

NOVEMBER 2016

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THE PROVERB

"Called by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to worship, grow and serve."

Well, it's November. And my well-patterned internal church calendar instinctively began thinking about stewardship. November is the month many churches do their stewardship drives. I believe that is because it allows the congregation to give one last financial push to meet its budget before it closes its books at the end of the year. That is all good. We have a financial responsibility to end the year in the black. I also think it's in November because it gets the congregation thinking about giving as the new financial year begins. That is good as well. It is wise to start the year strong, since the summer months tend to lag financially. But this year, I am beginning to think about stewardship differently.

In the past the church has often thought of stewardship as a means for funding our mission—the things we do in the name of Christ. The thought process is pretty simple: We would not be able to accomplish those things if we did not have a good stewardship program to provide us with the funding. It's kind of hard to argue with that.

Except, after further review, church leaders are beginning to think that stewardship just might be our mission. Now before you get too excited thinking, "That's too much giving!" or "Church is not just about money," let me explain how this thinking changed. Church leaders became concerned that the word stewardship became too closely tied with money. That is not how the Bible uses that word. Nor did the church Jesus started 2000 years ago think of stewardship that way. So our church leaders began to suggest we reform the way we think about stewardship, and find if our more faithful way of using the word stewardship might actually make a positive change to our financial ebb and flow.

Stewardship actually means belonging to God, not how much you gave according to your quarterly statements. Look at the previous sentence again. Which use of the word stewardship has a deeper spiritual meaning—belonging to God or quarterly statements. Stewardship means belonging to God. You belong to God. And that is Good News! What flows from that reality is also good news. Belonging to God also means we are being used by God to accomplish wonderful things in this world. Our identity as God's people means the Holy Spirit will move through us to impact this world in holy ways.

That's God's mission throughout the Bible. From Genesis 3 on, God has been using God's people—the likes of us—to restore the world to the good relational foundation that existed before Adam and Eve thought it was a fine idea to know what evil was all about. God's been restoring this world for a long time and God is still restoring it through us. That God is working through us is what Stewardship is all about.

So how does that impact the way we do stewardship in the church?

First, let us not lose the big picture. The big picture is you belong to God, and that changes everything. It changes the way we think of ourselves—you are that important. It changes the way we think of others—they are that important as well. It changes the ways we interact with others and the world God made. When we go to church and approach the offering plate, we start to see that our giving to the church comes from our belonging to God, not the other way around. So, let us not lose the big picture. The primary focus of stewardship is not faithful giving but faithful living. Once we bask ourselves in the big picture, we see that what people donate to the church is just one small part of our stewardship living. We are a people whom God uses for good in this world. That's our main stewardship message. That's what we want to talk about most of the time. And then giving to the church comes up now and then as a part of the big picture, and the flow is much more natural and the 'why we give' is much more easily understood.

This big picture also changes the emotional way we think about stewardship. Stewardship moves from an obligation to a privilege. The Biblical message of stewardship is good news: God claims you. And that God who claims you wants to use us: our time, our talents, our treasures. God wants to use us to do wonderful things in this world. The incredible good news in Scripture is the world can be a better place for having us in it. The message is not, "You should use your money the way God wants you to use it." Our message is one of joyful celebration as people who know they belong to God. We know God will use our money and our time and our talents to accomplish wonderful things in this world. And knowing that adds meaning and value to our lives. What a privilege to be a part of God's mission in this world.

Stewardship is all the ways God uses us in this life and one of those ways is financial giving. But I don't think of financial giving as a duty but a delight. I think of all the joyful faces as we gather for so many of our activities. Let us think of helping with the finances of the church the same way. Let us give joyfully because we truly want to fully participate with the good news we celebrate here at Kettle Moraine. We are able to give our hearts, overflowing with gratitude to God, because we are people who belong to God. But more than that, we are a people who love God. And our delight can be found in giving God our time, our talent and our treasures.

God's peace, *Pastor Matt*



SESSION NOTES:

Kim Koski (Clerk of Session) 262-966-2455 / dkoski@wi.rr.com

Session will meet Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The Session had the privilege of welcoming 5 new members to our congregation this month: Wally and Sandy Friedl, Steve and Donna DuBrava and Sue Sharp. We are blessed as the Holy Spirit is moving in our community and in people's hearts to work together here at Kettle Moraine UPC.

