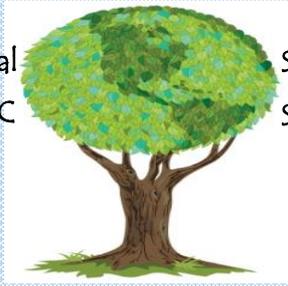


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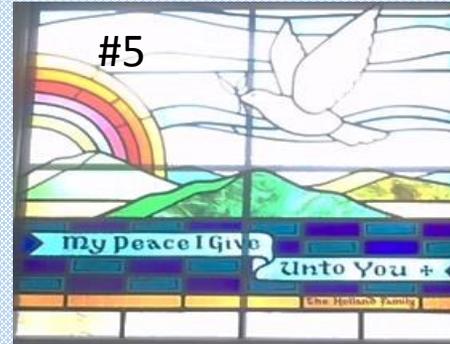


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Ward Stained Glass Windows



These pictures don't do justice to the actual windows, but we wanted to share them with everyone since they are all now installed. Aren't they beautiful? Windows presented by: Window #1 the Ayres Family, The Kniffin Family, and the Taylor Family. Window #2 the Machmer Family. Window #3 the Woodward Family. Window #4 the Segur Family. Window #5 the Holland Family. Window #6 the Boyd Family. Window #7 the Morse Family and the Vermilya Family. Window #8 The Shedden Family and the Fisher Family. (windows not in any particular order) Everyone is welcome to come and see them in person!

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The Tri-County Parish:
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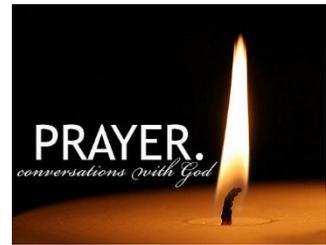
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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as possible. (you can leave a message after office hours) Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to know as soon as possible when your family member is in the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt



Greetings to you, church,

Have you prayed for others today? Is this how you start, or finish your day? [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#) says to pray without ceasing. It is impossible to be in the head bowed posture of prayer all our waking hours. But we are to have God as the center of our consciousness always.

I must admit that I don't always have God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit as the beginning of all my days, but He is most of them. I must admit that I attempt to fix my problems before I trust God... sometimes. I usually try myself because I deem it a minor issue in which God does not have to be involved. I realize that God is involved in every issue and aspect of our lives anyway, so we should rely on the power of God for any issue. Now why would the pastor be talking about prayer in the Minister's Musings of this issue of the Circuit Rider? Well, I'll tell you...

I attended the beginning of the Network Celebration at Troy United Methodist Church. There was a lot going on that day, what with two church services, two church dinners, and a conversation concerning the recent book study, "Choosing the Faithful Path". I wasn't sure if I would attempt to make the celebration, given the time constraints, but I made it for about 45 minutes.

What I learned from those that I heard sharing, was that the aspects of the Discipleship Network that we, as a district, were supposed to try to live into, were exactly what we do every Sunday in worship. We pray, which is the first item listed for churches to live into. We are to develop a deeper world of prayer and discernment of God's call within the lives of the people, and the life of the congregation.

We are doing that as the life of the church, and churches of the Tri-County Parish. The Prayer Warriors is an excellent opportunity to share the joys and concerns of the church. Those who attend find it to be a part of their week that lifts them up. With so many chores that need to be done in "town", it could be combined with the everyday errands that bring you to town. An hour of your time each week could be well-spent in this prayer time.

The church prayer chains could be utilized much more for prayer. How often do you find yourself tossing and turning at night because there is just something not right? You can't put your finger on it, but there's just some thing that keeps you restless. Maybe there are a multitude of things taking your time, and you don't know how it will all get completed. A perfect reason to allow your church family to pray for you. (Please pray for your pastor, as this is happening to him several times a week for some reason. 2 to 4 of my days start at 2 AM) Is something weighing heavy on your mind or heart? A perfect reason to have your church pray for a resolution to some situation. You don't have to give details, and some folks will be praying for you!

