

The First Press

November 2015

From the Pastor:

When you gather with family and friends at the end of this month, what will be the stories that will be told, because they are told every year at Thanksgiving? In this month's newsletter you will find the theme of family businesses. I don't have any history of family businesses; no siblings going into business together and no business being passed from generation to generation.

What I do have is the stories that are told every Thanksgiving that are a part of the family story, a part of our history. With great frequency the Israelites are told to tell their history to the next generation. Tragically with nearly the same fre-

quency we are told how the next generation forgot their history and the faithfulness of God, turned to foreign gods and consequently suffered. Pauline and I are trying to be mindful of passing down our family stories and family stories of faith so that our children and beyond will know their family history, and hopefully carry on a legacy of faith.

One of our family stories is of my grandfather's prayer. My grandfather was nearly completely deaf, and was a man of few words. When he said grace before a meal he mumbled something so softly and quickly that we couldn't understand. After the meal and away

from my grandparents, my brother and I asked our father, "What is grandpa's prayer?" "We've never known" was the answer. I made it a point to know my father's pre-meal prayer, and I find myself drawing upon it with increasing frequency. It is not original to my father, I have heard others of his generation use it, and it is most appropriate for this month of Thanksgiving.

"Dear Lord, bless this food to our use, and us to Thy service, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. Amen."

May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving,

Jim

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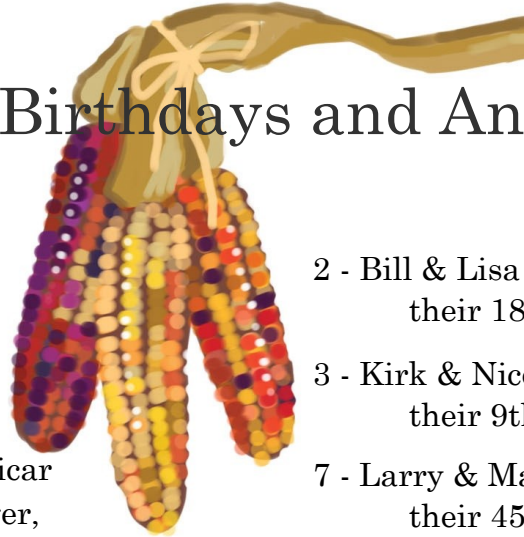
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November Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| <p>1 - Bill Shutt
 2 - Emma Heid
 3 - Molly Graver
 4 - John Tirpak
 5 - Fletcher Bell
 6 - Beth Shutt
 7 - Judy Lebda, Kristin McVicar
 9 - Bill Dittmar, Abigail Gilger,
 Madalyn Redding
 11 - Joan Bush, Lisa Stancavage
 12 - Wayne Samuelson, Joshua Tirpak
 13 - Caughlen Watts
 14 - Joseph Santorine
 15 - Nicholas Zellmann
 17 - Jean Ruhl, Ashley Cox,
 Brooke Zimmerman
 18 - Tom Rich, Sarah Reif
 19 - Jim Apple, Timothy Taylor
 21 - Pat Oberlin
 22 - Jared Young, Will Van Patter
 24 - Kaylyn Watts
 27 - Karen Miller
 28 - Bob Lebda, Marianne Barlett,
 Hannah Kraus
 30 - Shirley Grose, Becky Lumpkin,
 Sue Barnhart</p> | <p>2 - Bill & Lisa Bernard celebrating
 their 18th wedding anniversary
 3 - Kirk & Nicole Jarrett celebrating
 their 9th wedding anniversary
 7 - Larry & Marian Fletcher celebrating
 their 45th wedding anniversary
 10 - Jeff & Richelle Jones celebrating
 Their 25th wedding anniversary
 12 - Daryl & Janine Fisher celebrating
 their 33rd wedding anniversary
 20 - Mark & Leslie Temple celebrating
 their 22nd wedding anniversary
 24 - Cliff & Nina Leshner celebrating
 their 27th wedding anniversary
 25 - Chris & Joyce Zellmann celebrating
 their 37th wedding anniversary
 26 - Bob & Sharon Kribbs celebrating
 their 49th wedding anniversary</p> |
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College Student Care Packages



We will be sending care packages to our college students the first week in December. The students that have received the boxes in the past have been very appreciative to know that their home church is thinking of them.

