



# *The Bell-Tower* **NEWS**

Florissant Presbyterian Church

November 2019

## Pause and Reflect

With Autumn leaves falling and Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, I encourage us all to take a moment to “push pause” and reflect on our blessings. As I have recently felt the weight of my own fears, worries and uncertainties, it was gratitude to God that most clearly assured my spirit and most relieved and comforted my spiritual hurts and needs. Growing in gratitude to God can enable us to recognizing that all our Thanksgiving gatherings may be not so much about over-filling ourselves or meeting our nutritional needs as it may be our spiritual need for simply being around a table and actively showing each other our gratitude for God’s blessing. Jesus often gathered at table with friends, followers and adversaries, and how many times it was at meals that Jesus opened and healed peoples’ hearts? My friends, God has made us; God has nourished us and even made our meals filling, fresh and tasty; God has safely gathered us to worship as Christ’s family and friends; God has called us to share in compassion and a portion of our blessings for mission; God has asked only for faith and then provided grace enough to share it. Surely the least we can do is recognize and then show our gratitude to God. Pausing and reflecting in November is a good way to remind ourselves that real thanksgiving may be not so much about meeting our turkey, stuffing and cranberry needs, as that gratitude has the power to truly relieve and comfort our deepest faith needs and spiritual longings.

Thanks Be to God,

Pastor Sean



# Church News

## CRAFT FAIR

The church will once again have a table at the Craft Fair (11/23). Of course, this means that we need crafts to sell and homemade baked items. Baked goods and crafts can be dropped off Friday, November 22 after 3:00 p.m.

## FIRE SAFETY

The Florissant Fire Department would like to remind everyone if you are in need of a smoke detector or need the batteries changed, please give them a call (314- 837-4894) and they will be happy to do so free of charge.

## MARINERS

In honor of our Veterans, please join us for a Veteran's Day Pancake Brunch - Sunday, November 10 after service. In addition to pancakes & sausage we will have fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Please plan now to enjoy good food and fellowship with all our Veterans and church friends. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to the USO.

## PRAY REQUEST

Georgiana, Doris, Carol, Sara, Jon, Ester, Pamela, Sue's brother-in-law Bob, Mary's brother, Barb's son-in-law Cliff, Sue's friend Lill, Trish's husband Mike and her brother Stephen, Ruth and her great grandson, Ruth's friend Matthew, Sue's brother-in-laws Jeff and Shawn and her sister Lynn.

## 2020 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

We've chosen "Generous Grace" as our stewardship theme this year. We are blessed. We share a strong faith with each other. We celebrate the joyful events in each other's lives and comfort each other in times of trial and sorrow. We welcome everyone and anyone to join us, and we change the lives of people in our community – people who may never set foot in our church – simply because they have no one else to turn to, and we are here, and we count ourselves blessed.

Stewardship Sunday is November 17. Please take this time to reflect on the many ways you can count yourself blessed and then give gratefully, generously, and joyfully in support of our ministries in 2020.

Thank you, from your Stewardship Committee.

Rolla Smith, Trish Farano, and Dick Lee

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Breakfast with Santa** – Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Have your picture taken with Santa! Join us for a pancake breakfast with sausage, applesauce, orange juice, milk, and coffee from 9 to 10 am. There will be face painting and other fun activities. Bring the kids and grandkids to start the holiday season.

Help is needed for table setup and decorating on Friday 12/6. On Saturday we need help for cooking, serving and clean up. Let Candy Shelton or the office know if you can help.

## FROM THE TREASURER

I want to start by thanking everyone who has stepped up to support all the fund raisers the Task Force has been holding this year. The Task Force has been working very hard to find ways to increase income for the church. To date, total proceeds, including the recent Trivia Night are roughly \$4,440. However, our **monthly** income to expense deficit still hovers around \$5,000. We started this year with a bank balance of about \$63,000. We ended September with a little over \$40,000. Therefore, sufficient income continues to be a concern. So, please, put on your thinking caps. Help us to find ways to generate more income. And keep praying for the Lord's provision.

In Christ's Service,  
Ellen

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**Volunteer Cleaning** – the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 9 am

**Choir Practice** – Every Thursday, 7 pm

**Veteran's Pancake Brunch** – Sunday, November 10, 11:30 – 1 pm

**Pledge Sunday** - November 17

**Session** – Sunday, November 17 after service

**Birthday Celebration** – Sunday, November 17

**Lydia's Circle** – Tuesday, November 19, 7 pm

**Young at Heart** – Thursday, November 21, noon

**Set Up for Craft Show** – Friday, November 22, 1pm

**Craft Show** – Saturday, November 23, 9-2 pm

**Bell Tower Articles** – Wednesday, November 25, 11 am

**Book Club** – Tuesday, November 26, 7 pm

**Office Closed** – Thursday/Friday, November 28 & 29

**Decorate for the Holidays** – Saturday, November 30, 10 am

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

# November BIRTHDAYS

5 Sara Williams

8 Shirley Flynn

11 Samuel Hendrickson

14 Betty Walters

16 Sophia Butler

26 Lorraine Jaeger\*

24 Marc Sostarich

27 Susan Denno

28 Doug Law

29 Paula Finke

*Happy 90+*

Lorraine Jaeger

*Wedding Anniversaries*

*Jake & Mona Krohn, married 2 years on November 25*

*Bill & Kay Bass, married 58 years on November 26*

*In Memory of*

*Bobbie Zeisler*

# Thanksgiving Word Search

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maize  
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pumpkin  
relatives  
settlers  
squash  
stuffing  
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turkey