"In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" ([Philippians 4:6](#)), (and others). Paul taught the believers at Colossae to devote themselves "to prayer, being watchful and thankful" ([Colossians 4:2](#)), (of and for others). Paul exhorted the Ephesian believers to see prayer as a weapon to use in fighting spiritual battles ([Ephesians 6:18](#)), (for you and others) (continued on next page)

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Ah, the benefits of prayer certainly outweigh any of the burdens of placing God, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, at the center of who we are and what we stand for as Christians. As Christians, prayer should be like breathing. We don't have to think about breathing, and so we should not have to think about praying. By the way...do you have a breathing disease that makes you have to think about breathing? Might this be something your church prayer chain can keep in prayer? There is no need that is less important, or less worthy than any other. If it is a burden to you, it is worthy of any, and all prayer, that we can give or receive.

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After going through the book study, we learned that it's okay to be honest and open about our shortcomings concerning an intentional pathway to discipleship. Being a disciple is much more than we can comprehend, much like praying without ceasing is much more than praying for a meal, or occasional prayers when we are fit to be tied.

Kathy and I have been preaching about the benefits of you, as the church, reaching out in ministry to friends, family, and neighbors. There are many who have questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and how you came to believe, and why you came to believe in the risen Lord. So share your story, your faith, and your prayers, and your prayer needs.

Praying for you and me,

Pastor Perry

What Would Jesus Drive?

Q: Did you know that they had automobiles in Jesus' time?

A: Yes, the Bible says that the disciples were all of one Accord.

IF YOU
LAUGH
A LOT,
WHEN YOU GET OLDER
YOUR WRINKLES WILL BE
IN THE RIGHT PLACES.

Helpful Prayer

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

Minister's Musings

By Kathy Miller

As we move from a warmer than usual October into a cooler(?) November, we begin to think of more indoor activities (not including hunting or football, of course). Maybe we will be doing more shopping for Christmas. (Please, don't anybody tell me that you have already finished yours!) Perhaps some of you have the firewood stacked near the door in preparation for evenings sitting near a cozy fire in the fireplace. And, of course, the hunter's might be bringing home a turkey, or those without a hunter in the home will be checking the newspapers for a good price on a fresh or frozen turkey. Yep, Thanksgiving is just three weeks away! For those who have traditional Thanksgiving meals when all or many of your family gathers, you are blessed! For those who do not, consider inviting someone you know to join with you, and you, too, will be blessed! Family is more than relatives. We are all members of God's family!

By the time you have received this letter, we will have completed the Wednesday night Bible Study on "What You Need to Know About the Bible in 12 Lessons". Beginning November 29th, we will begin the first week of an Advent Bible Study, "Christmas Gifts That Won't Break", by James W. Moore. It will be held at St. John's UMC at 6:30, but the entire Tri-County Parish people, adults and youth, are invited and encouraged to attend. Planning for these sessions is not complete as of this writing, but I am hoping that we can model it in a similar fashion on our Lenten mid-week gatherings of this past spring. Please prayerfully consider attending. Also, I am open to any suggestions that might add power and inspiration to this 5-week series.



**"Offer to God
thanksgiving, and
pay your vows to the
Most High.**

**Call upon Me in the
day of trouble;**

**I will deliver you and
you shall glorify Me."**

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Kathy



Parish News



By now your boxes should be filled. The last day to bring in boxes will be Friday, November 10, 2017. We will be taking the boxes to Bible Fellowship Church the following week. Please remember during the month of December to pray for those receiving your boxes. Thank you for your support of this important ministry. Please read the story below of Dana, who benefitted from Christmas Boxes when she was a child.

Dana and the Hygiene Items

The shoebox showed me that God is my provider.

Growing up in Romania, my parents worked in a steel plant. My dad was a mechanic and my mom was a crane operator. Even though they both worked full-time jobs, the value of money wasn't strong enough after the fall of communism to buy very much. We had our lights on and food on the table, but we didn't have much beyond the very basic needs.

I wore shoes that were too large so that I could not wear them long. My clothes were either hand-me-downs or bought at secondhand stores. We had a few toys, but they were poor quality.

I accepted Christ when I was 12 years old, the same year I received my shoebox gift. That year, before Christmas, my parents told me and my brothers that they didn't have money to buy Christmas presents. Christmas was about the only time we received anything, so this was disheartening.

One Saturday evening, my siblings and I were at church for a youth gathering. We were surprised to receive the shoebox gifts after the service. I remember going home and sitting in my brother's room on the floor, where we had laid out everything we'd received in the shoeboxes. I was completely overwhelmed with joy.

My favorite items were feminine hygiene items, a toothbrush, and soap. As a young girl, to have nice smelling soap and a nice toothbrush meant a lot to me. I treasured the feminine hygiene items because this was the first time I had received them. They were considered a luxury in my country and weren't something my parents could afford.

