

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

November, 2020

From the pastor

Rev. Drew Travis
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From the Pastor A Hodgepodge of Thoughts

I, like all of you, have grown weary in recent weeks of dealing with Coronavirus. I've heard many of you express the same. It's a reminder that we're all in the same boat. But being in the same boat is a good place for us to be in order to care well for one another and support each other as we continue being the church together. COVID-19 is not behind us and we need to stick together so we may emerge together on the other side of this.

One way we care for others and ourselves is to wear masks and keep distanced from one another. I often have to remind myself of that fact but it's becoming second nature to me. I like to shake hands and I like to hug and I miss physical contact with folks. Since Rhonda is the only one I get to hug any more, I've taken to doing it often – maybe too often. She's begun referring to me as "The Leach" and she moves more quickly when I enter the room than she used to. I think she's trying to tell me something.

I thank all of you who have been part of our church gatherings for study and worship and meetings for your attention to the protocols Session has adopted based on CDC guidelines. Over the course of this disease those guidelines have changed a bit as we've learned more about how COVID spreads and how we may best eliminate that spread. A recent publication from the CDC dated October 16 is a reminder that a good quality facemask is the most effective means of capturing respiratory droplets and ensuring the safety of the wearer and others around them. That's why we require masks and we so appreciate your support in wearing them faithfully when we gather. Remember that we always have a supply of masks at the entry to our buildings if you need one.

Though life is not "usual" around here at the moment, there are many things going on that we usually do and we invite you to join in as you feel able and comfortable to do so:

This Sunday, November 1, is All Saints and we will remember those saints who have graced our presence and who have entered the church triumphant this past year. It's always a special

service of worship as we give thanks to God for the lives of these saints. We'll do so during our online service and in-person worship. Please join us.

Later that day at 4:30, we will gather in the main parking lot for a congregational meeting to elect new elders for the coming term. See brief bios of those to be nominated elsewhere in this edition of *The Bridge*. We will also receive some new members into the life of the church and that's always an exciting time for us. And, to top it all off, we will share the sacrament of communion and gather at our Lord's Table. So grab your lawn chairs and be present Sunday evening. We'll save a spot for you.

And remember the time changes early Sunday morning so you'll need to set your clocks back one hour before you head to bed. That means an extra hour of sleep and I am always glad to get that hour back!

Holler if you need something.

Drew

Turn the clocks back



STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

"Freely you have received; freely give." Mt. 10:8

Consecration Sunday, November 22, 2020

Congregational Care

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Joys & Concerns

Our Church Family

- Shirley McDonald passed away October 4. Arrangements are unknown at this time.
- College care packages are going out this month for Hanna McCray and Lachlyn McPhie.

Our Extended Family

- Theda and Jim Deaver's grandson, Jacob, died on October 2. He leaves behind two children.

Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins, Prayer chain coordinator
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I missed adding a prayer for October. I was past the deadline anyway, but then I took a tumble here in the house and although not seriously injured, it took several weeks to recover. I learned a couple of things I would like to share, however.

In September's newsletter, I distinctly remember saying the awareness of God was a breath or a heart beat away. How long did it take me to draw that peaceful breath after The Fall? Six hours! I fell, I cussed, I moaned, I called for EMS help because I hurt too much to get myself up, I assessed damages, iced, reassessed, disturbed a friend for help getting to ER, etc., etc. It wasn't until waiting for the X-rays to be read that I became aware, drew that deep breath, and got that instant peace. No, it wasn't hospital drugs kicking in (they gave me nothing, she remembered, resentfully), it was the peace only God can impart to his believers and it was everything that is promised. My take-away: Learn from my mistake. Take that breath and let God's love embrace you right from the start — maybe instead of the cussing.

The second thing I learned (besides "get rid of your

throw rugs") was how seriously wounded my ego was. My shoulders were hunched and my head was down for weeks. I felt uncertain on my feet. I didn't trust the ground underneath me. I was completely nonplussed by the faceplant into hardwood and held God somewhat accountable. In the same way that spouses can blame each other for things over which they have no control, somehow, somewhere, someone is to blame! So, who could I blame? Yes, our deity.... God, of course, remained unchanged during my little huff, and as he is kind of known for, bore no grudge about it. So, the second thing I learned was whether I fell; whether I got huffy; whether I got sick; whether I failed at a task, big or small; and whether I am well-prepared for life, or completely unprepared; God still loves me. God will be present for comfort — but only when I know that.

