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Parson's Perspective

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Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away. However, being thankful is more than a one day a year task. Ron Edmundson* writes that thankfulness is a virtue that we often ignore. We get so caught up in our own little world that we forget to thank the people who have helped us the most. Then there are people who just simply need thanking to help them feel better about their own situation. Everyone likes to be appreciated. He suggests a list of 25 people you could easily thank today:

- The person who gave you a start in your career.
- Someone who encourages you that you only know online.
- A random stranger God lays on your heart.
- A teacher who had the greatest impact on you.
- A friend who was there when you needed one most.
- A pastor who helped shape your understanding of God.
- The person you know who prays for you regularly.
- The person who waits on you every day—somewhere—and you don't even know their name.
- A politician you admire for doing the right thing—as best as you can tell.
- The unexpected person who was there for you at just the right time in your life.
- A person who may not receive encouragement from anyone else.
- A leader you admire.
- Someone who has invested in you and doesn't even know it.
- The person who has been the most patient with you.
- Someone who believed in you when no one else did.
- An emergency services professional—police, fire, military, etc.
- Your childhood best friend.
- The person who introduced you to the person you married.
- A college professor who challenged you to think bigger.
- Someone who inspires you with something they do well.
- Someone who was a good friend to your parents.
- A person you think is underappreciated.
- Someone who has a smile that encourages you.
- A family member who holds the family together.
- The parent who paved your way.

Who would you like to thank today? Handwrite a card, make a call, send an email. Not just today, but any day.

Pastor Rick

*http://www.churchleaders.com/pastors/pastor-articles/176207-ron-edmondson-people-you-should-say-thank-you-to.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=clnewsletter&utm_content=CL+Daily+20140908

This Month in the Church

Sunday, November 2 - Daylight Savings

Time Begins - Set your clock back one Hour

9:30 a.m. Adult Class—The Conclusion of Jonah and Ruth with Bruce Henderson and Cay Roberts

Wednesday, November 5 - 1:30 p.m.

Circle Meetings: **Esther Circle** meets at the home of Irene Clark, 218 Robin Road-Kay Weir is Study Leader

Martha Mary Circle will meet at the Resident's Cottage and will be hosted by Betsy Hall-Eliane Zingg will be Study Leader

Thursday, November 6 1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

3:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 9 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class—Rebecca Tallefson the Director Ohio Council of Churches - Topic: "Immigration Southern Borders"

Tuesday, November 11 - 1:30 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting at the Church

Sunday, November 16 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class—Charles Van Person "Native American Spirituality"

Thank Offering Sunday - Special Envelopes are included in your offering boxes or on the desk in the sanctuary. (See special article in this newsletter).

Wednesday, November 19 1:45 p.m.

P.W.C.T meeting at the home of Audrey Tysen 357 Wendy Lane

Thursday, November 20 - 10:30 a.m.

Communion at Bristol Health Care

Sunday, November 23 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class to be announced

10:45 a.m. Alternative Gift Market

(See special article in this newsletter))

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Church Closed

Friday, November 28 - Church Closed

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Adult Class - "Illuminating Advent" begins and will take us into the first Sunday of January. Gary Baker will be the leader.

Communion (Deacons' Offering)

November Birthdays:

November 5 - Lew Stratton

15 - Ben Lane

16 - Jeanne Barron

21 - Bud Hobday

Don Netzley

25 - Shirley Pryor

30 - Gerald Barnes



November Counters:

November 2 - Bob and Kitty Neely

9 - Kay Weir and ??

16 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward

23 - David Bell and Anne Young

30 - David Bell and Anne Young

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2014</h1>						1 All Saints' Day
2 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Daylight Savings time ends	3	4 Election Day	5 Sl. Tuggers 8:00 a.m. Circle Mtgs. 1:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	6 Stewardship Mtg. 1:30 p.m. Worship 3:30 p.m.	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship	10	11 Deacons' Mtg 1:30 p.m. Veterans Day	12 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 7:00 p.m. Choir Pastor Hays away Nov. 12-16	13	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Thank Offering	17	18	19 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:45 p.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg. 7 p.m. Choir	20  10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care	21	22
23 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Alt. Gift Mkt.	24	25	26 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 7 p.m. Choir	27 Thanksgiving Church Closed	28 Church Closed	29
30  9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Communion Deacons' Off						

First Sunday of

2014 Stewardship Campaign

The leaves are turning and dropping from the trees, and the weather is growing colder, signaling the change of seasons. Soon we will begin to plan for next year and develop the budget to fund these activities. Your pledges of financial support will provide the basis for this budgeting process. Without your support, we can do nothing; with it God can accomplish through us more than we can even imagine.

We conduct our stewardship campaign for four weeks, from October 12th through November 2nd. In September, the stewardship committee asked Session to lead the congregation by making their pledges by the beginning of October. As of our kick-off Sunday, October 12th, eight pledges were received for a total of \$36,744. Now it is our turn to follow their lead and make our pledges of financial support to God to further the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church. Last Sunday we provided pledge cards to each of you. We ask you to prayerfully consider your contributions for next year and to return the completed cards on November 2nd, our celebration Sunday.

These words of the apostle Paul are a blessing and encouragement: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or image, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, November 2014

November 2	All Saints Sunday Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 ; Matthew 23:1-12 Pastor Rick: "Fearless Giving"
November 9	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 ; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 Pastor Rick: "The Triple Dog Dare"
November 16	Thank Offering Sunday, sponsored by Presbyterian Women Lynn and Sharon Kandel, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers in South Sudan
November 23	Reign of Christ Sunday Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 ; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46 Pastor Rick: "Reigning Thanks"
November 30	First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ; Mark 13:24-37 Pastor Rick: "Prepared, Equipped, Blameless" The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

2014 Thank Offering

of Presbyterian Women

Let us consider
how to provoke
one another to

love

and good deeds

Hebrews 10:24

November 16, 2014

This offering will be received during the worship service. A special envelope is in your box or more are available on the ushers table. All of the congregation is invited to participate.