If you would like to provide something for the boxes or have a student that would love to receive one, please sign up in the church bulletin or email Lauren at lhalteman@first-presby.org.

If you would like to contribute something to the boxes please drop the items off in the box located in the Parlor by Nov. 29th. We send out approximately 50 boxes!

Requested items are: chapstick, hot chocolate packets, hard candy, small tissue packs, pocket size hand sanitizer, gum, ramen noodles, individualized microwavable soups or mac n cheese, etc.



Pitch and Catch

In 1950, the Haskell Furniture Store had occupied the corner of Main and 5th Streets in Clarion, Pennsylvania, for three generations. It was a cavernous three-story building crammed with an array of furniture embodying the dreams of fresh-faced couples going to housekeeping in post-war America. The store was so deep from front to back that a front door bell alerted my grandfather and uncle when someone had begun the long trek down the aisle, parting a field of flowered couches, vanities, and dressers

For the first few steps, distance made distinguishing the identity of the newly rung entrant a mystery. Grandpa would start down from the back and meet the inquirer half way down the aisle. One summer afternoon, however, as he moved forward, I sud-

denly wanted to cry out, “No! Something’s wrong! Come back!” The figure moving toward my beloved grandfather was the person that my friends and I feared the most: Monk Kilgore!

Kilgore lived at the west end of town, near the cemetery, with two maiden sisters. He was a wiry man, ageless, with long arms and large hands, a loping stride, and a signature stocking cap sealing his identity in the town: He was “Monk” Kilgore.

Only the young and foolish called Kilgore “Monk” to his face. My friends and I were neither foolish nor fast enough to taunt him, but we secretly enjoyed seeing Monk in full pursuit, spouting profanity and threatening death to a band of local teens. No age was immune to his wrath. A generation earlier, as a five-year-old, my mother earned a nickel on a dare from neighborhood boys by uttering the word from the front steps of her porch. She managed to escape inside just ahead of the

rock that shattered her parents’ front window.

As the two men approached one another, I feared first for Grandpa and then for myself. Had Kilgore mistaken me for one of his instigators? Was his frustration about to erupt in a tirade against my grandfather? Grandpa was no fighter, and his health was fragile. Would this “Monk,” with his hair-trigger temper, attack someone I so dearly loved?

I can’t say exactly how or when my conjuring gave way to reality. The first shock was that they were talking! I heard Grandpa say, “Hello, Albert,” and from the other side came, “Hello, Mr. Haskell.” *Albert? Albert Kilgore?* The voice and the name belonged to someone I had never met.

My grandfather was not an athlete; he never played pitch and catch with his Little League grandson. But on that day in his furniture store, he pitched me a lesson I will never forget.

- Bob Kribbs



The Rest of the Very Large Pumpkin Story

As a follow-up to the “Very Large Pumpkin” article in the October newsletter; Dan Wagner reports that he and Kim took the pumpkin to the Altoona competition. The larger one weighed in at 895 pounds, and came in 12th place!



Jesus (with halo), with Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

In memory of
John Norton 1789 –1867
and in memory of
Isabella Norton 1800-1839.
"Him declare I unto you".

Relatives In Business Together

According to the Trustee minute books from the early 1900's, the funds for these windows were provided by Matthew G. Norton and William Laird of Winona Minnesota in 1900. The cousins grew up in 1840s Lewisburg and migrated to Minnesota to work in the lumber field. The Laird Norton Company became one of the great timber owners of the country. This is said of them in the American Lumberman Volume 2; "While in the manner of business they have secured a good degree of success, measured by the world's standard, what is most cherished by them is the good fellowship that has existed during all their business life. It has not required contracts and legal papers to hold these men together, but rather a cohesive power of faith and confidence in each other rarely equaled in the business world. Related as they are by ties of blood, they are brethren indeed, and the pleasure that has come to them from their daily contact has been valued by them more than any material success."

150 years later, the seventh generation family-owned Laird Norton Company is still in business as a diversified holding company based in Seattle Washington. We are advised to never go into business with relatives and many of us can share stories to support that fact. In this case, what a legacy the Norton and Laird families have left. As Christian business men and relatives they made it work. Part of their legacy is still displayed in the dedication quotes to their parents in our sanctuary.



