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<u>Pastor's Epistle November 2022 – Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah</u> <u>We Need Your Friendship</u>

Memorial Presbyterian Church needs your friendship. Give us a chance to befriend you. It could start today or any time. Whenever it starts, we will enjoy you; and you will enjoy us. Unplanned friendship started between David and Jonathan. It was one of the best accounts of friendship recorded in the Bible. How did it start? Let's see how it started.

The battle between the Philistines and the Israelites ended abruptly! Confusion settled on faces; screaming and escapes were seen. Then a deep silence descended on the battle arena. Something just happened! A giant had just been killed, Giant Goliath. Israel had been delivered from an imminent danger. Who won this victory? David! Who was David? A shepherd boy who, without a battle outfit and weapons, volunteered to challenge the Philistine giant who terrorized Israel for several days. How did David win the battle? Read what David said before he engaged the giant. "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you . . . that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands. (**1 Samuel 17:45–47**).



DEACON'S SMOCK FOUNDATION FUNDS:

If you know someone who is a church member, who lives in Indiana, and who may need economic help due to an emergency, job loss, death of a family member, etc., please let a deacon know of the need.

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The Smock Family has generously given funds for emergency needs. Priorities are given to senior adults within our church family.

The funds are given anonymously to the person.



The Church is who we are." —anonymous

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WOMEN'S PRAISE SERVICE

November 20, 2022

Praise Service Join us on Sunday, November 20, 2022, as the Dayton

Presbyterian Women lead our worship

service in the annual Women's Praise Service. The message will be given by Debbie Ward. Following worship, there will be cookies and punch to enjoy in the parlor. Support our DPW and Presbyterian Women Thank Offering by joining us on November 20th.



Cookie Bakers Needed!

If you would like to provide cookies for the reception following the *Women's Praise Service* on Sunday, November 20, please sign up on the insert which will be included in our November 6 and November 13 worship bulletins. You may also contact Mary Houser during office hours (9:30-12:30, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) at **765-296-3199** or **secretary@daytonpres.org**.

Thanks for your help!

* * SESSION NOTES * *

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, October 18, 2022, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Learned that the 2020 and 2021 Minutes of Session and Church Register were reviewed, without correction or exception, at the Presbytery Records Review held on October 5, 2022, at Rochester Community Presbyterian Church in Rochester, Indiana.
- Learned that the Trustees' cleaning out of the church attic has been postponed. Items must be saved by attaching yellow tape (which is there) with an appropriate message.
- Reported, with sadness, that Robert W. Yost (Chron. #276) passed away on October 4, 2022, at Mulberry Health and Rehabilitation. A memorial service was held at Memorial Presbyterian Church on October 13. Interment was at the Wyandotte Cemetery.
- Reported also, that Charles R. (Bob) Millikan (Chron. #316) passed away on October 16, 2022, at Mulberry Health and Rehabilitation. No service is planned at this time.
- Approved "hanging of the greens" during the Sunday School hour on November 27; outdoor tree lighting, followed by refreshments inside on December 4; Christmas program during worship on December 11; and re-packing the greens on January 8.
- Pledged to have a New Member Reception following worship on Sunday, November 6.
- Elected to hold a Called Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation following worship on November 27 for the purpose of electing church officers for the year 2023.
- Received gifts of gratitude from Dayton Lodge #103 F.& A.M., Hope Chapter #5 O.E.S., and Dayton Lodge #828 Knights of Pythias for allowing them to meet in our facility due to road construction difficulties.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

Community Christmas Tree lightening 6 p.m. on December 4th.

Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas Sing-along as we light the tree near the gazebo and celebrate the start of the Christmas season!



JUBILEE CHRISTMAS **DECEMBER 10, 2022**

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

Plans are underway for hundreds of families and more than one thousand children from the Greater Lafayette community to have a joyful Christmas through this annual mission event. The friends and families of Memorial Presbyterian Church have been involved with Jubilee Christmas for many years. Because of your love and support, we are able to continue again this year to support 15 families in our area by providing toys, books, and food.

Volunteers are needed as hosts, shoppers, set-up and clean-up. If you are able and available to help prepare for Jubilee 2022, we need you! Even if you have not previously volunteered, we can guide you through the process and explain how you can help.

We will continue to follow state and local COVID-19 precautions. We will have a limited shopping experience for the families that will allow for increased social distancing measures. We will also have increased sanitizing practices. Volunteers will be asked to refrain from attending if they are feeling ill. Shopping will begin at 10:00 a.m. (volunteers arrive by 9:30 a.m.).

Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-12 will be needed. Monetary donations are needed for food certificates, hams, gift certificates, and additional toys/stocking stuffers. A digital shopping sign up will be sent out again this year, please keep an eye on your emails and/or social media for this, we plan to send it out by Nov. 13th. If you need assistance signing up to shop, please contact one of the co-chairs.