Before I received my shoebox, I was having a hard time as a new Christian. I was trying to understand why our family was struggling and why God would allow it. Through my shoebox gift, God showed me that He is my Provider. He provided the things I needed in my shoebox. Even though my family was struggling and I was discouraged, God still took care of us. I learned that God's provision is always on time, and He will take care of His children. (continued on next page)

My parents always taught us the things of the Lord and about His plan for our lives. They taught us that He is all we need and He is our salvation. My shoebox gift helped me go from knowing that in my head to understanding that in a personal way.

When you only have a little, a shoebox is a lot. I felt loved when I realized that someone selflessly gave it to me. God's love was wonderfully demonstrated because it was a heartfelt gift – nothing was asked in return.

Now I pack shoeboxes every year with my husband and son. Operation Christmas child is about so much more than a humanitarian project - it's about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I pray that those who receive our shoeboxes feel as blessed as I did.



2017 marks the 200th year of Methodism in Canton

Mark your calendars for the Celebration of the 200th year of Methodism in Canton, Sunday, November 19 at Canton Ecumenical Parish, beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be a dinner, followed by a special worship service. (Holy Communion will be served following the meal, not as part of the service) The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include many special guests including, Bishop Jeremiah Park, Beth Jones, former Pastors from the area and many special surprises.

Be sure to join us for this special event, and bring a friend!



You are invited:

To: A 35th Wedding Anniversary Party

For: Pastor Jerry and Paula (given by Pastor Jerry to Paula)

When: Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Where: Canton Ecumenical Parish

Come celebrate our anniversary with dinner and fellowship.

Just a party, no presents please!



Prayer Warriors

Everyone is invited to join the parish group of prayer warriors who pray for the needs of our parish and community each week. No one is required to pray out loud if they don't want to. Join our group and help our community by praying for others. If you would like more information about our group, contact Paula Schmidt.

CEP Children's Choir Reunion

Marsha Krause is looking for pictures and memorabilia from 2007-2008 to gather a reunion of the CEP Children's Choir over the years for an upcoming service. She is having trouble finding pictures and information so she can contact people to participate. If you have any pictures, bulletins or any other information that might be helpful, please contact her at 570-673-8958. Thank you for your help!





Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

The Canton Food Pantry item for November is canned fruit cocktail. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

The monthly dinner for November is Chicken and Biscuits on Tuesday, November 14. \$6.00 per person. This will be the last monthly dinner until April 2018, as when winter sets in, it is hard to everyone to get out if it is snowy and icy or just too dark to see to drive. See you in the Spring!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Trick-or-Treat night or donated candy!

Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher



Sunday School at 10:00 AM. It's a real wakeup call!

November 7- VOTE!!! Get out and vote!!!

November 11- Veterans Day Pray for our brave men and women who are bravely protecting our freedom.

We are collecting items for the **Christmas Shoe Boxes (Operation Christmas Child)**. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

November 23- Thanksgiving...Take time out to praise God for all the wonderful blessings he has bestowed on you. Say an extra prayer for the families who have lost loved ones that the Lord will comfort them. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. ~ Psalms 147:7-8

Extra Prayers are asked for the folks in our community who are having health challenges!

Our parishioners gave 12 Flood Buckets and 10 Hygiene Kits to Mission Central for the hurricane victims. **Thank you!** Continue to keep those folks in your prayers along with the fire victims out West. May God bless them and protect them!

Thank you to those who contributed pies for the Cross Over Concert at St. Johns. It was a great concert!

St. John's News

By Andrea Sutton



Another delicious prayer breakfast was held at the Heller's on October 21 with good food and fellowship. If you haven't been to one yet, the next one will be on November 11, this time at the home of Jim and Beverly Unruh at 7:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this time of food, fellowship and prayer for those in need!

A wonderful group, Cross Over, came to St. John's on October 8, sponsored by the Tri-County Parish. There were many in attendance and everyone was inspired by the message this group had to offer. Fellowship and pie was enjoyed by everyone following the concert. Thank you to everyone from the parish who baked pies for this event. A love offering was taken for the group. (See pictures on page 11.)

A hayride was held at the home of Jim and Beverly Unruh. Everyone had a great time with food and fellowship. The weather was great this year. Thank you Jim and Beverly for having this event each year!