Motion from the Special Session Meeting of 10/16/16:

Motion: It was moved and seconded that Sue Sharp be accepted into the fellowship of Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church congregation. The motion carried.

Motion from the Regular Session Meeting of 10/20/16:

Motion: It was moved and seconded that Wally and Sandy Friedl and Steve and Donna DuBrava be accepted into the fellowship of Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church congregation. The motion carried.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Season is nearly here, and there are many wonderful activities happening at your church. Please get involved! It's a great time to participate, not only attending the event but planning as well. The committees of the church are always open to new members.

Kitty Schultz will be the Elder in charge of the Sacrament of Holy Communion on November 6th. Please let her know if you or someone you know would like a home communion visit.

Enjoy the Peace which is found in the Presence of God!

Blessings, *Kim Koski*, Clerk of Session



All MEMBERS of the Congregation
Are encouraged to attend the CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
On Sunday, November 13th following the Worship Service
For the purpose of Electing Church Elders and Deacons



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS / LEADERSHIP:

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A great big THANK YOU goes out to all of those who helped on the Fall Church Cleanup day. The place looks great! Your time and effort were greatly appreciated.

Building and Grounds Committee



DEACONS' CORNER:

Sherry Edlhuber (chair) 262-367-4634 / jsedlhuber@yahoo.com

NEXT MEETING: *Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room*

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Deacons will be putting together "Holiday Foodboxes" on November 14th. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the basket in the Narthex by **Sunday, November 13th**. If you know of someone in need, please let a Deacon know.



COLLEGE STUDENT EXAM GIFTS: Parents, please give Duane Koski (dkoski@wi.rr.com) the address for your college student. The Deacons will once again remember them at exam time.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Fellowship time after church can only happen if people sign up to help. Please check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for any open dates. You don't need to provide a feast, just some cookies and juice. You will then need to clean up afterwards, just wash the cups and clean up the kitchen.



DEACONS: Sherry Edlhuber, Sandy Flatt, Diane Kallas, Duane Koski
Frank McLeod, Jean Mickler, Judy Warner & Lisa Weatherbee.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 30 at 3 p.m.**

Kitty Schultz (chair) 262-966-7059 / kitty1948@att.net

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS**Nov. 6 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 13 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 20 - Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

EARLY MORNING PRAYER GROUP
 Meets every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
 All are encouraged to join in.

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

We will have a **"MUSIC MESS AROUND"** on
Wednesday, November 9 from 6 to 7/7:30 pm
(Come when you can; leave when you must!)

Bring your voice, any instruments that you want,
 even your kazoo! We will just have **MUSICAL FUN!**
 This is **NOT** a musical practice—it's a "jam" session
 where we will just **PLAY** with music.

ANYONE is WELCOME!

You **DO NOT** have to be a member of any of our
 musical groups. **JUST COME!**

Music Dept.

Practices are on Wednesdays

Handbells (4 pm): Emily Guderyon (262) 719-2909

Choir (5pm): Stephanie Flessert (262) 966-0863

Guitar Group: as needed

Talk to Emily or Stephanie about joining any of these
 groups. Or volunteer to provide special music some
 Sunday! We always welcome new musicians of all ages!

**Saturday, November 26****9 to 11 a.m.**

Children will participate in "Advent-
 ures" in Crafting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Jan Mahaney (chair) 262-367-6929 / jimnjanmaha@yahoo.com

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

By the time you are reading this we have celebrated another wonderful Happy Harvest. A big THANK YOU to all that set up their trunks and provided treats for our youth and friends. What a great way to show the youth we care.

November is looking very busy for the youth. We are continuing the new curriculum and collecting our Bible bucks. So far the kids have collected over \$50 for the layette crib and are looking for any member of the congregation that may want to match one student's total or match the entire group.



Our **ADVENT-URE IN CRAFTING** is planned for **November 26, the Saturday** after Thanksgiving during **Hanging of the Greens, from 9-11am**. If you have a craft that you think would be fun let, Tryna Meyer know. More information will be coming.

We are also preparing for the Christmas program that will be held on **January 8** this year. The title of the program is "STAR TRIP: Our Faith Awakens" Right now the practice schedule is during our Sunday School time. If more time is needed a schedule will be posted.

**MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:**

Phyllis Warden (chair) 262-646-3873 / flipwarden@hotmail.com

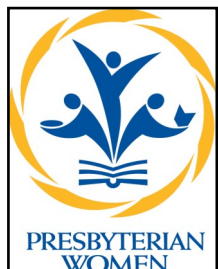


**Operation
Christmas Child**

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We won't be doing the shoebox project this year, but rather are collecting for the \$7 postage charges to donate for those giving boxes who can't afford the postage. Please make your checks out to KMUPC with "Shoebox" in the memo line.

Cookie Walk**Saturday, December 3****More information later.**

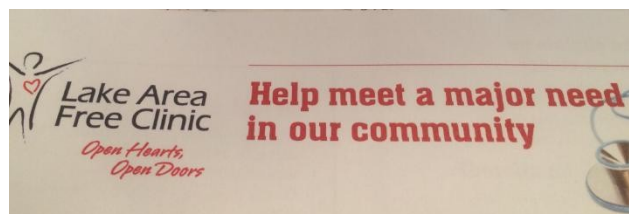


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Any woman in the congregation is welcome to participate in the Presbyterian Women's group.

Next Meeting: *Monday, November 7 at 9:30 a.m.*

To most of us, a throbbing toothache causes us to call our dentist for an emergency appointment. An estimated 35,000 low income adults in Waukesha County are without dental help and often times end up in Urgent Care or the Emergency Room.



Prioritizing dental care among other health crises and basic needs of living remains a challenge most cannot overcome. The Lake Area Free Clinic sees its medical patients struggle with this very challenge. Waukesha County does not currently have a safety net for those needing basic dental services—while each one of our surrounding counties do.

The Presbyterian Women would like to CHALLENGE you to match our donation of \$500.00 for the dental services. Let's make an important and immediate impact on meeting this major need in our community.

Won't you consider meeting this challenge and help us restore the health and well-being AND THE SMILES of so many of our neighbors?

See the collection sign for your contributions in the Narthex. WILL YOU MEET THE PW CHALLENGE? Cash or checks made out to LAFC Dental Campaign, appreciatively accepted. Help make an important and immediate impact on meeting this major need in our community. More information is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN OF FAITH:

Next Meeting: *Thursday, November 17 at 12:30 p.m.* Bring a sandwich!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



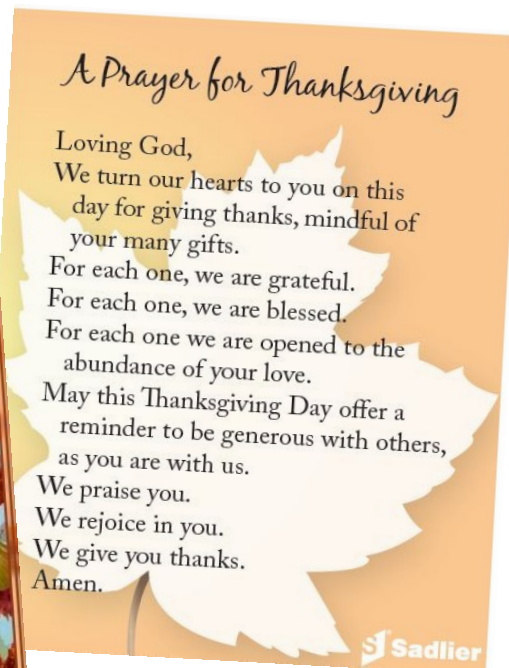
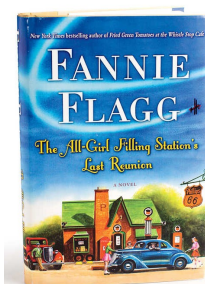
KMUPC FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Wednesday, November 2 at Noon. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to join us for this soup and sandwich lunch sponsored by the Thursday Morning Prayer Group on first Wednesdays. A good will offering will be accepted.

BOOK CLUB:

Stephanie Flessert (coordinator) 262-966-0863 / slflessert@yahoo.com

Tuesday, November 15 p.m. at 3:30 p.m. at church. Our book is "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg. There are multiple copies in all different formats in the library system. Treats will be pot luck.