Your generous support of Jubilee Christmas is much needed and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact our co-chairs:

Molly Childers 765-337-8020 (call or text) or mollybull09@gmail.com Mary Houser 765-491-8047 (call or text) or secretary@daytonpres.org Cathy & Steve Hancook at schancook@comcast.net

JUBILEE CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER FORM

I would like to serve in the following way(s):

Host/Hostess:

Set up (Friday Evening, 12/09): _____ Clean up:_____

Provide refreshments (pre-packaged items only):

Name:	Email

Phone:

(Please leave completed form in the secretary's mailbox in church office. Volunteer forms need to be returned by Sunday, December 4.)

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do everything in the name

of the lord Jesus, giving thonks \searrow

to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 David picked up a stone, put it in a sling and hurled it at Goliath's forehead. Immediately the giant was killed, and victory went to Israel. Saul held a briefing; his son Jonathan was standing by him. The palace guards were present, too.

David was excited to recount how it all happened. Saul listened intently as the shepherd boy shared how his heart jumped as he reached down to his shepherd bag to select the stone he used. David narrated the interesting story of having a giant on the ground and chopping off his head with the giant's sword. While he was doing that, little did he know that he was leaving an indelible impression on the son of the king, Jonathan. While the palace guards cheered; Jonathan, Saul's son, smiled broadly in admiration of this brave boy. Jonathan was no stranger to war victories. But this day, he witnessed a special person winning a special war. "When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul, I Samuel 18:1-4.

We can call David and Jonathan's love "Love at first sight." Their friendship is one of the greatest we see in the Bible. Why did David and Jonathan click? They see in each other a common passion. Friendships are usually formed when two people find they have similar beliefs, values, attitudes, and disposition to life. It may start with a first impression, or it may develop with time. In the case of David and Jonathan, it started with a first impression. David's humility in sharing his victory, his allegiance to God, and his dependence on God may have impressed Jonathan. Jonathan loved God; David did, too. He saw David's great faith in the God of the Jews. So, their friendship was based on their deep faith and love for God and their commitment to God.

Memorial Presbyterian church has a lot that will interest you. We have a lot in common with you. You have faith in Jesus; that's also our bedrock. So, we can be friends with you! Additionally, Jesus wants you to be His friend. You will enjoy your friendship with Jesus and with us! Come join us for worship services, bible study, and Sunday school. Technology has come to stay at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Enjoy an online and an inperson Bible Study. Our worship streaming will begin again soon. Our sanctuary is "technologized," and you will love us. Come back and visit us any Sunday for worship or Thursday for Bible study. We love you.

Memorial Presbyterian & eGiving

Our Church is now set up to be able to accept online donations directed to the Local Church, Memorial, or General Mission funds. Those of you who are interested in this option can find the "Give Now" button on the home page of our website (<u>www.daytonpres.org</u>). An email will be sent out in the near future with additional details about both the online option and about a mobile app option.

NOTE: This is just an additional way to donate. ALL of the usual options to donate continue to be available.



Each year members of the congregation provide Christmas Poinsettias to help decorate the church. The Flower Committee has made arrangements for these plants to be taken by the Deacons to shut-ins and others in the congregation during Christmas week. Dedications will also be recognized in the January newsletter.

If you would like to help, fill out the coupon below and send it to the Church Office (P.O. Box 70, Dayton, IN 47941-0070). The cost of a poinsettia this year is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (place "poinsettia" in the memo).

IN MEMORY OF (deceased): IN HONOR OF (living): GIVEN BY: AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ______ (\$10.00 per Poinsettia)

DEADLINE FOR FORMS: DECEMBER 18th

Hanging of the Greens The annual Hanging of the Greens will be done on Sunday, November 27, during the usual Sunday school time. Please come to help out and to enjoy the excitement of beginning the Christmas season!



Food Pantry

Please encourage anyone in need in our area to visit our Food Pantry, using either the traditional walk-in option from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings OR the pre-order & pick-up option on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. The new option operates it in a way similar to the current Kids' Closet process. We are asking individuals to submit their

names, phone numbers, addresses, and number of people in their families to let us know they would like to use our pick-up option. We will do our best to fill orders received by Friday to be ready for pick up on Thursday of the following week. However, we will also contact individuals by phone to confirm when their orders will be ready. NOTE: All restrictions on geographic area served and number of times individuals can come in will continue to apply. Order forms are available through the Church's Facebook pages and website, as well as on the Dayton and Mulberry town Facebook pages.

Donations that have been made of food items and grocery bags continue to be most greatly appreciated! Just drop off donations at the office any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.

If you have ideas of how we can better reach families in need about our Thursday morning and afternoon programs at the Dayton Food Pantry, please contact the office (see right for contact information).

> If you'd like to volunteer, please contact: Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317





will be refreshed. -Proverbs 11:25

Who refreshes others



After 2 years – Kids' Closet is back and OPEN!

We are so thankful for the help of our volunteers who helped us get our doors back open again.

In October, we were able to help 7 families (all NEW families to KC) and 18 children.

We will be open to the public once more in 2022 on Saturday. November 12, from 9 to 11 am.

We are also looking for a volunteer to deliver our "overflow" clothing to Stockwell's clothing mission once a month. Please reach out if you are able!

Thank you for the continued support,

- Julie, Muriel & Clara

Solve the crossword puzzle below based on what you've learned in Sunday school about the Lord's Prayer!