And, now to the business at hand. November. Let's be thankful the whole month. Let's start a list to add to daily of the things we are thankful for. For example: we can church in person (with caveats); we've escaped the virus another day (make every day count); we have a home, food, companions, and our lives in Christ; and the blessing of forgiveness, redemption, love, and resurrection. Then, on Thanksgiving, if you share blessings, you will have many, many to choose from.

Let's remember to stay safe, wear masks, socially distance, or stay home. We are social creatures built for community, but remember to assess risks on both sides before we plunge into family groups. We are thankful that God gave us the sense to follow the advice of a vast majority of scientists and the health care community.

Prayer: God of great gifts, your mercy and power are without measure. Remind us moment by moment of your heart for us. Let us show your love to our community in every way possible. Bless our church. Heal those who are sick. Comfort those lonely or grieving. Inspire people to provide solutions to knotty social problems. Let a successful vaccine be found. Let effective and life-saving treatments continue to cure those who are ill from any condition. We are weary of staying "safe," oh, Lord, strengthen us for the long-haul. Remind us, oh God, that few are ill alone and that keeping ourselves safe is keeping those around us safe, as well. Inspire us to do our best.

In Christ's name.

Amen
Pat Collins

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November Birthdays

4	17
Bill James	David Southern
7	18
Barbara Sloan	Gay Hanlin
10	21
Susan Higginbotham	Brenda Wilkinson
11	22
Tom Sykes	Richard Hicks
13	24
Nancy Pauley	Jo Beth Ross
14	25
Juanita Morgan	Sarah Bennett
15	26
Allen Hardin	Carolyn Stringer



To celebrate your birthday (or that of a family member or friend), and in thanksgiving for God's gift of grace, please consider making a gift of your own, in the amount of \$1 for each year of your (or your honoree's) life, to sustain the permanent endowment funds of the church.

Please notify the church office when you make your gift that it is a birthday offering. If honoring someone else, please so note. If giving online, please provide this information in the "Notes."

November Anniversaries

4
Matt & Andrea Kennedy
Lynn & Robert Silvestri
10
Roy & Lynne Schoeneman
14
Cynthia & Daniel Fick
22
Karen & Wayne Delyea
28
Gardner & Carol Davis
29
Jimmy & Donna Callahan



At care/retirement facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner
Jimmy & Donna Callahan

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Ted Dolan
Nita Collinsworth

The Cove at Lake Granbury

Eloise Pauli

Quail Park

Nancy Pauley
John Cheney
Charles Basket

The Oaks of Granbury

CH Tubbs

Autumn Hill Manor (Weatherford)

Dee Holt

Bridgewater Memory Care Granbury

Kathleen Moore

At home and/or receiving treatment



Ed Hughes
Martha Ferrill
Ed Smith
Stan Bowlin
Bill Lowe
Jeanie Smith
Jean Haight
Edith George
Warren Rutz

Presbyterian Women

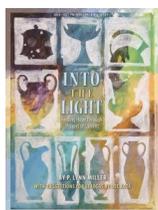
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Rev. Brenda church is offering several classes for our Bible study with options for In-Person meetings and Zoom meetings. If you missed last month, come join us at one of the meetings listed below.

This month F.U.N. Circle will be organizing us to Deck the Halls for Advent and Christmas. We always need lots of help, including men to help bring the decorations down from the attic, and those who don't mind climbing tall ladders to hang wreaths and decorate the Christmas Tree. Please come help us for a couple of hours. It's fun to work together to decorate our church for Christmas!

Continue to stay safe and wear your mask while social distancing.