BOOK FESTIVAL: Saturday, November 5, time to be determined by those attending. The Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books is the first weekend in November at UW-Waukesha. Anyone who would like to go should contact Sherry Edlhuber. Admittance is free. Meet authors and purchase books! Afterward we will enjoy lunch in the area. This fun day is open to anyone wishing to attend. Membership in book club is not required.



MINISTER'S OFF DAY

Mondays are Pastor Matt's off day. He is accessible by cell phone, in case of emergencies. Texting is best: 608-921-1029.

Church Bulletin Board

**KIDS' SPORTS & FINE ARTS EVENTS**

We would love to show our children and youth that we support them in every way!

Parents—please let Stephanie Flessert, church secretary, know of any local sporting events, exhibits, plays or concerts in which you have a child participating. You never know who might show up to cheer your child on!

We will list these in the bulletin for the congregation to uplift them in prayer & attend, if possible!

CHURCH MAILBOXES

The mailboxes have been re-ordered so that nobody has a box in the bottom row. Each member and regular non-member participant has a mailbox and should make a habit of checking it regularly. If you would like a mailbox, please see Stephanie Flessert, church secretary.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|
| 6 | Beverly Flom |
| 11 | Lisa Weatherbee |
| 14 | Gertie Grant |
| 15 | Peggy Krug |
| 18 | Ashlynn Imse |
| | Kim Koski |
| 24 | John McBroom |
| 27 | Phyllis Warden |
| 28 | Claudia Flatt |
| | Paul Wilberscheid |
| 29 | Jackson Berens |

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items for our newsletter are due *Sunday, November 20*.

PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS

Please bring in your Piggly Wiggly store receipts and put them in the bin, bottom left corner of mailboxes near front door. We trade them in for a percentage in cash!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Donna Anderson to have requests put on our e-mail and phone prayer chains. Donna's cell phone number is (262) 391-8736. Or e-mail her at: ddanlw@aol.com. Members may also submit prayer request through our website: www.kmupc.com.

KMUPC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1 / Communion

6 pm Confirmation Class—MR

Wednesday, November 2

12 pm Fellowship Lunch—FH

4 pm Handbell Practice—S

5 pm Choir Practice—S

6:30 pm Christian Educ. Comm. Mtg.—MR

Thursday, November 3

6:30 am Morning Prayer—N

Saturday, November 5

 -- Daylight Saving Time ends tonight-
set clocks back 1 hour before bedtime

Sunday, November 6 (Communion)

10 am Communion Worship Service—S

10:15 am Sunday School—LL

11 am Coffee Hour—FH

Monday, November 7

9:30 am PW Meeting—FH

Tuesday, November 8

6 pm Confirmation Class—MR

Wednesday, November 9

4 pm Handbell Practice—S

5 pm Guitar Practice—S

6 pm Music Mess Around—S

Thursday, November 10

6:30 am Morning Prayer—N

Sunday, November 13

10 am Worship Service—S

10:15 am Sunday School—LL

11 am Congregational Mtg. S

11:15 am Coffee Hour—FH

Monday, November 14

6:30 pm Deacons Meeting—MR

Tuesday, November 15

3 pm Book Club—FH

6 pm Confirmation Class—MR

Wednesday, November 16

5 pm Guitar Practice—S

Thursday, November 17

6:30 am Morning Prayer—N

12:30 pm Women of Faith—FH

6:30 pm Session Meeting—MR

Sunday, November 20

10 am Worship Service—S

10:15 am Sunday School—LL

11 am Coffee Hour—FH

-- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, November 22

6 pm Confirmation Class—MR

Thursday, November 24

-- THANKSGIVING DAY

Saturday, November 26

 9 am Hanging of the Green / "Advent-ure" in
Crafting—FH

Sunday, November 27 / 1st Sunday of Advent

10 am Worship Service—S

10:15 am Sunday School—LL

11 am Coffee Hour—FH

Tuesday, November 29

6 pm Confirmation Class—MR

Wednesday, November 30

3 pm Worship Committee Meeting—MR

4 pm Handbell Practice—S

5 pm Choir Practice—S


LOCATION KEY

CR Choir Room

MR Meeting Room

PO Pastor's Office

FH Fellowship Hall

N Narthex

PWP Presbyterian Women Pavilion

LL Lower Level

O Church Office

S Sanctuary

