

Newsletter November 2023



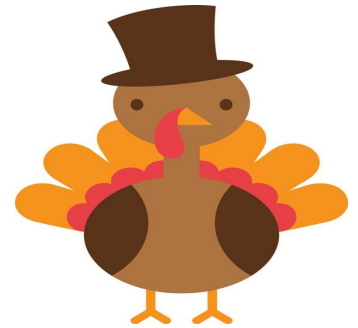
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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

It is hard to believe that November 2023 is so quickly upon us. In November our thoughts often turn to Thanksgiving as family preparations are completed and the day of thanks is celebrated. In the Psalms, thanksgiving is a major theme. We offer thanksgiving and praise to God as a response to what God has already done in our lives. We offer thanksgiving and praise to God for what God will do in the future. We offer thanksgiving and praise to God for God's work as creator and sustainer, for God's guidance, protection, love and forgiveness. We offer thanksgiving and praise for our redemption and for God's continuing presence in our lives. A psalmist wrote: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise...Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals...Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip...Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me (from Psalm 66). May God's steadfast love fill us with such an awe of the magnificence of God's work, that our lives may be continually transformed into lives of thanksgiving and praise. Grace and peace to you. Larry

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

Your Bremen-Bethel Session has been busy with the usual year-end tasks. An unusual task this year had been preparing the manse for sale. The lot has been surveyed, the house appraised and numerous improvements to the residence have been made. The church owes a BIG tip of the hat to the church operations committee which consists of Corey Riley, Sue Henwood and George Shreyer. This committee has done an excellent job in this project. This is also the time when the session must construct the pro forma budget for the upcoming year. This budget will be approved, after discussion and suggestions by the session, at the November session meeting. The budget will then be affirmed by the congregational at the annual meeting scheduled for December 3, 2024.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry (continued)

Church officers will also be elected at this meeting. ('Officer' used in this sense refers to the local church only as Presbyterian polity allows for only two 'officers', the moderator and the clerk, ...'Presbyterians go to great lengths to avoid ostentatious titles!!!!') In other session business Judy Turner, Presbytery Commissioner, reported on presbytery actions, including a possible increase in the per capita, the amount we pay (on each member) which goes to support the higher ad-judicatories, that is, presbytery, synod and general assembly. The regular report of the treasurer included the fact that the church Secretary/fiscal clerk, Loretta, is assuming more duties which were handled by the church treasurer relieving pressure on the treasurer. The brokerage account at Stifel is performing satisfactorily despite the down turn in the overall market. The Letter of Transmittal Fund Agreement from the Fairfield Foundation was reviewed establishing the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Fund. The books of the church were reviewed on October 22 at the session review event at the Chillicothe Presbyterian Church. Our records were found to be in order and approved without exceptions. The report will be presented to presbytery. As stated above, at the November session meeting, the 2024 pro forma budget will be presented, the report of the review of the membership roll, the report of the personnel committee, and the report of the nominating committee will be received. If there are questions contact the Moderator, Larry or the Clerk, Dee.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Cindy Cullumber

Just a friendly reminder that we will be having the Christmas Joy offering during the Advent season. Thank you, Cindy



happy
birthday



Nov 1st – Mary Schmidt
Nov 11th – Andrew McCandlish
Nov 14th – Andy Ray
Nov 18th – Larry Maley
Nov 29th – Tom Ankrom

There are no anniversaries for the month of November.

Anyone wanting to add a birthday or anniversary to the list, please send an email or call the church office.



Nov 2nd, 3rd & 4th - the Next to New sale at the Bremen United Methodist Church. Anyone wanting to sign up for Christmas Baskets must sign up at the sale, or they can call 211, Information and Referral, and sign up through there. If you have items to donate, please bring items to Bremen United Methodist Church on Oct 30th, 31st and Nov 1st. Proceeds from the sale go to purchasing sweatshirts and hats for the Christmas Baskets from the Bremen Food Pantry.

Nov 4th – The girls basketball team will place sacks on the porches in Bremen to collect food items for the food pantry. On **Nov 11th**, sacks will be picked up from the porches. If anyone would like to help sort the donated items, please come to Calvary Church on **Nov 11th** at 9 am.

Nov 5th – **Daylight Saving Time Ends!** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Nov 7th – Election Day

Nov 11th – Veterans Day

Nov 12th – Zeta Alpha will meet at 9:30 am in the church basement.

Nov 23rd – Thanksgiving Day

Nov 26th – Session Meeting after the church service

Please Note!: There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary for donations of frozen turkeys. In addition, we will resume collecting cookies to be given with the Christmas Food Baskets. Please look for a sign-up sheet for cookies as well. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Turner.

November Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

Nov 5th – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader & Usher
Cindy Cullumber: Usher

Nov 12th – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher
George Shreyer: Usher

Nov 19th – Judy Turner: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
Cinda Keller: Communion Server & Usher

Nov 26th – Brenda Winegardner: Lay Reader & Usher
Kerry Boyd: Usher





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Thanksgiving Word Search

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Dinner	Pie
Fall	Pilgrims
Family	Pumpkin
Feast	Share
Native (Americans)	Thanks
November	Turkey

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Count how many of each image you see and write the correct number below.

Thanksgiving Word Scramble



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2. ukppmin _____
3. krueyt _____
4. omfaylwer _____
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Turkey Maze