Bible Study – “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament”, by P. Lynn Miller

- Nov. 10** 2nd Tues. of the month, 11:00 AM, In-Person Bible Study, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Sheila Higgins for reservations at 817-579-5722 or smhig35@gmail.com
- Nov. 10** 2nd Tues. of the month, 1:30 PM, In-Person Bible Study (closed small group at Pat Collins' home)
- Nov. 10** 2nd Tues. of the month, 6:30 PM, via Zoom, Virtual Bible Study. Contact Rev. Brenda Church for reservations at 817-476-7827 or rev.brenda.church@gmail.com
- Nov. 12** 2nd Thurs. of the month, 11:00 AM, In-Person Bible Study, **Ruth Gump's House**. Contact Sheila Higgins for reservations at 817-579-5722 or smhig35@gmail.com

F.U.N. Circle (Friends United Naturally), Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM, 4th Wednesday

- Nov. 23** Deck the Halls for Advent and Christmas. Meet in Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, 9:00 AM, RSVP to Gloria Mitchell, (817) 909-0326, gwmitch@sbcglobal.net

F.U.N. CIRCLE



Book Circle and Bridge Circle will not be meeting this month.

Fellowship

Linda Allen, elder

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As I sat in church last Sunday listening to Marty and Jane play a duet of Amazing Grace for the prelude, I was so glad to be worshipping with those of you who came. By my estimate, we had about 39 in attendance. Everyone was wearing masks. Social distancing was made easy. Just sit where there are bulletins on the pew. Ushers made sure we didn't stack up by dismissing us pew by pew. All in all, it went very smoothly. Now, if you compare it to our former worship time together, it wasn't the same. No hugging, no busy visiting before the service began, no sharing the peace, no passing the plate, no loud singing; but was it wonderful to be together? You bet it was! Just to see each other was **FELLOWSHIP**. Not fellowship

as in a big church lunch in Fellowship Hall; not fellowship as in a big picnic at Ann Mitchell's ranch; but fellowship all the same. God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.

Need a good soup recipe? This one is easy to throw together.

Chicken Tortilla Soup

- 1 chicken deboned and diced (rotisserie is good)
- 2 cans whole kernel corn with liquid (no salt added)
- 2 cans diced tomatoes with liquid (no salt added)
- 2 pkg Taco Seasoning (low salt)
- 2 pkg Hidden Valley Ranch

Chicken broth (no salt) (most of 32 oz size – put in last and add to preferred consistency)

Toppings: grated cheese, diced avocado, sour cream, tortilla chips

Add chicken to pot first and then seasonings. Stir and heat a little. Add everything else and bring to a boil. Simmer till you are ready to serve.

Financial Update

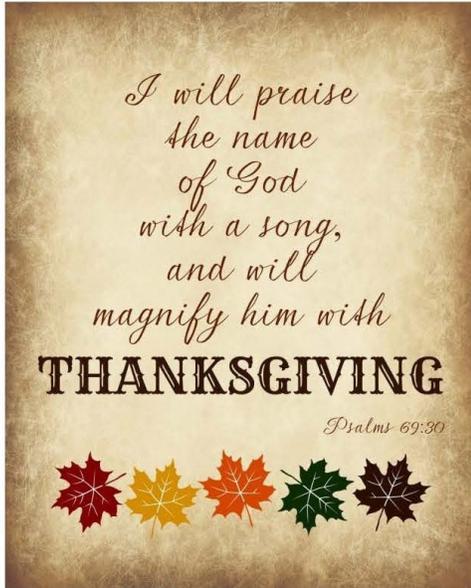
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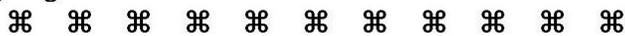
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Here it is November already - the month we set aside a special day to remember all for which we are thankful! The weather is finally cooling off and fall is in the air. Some of us are worshipping in the sanctuary and many are worshipping online. Despite having missed out on numerous things during this pandemic we have so many things to be thankful for during this season of Thanksgiving.

Isn't it a good thing that we have a special day for thankfulness? Sometimes we forget to see the true awesomeness of God EACH DAY. We forget to appreciate all of the little blessings from God that show how God is at work in our lives.

A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? "Sometimes I'm just grateful I have arms." That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being "thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice." Let our prayer be that we don't take our daily blessings for granted and let our task be to remember that giving thanks should be an ongoing act.



"God is Nigh"

The earliest official reference to using "Taps" at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier "was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods." Because it wasn't safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave,

Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of "Taps" would be an appropriate substitute ceremony. Previously, "Taps" signaled the end of a soldier's work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim's lyrics remind us of God's constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.

During this time of Thanksgiving we thank those of you who have served our country and protected our freedom!

