

## MEMORIAL PRESS

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### NOVEMBER 2020

## SPECIAL IN-PERSON SERVICE AND CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Sunday, November 15

The Session of Dayton Memorial Presbyterian voted to resume our in-person worship service on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed to welcome Pastor Dan Berger back to our pulpit for our first service. Following worship there is a called congregational meeting to elect a slate of officers and to amend the bylaws to allow for Zoom and other electronic means for meetings.

Safety measures will be taken as we resume worship; i.e. face masks are required, temperatures will be taken at door, and social distancing as well as some changes to our worship service to ensure safety. A safety committee has been formed to address these issues and develop a plan which we will share with all of you prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Until then, continue to join us virtually for worship on the Bethany YouTube channel and stay safe and healthy!

Debbie Ward, Chair  
Worship & Music Committee



Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

## Sunday Services

Until we can once again gather at church, Bethany Presbyterian will be recording services and making them available through YouTube. You can access the services through the link below or by going to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzLTy0Fi_1hSOHuX-WlhVFA?view_as=subscriber) and searching **Bethany Presbyterian Church**.

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Those who wish to make their regular offerings to Memorial can send them to the Church: **Memorial Presbyterian; P.O. Box 70; Dayton, IN 47941**

"Church isn't just a place we go."



The Church is who we are."

—anonymous

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## **\*\* SESSION NOTES \*\***

Your Session met virtually, using the Zoom program, each one of us in our own home, on Tuesday evening, October 20, 2020, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Learned that the construction on the West Door project may be completed in the next two weeks or so. All that remains are the railings and lights.
- Received a letter from the Gideons International of Indiana, Lafayette Camp, inviting us to a banquet at the Trails on November 5.
- Learned that our 16-foot diameter Guided Prayer Labyrinth in the south parking lot, between the handicap drive and the basketball goal, is complete and ready to be used by our congregants as well as our local community.
- Learned that we will be participating in a very, very different (due to the pandemic) Jubilee Christmas event, serving 15 families. A thermo-gun and face shields will be purchased to use for the event.
- Received letters from the Presbyterian World Mission. Made a special offering of \$25.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing for Peace and Global Witness Sunday.
- Learned that the Mission Committee contributed \$100.00 from Change for Change to the Presbyterian Disaster Association to be used for wild fire victims.
- Elected to hold an **in-person worship service on Sunday, November 15**, followed by a Called Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, for the purpose of electing officers for the year 2021, as well as adjusting the By-Laws to allow electronic voting. This will precede discussion regarding the reinstatement of in-person worship at Memorial Church.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session



### **2020 Celebrating the Saints November 1, 2020**



Jose Marcos Sugar .....	11/07/2019 (husband of member)
Jack A. Carson .....	11/9/2019 (member)
Betty Fingerle .....	12/6/2019 (aunt of member)
Steve Cain .....	12/8/2019 (brother-in-law of member)
Clifford E. Newton .....	12/11/2019 (brother-in-law of member)
Patricia Ann Biery .....	3/28/2020 (member)
Carolyn S. (Biery) Finkenbinder .....	5/5/2020 (member)
Kenneth Schwartz .....	3/2/2020 (nephew of member)
Robert Deckard .....	4/11/2020 (husband of late member)
Debbie Mundell .....	5/2/2020 (grandmother of member)
Eric Smeltzer .....	10/6/2020 (brother of member)
Phyllis C. Smith Brooks .....	10/12/2020 (sister and aunt of members)

### **DMPC November Events**

**November 1**  
Daylight  
Savings  
Time Ends



**November 3**



**November 5, 12, 19**  
(not open 11/26)  
@ 9-11 a.m.  
Food Pantry

**November 8**



**November 11**



**November 15**

Special In-Person  
Worship  
@ 10:30 a.m.  
Called Congrega-  
tional meeting after  
worship



**November 26**

Happy  
Thanksgiving



## Friendship Sunday— November 8<sup>th</sup>



This year we are missing our church friends. We would love to see a current picture of you!

Please send us a recent picture of you, or request a member of the Seed Planting committee to come take a picture of you on your front porch. We will include these pictures in the service on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, invite friends to check out this virtual Service that is sure to be uplifting.

