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November Preaching Schedule

- 1 **Marc Giedinghagen (Communion)**
- 8 **Josef Gunter - Stewardship Commitment Sunday**
- 15 **Alan and Tracy Harris**
- 22 **Rev. Tom Lay (City on a Hill, Holt, MO) - Christ the King Sunday**
- 29 **Christmas Hymn Sing (Choir, Praise Team, readers) - First Sunday in Advent (Combined Service)**

Join us for Worship Each Sunday
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
10:10 a.m. Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Uplifting Traditional Service



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Hearts of Gratitude

Last Thanksgiving started out as an ordinary day off work. I slept in, a luxury, and then crawled out to get my first cup of coffee. Remembering it was Thanksgiving and I had to prepare my contributions to the family gathering, I got to work and was done soon enough to catch a bit of the Macy's Thanksgiving parade. Nothing too exciting about that.

As I watched, one of the commentators remarked that the weather in New York didn't feel like a normal Thanksgiving Day because it was sunny and warmish. But nevertheless it was Thanksgiving and what a great day it was. When I heard those words, I suddenly became teary-eyed and had to leave the room. It was then that I realized how much I had to be thankful for, and I breathed a quiet prayer simply thanking God for all his goodness to me:

I am healthy. I have a job that I like. I have a house, which the majority of the world's population does not. I have some money in savings, not a lot, but again, I am richer than most of the rest of the world. I have a good marriage and a loving son. I have friends I love and who love me. I have a church home where I can be authentic and know I will not be rejected. I have the ability to play a musical instrument and am able to share that gift with others. I have an extended family, that though at times can be stress-inducing, but even there love abounds.

Most of all, I have the free gift of salvation from a God who loves me more than I can comprehend. I have a Savior who willingly bore my sins and died so I could live with him in eternity. As I write this I am grateful that I am able to read and write and because of that, can pick up my Bible and learn more of my Savior's love for me. I live with the knowledge that no matter what life may bring, I have the presence of God so I am never alone.

I have much for which to be thankful and I cry because of the incredible blessings God has showered on me simply because he loves me. I pray that I will always remember his goodness when life gets tough, because no matter what, he has promised to never leave or forsake me. He has promised that he is preparing a home for me that I may dwell with him in eternity after this present life is over. He has promised to forgive all my sins and make me pure and holy so I may be forever in his presence.

As I look forward to the Christmas season, the celebration of the coming of the Christ child, I will remind myself that God came down to gather his own because he loved us too much to leave us dead in our sinful state. The God-child who came to dwell among us and to die to make us whole again is the reason why I am most thankful.

If you cannot think of any other reason for which to be thankful, let that truth find a place in your heart and mind this Thanksgiving. We, his children, have reason to give thanks.

Our Mission is:
To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and in deed
To love God
To love one another
To make disciples of all people.

Reminders

Getting new glasses? Please donate your old prescription glasses for adults and kids in the box in the hallway? Susan Appel takes them to Lenscrafters who donates them to THE GIFT OF SIGHT for people that need them.

Also, SAVE YOUR CAMP-BELLS UPC codes and lids and put them in the red container in the hall.

Please remember to bring your newspapers, junk mail and paper to put in the recycle bins in the south parking lot. Proceeds go to Rainbow School.

Presbyterian Women

PW General Meeting and Bible Study will meet Tues., Nov. 17 at noon. (Note that this is a week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving.) The study from Luke continues with Lesson 7 "The Oppressed Are Set Free" (Luke 13:10-17; 18-21 and 14:1-6). Bring a sack lunch and dessert will be provided.

PW Council meets Tues., Nov. 10 at 10:00. We invite all women to join us for Bible study and fellowship. For more information contact Marty Hatten.

Intercessory Prayer Group

On Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. a small group meets in the Parlor for prayer. They pray for those requesting prayer and for those needing prayer. They pray for the church and its leaders and for the country and the world. They pray for you and for me. If you are in need of prayer for yourself or others, please let the church office know. For more information contact Bonita Litizzette.

Hallelujah! The Bible and Handel's *Messiah*

A Bible Study Covenant group led by Dottie Lafferty.

Welcome to a wonderful way into the Bible. Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, is one of the best-loved musical compositions of all time. In this study we are going to take advantage of that love and use it as an avenue into the biblical texts on which *Messiah* is based. Our focus will naturally be on the Bible. Yet it would be a waste of resources to concentrate only on the biblical texts without some attention to how they are interpreted musically in *Messiah*. So, we will be exploring both. The good news is that you don't have to be an expert in either music or the Bible to benefit from our study. The only real requirements are that you have:

- a genuine interest in learning more about the Bible, and
- a desire to appreciate Handel's *Messiah* more deeply.