Outreach and Mission

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As we move quickly into fall weather, most of us are wondering how to handle the upcoming holidays. This year will require some different ways of celebrating one of the favorite times of the year. There are lots of things we can't do the same. But there is one thing that has become a tradition among Presbyterians that is available, and even more meaningful and urgent this year. That is the opportunity to give one of the many life-giving possibilities in the Giving Catalog. If you have given these gifts in the past, you know the joy of browsing through the pages for ideas and thinking about the tremendous value of things we take for granted, like clean water, fresh food, or school supplies. Knowing that we have the resources and the opportunity to furnish these essentials where they are most needed is a deeply moving experience. Doing it as a family is even more memorable.

Small or large, these gifts have enormous impact on families and often on whole communities. The featured project in the 2020-21 catalog is a village in Haiti that is growing its own food to address hunger in their poor community. You can see the video and look through the catalog online at facebook.com/givingcatalog. There are chances to buy shares in a larger project, or to sponsor your own gift -- everything from a small piglet to a fishing boat complete with accessories. The Giving Catalog is just one of the ways that Presbyterians are living out the mission, support and relationship that is part of the Matthew 25 initiative of giving to those who have the least. Since there are many things we *can't* do this holiday season, let's take full advantage of this thing we *can*.

Written by Marijane Harvey



An Update on Yaya

Many of you will remember that Yaya is a young woman that we are sponsoring at Schreiner University as part of a network of small Presbyterian churches in North Texas. Her annual expenses as an on-campus student are approximately \$40,000. First Presbyterian Granbury committed to giving \$2,500 towards that for 4 years, beginning in 2018.

In 2018 and 2019 we contributed \$1000 from the annual budget. We raised the additional \$1500 through a 10% contribution from Presbyterian Women's spring and fall rummage sales and the parking fees for the July 4th parade. Things have looked a little different in 2020!

Just at the right moment the solution appeared. (First, a little background) In the fall of 2018, our church began 3 endowment funds: General, Capital, and Benevolences. In the summer of 2020 the Permanent Funds Committee approved our first dispersal from the benevolences fund. That dispersal will cover our shortfall. God's timing is perfect!

Yaya returned to Schreiner in August and is pursuing a double major in psychology and counseling. She continues to be on the academic honor roll while working a few hours a week in food services. She and a few friends are gathering clothing for a poor village near Yaya's hometown. She will take them when she goes home over Christmas break.



First Presbyterian Church

2020 Nominated Elders For the Class of 2023



Ushering

Brad Bell



I began coming to FPC Granbury approximately 15 years ago and became a member in September 2018.

Over the past few years I have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship, scripture discussions, and participating in the Disciples Study group.

I currently work at the Comanche Peak plant as a senior technician and have worked most of my career in the power generation industry primarily in Ohio and Texas.

I have been blessed with wonderful children, a daughter Taylor and a son Collin. I just found out that I will be a first time grandfather next July. Let the spoiling begin.

Like most, I enjoy time with family. Even better when we're hunting or fishing. I also enjoy time in the woodshop making furniture, gifts, and other things that collect dust on a shelf.

Fellowship

Linda Allen



Linda and her husband, Lawson, joined FPC Granbury in 2016 after moving here from Fort Davis, Texas where they lived for 12 years. They moved here to be closer to doctors, their two daughters, and water. Before that they lived in Fort Stockton for 24 years and Denton for 11 years. Linda's professional career was as a registered nurse. She is an alumna of TWU with a BS in Nursing. She worked as a clinical nurse and later in Administration. She retired in 2006.

She became a Presbyterian after marrying Lawson. During her 50 years in the church, Linda has worn many hats. When her daughters were growing up, she taught Sunday School and worked with the youth group. When Amy and Holly were a little older, she, another nurse, and the minister, started teaching sex education classes from a Christian perspective. That class continues to this day at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Stockton. For her own pleasure, Linda sang in the choir, helped with the Fellowship committee, and is a life-long member of Presbyterian Women. In PW, she has served in the local church and at the Presbytery level, being the Moderator of the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team for Tres Rios Presbytery.

