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## Pastor Nominating Committee Update

We have quietly been busy this past year looking at Pastor Information Forms, having conversations, Zoom meetings and waiting for responses. Through Presbytery, we have received 123 PIF referrals and also a couple self-referrals. Below is a breakdown of what happened with them:

No response to our inquiry - 51 Accepted position elsewhere - 15 In conversation with others - 5 Looking at us, but no further response - 3 Declined for various reasons - 21 Referred to our PNC for review - 28

Of the 28 PIF's we have reviewed as a committee, some weren't a good match for our church from the initial look, some we have had conversations with, others took positions elsewhere, others we felt after conversations weren't a good match for us.

We continue working our way through the process and are thankful for your patience and for Presbytery's help with our questions. We are especially grateful for the guidance of Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis, our Presbytery liaison.

Please keep us and this process in your prayers as we work through this process as good Presbyterians, "decently and in order."

Thank you so much!

Susan



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** and searching **Bethany Presbyterian Church**.

Link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzLTy0Fi 1hSOHuX-</u> WIhVFA?view as=subscriber

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** 



The Church is who we are." —anonymous

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## DMPC October Events

*October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29* @ 9-11 a.m. Food Pantry

October 4



October 20 @ 7 p.m. Session Meeting



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 continue to will 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.

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

Your Session met virtually, using the Zoom program, each one of us in our own home, on Tuesday evening, September 15, 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 is the roof and columns.
- Received a "Thank you for being a light in your community!" card from the Presbytery staff.
- Learned that the Indiana Business Entity Report has been filed.
- Approved replenishing our children's books.
- Approved the Youth's painting of a16-foot diameter Guided Prayer Labyrinth in the south parking lot, between the handicap drive and the basketball goal.
- Approved sending daily devotionals from the PCUSA Website to the Adult Sunday School class.
- Approved participation in a very, very different (due to the pandemic) Jubilee Christmas event, serving 15 families.
- Elected, once again, to continue as we are, without in-house/person-to-person worship, meetings, classes, and other activities (Food Pantry will continue on Thursday mornings, Kids' Closet will continue with a pre-order, carry-out program) until further notice. We will continue to evaluate this from month to month. As situations and circumstances change, we can and will re-evaluate this decision.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

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Whatcha Been Doin'??



<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Life has been vastly different for each of us in 2020; one of the greatest differences is not being able to see our friends and to celebrate together at Sunday services. Pastors Kevin, Lucia, and Rick have all been doing so wonderfully to keep us together with video services; and so many here have been working very hard to maintain the missions of Memorial Presbyterian and to reach out to you and to the community in a variety of ways. *But we sooooooo miss hearing from you!!!* 

So *please* send us a note or call to say "Hi!" and let us know what you've been up to! We'd love to have a picture to share as well if you'll send one along. Then look for your note and those from your Church family in each monthly newsletter!

And, because sometimes we feel awkward about being the first to do something, I'll get things started!!

The Houser family gathered to give Paul a surprise virtual 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party in August. Family got together in person, with friends "Zoom-ing in" to share in the celebration. As long as we can do this, we'll do just fine!

Now it's your turn! Can't wait to hear from you!!!



Mary Houser, secretary

Call or email me at: Telephone: 765.296.3199 Em Office hours: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Thursdays

Email: <u>secretary@daytonpres.org</u>

**Stewardship Committee News** 

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Romans 12:6-8 "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

The following excerpt from *"Unbridled Faith: 100 Devotions from the Horse Farm"* by Cara Whitney is ideal for reflection as we kick off our 2020 stewardship campaign.

"Like the many differences between horse breeds, there is a huge diversity of God-given gifts in the body of Christ (the church). The Creator gives each of us a unique personality and talents in order to serve Him, and there is no reason for you to think more highly or more lowly of your gifts than you ought to. After all, you are a one-of-a-kind masterpiece, the very workmanship of God (Ephesians 2:10), knit together in your mother's womb, fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-14).

Whether you teach, preach, encourage, or minister, you are unique. You have been fashioned and equipped by a loving God. He gave you the gift of eternal life through Jesus and the opportunities to tell the world the good news. Don't waste a moment more! Get out there and use your God-given talents today."

We are so very blessed and thankful for each and every member and friend of Memorial Presbyterian Church. The diversity of God-given gifts in this body of Christ has sustained our congregation and served our community for nearly 200 years. As we've all heard more times than we can count, 2020 is unlike any year any of us have experienced before. We recognize that the pandemic has impacted all of our lives in varying degrees. We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge everyone's creativity, flexibility and commitment during this challenging time. We're extremely grateful for everyone's efforts and look forward to seeing how God continues to bless each of you and our church to enable the continued growth of His kingdom in and around our community in 2021 and beyond.

