, candy, letters, school supplies. Toys and clothing were sorted by age. Empty shoe boxes were assembled. Labels were cut out and pens and tape were ready. Let the party begin.

Have you ever tried to control two dozen senior high youths in a warehouse setting? I didn't try to give them too many instructions, but one thing I did try to emphasize had to do with the dozen deflated soccer balls on the table. "IF YOU PACK A SOCCER BALL," I shouted, "YOU MUST PACK AN AIR PUMP WITH IT."

From the word "go," it was total chaos, but what would have taken all day if we were packing the boxes ourselves, was done in no time flat. After the kids went off to their classrooms, I started to clean up the leftovers. You've probably guessed what I found on one of the tables – an air pump.

What should we do now? Start opening boxes until we found the offending box? There were hundreds of finished boxes. What were the odds that the person who packed a soccer ball and, in their haste, forgot the pump would remember which of the hundreds of boxes we needed to reopen?

I headed back to the classroom waving the offending air pump. "Does anyone remember packing a soccer ball and not putting the pump in?" After the initial

"Was it me?" looks, the guilty teen (aka Luke Johnston) stepped forward. What a memory! And he was able to walk in the other room, pick out the right box, and reunite the soccer ball and pump. No problem.

Whereas I had no idea what ended up in each box, someone (in this case Luke) did.

Samaritan's Purse provides a long list of suggestions of what to pack in a shoebox, from school supplies, hygiene items, and toys. As you pack a shoebox, let your imagination and God's spirit guide you. The boxes can be as unique as the child getting it.

Just don't forget to put in an air pump if you pack a soccer ball!

--Jane Hines, OCC committee

**National Collection Week**  
**Nov. 15-22**



For more information on how to pack a shoebox:  
<https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

# Children's Ministry

## Our Vision



- ♦ To grow in Christ and become like Him.
- ♦ To teach and demonstrate the Gospel each time we gather with children.
- ♦ To pray that children may be light in their world that grows brighter each day with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ To support the family unit as primary teachers of the faith and the conduit through which God shows His love and reveals His character.



## Sunday Mornings:

- ♦ Nursery is available for ages 0-3 during worship.
- ♦ **Children's Church** is offered during worship for children age **Preschool-5th** grade. At a designated time during the service (usually following the Children's Talk), children are dismissed to meet their adult leaders in the back of the sanctuary. Following worship, children may be picked up in the children's educational wing. *There is no Children's Church on 5th Sundays.*

## Midweek:

- ♦ Twice a year (Fall & Spring), a mid-week **Family Night and Kingdom Kids** is offered on Wednesday evenings that includes a meal, family worship, and Bible study activities for all ages. *Dates, times, and other necessary information will be provided in the weeks prior to each session.*

## Special Events:

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** for ages **Pre-school-5th** grade is offered each Summer. *Dates and details are provided each Spring.*
- ♦ **Seasonal Family Events** (onsite, online, or at-home) occur throughout the year. *Info is provided in the weeks prior to each event.*



**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**  
Kingdom Kids (5:30-7:15pm)

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
5th Sunday Family Service (10:00am)  
Reformation Day and Halloween!

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**  
Kingdom Kids (5:30-7:15pm)

## 5th Sunday Family Service!!!

Join us on Sunday,  
October 31  
for a special family  
friendly worship  
service!



REFORMATION



Children will be involved in the worship service readings and have an opportunity to sing songs they have been learning in Kingdom Kids!

Josh Simons, Children's Ministry Director, will be preaching a sermon that morning designed to engage all ages as we talk about how SWEET it is to be SAINTS in God's Kingdom!

Don't miss out on  
candy and Christ!!!

If you would like to join our amazing team, contact Josh Simons, Director of Children's Ministry at 913.406.6137 (call or text) or email him at [josh@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:josh@paolalighthouse.com).

# Lighthouse Youth



## HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

### High School Youth

**High School students (Grades 9-12) will meet on Sundays:**

Our new time frame on Sunday evenings will be 7:00-8:30pm. We are excited to building relationships and pouring into your students throughout the Fall.

**Leader Contact Info:**

youth@paolalighthouse.com  
Jonathan Sterk: 913.244.6584  
Lisa Weidman: 913.731.6312

### Middle School Youth

**Middle School students (Grades 6-8) will meet on Wednesdays:**

Our new time frame on Wednesday evenings will be 5:30-7:00pm. We look forward to building relationships and studying the Book of Mark throughout the Fall.