Linda was ordained as an elder in 2000 while she was a member of First Presbyterian in Fort Stockton. She served on session there and in Fort Davis, where she was also clerk of session for 10 years. She has served on the session here at Granbury for one term of 3 years as the elder in charge of the Fellowship Committee. She also sings in the choir. During her leisure time she is a member of DAR, sews, does machine embroidery, is an avid reader and enjoys cooking. She and Lawson both enjoy having their two daughters and their families close by in Colleyville, making it easy to see their 7 grandchildren often.

Administration

TBD



Membership

Marla Hill



I've grown up in Hood County, as did my parents and grandparents. Some of my ancestors settled here in the early 1800's! I recently married Rick Caraway, who was an old friend from Granbury High School. We both left Hood County for some years, but returned and reconnected. I have two daughters. One is a Language Therapist in Austin, and the other is living in Manchester, England with her fiancé who grew up in London. Rick has two sons, both living in the DFW area. We live about two blocks from the church in a little cozy rock house. I've had a wonderful career as a Teacher and Counselor, and now Rick and I are enjoying a quiet "semi-retired" life.

I have been visiting FPC for several years with my mother, Jeannie Smith. I transferred my membership to FPC from North Park Presbyterian Church in December 2019. I joined a Presbyterian Church in 1984 in Dallas and was ordained as an elder in 2002. In 2010 I had the great privilege of moving to Kingsville, Texas to serve as The Director of Campus Ministry at The Presbyterian Pan American School. I loved working with high school students from all over the world at PPAS! I've been very active in Youth Ministry, Christian Education, and Mission and Outreach in other churches. I am looking forward to serving FPC through our Membership Ministry. Membership is such an important area of ministry that I've wanted to be involved with for years, and I'm excited to get to work!

Long Range Planning

Terry Worcester



Terry Worcester was raised in Irving Texas and a member of the Church of Christ fellowship from my early childhood to my late teenage years. After my first marriage of 20 years ended in a friendly divorce, I searched hard for a woman that was beautiful, caring, religious and good looking. I found that woman and it was Nancy Burks of Granbury Texas. It was easier for me to sell my home and move in with Nancy. We married in 2003 and so began about a twelve year attendance of her church the First United Methodist Church of Granbury of where I became a Trustee for a few years. Nancy's two children, Brody and Emily, became like my own and I felt welcomed into their hearts and we have four grandchildren (another on the way) and one great grandchild. I worked for Minyard food Stores warehouse for 20 years before landing my dream job of being a firefighter. I worked for another 24 years as a Lieutenant

and Fire Inspector for the Seagoville Fire Department. I recently retired in May of 2020 but I still work one weekend a month for the Hood county Fire Marshals office. I also became a Captain and presently an Assistant Chief for the North Hood County Volunteer Fire Department in 2006. Nancy went looking for a change in churches and found a beautiful change and that was First Presbyterian Church. I followed her to FPC after a while of her testing the church and feeling it's love and acceptance. I found that small church atmosphere that made it very easy to fall in love and most of all answered a calling for my heart to be closer to God. I take great pride in being considered for an Elder to the church. On a field of Honor, Integrity and Devotion, I am ready to Serve.

Congregational Care

Susan Younk



When my late husband ,Tom Younk, and I moved to Granbury in 1983, we visited several churches searching for a place to call home. After attending the service at First Presbyterian, we knew that this was where we wanted to be. The spirit-filled warmth of the congregation welcomed us into their fold and that warmth continues to this day. When Tom died in a car accident in 2012, God blessed me and held me close with this loving church and congregation. It was also in this church I met and fell in love with Tim Kidd, my sweet husband. Tim is a retired preacher, whose wife died shortly after Tom's death. We were married (by Drew) in this church in December of 2014.

Almost three years ago I retired from teaching students with severe and profound disabilities in the Granbury School District. I spent forty years in a profession that I loved. Every day was a challenge, a learning experience and a blessing. After retirement, I asked if I could help visit our home bound church members or those living in facilities in Granbury . What a joy it has been to see old friends and renew relationships. Covid has brought on many hardships, but the isolation has been so difficult for these members.

When I think of Congregational Care, I think of all the ways I have experienced care in this church over the years. I want to make sure that all our congregants, regardless of age, wellness, or ability are able to experience that care and know they are part of God's loving house.



Fall is in the air! I can hardly believe it is November. My favorite thing about November is Thanksgiving...and not just for the pumpkin pie either! I love that we spend a weekend dedicated to simply being thankful. We are a blessed people and our God has more than met our needs.