Paul proclaiming the Gospel

In memory of
Robert Hayes Laird 1796-
1885 and memory of
Maria Nevius Laird
1790-1862. "As for me and
my house we will serve the
Lord".

The window on the left is a depiction of Jesus with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Artists used the receding hairlines signifying great wisdom and learning. Halos showed that they were holy or divine. Jesus is holding a staff to guide His people as a good shepherd. The window on the right is Paul proclaiming the Gospel. He is holding a scroll signifying all his writings, directing our minds heavenward.

Christmas Cantata

The First Presbyterian Choir will begin rehearsing for the Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, Oct. 21. We cordially invite any of you who are interested in singing but can't commit to a weekly basis to join us for

this special event. The cantata will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 20 during the morning worship service. Rehearsals will take place every Wednesday (with the exception of two Monday rehearsals on Oct. 26 and

Nov. 23) from 8:30-9:00 pm in the choir room. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we usher in the Christmas Season with "A 1940's Christmas Homecoming."

Youth Summer Mission Trip to Where?

A group of high school students will travel to Schenectady NY in June for a week of service. They will be doing home repairs for people throughout the community while growing in their

faith and relationship with Christ. YOU can support this mission team by praying for their trip but also through attending the fundraisers throughout the year!

The first mission trip fundraiser will be Saturday November 7th in the Great. Support the team and their trip by attending this relaxed and fun evening of country gospel music!

THANKSGIVING



For many years we have been providing a free Thanksgiving meal to the community. This year Chris Zellmann has signed up to cook, the Haltemans are hosting but we are in need of a crew of helpers to be able to serve this meal. Please consider joining this endeavor as many people count on this meal. Contact the church office or sign up in the church bulletin insert.



WE NEED STUFF!!!!

Operational Christmas Child Shoebox Madness is coming up on Nov.

14th.

The youth have been collecting throughout the year but have a need for many

more stuffed animals and small toys.

We like to pack one stuffed animal per box so everyone gets a nice soft animal to snuggle. We need lots more!

Small toys are another important component. Remember; we can use new "Happy Meal" type toys.

Save the tablets, dream catchers, stickers, cards, etc that you get in non-profit promotions this time of year. Perfect for shoeboxes! .

Please place donated items in the OCC collection boxes in the Parlor or outside the church office.

JAM News

We're off to a great start in our church school year! In Sunday School, and during worship, we are examining the story of Exodus

In JAM, we are continuing a year-long study of the Lord's Prayer.

It's back to school and back to JAM! We're going to be growing our relationship with God this year by studying the Lord's Prayer and exploring how we should talk to God. We will be meeting on Wednesday November 4 and November 18 from 5-7 PM in the Great Hall. All kids in grades kindergarten-grade five are welcome to join us. Remember, dinner is included!

There will be no Movie Night at the church in November! Instead, we will be going to see The Peanuts Movie together in the theater on Wednesday November 25-details will be forthcoming!!!

Thanks for all the awesome donations of time and items for the Fall Festival! It was a great success and a good time was had by all!!!

It's a little early to think ahead to Christmas but mark your calendars for the annual First Presby Kids Program! This year, we'll be bringing back our version of our living museum-this is very family friendly for kids of all ages-infants on! There will be one rehearsal for interested participants, after church on Sunday November 22. The Christmas program will take place on Sunday December 6 in the early evening and be followed by our all church Christmas Dinner. See Rhiannon or Mrs. King for more information!