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 Kevin Konrad Kennedy Alkire Cindy DeGolyer Tracey Harris Jon Grimes Sandi Stingley Zachary King Terry McKillip Jeff Smith Ron Berry LuAlice Huston Joy Schwartz Jack Norris Jean McGill Fred Reichart James Franks Mary Dillman Levi Chisholm Bob Parker Becca Schultz Peggy Fields Nancy Hammond Jim Mitchell Paul Clevenger Judianne Chester Valerie McCain Heidy Haynes Sherri Stewart Jerry Jo Carter Terry Lynn Pfeiffer Betty Pfeiffer Janet Arvin Jerry Arvin Beth Barger Keyton King Cindy Stanford Judy Gipson Family of Tim Fogarty Family of Robert Yost Family of Charles Robert Millikan Family of Ward Suter

and all who are dealing with the effects of COVID—health-related, Provident financial challenges, separation from family and friends.



2022 Celebrating the Saints November 1, 2022



William Davis Gordon L. Holsclaw Sr. Laszlo Kovacs Christina Cross B. Joan Shoemaker Peter J. Weflen Rhonda Stangle Sharon Oswalt Robert L. Parks Kristina Fugate Michael R. Babb Lester C. Hicks Bonnie Robinson Cathy Todd Kelly Ward Kim Biery Donald E. Schwartz **Beverly June Gregory** Tim Fogarty Robert W. Yost Charles Robert Millikan Ward Suter

November19, 2021 (Friend of Member) November 29, 2021 (Grandfather of Member) November 18, 2021 (former fill-in Pastor) December 9, 2021 (friend of member) December 19, 2021 (mother of member) December 17, 2021 (cousin of member) January 27, 2022 (friend of member) March 16, 2022 (cousin of member) March 17, 2022 (future father-in-law of member) March 25, 2022 (friend of member) April 27, 2022 (son-in-law of member) May 10, 2022 (brother-in-law of member) May 11, 2022 (friend of member) June 2, 2022 (sister of member) June 27, 2022 (friend of member) July 17, 2022 (friend of member) July 21, 2022 (member) July 24, 2022 (sister-in-law of member) October 2, 2022 (friend of members) October 4, 2022 (member) October 16, 2022 (member) October 18, 2022 (father-in-law of member)

CE NOTES

Our Sunday School classes are enjoying their time together for

learning and fellowship. Please join us! The tables are long with lots of room, and the donuts and drinks will warm you up. Our youth are learning and/or studying The Lord's Prayer. The younger class nearly has the whole prayer learned! The older class is focusing on one line a week. Thank you to our teachers for helping our kids be able to really participate in this part of our worship service.

For Advent through Epiphany, we will have available a devotional titled "**Prophets & Promises: Devotions for Advent & Christmas.**" Look for it by the sanctuary doors closer to the end of November.

NURSERY - Please remember to sign up for a turn in our Nursery. The sheet is on the parlor bookcase. Only one adult is needed. If there is not a need for you to monitor the Nursery, then your spot in a pew will be waiting to welcome you. The Nursery is available for children from Kindergarten down.

Upcoming Dates:

November 27 - Hanging of the Greens, during Sunday School December 11 - All Ages Christmas Program, during Worship January 8 - Repacking and Storing of the Greens, during Sunday School





ELDERS:

PAUL HAYNES, COMMUNION CANDACE FITZGERALD, DEVOTIONS

DEACONS: MICHELE DARNELL, CAPTAIN; CHARLOTTE AVERY

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



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



- 4 SCOTT & HILLARY BASDEN
- 6 MAX & MARSHA BIERY
 - JIM & JENNIFER MURRAY
 - MARK & DEBBIE WARD
- 7 JOHN & MOLLY BULL CHILDERS
- 23 BRUCE & SUSAN GIBSON

Omissions and/or Errors

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day Trustees Mtg; 7:15 pm	2	3 Bible Study, 10am & 7pm Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	4	5
6 9 am Donuts & Drinks 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys Change for Change After worship Prayer Team New Member Reception	7	8 CE Meeting, 7 pm	9	10 Bible Study, CANCELLED Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	11	12 Kids' Closet, 9-11 am
13 9 am Donuts & Drinks 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Rick Ryan After worship: Prayer Team	14	15 Session Meeting, CANCELLED	16	17 Bible Study, CANCELLED Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	18	19
20 9 am Donuts & Drinks 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Women's Praise Service After worship: Prayer Team	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day!!! Bible Study, CANCELLED Food Pantry, CLOSED OfficeCLOSED	25	26
27 1 st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30			
9 am Donuts & Drinks 9:15 Hanging of the Greens 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys	 Food Pantry is open Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. 3-5 p.m. pre-order & pick up. Kids' Closet is open to shoppers!!! See page 5 for details on both. 					

Pastor Gladys will be out of the office November 8-23

After worship Prayer Team Called Congregational Mtg.



Church Office Hours & Contact Info:

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Drinks & Donuts at 9 a.m. Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. In-Person Worship with Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah Sundays at 10:30 a.m.



December 2022 Newsletter DEADLINE Please have submissions sent in by Monday, November 20