As in past years, you'll receive a letter and commitment card in the coming weeks. We ask that you prayerfully consider how the God-given gifts you've been provided can be committed to furthering the mission of Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2021. This year's Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for October 18, 2020.

Peace and Blessings, Your Stewardship Committee



4. Store in airtight container.

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







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.

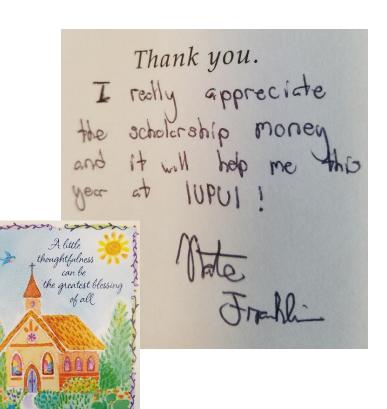
Blessings, The Seed Planting Committee

I'm excited to start my junion year at Purdue Fort Wayne. I want to thank the church for all the support and blessings throughout my college career.

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Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry has continued to be open on Thursdays from 9 to 11 am throughout the COVID crisis. 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 at the left 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.* 

The DMPC Food Pantry serves the geographical areas of Sheffield Township (*which includes the town of Dayton, IN*), Lauramie Township (*which includes the towns of Clarks Hill and Stockwell, IN*), and Clinton County. Families whose children attend Dayton Elementary may are also served by the DMPC Food. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:

Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317

The Food Pantry is in need of brown paper grocery bags. Bags dropped off at the Church office on Thursdays between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. 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

Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.



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.

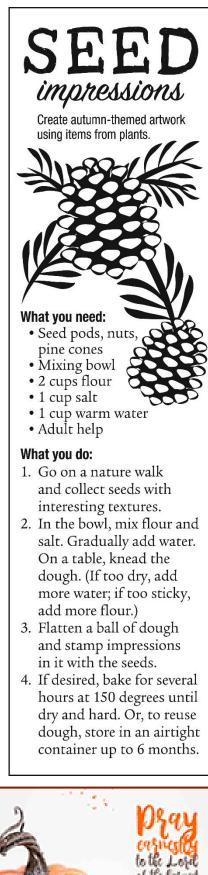
Please keep a watch in our newsletters, Facebook page, and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



THAN you

Dayton Church Thank you For your generous gift and for thinking of me on my graduation. I am So greatful. thank you Kastyn Alkice



## FROM YOUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### **Children's Sunday School class**



Save your pennies and small change for Change for Change. We can't make the buckets ring, but we are still

collecting for the purchase of farm animals for those in need. Send in your donations or drop

them off at the church to contribute to this mission. Purchases will be made by the Mission Committee from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog.

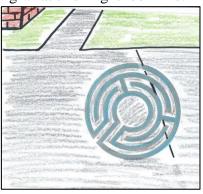


The Labyrinth is an ancient tool for individual personal prayer and meditation. It is not a maze, and it is not magical. It allows the worshiper to retreat from the world while following a winding path into the center and back out again. The practice is to let go of the stress of life as you enter, ask God for guidance at the center, and pray for illumination as you return.

Planning is underway for our youth to paint a Meditation Labyrinth on the back parking lot. Session has approved this project. When finished, the labyrinth will be available to anyone who feels the need for quiet meditation. Here is a rough sketch illustrating what this might look like.

It will be 16 feet across, which will allow our youth, under the direction of leaders Muriel Grimes and Julie Boles, to paint the lines while maintaining social distancing.

Look for more information about the labyrinth in the next newsletter.



#### **Adult Sunday School Class**

This fall we are emailing a devotional scripture reading each week. The email is on Saturday evenings so it will be ready for use anytime on Sunday or during the following week. The readings are located on the PCUSA web site. The initial link was

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/2020/9/13, which takes you to the daily reading for that day. The page displays a calendar that allows you to select a different day if you like. You can find daily

readings by either clicking on a date on the calendar or by choosing Previous Day or Next Day. Jane Coleman is leading the Adult class this fall.

> To receive this emailing, please send your email address to clawsonsy@hotmail.com.





