

Food for thought from J

November 28, 2021

This week we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving Day. While this holiday has become mostly secular in nature, we should remember this was not always the case, especially for those early pilgrims from the Mayflower who were celebrating their first successful corn harvest in the New World way back in 1621. For them, that first “thanksgiving” would have been a deeply moving – even religious - experience, as they expressed the solemn gratitude they recognized as being due to God for seeing them through the trials of their ocean voyage and then their struggles to survive in a new and hostile world. Furthermore, the giving of thanks to God would not have been viewed as a static or isolated event intended solely for past blessings, but rather, it was an ongoing acknowledgement of the role God played in their lives as the source of all things, including life itself – past, present, and future.

This week, as we gather together with friends and family for our own Thanksgiving feasts, may we also stop to remember and celebrate the blessings God continues to pour out upon us in abundance, and may the true spirit of Thanksgiving be present with each of you. Let us remember and give thanks for not only the material blessings we enjoy, but also, the gift of Christ Jesus and the spiritual gifts God has given us, through the Holy Spirit, with which we are called to work together with God in building an eternal kingdom of love and light, here and now.

On a personal note, and in this same spirit of thanksgiving, I want to give thanks to God for calling me to Wynnnton United Methodist Church almost nine years ago, and to each of you for all your love and support over those years. Laura and I both feel that it has been one of the great blessings of our lives to be able to serve God alongside such a wonderful and dedicated family of Christians. We look forward to a new year of promise in the service of Christ our King at Wynnnton, and we wish you and your family a safe and joy-filled Thanksgiving.

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Lenore Ash, on her 92nd birthday, by her family.

FLOWER DELIVERY

Cindy Autry

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go Open Door. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

Trinity House Needs

We are in need of personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. If you can help, please leave your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

WYNNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

We are selling holiday cards again this year for \$5.00. If you are interested in buying cards, please see Randy Autry, Vicki Martin or Suzanne Supple.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Stella Jambon** by Pam & Bob Gilstrap

In memory of **Rubye Screws** by Pam & Bob Gilstrap;
New Beginnings Class

In memory of **Richard Geeslin** by Lynda & Bennett
Massey

In memory of **Marjorie Croft** by Pam & Bob Gilstrap;
Linda & Wallace Twiggs; John Richey

In memory of **Anne Turner** by Lynda Gantt; Joyce
Hawkins; Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Sarah Crawford** by Lynda Gantt; Margaret
& Don Goodroe; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Beth & Larry
Hendrickson; Jackie & Kinard Latham; Bobby Porch;
Martha Tubbs; Betty Woodruff; Mary Gene Calfee; Lynn &
Wes Ezzell; Susan & Tommy Hudson; Lynda & Bennett
Massey; Carol Hammock; Nancy Hammond

In memory of **Fred Groke** by Susan Groke

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! - to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are still looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of October. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

The month of November is Wynnton's month to collect food to fill the pantry at the Network. Over the last couple of months, the number of families served have shown a definite increase to the pre-COVID levels. As a result of this increase, please be generous with your donations. **Grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed have been placed in the church.** Among the suggested items are canned meat, vegetables, beans, tomato products, fruit, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, soup, and a number of holiday items such as pumpkin pie mix, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, corn bread mix, and chicken broth. **Please take one of the bags and fill it with your donations and then return it to the church.** Your generosity will fulfill the ministry of the Network to help those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your support.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

As we welcome the season of Advent, we have the opportunity to share hope, experience joy, and reflect on the promise of salvation. We wait for the Lord's coming as we live now in His forgiveness. Hope is the predominant theme in our Choir anthems for this Sunday.

The Wesley Choir anthem, *Waiting, Wandering, Wondering* by Ruth Elaine Schram, considers the message of hope while waiting for the Light of the world, Emmanuel, God with us. The Chancel Choir anthem, *Prayer for Emmanuel* by Pepper Choplin, reminds us that we live and wait in hope and faith for the coming Messiah. The Chancel Choir will be joined by violinist Ben Campbell. The violin adds a sublime and graceful texture to the contemplative harmony.