Blessings, The Seed Planting Committee

### CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH OFFICES IN 2021

Now is the time for our church to elect its officers for next year. Your Nominating Committee has worked to develop a slate of officers proposed to be elected at a congregational meeting. With Covid 19 issues in play at this time, we don't know exactly when that election will take place, but be aware that the Nominating Committee has identified the following slate for your consideration and proposed approval. These candidates have all agreed to serve in the offices listed below.

Proposed candidates are:

#### Session Elders:

- Fred Reichart, Candace Fitzgerald, Paul Houser (class of 2023)

#### Deacons:

- Michelle Darnell, Malinda Hannah, Charlotte Avery, Kathy Shaw (Class of 2023)

#### Trustees:

- Lynn Ryan, Todd Lineback (class of 2023)

#### Officers to serve one-year terms:

- Church Treasurer: Wes Shaw (Jane Philips has agreed to shadow the office while learning.)
- Assistant church treasurer: Patti Hicks
- Church School Superintendant: Cindy Stafford
- Assistant Church School Superintendant: Jane Coleman
- Church School Secretary: Phyllis Hill
- Cradle Roll Superintendant: Kayla Fields

The above offices require some sacrifice and time and should be much appreciated by the congregation. The Nominating Committee wants to thank each of the above people for volunteering to serve Memorial Presbyterian Church, and we urge the congregation to vote for these candidates.

--Your Nominating & Membership Committee

## 2020 End-of-Year To Do List

November  
Give Thanks!



December  
Rejoice!!

### Complete Church Annual Report

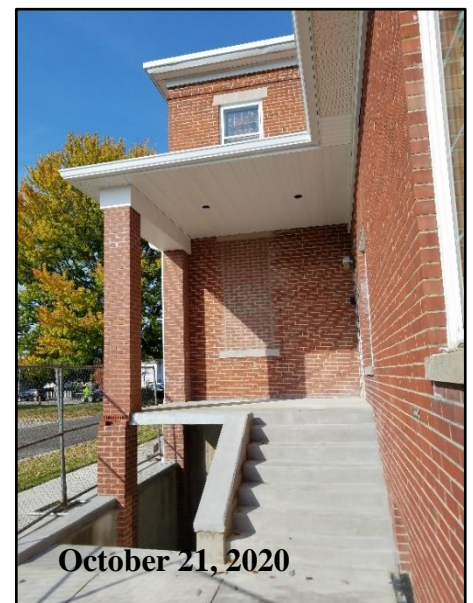
Elders & others: Please begin getting together information you want to include in this year's Church Annual Report. An email with specific dates and list of what is needed will be sent out shortly.

January  
Celebrate!



-Thank you!!

### OFFICE ENTRANCE RENOVATION: ALMOST THERE!!!!



October 21, 2020





As you can imagine, this year's Jubilee Christmas will look much different than in past years. However, with some guidance from Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) and help from our congregation, we hope to still spread Christmas cheer to families who need it more this year than ever before. Because of your love and support, we are still able to support 15 families in our area by providing toys, gift cards, and books for their children.

We will have a **limited number of volunteers** this year. Instead of the families coming into the building to "shop" for items, the items will be preselected and bagged up ahead of time for volunteers to deliver to the vehicles of the families (sort of like grocery pick up at the store). Each family will have an assigned pick up time. There will be **strict safety guidelines** in place to ensure the health and safety of our guests and volunteers. Since we will be preselecting the toys for the children, this will require more planning and thought ahead of time for the coordinators and those of you who choose to shop, your patience this year is greatly appreciated.

The shopping experience will look a little different this year. We would like people to "adopt a family" or "adopt a child" and shop for specific items on their list. We will still provide the child with 2 large gifts (\$20 & \$35 price points) and some smaller items as well. So, if you choose to shop this year, we will give you a specific child or children to shop for with a list of some of their favorite things. If you do not feel comfortable shopping in stores but would still like to help, we will be taking monetary donations, and we will have an Amazon Wishlist set up so items can be purchased and sent directly to us for distribution to families.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the 12<sup>th</sup> or shop for gifts, please contact our co-chairs. We would like to have all toys back to the church and all volunteers signed up by December 1st so please reach out to us as soon as possible to sign up to shop and/or volunteer on the 12th.