#### Did you look for a devotional booklet recently?

(continuation from CE Committee)











Since the church has been closed for COVID, members of the congregation have not had an opportunity to pick up copies of **These Days** or **Our Daily Bread** regularly. Rather than have these go to waste, we chose to mail them to our shut ins. This resulted in a few requests for copies after they had all been mailed out. We are considering ordering more copies of one or the other booklet. **If you have a preference, please let us know.** 

However, there are several other options if you use a computer.

**These Days** is published by Presbyterian Publishing House. It is available online for free monthly download at <u>https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/Pages/Item/5926</u> <u>4/These-Days.aspx</u>

**Our Daily Bread** is available online at <u>https://odb.org/</u>. If you prefer to use an app, one is available for free from GooglePlay or the Apple iTunes App Store.

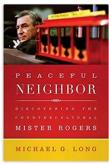
A third option would be an app for your phone or iPad. There are at least two available. **Daily Prayer** is one that the Presbyterian Church (USA) made available several years ago. This app contains liturgies, lectionary readings, and Morning, Midday, Evening, and Close of Day Prayers. It costs \$2.99 from iTunes, GooglePlay, or Amazon.

The **d365 Devotional** app is aimed at youth, but can be enjoyed by adults as well. It is available for free from iTunes and GooglePlay.

Daily Lectionary Readings can also be accessed online at

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/. This page displays a calendar that allows you to select a day. You can navigate to the daily readings either by clicking on a date on the calendar or by choosing Previous Day or Next Day. Recommended Reading by the Christian Education Committee:

Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers By Michael G. Long (Westminster John Knox Press, 2015)



Fred Rogers was one of the most radical pacifists of contemporary history. We do not usually think of him as radical, partly because he wore colorful, soft sweaters. Nor do we usually imagine him as a pacifist; that adjective seems way too political to describe the host of a children's program. We have restricted Fred Rogers to the realm of entertainment, children, and feelings, and we've ripped him out of his political and religious context. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister, and although he rarely shared his religious convictions on his program, he fervently believed in a God who accepts us as we are and who desires a world marked by peace and wholeness. He chose as his mission sharing countercultural beliefs about caring nonviolently for one another, animals, and the earth. *Mister* Rogers' *Neighborhood*, it turns out, is far from sappy, sentimental, and shallow; it is a sharp political response to a violent civil and political society.

Available in several formats from the PCUSA store and Amazon.

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship for college this year. This will help cover the cost of books this semester. I truly appreciate it!





-Kaylee little

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## Jubilee Christmas

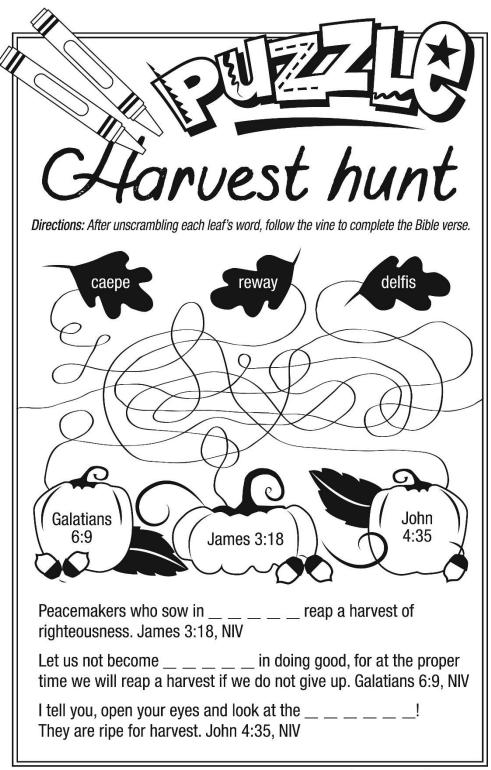
is scheduled to take place Saturday, December 12. We will once again be supporting 15 families.

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the process will be different; and we will be complying with requirements set up by LUM. Shopping will be different in that items will be selected for specific children in the families and packaged up prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> for families to pick up. Families will have a specific pickup appointment time on December 12.

Details related to shopping and the procedures on the 12<sup>th</sup> are still being developed and will be shared later. Monetary donations and stocking stuffers will be graciously accepted. Volunteers will be needed on the day of and in the weeks before to package gift bundles for the families.



# Save the Date!! Jubilee Christmas Saturday, December 12, 2020



Answer: peace, weary, fields

### **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

- ዮ Harold Miller (father of Muriel Grimes & Malinda Hannah), continued improvement with health
- ዮ Welcome, Wesley Adam Worley!!! Congratulations to new parents Emily & Zechariah Worley, new grandmother Michele Spray, and new great grandparents Jon & Mike Grimes!!!