As always, the special music at St. John's was wonderful, this month included, Sydney Crawford, a hymn sing, and the Men's Quartet. Thank you everyone, for providing uplifting special music each month.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Friday, November 3, with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Following the dinner, as is our tradition, the Jacobs Brothers will perform at 7 p.m. The menu this year will include Pork Loin and all the trimmings. Please join us for this special annual event. There is no charge for the dinner or concert.

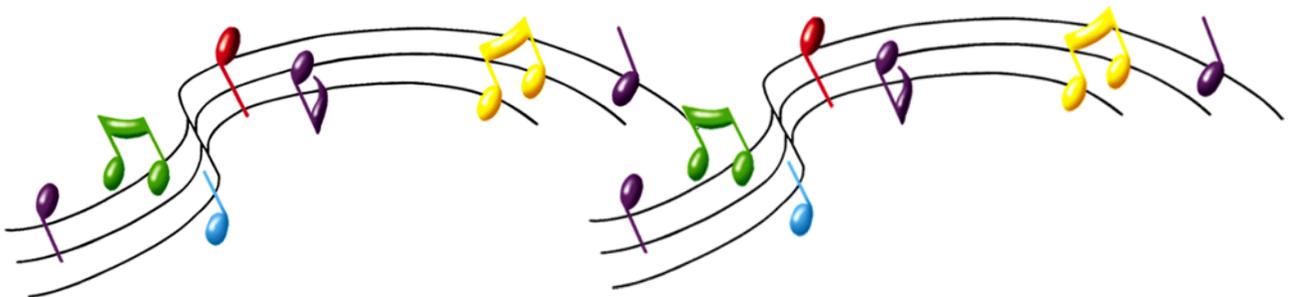
Don't forget about Veteran's Day November 11, a day to remember all of our veterans who have sacrificed for us all.

The Canton Area Network of Ministers and Family Life are sponsoring a special event in Canton! Come to A Weekend With Gene McGuire, author of the Book "Unshackled" at North Street Community Church on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18. On Friday, there will be a Pizza Fest at 5:30 p.m. followed by a performance from Commandment 11, after which Gene McGuire will speak at 7:45p.m. On Saturday, Commandment 11 will perform at 2:30 p.m. with Gene McGuire speaking at 3:15 p.m. For more information about this event, see the bulletin.

It's not too early to think about the Sutton's annual Open House on Saturday, December 9. Everyone is invited to this special time of food and fellowship and wonderful Christmas decorations!



Cross Over Concert



Ward News

By Dana Vermilya



Ward held its pastor appreciation dinner on October 22. A great time is always had when we fellowship together. We are so thankful to be able to get together to celebrate this occasion.

Remember that we will once again be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes.

As you have seen in the bulletin, our annual charge conference is, October 29th at 3:00 at CEP. We hope you are able to attend.

We are currently planning a celebration for the 200th anniversary of the Methodist Church in Canton. This is an exciting time. We will be having a dinner followed by a special service on the evening of November 19th. There will be several special guests and I'm sure it will be a wonderful event. Did you know that the Methodist services here were first held down near or on the Sechrist farm?

We are having a special service on November 12th in honor of Veteran's Day. We will have special music provided by Josh Kelley during worship.

As a part of this special service, we will be remembering Bobby McWilliams who was a member of Ward Church. During his youth, Bobby was an explorer scout. He played football, basketball and baseball earning his athletic letter and several awards. He graduated in 1966 from Canton High School alongside four of his first cousins; Maxine Shedden being one of them. After graduation, he worked a short time at Canton Manufacturing. His father encouraged him to join the military and he decided to join the Marines. He did this on February 20, 1967. He first went to Camp Lejeune and did his military training. On August 13, 1967 he was then sent to Vietnam. Only a few weeks after he went to Vietnam, his parents were notified that he was wounded and he was aboard the USS *Repose*. At that time he was awarded the Purple Heart. After he recovered, he went back into battle where he acquired Malaria. He was hospitalized until he recovered. He then began Mess Duty on December 23. As you can imagine, his parents were thankful that he was assigned this duty. On Friday December 29, 1967, Bobby's family believes he volunteered to do a night patrol after his regular duty was complete. It was on that patrol that a gunshot wound took his life. Bobby was 19 years old. The Vietcong proclaimed a holiday cease fire from 1am Saturday through 1am Tuesday in observance of their New Year. Unfortunately, Bobby was killed just prior to this truce. Bobby was the first local native to be fatally wounded in Vietnam. There is a hometown hero banner in memory of Bobby in the circle at the high school. His banner is there along with all of the other local Veterans who didn't make it home.