Cindy Suter: 765-418-1342 (call or text)  
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Molly Bull: 765-337-8020 (call or text)  
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## CHANGES FOR CHURCH OFFICE

Until further notice, the Church Office will be open **ONLY** on **Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** However, the secretary will continue to be working from home on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please feel free to email the secretary at any time or call (765) 491-8047 during the usual Tuesday/Wednesday office hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please leave a message if you don't immediately get an answer.

**REMINDER:** Now that construction has started, office entry will be from the south end of the Church.

Who refreshes others will be refreshed.

—Proverbs 11:25

## **KIDS' CLOSET— NEW “SYSTEM” CATCHING ON!!!**

Our usual monthly Kids' Closet continues to be closed due to the COVID19 pandemic, but we are operating in a new way to address the needs of families in our community. Our new system seems to be working; we are generally helping 2 to 4 families each month.

We are currently taking clothing orders from families in need and using curbside pickup to get those orders delivered to our shoppers in the safest manner we can. KC shoppers complete order forms that are available through Facebook, our website (once the site has been updated), and in the Church office during Thursday office hours—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We are also accepting new or gently used donations and are asking that the donations are clean, placed in clean containers, and the containers/bags dated. Donations are accepted during office hours—Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please keep a watch in our newsletters, Facebook page, and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



## **Presbyterian Giving Catalog CHANGE for CHANGE**

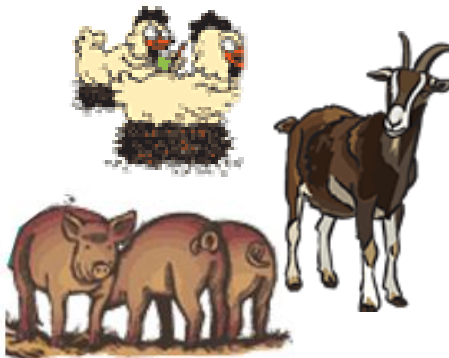
### **Let's Keep it Going!**

- 1) Cutout! Tape the label below to a collection container and throw in your loose CHANGE.
- 2) Bring collected CHANGE to Church when we reopen.
- 3) Pour CHANGE into the bucket located in the parlor.
- 4) Watch it grow! CHANGE the lives of our neighbors—here, there, and everywhere—with your CHANGE!

### ***Our CHANGE CHANGES all of us!***



P.S. Earlier in the year we were able to purchase 2 pigs, 2 goats, and some chickens. Thanks be to God!



## ***Food Pantry***



Our Food Pantry has continued to be open on Thursdays from 9 to 11 am throughout the COVID

crisis. We very much appreciate the donations of grocery bags from individuals over the past couple of months. And we want to thank Deb Vyse and her nephew for coordinating a donation of bags from Payless on Maple Point Drive.

As we continue to be limited in the number of items that can be purchased at Aldi's in a single trip, donations of any of the items in the list below would be greatly appreciated. Just drop them off at the office any Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ***Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.***

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:

Paul Houser



### ***Food Pantry Items Needed:***

- green beans (14.5 oz can)\*
- peas (14.5 oz can)\*
- corn (14.5 oz can)\*
- pork & beans (16 oz can)\*
- fruit cocktail (14.5 oz can)\*
- pineapple (20 oz can)\*
- chicken noodle soup (10.5 oz can)\*
- tomato soup (10.5 oz can)\*
- Ramen chicken or beef soups
- saltines
- boxed mac & cheese (e.g., Kraft, 7.25 oz)\*
- tuna (5 oz can)\*
- peanut butter (18 oz jar)\*
- toilet tissue

*\*approximate sizes*



**GUIDED PRAYER LABYRINTH**



Guess what's new at church? A "Guided Prayer Labyrinth"! Our youth group, consisting of 6 teens and 3 adults, put together a labyrinth on our church parking lot for all to enjoy! This is open to our church members and the general public, to be used as a way to pray or meditate . . . to connect closer to God and find peace and purpose. We pray it brings calmness in the chaos of these challenging days. We encourage you to visit it as often as you'd like!