"Prayer for Emmanuel" by Pepper Choplin
Life is beautiful, life is sad. O come, O come, Emmanuel. We thrive through the good, we survive through the bad. O come, O come, Emmanuel. Some have plenty and blessings overflow. O come, O come, Emmanuel. Many will struggle and hunger's all they know. O come, O come, Emmanuel. The future's a mystery, hidden and sealed. Lord, come and let Your will be revealed. We pray for the time when humanity is healed. O come, O come, Emmanuel. O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Now we are praying, holding on to faith. Move in the world as we work and wait. O come, O come, Emmanuel. Come, O come.

Matthew 1: 22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin shall be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means "God with us."

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again, and we are happy to announce the prices remain the same as last year. Please see any member of the Joyful Noise class to place your order. **The final order will be placed December 5.** Thank you for supporting this mission project!

Prices

1 lb. halves \$12.00

1/2 lb halves \$7.00

1 lb. pieces (large, medium, small) \$12.00

1/2 lb. chocolates (dark, milk, white) \$8.00

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday school is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas offering to go to Wynnton Arts Academy partner in education projects. You may make your gift anytime in November or December in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook

11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
No Basement - Youth

Monday, November 29

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service- Alpha Bldg.

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 2

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.

9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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| Sue Rogers | Lexie McRae |
| Glenn Killough | Kathy Draughon |
| Matthew Allen | Debi Meacham Wright |
| Anne Turner | Dorothy Robinson |
| Bobby Porch | Wanda Jones |
| Lillian Cox | Kerry Mess |
| Lynn Christenson | Jennifer Spell |
| Beverly Ragsdale | Jim Accordino |
| Tom Hart | Gena Tinchler |
| Jean McGlamry | Lenore Ash |

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Joanne Cole
Family of Rev. Jim Trice
Family of Richard Geeslin
Family of Rubye Screws
Family of Stella Jambon
Family of Marjorie Croft
Family of Sarah Crawford



The New Beginnings Class is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. The profit from the sales will go to various missions and projects. These poinsettias will come from the same wholesaler that we used last year. They will be in 6.5-inch pots and will sell for **\$12 each**. You may request that the pot(s) you purchase be placed in the Sanctuary for the Advent season. Please fill in the information on the order form, attach your check or cash and place in the offering plate or see any New Beginnings member to make your purchase. Thank you for your participation. Please make checks payable to New Beginnings. **Deadline to order is Friday, December 3, 2021.** Delivery date is Dec. 9th.



Youth Sunday School

Many of us own Bibles with Jesus' words written in red in the New Testament. But did you realize that every book in the Old Testament points to Jesus? Youth Sunday School has started a three-lesson series that will open teenagers' eyes to Jesus' presence throughout the Old Testament and his familiarity with Scripture, allowing them to discover how all of the Bible points them toward Jesus—and a relationship with him.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Never Too Early to Hope
Jeremiah 33:12-17
Rev. J Grantham

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

November 28: Galatians 3:1-20, Jeremiah 51-52, Psalm 144
November 29: Galatians 3:21-4:20, Lamentations 1-2, Psalm 145
November 30: Galatians 4:21-31, Lamentations 3-4, Psalm 146
December 1: Galatians 5:1-15, Lamentations 5, Psalm 147
December 2: Galatians 5:16-26, Ezekiel 1, Psalm 148
December 3: Galatians 6, Ezekiel 2-3, Psalm 149
December 4: Ephesians 1, Ezekiel 4-5, Psalm 150

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28 Walt Hart
 29 Lenore Ash
 30 Bob Jones, Mitchell Torbert
 1 Jaren Bush, Lauren Upshaw, Dona Voynich
 2 Meg Torbert
 3 Don Goodroe
 4 Leigh Beach

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-21-21
 General Fund.....7,987.00
 Endowment.....405.00
 Missions.....50.00
 Open Door.....75.00
 Thanksgiving Offering.....2,627.50
 Christmas Offering.....692.50

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies November 26-28
 Rev. Greg Harrison 478-955-1577