

# From The Pastor's Pen

One of the most beautiful Psalms of thanksgiving is the 100th Psalm. "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, & we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving & His courts with praise; give thanks to Him & praise His name. For the Lord is good & His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

With all my heart I believe we are a people and a nation that has truly been blessed by God. And of all those who "give thanks to Him and praise His name" our name should be at the top of the list!

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## **Upcoming Events**

Nov. 1 - Men's Breakfast

Nov. 3 - Pancake Feed

Nov. 8 - Board Meeting

Nov. 9 - Material Girls Quilt Guild

Nov. 16 - Elders Meeting

Nov. 17 - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Nov. 22 - FCC Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 23 - Missions Meeting

Nov. 26 - THANKSGIVING

Nov. 4,11,18 - Youth Groups and Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Nov. 5, 12, 19 - Ladies' Community
Bible Study

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It is not uncommon to compile wish lists at Christmas, and draw up a list of resolutions for New Years. But there is another list we often overlook a Thanksgiving Day list of all for which we are thankful.

Why don't you and your family make such a list and bring it to Church in November and perhaps you would be willing to share with the Church family what you are thankful for.

My list would include the major things life, health, family, friends, & the nation we live in, despite all its flaws.

But even more than that, I'm thankful for my salvation, our church family, and the mercy that God showers upon us each day. With Jesus we have so much for which to celebrate on Thanksgiving!

But has it ever occurred to you that no Americans were more underprivileged than that small handful from the Mayflower who started the custom of setting aside a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God?

They had no homes and no government agency to help them build homes. They had no means of transportation but their legs. Their only food came from the sea & the forest, & they had to get it for themselves.

They had no money and no place to spend it if they'd had any. They had no amusements except what they made for themselves, no means of communication with their relatives in England, no Social Security or Medicare.

But anyone who dared to call them underprivileged would probably have ended up in the stocks, for they did have 4 of the greatest human assets: initiative, courage, a willingness to work, and a boundless faith in God. We would do well to count our many blessings and make sure we pass some blessings on to others.

Love ya Pastor Herder

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night, October 31st. Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st

# The Phillips County Community Cantata

The rehearsals for the Phillips County Community Cantata are held every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, located at 593 3rd Street in Phillipsburg. The performances will be December 12th at 7:00 p.m. and December 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the McDill "Huck" Boyd Center in Phillipsburg. Annette Kennedy of Phillipsburg will direct this year's Cantata.

First Christian Church of Phillipsburg exists to:

Praise God, Encourage others, Attain a more Christ-like attitude, Communicate God's love, Embrace God's Word.

#### MARIAH COOMES PLANS MISSION TRIP TO AFRICA

Mariah Coomes, a 2014 graduate of Phillipsburg High School and daughter of Angie Coomes, is raising support for a two-week medical service trip in Tanzania, Africa. The MEDLIFE mobile clinic is organized by the University of Kansas, where Coomes is a sophomore currently applying to the nursing program.

The medical mission trip is scheduled between fall and spring semesters at KU and uses local, professionally qualified, physicians to provide medical and dental care. Stations provide such basics as dental hygiene and general health education, ob/gyn exams and tests, dental work, general medicine, and pharmacy.

Mariah can be supported with checks made out to her and given to her mother or by going to her "gofundme" page. To help deliver medical services to families in need halfway around the world in the Mt. Kilimanjaro area will require more than \$3,000.

Mariah wrote the following on her Facebook page. "As a volunteer, I will work closely with medical professionals in the Clinic, work on a community development project, and generally help out however I can! Please help me realize this goal by supporting my cause! Thank you for your support!"

Besides packing up stamina for her service (each day will start at 5 a.m.), Mariah hopes to pack some of the general supplies that will be used in the mobile clinic. There is a box set up on the credenza by the front doors of the church for donations of these supplies.

#### Needs include:

Latex gloves • Masks • Ibuprofen • Thermometers • Thermometer covers • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste •
 Urine dipstick Tests • Blood Glucose Tests• Electronic blood pressure cuffs • Mebendazol • Gauze•
 Albendazol • Children and adult multivitamins and calcium pills

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

You can bring good news and great joy to children all over the world by packing a shoebox of love for Operation Christmas Child. A brochure is available in the pre-made Shoebox on the Church foyer table. TFC Connection (662 7th St.) is a Relay Collection Center and your boxes can be dropped off there during the week of November 16-23. Premade boxes can be picked up at the TFC office. More information and encouraging videos can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org. or you can call 785-543-5294 for more information.

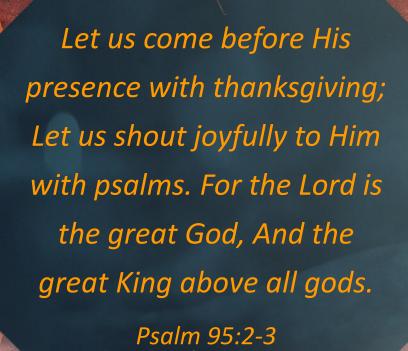
### — Thank You —

Beloved Church family,

Gwen and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous pastor appreciation gifts. It could not have come at a better time as we have had many expenses with Pastor's surgery, trips to doctors, medication and so on. Your gift is a God-send and we so appreciate it. We love each and every one of you. May you have a blessed day.

In Him,

Pastor and Gwen



## **October 2015 Offering**

| 04 | \$2,588.00 |                             |
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| 11 | \$2,738.00 | Each Sunday we need to col- |
|    |            | lect \$2,596.15 to meet our |
| 18 | \$1,964.00 | budget. Please pray about   |
| 25 | \$1,895.00 | your giving. Remember, you  |
|    |            | cannot out-give God.        |



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# **November Birthdays**

Trace Hanchett 01
Madison Orr 01
Tomlyn Brandon 03
Ryann Moffatt 03
Neil Hopson 04
Heath Hopson 04
Isabelle Epley 07
Amy Bridwell 11
Ellen McCartee 13
Ivan Heersink 15
Samantha Prewitt 16
Brantlee Minkler 16

Shayne Runnion 17
Jayne Jarvis 19
Anthony Imm 21
Debbie Stormont 22
Terry McConnell 22
Fronna Rose 22
Byntlee Evans 23
Cliff Kendall 24
Jayden Minkler 26
Keaton Orr 28
Loretta Fix 29
Kandi Coomes 29

### **Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, 492 7th St. in Phillipsburg.

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year the "All Church" Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Sunday November 22nd at 11:00 a.m. following worship service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The congregational meeting will be held December 6th in the sanctuary, following worship service. During this meeting members of the church will vote on the slate of individuals who were nominated for various positions.

# **Pancake Feed**

The Christian Men's Fellowship will be holding their annual pancake supper on Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Free Will Donations Accepted



# November 2015

**ELDERS** 

01 Clark Hopson

08 Stuart Jarvis

15 Beverly Jarvis

22 Marilyn Jansonius

29 Pastor Herder

DEACONESS

Pam Heller

SHUT-IN

Communion

Clark Hopson

**DEACONS** 

Jason Dibble

**Gracie Dibble** 

Terry Babcock

Lewis Imm

### **GREETERS**

01 Marie & Fred Robinson

08 Darel & Shirley Olliff

15 Darel & Shirley Olliff

22 Darel & Shirley Olliff

29 Darel & Shirley Olliff