Information about the prayer labyrinth and a suggestion for its use are available at the site.




♥ Peace be with you!!! ♥

**GUIDED PRAYER LABYRINTH**

**WELCOME EVERYONE!**

An Optional Guide is Offered Below



The Labyrinth is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation.

① Walking In . . . Pray for a release of your fears and distractions "Let Go and Let God".

② AT CENTER . . . Pray for illumination, pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with life anew.

Walking out . . . Pray for intention. Let the Holy Spirit guide you in living out God's will. Love on another.

③

There is no one right way of praying that is fruitful for everybody all the time. The labyrinth is offered to you as a spiritual opportunity. Walking the sacred path of a labyrinth serves to still our thoughts, allowing space for God amid the usually jam-packed confines of our minds.

**GO IN PEACE**

Dear Church Family,

Yes, it has been awhile since we have seen each other, but our thoughts and prayers are for the church and all of you. Our summer quarantine was mostly on our houseboat in Kentucky. We think there isn't a better place



to see God's beauty with beautiful sunsets and sunrises and lots of warm water.

All of our children and grandkids were able to come down – if not once, twice.



One time we were on the boat for 3 weeks and had family and friends down – one right after the other. Of course, we all ate very good, and we played lots of games for family fun. Knee boarding, tubing, water skiing were all done by the family – us "old folks" just watched them and that was okay. We were all able to be together on 4<sup>th</sup> of July and enjoyed the fireworks on the lake. With our church service being on You Tube, we were able to watch our service every week. It is amazing how "high tech" we are getting and thank goodness for it.

While we were back home in Indiana, Ron and I spent several days, going out to see our church family and take pictures for the church service when the church was at our home base. If we haven't seen you, you may yet – we are not done!



Yes, there will be lots of changes in the future for our church, but we are a strong church in faith, fellowship, and love for our God. I've been told



more than once, 'that God doesn't give us any more than we can handle.' So we must rely on God and His blessings. More than anything, we have missed seeing all of you, but hopefully soon.

Hugs to all,

Harriett and Ron Berry

***What Have YOU Been Doin'??***

Send a message to share with everyone in our next newsletter. A "Hi! How are you?" will do—we'd just love to hear from you!

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

--Romans 12:12

### JOYS

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

--Romans 15:13

- ✝ Welcome **AGAIN** to the Great-Great Grandma Club, Margaret Grimes, with the birth of Wesley Alan Worley!!! (middle name was stated incorrectly in September newsletter—oops!)

### CONCERNS

<sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

--1 Peter 5:7

- ✝ Ray Hicks as he goes through surgery to remove the cancer on the right side of his face.
- ✝ Sarah Norris—prayers for improvement in on-going health concerns.
- ✝ Eric Smeltzer, brother of Jane Coleman, and his family
- ✝ Jean McGill, daughter of Joy Schwartz—as Jean deals with new medical issues.
- ✝ Phyllis C. Smith Brooks, aunt of Deb Vyse & Peggy Gregory, sister of Gene Smith—who recently passed away.



*Please send your Joys and Concerns to:*

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**Dear Church Family,**



*Thank you for the church scholarship to go toward my expenses at Purdue NW.*

*This has meant a lot to me. Also, thank you for the Key Chain!*

*Dylan Holsclaw*

Thank you, **Kayla Fields**, for sharing your talent! The Fall wreaths on the front doors are outstanding! We thank God for your creativity and your willingness to share.



### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Russell Lucas; Jackie Ginther (Niece/ J.Schwartz); Kevin Konrad; Margaret Stonecipher (friend of C. Stanford); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Bob Yost; Kennedy Alkire; Betty Pfeiffer; Cindy DeGolyer; Tracey Harris; Mary Ellen Bowers; Sandi Stingley; Ward Suter (father-in-law of Cindy Bull Suter); Dougie Harden; Jason Trail, Sr., and his family; Zachary King; Terry McKillip; Fred Reichart; Sally Smith; Jeff Smith (son of Marge Smith); Jon Grimes; Laszlo & Joanne Kovacs; Joan Shoemaker (mother of Nancy Grimes); Betty Barnett; Ron Berry; Thomas Snyder (uncle of Teresa Mundell); LuAlice Huston; the family of Brenda Watts; Margaret Grimes; Don & Joy Schwartz; the residents and staff of St. Elizabeth Healthcare Campus in Delphi as they cope with the COVID-19 outbreak St. Elizabeth Healthcare Campus in Delphi and of Mulberry Health & Rehabilitation Center as they cope with the COVID-19 outbreak; Joe Grimes; Ray Hicks; Sarah Norris; the family of Eric Smeltzer; Jean McGill; Phyllis C. Smith Brooks & Family.

*We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers*

# Our Church Family



**ELDERS:** CANDACE FITZGERALD, COMMUNION  
PAUL HOUSER, DEVOTIONS

**DEACONS:** KATHY SHAW, CAPTAIN; BETH BARGER

1 CHRISTOPHER HOUSER  
5 CATHY HANCOOK  
7 ESMERALDA SNYDER  
7 STEVEN EDWARDS  
8 STEPHANIE BIERY  
9 JOHN CASSADY  
9 JACK NORRIS  
9 SUSAN GIBSON  
9 NANCY GRIMES  
11 BAILEY ROSA



12 LANDON RODGERS  
16 LOGAN CASSADY  
18 BRIAN ALKIRE  
21 CHRISTOPHER PERRY  
22 BAILEY SPRAGUE  
23 LINA GUENTHER  
26 BRADLEY WEBBER  
26 MICHAEL GRIMES  
29 HOLLIE HUGHES  
30 STANLEY BULL  
30 CINDY STANFORD



6 MAX & MARSHA BIERY  
6 MARK & DEBBIE WARD

## Omissions and/or Errors

If you notice any omissions or incorrect entries in the birthdates and anniversaries each month, please contact Mary Houser at [secretary@daytonpres.org](mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org) or call the Church office at 296-3199.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> If anyone gives even a cup of cold water ... that person will certainly not lose their reward. [Matthew 10:42]	<b>2</b> Let it be known today that you are God. [1 Kings 18:36]	<b>3</b> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season. [Psalm 1:3]	<b>4</b> Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise. [Proverbs 30:24]	<b>5</b> Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. [John 2:19]	<b>6</b> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” [John 15:5]	<b>7</b> Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. [Luke 10:20]
<b>8</b> Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way. [Deuteronomy 8:2]	<b>9</b> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace. [1 Peter 4:10]	<b>10</b> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. [Psalm 32:1]	<b>11</b> In distant lands they will remember me ... and they will return. [Zechariah 10:9]	<b>12</b> God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. [Exodus 13:17]	<b>13</b> So is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me. [Isaiah 55:11]	<b>14</b> I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed. [Daniel 3:25]
<b>15</b> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. [Hebrews 11:1]	<b>16</b> Serve one another humbly in love. [Galatians 5:13]	<b>17</b> The Lord is the strength of his people. [Psalm 28:8]	<b>18</b> I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. [Philippians 3:8]	<b>19</b> I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me ... and I lay down my life for the sheep. [John 10:14-15]	<b>20</b> Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry. [Ephesians 4:26]	<b>21</b> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. [James 3:18]
<b>22</b> Be generous and willing to share. [1 Timothy 6:18]	<b>23</b> Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. [Mark 3:13]	<b>24</b> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. [Matthew 6:26]	<b>25</b> Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. [Romans 10:13]	<b>26</b> Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. [Isaiah 12:4]	<b>27</b> Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. [1 Chronicles 16:11]	<b>28</b> All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. [Psalm 139:16]
<b>29</b> On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. [Isaiah 25:6]	<b>30</b> He will purify ... and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness. [Malachi 3:3]		<div>Food Pantry continues to be open at this time: Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m Kids’ Closet is providing services curbside. See page 5 for specifics.</div>			
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***Sunday, November 15***

*10:30 am Worship*

*Followed by a  
Called Congregational Meeting*

*November 2020*



**December 2020 Newsletter DEADLINE**  
**Please have submissions sent in by Sunday, November 22**