(Ward news continued)

One article from long ago said, “Bobby’s fine qualities will live on to inspire other brave men and help to make the world a better place.” He certainly faced many trials during his short time in the military. However, it doesn’t seem that this stopped Bobby from serving his country to his fullest ability. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his death. The cross and candle holders as well as the small Bible on the altar were given in memory of Bobby. When we look at that cross and think of the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior, we can also take a moment and think of the sacrifice of Bobby and his fellow Veterans.

Join me in saying thank you to our Veterans! After all, along with many other things, I am able to write this article as I choose because of the battles that were fought in our honor.



A Thanksgiving to Remember

By Pam Young- Submitted by Andrea Sutton

My mom always fixed the Thanksgiving feast The meal? A traditional winner
I know she rose before the sun
'cause she told us all through dinner
As a young mother I decided one year That I should take over the job
Mom was very impressed that I Would volunteer to host the mob
For our family had grown to sixteen With cousins and uncles and aunts The meal involved some
traditions A recipe that came in the pants
Of an ancestor who crossed over On the Mayflower moons before The Young family sausage
stuffing With ingredients more than four
The sausage must come from a pig that'd eaten Only the best of slop
The place to get that fabulous meat
Was at Gristle Butcher shop
The crumbs I must use in the stuffing Made from Young family sour dough bread Mom gave me
starter as a wedding gift

By my first anniversary it was dead
It was Thanksgiving morning when I really looked At her plasticized 3x5 card
With its seventeen special ingredients

This was gonna be hard

I had none of the stuff to put into

The 25 pound fowl in my face

Gristles was closed for the holiday

No bread crumbs, no fresh cloves, no mace

I'd looked in the red-checked cookbook For directions to roast the turkey

If I didn't get it in the oven soon I might have to serve beef jerky

The clock was ticking

To stuff was my goal

So I shoved a Cornish game hen In that turkey's hole

As my secret roasted I turned my table Into a veritable treasure trove

I couldn't wait for Mom to see

I'd cooked two tasty birds with one stove

At the table that memorable day

My husband proceeded to try

To remove the little bird from the big one And I really can't tell you why

But the infant refused to budge from there All eyes were narrowed on me

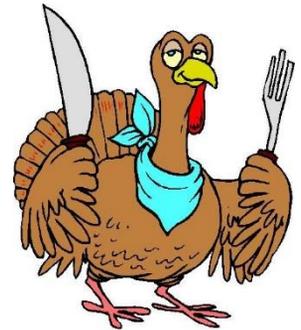
I gave my husband some scissors

He performed an episiotomy

Like a National Geographic special That little fowl came out

A Thanksgiving to remember

The next year I served trout



Purpose in Illness

By Betsy Bryan Cubas

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Nothing can affect life like a scary diagnosis. In a matter of minutes, one's entire outlook can undergo a radical change.

Illness puts things into perspective very quickly. When the possibility of the end of earthly life looms nearer in the future than expected, we begin to see things in a different light.

Jesus dealt with the sick, dedicating much of His public ministry to relieve both physical suffering and spiritual deadness. He understands suffering, both physical and mental.

The Bible teaches that God created us as being of three parts: spirit, soul, and body (1 Thessalonians 5: 23). The spirit is the breath of life God put in us, the soul is what makes us unique, and the body is our physical makeup. The body of the believer is also the temple of the Holy Spirit.

According to the Bible, diseases are allowed in the Christian's body for two reason. One reason is a result of disobedience, either to correct or as a direct result of sinful choices.