SPEAKERS: LYNN AND SHARON KANDEL
Serving Christ In South Sudan

Lynn and Sharon are working alongside the Presbyterian Church in South Sudan (PCOSS) doing logistical work to build and rebuild school buildings, help organize a teacher training project, and assist with reporting on a peace and reconciliation project for our South Sudanese partners. They also support other mission coworkers in South Sudan and know that God holds them and the people they work along side in His love and protection. The Kandels are but two of many dedicated people serving people in mission all over the world which is made possible by our generous contributions to the mission of the PCUSA.

This year's offering will support 17 ministries serving people in need in the United States. Thirteen of the projects are international. More than 40 of the projects funded are health ministries.

Following the service any who wish are invited to join with the Kandels and the PW Coordinating Team at China One restaurant in Waverly Plaza for further conversation. Reservations will be taken on November 9.

PW Activities in November

Wed., Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m. – Esther Circle meets at the home of Irene Clark, 218 Robin Rd; Kay Weir will be the Study Leader. Martha Mary Circle will be hosted by Betsy Hall and will meet at the Resident's Cottage; Elaine Zingg will be the Study Leader.

Wed., Nov. 19, 1:45 p.m. - PWCT meeting at home of Audrey Tysen, 357 Wendy Lane.

Sunday, Nov. 16. Thank Offering will be taken during the worship service.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

On Sundays, November 23 and 30, we will have tables set up in the back of the church where you will have an opportunity to do some "Christmas Shopping." But, instead of buying a gift that your relative or friend might not like, would never use, or doesn't need, you can purchase a cow or a well, or help out the food pantry or homeless shelter, or something to help the unprivileged and needy around the world. You would look at the display, choose an item, and pay for it (check or cash). Then you will get a gift card to give to your friend that will show that others are being blessed by their gift. Here are some of the organizations you can choose from:

Medical Benevolence Foundation

Living Waters for the World

Presbyterian Hunger and Disaster Assistance Programs

Presbyterian World Mission

Local Agencies: Welfare House, Outreach Council (Food Pantry & Bridgehaven Homeless Shelter)

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Evangelism Committee has not met for two months while most of us were involved in New Beginnings small groups which were discussing many evangelism-related topics.

Now that the final summation and evaluation of those discussions have been made, the Evangelism Committee has some ammunition for action.

First, though, the committee really needs to add some new members with new ideas and dreams! **PLEASE THINK ABOUT JOINING US. Just come to the meeting. No formal procedure required.**

If you want more information see Irene Noble, Committee Moderator.

THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 1:30 IN THE CHURCH

ADULT CLASS VARIETY

During the month of November, the Adult Church School Class will have a variety of speakers:

November 2 - Cay Roberts and Bruce Henderson will conclude the series on "The Odd Couple—Jonah and Ruth."

November 9 - Rebecca Tallefson, Director of Ohio Council of Churches will Speak on "Immigration-Southern Borders"

November 16 - Charles Van Person - "Native Spirituality"

November 23 - To Be Announced

November 30 - a new Advent series of studies will begin "Illuminating Advent" By Donald K. McKim. Leader: Gary Baker and will take us into the first Sunday in January.

Don't miss this enlightening and enriching fellowship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

-Discipleship Committee

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

OCTOBER 2014

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Robert Neely

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

Class of 2014

Class of 2015

Class of 2016

Karen Henderson

Juliet Getty

David Bell

Paula Hays

Betsy Hall

Robert Neely

Audrey Tysen

Ann Oyer

Irene Noble

Kay Weir

Dick Roberts

Glenn Noble

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Don Kerry

Kitty Neely

Evelyn Baker

Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Jeanne Barron-105

Maryanna Cassady-14

Anna Dodge-111

Ed Dodge-103

Virginia Hartwell-102

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Agnes Nash-2

Ben Lane-118

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

At Home

Gerald Barnes, Virginia Dixon, Oscar Marsh, Marlene and John Voorhes

Other Places

Kitty McCollam and Max Russell

November Worship Assistants:

November 2 - Florence Vonderohe

9 - Paula Hays

16 - Ivan Sumey

23 -

30 - Martha Miller

November Greeters:

November 2 - Louise Netzley and
Irene Noble

9 - Irene and Jim Clark

16 - Ann Oyer and Ruth
Wonnell

23 - Betsy Hall and Lois
Hardy

30 - Barbara and Tom
Patterson

November Ushers:

November 2 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell

9 - Lois Hardy, Marian
Odell, Ann Oyer,
Wanda Stratton

16 - Bud Hobday, Ivan
Sumey, Dimitry Sergay
Earl Todt

23 - Ralph Strickland,
Dimitry Sergay

30 - Ralph Strickland,
Dimitry Sergay

November Flowers:

Please check the Flower Chart in the
Lobby, All dates are available.

November Coffee Hour Hosts:

November 2 - Elaine and Otto Zingg

9 - Wanda and Lew
Stratton

16 -

23 -

30 - Communion-No Coffee
Hour



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A M E N C O R N E R

M

Peace starts with a smile.

E

I don't know why some people change churches-
what difference does it make which one you stay
home from?

N

C

A lot of church members who are singing
"Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the
premises.

O

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers.

R

Outside of traffic, there is nothing that has holds
this country back as much as committees.

N

He who angers you, controls you!

E

If God is your Copilot - swap seats!

R

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report
for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power
behind us.

The Will of God will never take you to where the
Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes
us.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to
discourage him.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1
cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of
the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.