Please send your Joys and Concerns to:

**Telephone: 765.296.3199** Email: secretary@daytonpres.org Office hours: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Dear Dayton Memorial Scholorship Committee, I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Dayton Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to be one step closer to getting out of college debt free.

thank

- Jayla Rose

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

military, We always thank our nation & its leaders:

GOD for all of y and continual mention you our prayers

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 DeGolver: Tracey Harris: Mary Ellen Bowers; Sandi Stingley; Ward Suter (fatherin-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.





#### **ELDERS:**

PAUL HOUSER, COMMUNION; FRED REICHART, DEVOTIONS

#### **DEACONS:**

#### JANE PHILLIPS, CAPTAIN; ESTHER MILLER

- 1 JESSICA BUSH
- 1 DAVID COLEMAN
- 2 MATT DEGOLYER
- 2 WILL STANFORD
- 4 PATRICK GRIMES
- 4 ALEX STENE
- 5 LYNN RYAN
- **10 KAITLYN ALKIRE**
- **10** LILY BOLES
- **10** NORM WILLIAMS
- 11 DOUG BIERY
- 11 PAIGE MURRAY
- **16 AMBER HOLSCLAW**



- **17** NINA CHISM
- **18 BETTY PFEIFFER**
- **18** FRED REICHART
  - SCOTT BASDEN
- **20 EMILY NORRIS** 
  - SARAH NORRIS
  - CHRIS VALENTA
  - PATTY HICKS
  - **STEPHANIE HOLLADAY**
  - MARISA (HILL) DUPRE
- **30** SALLY SMITH
- **30 PATRICIA PERRY**
- **31** TORI ROSA



- 1 MIKE & JON GRIMES
- 9 KURT & CAROLE KEMMER
- 7 TIM & MELISSA FITZGERALD
- **16 TODD & TAMMY LINEBACK**
- 26 PATRICK & LYNN GRIMES
- 26 PHIL & ESMERALDA SNYDER
- 28 NORM & RUTH WILLIAMS

#### **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 OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 296-3199. *Ctober 2020* 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<i>Food Pantry</i> continues to be open at this time: Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m <i>Kids' Closet</i> is providing services curbside. See page 5 for specifics.				1 God has chosen to make known the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.	2 I give thim eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. [John 10:28]		
<b>4</b> Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see. [2 Kings 6:17]	5 He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. [Phillipians 1:6]	<b>6</b> For as in Adam all de, so in Christ all will be made alive. [1 Corinthians 15:22]	7 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. [Psalm 90:14]	[Colossions 1:27] 8 Let your gentleness be evident to all. [Phillipians 4:5]	<b>9</b> The one who is patient calms a quarrel. [Proverbs 15:18]	<b>10</b> Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. [Colossians 2:15]	
<b>11</b> Give your servant a discerning heart to distinguish between right and wrong. [1 Kings 3:9]	<b>12</b> Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. [Leviticus 19:34]	<b>13</b> I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. [Isaiah 41:10]	<b>14</b> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. [Colossians 3:15]	<b>15</b> From [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every support-ing ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. [Ephesians 4:16]	<b>16</b> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree. [Matthew 31:32]	17 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. [Psalm 95:1]	
<b>18</b> Seek the Lord while he may be found. [Isaiah 55:6]	<b>19</b> Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. [Luke 23:34]	<b>20</b> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. [2 Corinthians 11:30]	21 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. [1 Timothy 1:15]	22 Go then, to all peoples every- where and make them my disciples. [Matthew 28:19 GNT]	23 To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt His love endures forever. [Psalm 136:10]	24 The one who trusts in the Lord will be like a tree planted by the water. [Jeremiah 17:7-8]	
25 As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. [Joshua 1:5]	<b>26</b> Let them praise the namne of the Lord, for his name alnoe is exalted. [Psalm 148:13]	27 But as for me, I watch and hope for the Lord. [Micah 7:7]	<b>28</b> He poured it out before the Lord. [2 Samuel 23:16]	<b>29</b> We have different gifts, eee if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. [Romans 12:6, 8]	<b>30</b> To Titus, my true son in our common faith. [Titus 1:4]	<b>31</b> The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised. [Job 1:21]	

The *Church Office* will be open only on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (for more details, see page 3)

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November 2020 Newsletter DEADLINE Please have submissions sent in by Tuesday, October 20