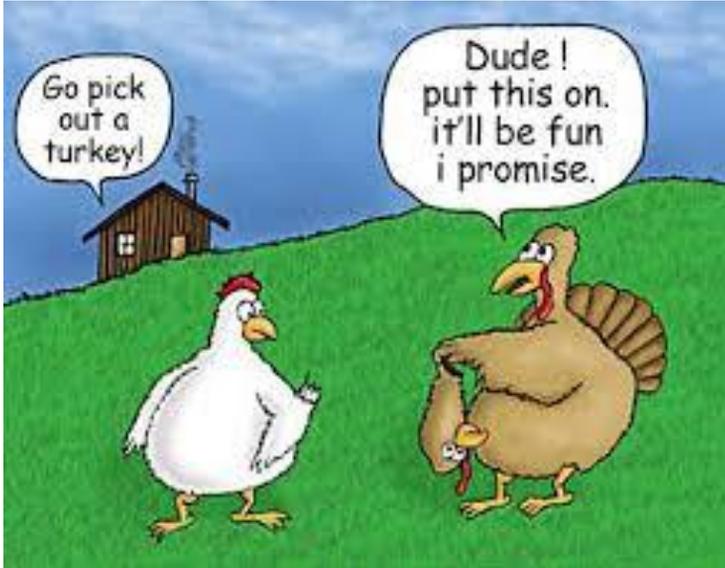
The second part of John 9:3 gives us a glimpse of another motive God has in allowing sickness: "That the works of God should be made manifest in him." Many times God uses sickness to advance His kingdom on earth.

Today many people survive illnesses that were death sentences in the past and go on to enjoy long, complete lives. Alternatively, an illness may be a permanent condition for the rest of the patient's life. In yet other cases, an illness is terminal.

Whether premature or at the end of a normal life expectancy, death is a part of the curse this earth received when man chose to disobey the limits God set for him back in the Garden of Eden. As a result, it is a natural part of our earthly existence. The only people who have or will escape its grip were Enoch, Elijah, and those alive at the time Christ returns. Every other human being that has lived or ever will live will experience death.

When faced with impending death, the Christian has choices. He can dwell on regrets and whine away the time he has left, or he can make things right with those he may have wronged and use whatever time God gives him to tell others about faith in Christ Jesus.

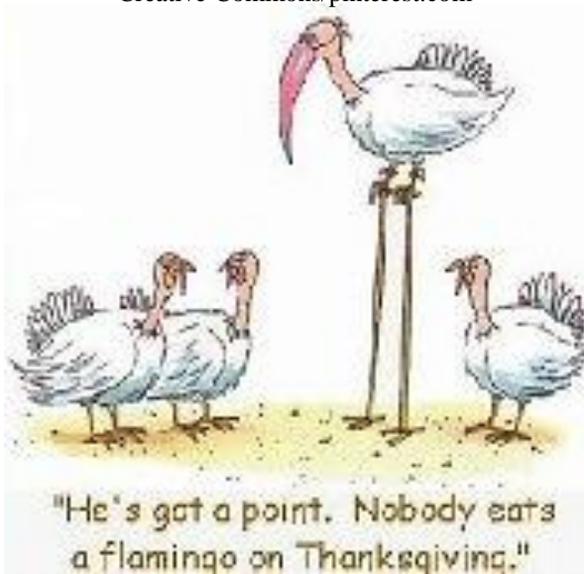
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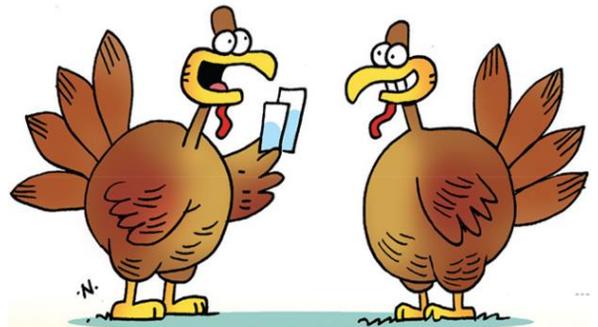
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News From the Susquehanna Conference



FROM TOM JONES, MISSION CENTRAL AMBASSADOR

This is a shortened version of the Mission Central note. To see the full version, you can go to the Mission Central website.

Texas and Florida have been fully supplied with cleaning buckets and hygiene kits. They have asked for a temporary “pause” for shipments. UMCOR also has 28,000 cleaning kits waiting in their warehouse for delivery to Puerto Rico.

YOU all deserve a huge round of applause for all of your donations of time and resources! As United Methodists, we do a tremendous job of always being prepared and we need to follow through on that, now, more than ever. Mission Central needs to replenish our inventory of cleaning buckets and hygiene kits, because, unfortunately, there will be more disasters.

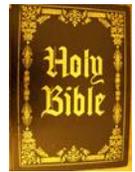
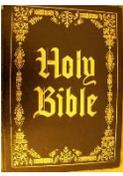
If you already have UMCOR cleaning bucket and/or hygiene kit projects up and running, please complete those. You do not need to initiate any new projects. Mission Central will still accept ALL of your UMCOR kits and kit materials.