**Leader Contact Info:**

youth@paolalighthouse.com  
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder: 913.709.2165

### High School Leaders

Ryan Haupt  
Heather Sterk  
Jonathan Sterk  
Lisa Weidman

### Middle School Leaders

Mike Bayles  
Sara Gayley  
Kirk Johnston  
Maggie Koechner  
Maddie Pitzer  
Oliver Sparks  
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder  
Jennie Terflinger

### Youth Director Search Committee

Tresha Miller, Chair  
Erin Capettini, Secretary  
Benjamin Sparks  
Jonathan Sterk  
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder  
Jennie Terflinger

### LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

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## For the month of October 2021

### Miscellaneous Issues

Dale Achey (Greta Achey)  
Candi Ahlbrandt (Joel Ahlbrandt)  
Joel Ahlbrandt  
Sandy Ball (Rebecca Sutton)  
Dorothy Boyd  
Leon Briley  
Pam Bryant  
Royal Cano (Rick & Angela Bishop)  
Charles Cooper (Cindy Walters)  
Millie Sue Cox (Linda Gibson)  
Kenneth, Matthew & Sarah  
Cummings (Rosemary Cummings)  
Kristen Cummings  
Rosemary Cummings  
Jean Driskell (Theresa Morrison)  
Susan Eppler  
Billie Fretz  
Jan Gillespie  
Joe Gillespie  
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)  
Leslie Harvell (Rebecca Sutton)  
David Hime  
Scott Hines  
Paula Cooper Inman  
(Cindy Walters)  
Melinda James (Rebecca Sutton)  
Gary Keller (Kirk Johnston)  
Ben Kirkpatrick  
(Bob & Kathie Kirkpatrick)  
Bev Knapp  
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)  
Maggie Koechner

Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)  
Tammy LaGrange (Judy Kappler)  
Joyce Mahaffie (Amy Herron)  
Jeremy Martin  
(Doug & Linda Martin)  
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)  
Jim McCauley (Samantha Green)  
Judy Miller (Maria Heid)  
Karen Miller  
Theresa Morrison  
Adam Murphy  
(Bob & Jenny Paulsen)  
Eric Natrass (Cindy Walters)  
Janet Offutt  
Sadie Olson (Marilyn Mueller)  
Rev. Kermit Opprieht  
(Mike Gibson)  
June Percival (Rebecca Sutton)  
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)  
Fran Riggs (Theresa Morrison)  
Joel Riggs (Theresa Morrison)  
Scott Riggs (Theresa Morrison)  
Terry Robinson  
Palmer Swafford (Tracey Hecker)  
Lucas Terflinger  
(Dustin & Jennie Terflinger)  
TJ Thomas  
Mary Ann Thornton  
Gary Tostenson (Debbie Ebeling)  
Marlene Voigts  
Reta Wadley  
(Amy Herron)  
Robert Walker  
(Mike & Debbie Murdock)  
Gail Walter  
Betty Weabe (Kay Ufford)  
Nadine Zemp (Marilyn Roberts)

### Military

Joshua Ales (Theresa Morrison)  
Christina Behnke  
Tony Newman (Bob Paulsen)  
Nick Spencer (Alicia Spencer)

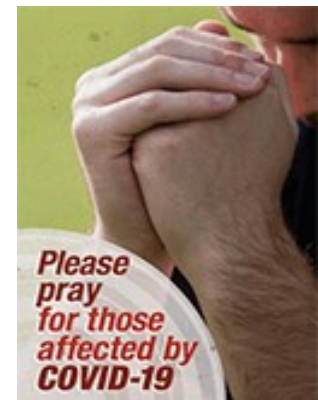
### Cancer

John Ahlbrandt (Joel Ahlbrandt)  
Lon Boyd  
Jim Brisendine (Bob Dameron)  
Tommy Gillen (Terry Gillen)  
Ashlee Guthrie (Roberta Briley)  
Delores Herrs (Denise Reynolds)  
Megan Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)  
Chuck & Linda Lane  
(Bob Kirkpatrick)  
Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)  
Steve Minor (Cindy Walters)  
Cindy Morriaella  
(Theresa Morrison)  
Jana Morris (Rebecca Sutton)  
Jim Moscript (Leon Briley)  
Judy Mullenix (Kay Ufford)  
Rachel Owens (Christine Owens)  
Deb Schindler (Rebecca Sutton)  
Chuck Smith (Shonda Dyer)  
Tammy Stump (Rebecca Sutton)  
Sabrina Thomley (Denise Reynolds)  
Donna Turner (Theresa Morrison)

*(Names in parentheses indicate the church family requesting prayer)*

*(Names will run for four weeks, so please notify the office if you would like to have a name left on this*

*er pray-list.)*



### **HOW TO CONTACT US:**

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Children's Ministry Director:	
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Kristal Sparks, Nursery Director:	<a href="mailto:nursery@paolalighthouse.com">nursery@paolalighthouse.com</a>

#### Social Media Links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lighthouse-Church-Paola-219012411623610/>