Many years ago, I was feeling a bit discouraged for some reason or another and I decided that the way to lift my spirits was to adopt an attitude of gratitude. So, I found a little book designed for note-taking and began spending time every day writing down things for which I was thankful. I started out with things like Jesus, and Sarah, and family, and health...the big things. But as time went on, I found myself writing down less obvious things, like puppy breath, and the color blue, and olives. It became a really fun and refreshing habit. Eventually, I quit writing in the book. It had served its purpose, so I stuck it in a drawer and forgot about it. Sometime later, I found it again and began writing new things in it. I have lost and found this book several times. Currently, it is lost...hopefully in my Abilene storage unit. But I know at just the right time, it will be found again and I can resume considering the many blessings that God has given me. It's been a fun activity spanning a couple of decades of my life.

So, this month, I encourage you to take a few minutes every day to consider the things for which you are thankful. Don't worry about how silly they may sound. No blessing is too big or small or bizarre to include. You may be surprised to discover the things that come to mind. If you want to take it a step further, consider doing something to demonstrate your gratitude. There are so many things you can do...here are a few examples: If you are thankful for a family member, tell them so. If you are thankful for your job, bring cookies for your co-workers. If you are thankful for your life, sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God. If you're thankful for coffee...bring me a cup!!! Haha!!!

Today, I am thankful for you! This month, as I scour the church directory, or see you in worship or Bible Study or other gatherings, I will make it a point to consider the many ways that each of you have blessed my life. Thank you...for being YOU! Happy Thanksgiving month!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

To elect elders , receive new members, and celebrate communion.

In the Main Parking Lot

“Please watch for news regarding which events will occur when we have less restrictions.”

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Celebration Daylight Savings Ends 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube 10:00 AM In Person Worship 4:00 PM Called Session Meeting 4:30 PM Communion	2 Brenda Out - Cont. Education	3 Brenda Out - Cont. Education 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Clergy Group	4 Brenda Out - Cont. Education 10:30 AM FUN Circle 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	5 Brenda Out - Cont. Education 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	6 Brenda Out - Cont. Education Drew's Day Off	7 Brenda Out - Cont. Education
8 Brenda Out - Cont. Education 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube 10:00 AM In Person Worship	9 Brenda's Day Off Drew out - Cont. Education	10 Drew out - Cont. Education 11:00 AM PW Bible Study 6:30 PM PW Bible Study	11 Drew out - Cont. Education 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	12 Drew out - Cont. Education 11:00 AM PW Bible Study @ Ruth's 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	13 Drew out - Cont. Education 10:00 AM PW Meeting	14 Drew out - Cont. Education
15 Drew out - Cont. Education 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube 10:00 AM In Person Worship	16 Brenda's Day Off Bridge Articles Due	17 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Clergy Group 5:30 PM Session	18 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	19 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	20 Drew's Day Off	21
22 Consecration Sunday 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube 10:00 AM In Person Worship	23 Brenda's Day Off 9:00 AM Deck the Halls FUN Circle	24	25 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	26 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	27 Drew's Day Off	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube 10:00 AM In Person Worship	30 Brenda's Day Off	1 10:00 AM Jeanell Morris Bible Study Circle 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Clergy Group 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	2 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	3 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	4 Drew's Day Off	5

Christmas Gift Bags

Our congregation will be providing gift bags for our neighbors at the Housing Authority again this Christmas! It is such a blessing to be Christ's hands and feet to these families and individuals particularly as we celebrate His birth. Our theme this year will be "A Christmas Movie Night". Our own Nancy Worcester is producing her 30-minute show "A Christmas Caper" on DVD. We will include the DVD (and an online link) for each household, along with some movie snacks and a warm fluffy blanket.

How can you help?



We also want to make Christmas wreaths for each adult household to spread some Christmas cheer! It will take many cheerful hands to decorate the wreaths and we look forward to working together to make them. We will include a hanger so that the wreath will be easy for elderly or disabled residents to hang on the door and enjoy.

If you would like to contribute to the gift bags, you will have the choice to order items from an online registry OR purchase items to donate.

Look for emails with dates and details of how you can be involved or you can contact Bianca Brownfield at 817.751.2319.

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