If you have non-standard relief items, Mission Central will still accept all of those resources. Just this week, Mission Central sent a truck to Florida, loaded with medical supplies, pallets of water and pallets of brand new cookware.

Please remember to check Facebook and sign up for our weekly MissionLink newsletter (see www.missioncentral.org). As always, we at Mission Central extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone out there who has contributed and continues to contribute.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF

Throughout the next several weeks, please prayerfully consider continuing to take offerings to receive funds to be given to UMCOR. The church treasurer can send those gifts directly to the conference office at 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-3179. Checks should be written payable to the **Susquehanna Conference** and designated *in the memo line* with the number **2180** if the money is to be used for *national relief* or the number **2470** if the money is to be used for *international relief*. You may want to designate the money for both causes by writing your wishes on the check or remittance report. (Church Treasurers - please use Section A on the Remittance Report when sending in the money). Mission Central is a significant partner with UMCOR now.



November 2017 Daily Bible Reading Calendar

1 Jeremiah 31, 32 Titus 2	2 Jeremiah 33 – 35 Tutus 3	3 Jeremiah 36 – 37 Philemon 1	4 Jeremiah 38, 39 Hebrews 1	5 Jeremiah 40 – 42 Hebrews 2	6 Jeremiah 40 – 45 Hebrews 3	7 Jeremiah 46 – 48 Hebrews 4
8 Jeremiah 49, 50 Hebrews 5	9 Jeremiah 51,52 Hebrews 6	10 Lam. 1,2 Hebrews 7	11 Lam. 3 – 5 Hebrews 8	12 Ezekiel 1 – 3 Hebrews 9	13 Ezekiel 4 – 6 Hebrews 10: 1 - 23	14 Ezekiel 7 – 9 Hebrews 10: 24 – 39
15 Ezekiel 10 – 12 Hebrews 11: 1 – 19	16 Ezekiel 13 – 15 Hebrews 11: 20 – 40	17 Ezekiel 16 Hebrews 12	18 Ezekiel 17 – 19] Hebrews 13	19 Ezekiel 20, 21 James 1	20 Ezekiel 22, 23 James 2	21 Ezekiel 24 – 26 James 3
22 Ezekiel 27, 28 James 4	23 Ezekiel 29 – 31 James 5	24 Ezekiel 32, 33 1 Peter 1	25 Ezekiel 34, 35 1 Peter 2	26 Ezekiel 36, 37 1 Peter 3	27 Ezekiel 38, 39 1 Peter 4	28 Ezekiel 40 1 Peter 5
29 Ezekiel 41, 42 II Peter 1	30 Ezekiel 43, 44 II Peter 2					



Getting Rid of the Old Fridge

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of the old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying, “Free to good home, you want it,--you take it.”

For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal – looks too good to be true – so he changed the sign to read: “Fridge for sale \$50”. The next day someone stole it.

Slow-Cooker Home-Style Mashed Potatoes

Recipe Courtesy of Food Network Kitchen

Ingredients:

5 pounds medium russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks.

12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into 1/2 inch cubes

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 cup sour cream

1 1/2 to 2 cups milk, warm

2 tablespoons sliced chives

Directions:

Toss the potatoes, butter, 1 tablespoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a 6 quart slow cooker. Add 1 cup of water, then cover and cook on high until the potatoes are tender, about 4 hours. (the potatoes may have browned slightly in spots but that is okay)

Remove the lid and add the sour cream and 1 1/2 cups warm milk. Season to taste with additional salt and pepper. Garnish with chives.

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Skillet Apple Crisp

Recipe Courtesy of Ree Drummond

Ingredients:

Crumb Topping:

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter

Apple Filling:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

5 Granny Smith Apples, peeled and sliced

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 tablespoon vanilla

The juice of 1 lemon

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Vanilla ice cream, for serving

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. **For the crumb topping:** In a medium bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt using a fork or pastry cutter. Cut the butter into small pieces and gradually add it to the flour mixture until evenly mixed. **For the apple filling:** In an 8-inch cast-iron skillet, heat the butter over medium heat. Add the apple slices and a pinch of salt and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the brown sugar, cornstarch, vanilla, and lemon juice. Cover the apple filling in the skillet evenly with the crumb topping. Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Remove the foil and bake until crisp and brown on top, and additional 20 to 30 minutes. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