If you meet these requirements, then you have already taken the first step on our adventure together. At the very least I think I can promise you that you will never listen to Handel's *Messiah* in quite the same way again. At most, I hope your faith will be enriched by a deeper appreciation of both the words and the music to this profoundly spiritual oratorio.

We will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 for the four weeks of Advent (November 29, December 6, December 13, and December 20). We will have a meal with the youth and then begin our study. In these four weeks we will look at the portions of *Messiah* that address the prophecy of Christ's birth and the Nativity story.

We will finalize our study with the Lenten and Easter portions of the oratorio, beginning with the first Sunday in Lent (February 21) and continue for six weeks.

Please plan on joining us for this study as we look further into the Scriptures of the season and hear it presented in musical format with some of the most glorious music ever written. And together, we'll all say "Hallelujah!"

Stewardship Drive

Please prayerfully and carefully consider what the Lord would have you pledge for the coming year. The business and expenses of the church are ongoing even during this time of seeking a new pastor. God calls us to give out of the gifts he has given us: our time, our talent and our treasure. Stewardship Sunday is November 8th.

Rainbow School Update

By Deena Smith

Our garden space was replanted with a second crop of green beans, carrots, and lettuce. We hope that you enjoyed the fall harvest and picked a few fresh treats for yourself.

What an amazingly generous and giving group of teachers we have! They have been spending their days off from work, sitting with Connie at her home in Raymore, so that the family has not had to hire home care. Many former teachers also joined the current staff in putting together a rummage sale for the Shklar family on October 10. It took three days of hard work to put it together, but it was very successful in raising funds to help the family with expenses. (We hope that you got to see the great new coverage for the rummage sale and South-Broadland on channel 41!) It was fun for Connie to come to the sale for a little while, to celebrate part of her birthday with us and to see many old friends. Former pastor Greg Coulter and his wife Bonnie were here, as well as several former Rainbow School teachers and parents. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the sale, or made contributions directly to the Caring for Connie Shklar Fund at Heartland Community Credit Union, 406 E Bannister Road, #A, Kansas City, MO 64131-3028. Monetary donations are still being accepted.

On Saturday, November 7, the teachers will again donate their time to provide an evening out for Rainbow Parents by hosting the children here. Parents will pay for the childcare and these proceeds will also be donated to the Caring for Connie Shklar fund.

One of our teachers had a new baby this fall. Megan and Bret Eubank welcomed their second son, Blaise, on October 1, 2009.

We have also had fall picture days, a storyteller, CPR training for teachers, and parent/teacher conferences this fall! On November 16, we look forward to the Wings of Love Bird Show coming here to perform for us.

We passed our annual inspection from the Health Department already. The fire inspector and the state of Missouri childcare inspector will follow shortly.

Deena will be traveling to Washington, DC in November for the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Rainbow School will be closed for Thanksgiving Break Tuesday-Friday, November 24-27.

July Income & Expense Report				
		MONTH		Year to Date
	Date		Date	
BALANCE	8/31/2009	\$27,129.23	12/31/2008	\$9,000.00
Receipts		\$18,183.87		\$187,805.49
Subtotal		\$45,313.10		\$196,805.49
Expense		\$12,066.71		\$163,559.10
Subtotal	9/30/2009	\$33,246.39	9/30/2009	\$33,246.39
Transferred to				
Reserves		\$0.00		\$0.00
Transferred from				
Reserves		\$0.00		\$
OVERALL BALANCE		\$33,246.39		\$33,246.39

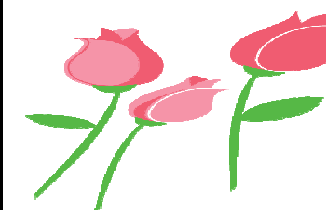


November Birthdays

- 1 Jasmine Buckner
Michelle Olson
- 6 Vivian Jones
- 8 Jennie Caldwell
Judy McGuire
- 9 Mary Lynn Case
- 11 Dorothy Akers
Martha Wandscheer
- 12 Bonnie McCloud
Caleb Nading
- 13 Mary Vincent
- 15 Fred Law
- 16 Kelly McKnight
- 18 Dan Baker
- 24 Ivan Welker
- 26 Pat Welker
- 27 Doris Duncan

November Anniversaries

- 1 Joe and Bonita
Litizzette
- 29 Ron and Lyn
Olson



Roses...

To Lindsey and Bettina Jamerson for providing the wonderful Taco Bar for Youth Group Oct. 25th. The 16 kids loved the food and the *Money Matters* talk afterwards.