Tri-County Parish November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Canton Ecumenical

- 3- Michael Bacon
- 4- Joe Miller
- 5- Janice Hertel
- 9- Brandon Ridall
- 11- Orin Finogle
- 15- Dorothy Smithgall
- 19- Florence Finogle
- 21- Jason Robertson
- 22- Ronn Seely
- 26- Lois Greene
- 27- Roger Castle
- 28- Brian Greenough

Anniversaries:

- 23- Warren & Donna Strout
- 26- Jerry & Paula Schmidt

Ward

- 1- Betty Mordan
- 4- Dianna Thompson, Joe Miller
- 7- Shannon Abercrombie
- 13- Jean O'Connors
- 15- Randy Bellows
- 17- Ronnie Vermilya
- 20- Sheila Woodward
- 23- Barbara Machmer
- 26- Lyle Vermilya
- 30- Megan Slater

Anniversaries:

- 3- Randy & Amy Bellows
- 24- Ken & Dawn Boyd
- 26- Jerry & Paula Schmidt

St. John's

- 4- Joe Miller
- 17- Charlie Hickok
- 20- Will Unruh
- 29- Diane Deljonavan

Anniversaries:

- 6- Dick & Kathy Turner
- 19- Jerry & Fern McNett
- 26- Jerry & Paula Schmidt

Shunk

- 4- Joe Miller
- 10- Neva Hartford

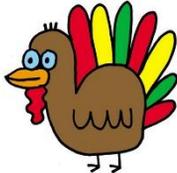
Anniversaries:

- 4- Jerry & Marilyn Brown
- 26- Jerry & Paula Schmidt



**If you have corrections or additions to this list,
contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so
we can keep this list as accurate as possible.**

Tri- County Parish Events - November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Eat TONS and take a nap.		1 All Saints Day <i>Betty Mordan</i>	2	3 Thanksgiving Dinner at St. John's 5:30pm <i>Michael Bacon Randy & Amy Bellows</i>	4 Brown renewal of vows Shunk, 1 pm <i>Dianna Thompson Joe Miller Jerry & Marilyn Brown</i>
5 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends <i>Janice Hertel</i>	6 Minister's Network 9am <i>Dick & Kathy Turner</i>	7 Election Day <i>Shannon Abercrombie</i>	8	9 <i>Brandon Ridall</i>	10 <i>Neva Hartford</i>	11 Veterans Day <i>Orin Finogle</i>
12	13 <i>Jean O'Connors</i>	14 CEP Monthly Dinner 5:00 PM <i>Shannon Abercrombie</i>	15 Ezra training Mansfield UMC, 9:30 am <i>Dorothy Smithgall Randy Bellows</i>	16	17 Gene McGuire <i>Charlie Hickok Ronnie Vermilya</i>	18 Gene McGuire
19 200 Year of Methodism in Canton Celebration <i>Florence Finogle Jerry & Fern McNett</i>	20 Universal Children's Day <i>Will Unruh Sheila Woodward</i>	21 <i>Jason Robertson</i>	22 <i>Ronn Seely</i>	23 Thanksgiving Day  <i>Barbara Machmer Warren & Donna Strout</i>	24 <i>Ken & Dawn Boyd</i>	25
26 Christ the King Sunday Pastor Jerry & Paula's 35th Wedding Anniversary Celebration 5pm at CEP <i>Lois Greene Lyle Vermilya Jerry & Paula Schmidt</i>	27 <i>Roger Castle</i>	28 <i>Brian Greenough</i>	29 Bishop's Retreat Mtg. 1:00 PM <i>Diane Deljonavan</i>	30	 Eat TONS and take a nap.	

All events are subject to change.
 Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Lectionary November 2017

November 5: (The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost)

Joshua 3: 7 – 17
Psalm 107: 1 – 7, 33 – 37
1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13
Matthew 23: 1 – 12

November 12: (The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost)

Joshua 24: 1 – 3a, 14 – 25
Psalm 78: 1 – 7
1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18
Matthew 25: 1 – 13

November 19: (The 19th Sunday After Pentecost)

Judges 4: 1 – 7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11
Matthew 25: 14 – 30

November 26: (Christ the King Sunday)

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 15, 20 – 24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15 – 23
Matthew 25: 31 – 46



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