Rhiannon Dame



November 2015

First Presby Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9-10	2	3 Refuge 7-8:30pm	4 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	5 No School	6 No School	7
8 Sunday School 9-10	9	10 Refuge 7-8:30pm	11 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	12 Rejoicing Spirits 6-8pm	13	14 Shoebox Madness 6-9 pm
15 Sunday School 9-10	16 OCC Collection Week	17 Refuge 7-8:30pm	18 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9-10	23	24 Thanksgiving Party 7-9pm	25 No School	26 Thanksgiving!!!	27 No School	28
29 Sunday School 9-10	30 No School					

COLOR KEY: Green Events - ALL youth event

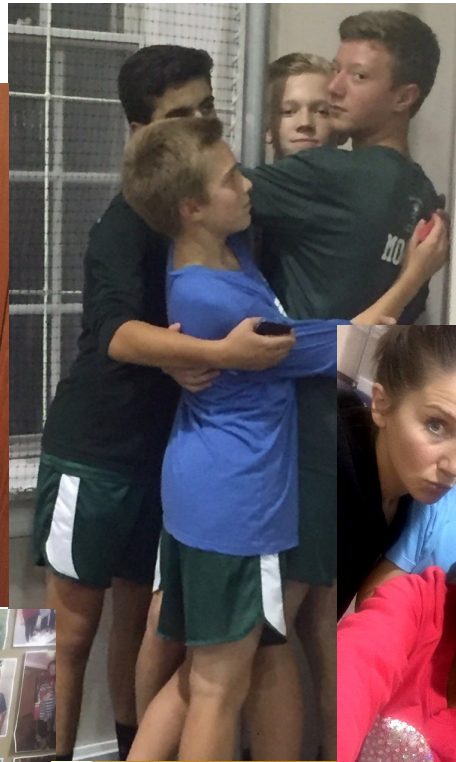
Red Events - High School events

Blue Events - Middle School events

Questions or comments? Feel free to contact us!

Tim and Lauren Halteman, Youth Directors

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November Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA	2 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Grief Lifegroup 7:30 Missions	3 10:00 Staff Mtg. 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge	4 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	5 6:00 DBR 7:00 NA	6 7:00 NA	7 7:00 NA
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15 Shoebox Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	16 9-7 OCC Collection 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Grief Lifegroup	17 9-7 OCC Collection 10:00 Staff Mtg. 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge	18 6:30 Youth Breakfast 9-7 OCC Collection 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	19 9-7 OCC Collection 6:00 DBR 7:00 NA	20 9-7 OCC Collection 7:00 NA	21 8:30-10am OCC Collection 7:00 NA
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12-5 OCC Collection	23 9-7 OCC Collection 9:15 Trainers 7:30 Choir	24 10:00 Staff Mtg. 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge	25	26 Thanksgiving 7:00 NA	27 Office Closed 7:00 NA	28 7:00 NA
29 10:30 Worship Hanging of Greens	30					



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Nursery

1- Heid, Jusko
 8- Graver, Amber Lind
 15- Taylor, TBA
 22- Chiboroski, Mudge
 29-Kalcich, Cavanagh

Coffee Social

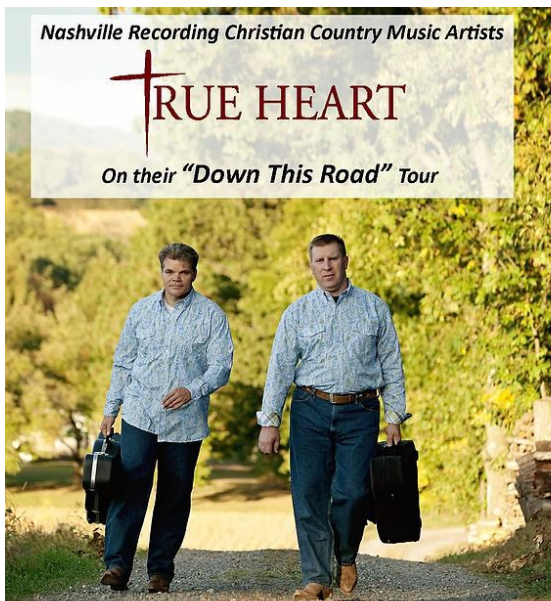
Connie Moore
 Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart
 Wayne & Pat Samuelson
 Bart & Linda Shaffer
 None

Greeters

Patrick & Emily Chiboroski
 Mark & Liz Speake

Dinner By River Teams and (Devotion Leader) : 5: Shaffer (Shaffer) 12: Shady Grove Mennonite (Rick Gathman) 19: Jordan (Bob Kribbs)

AN EVENING OF MUSIC & DESSERTS!



November 7,
 show starts at 6:30

Come listen to the hit duo True Heart Gospel Band, a Christian based country & gospel music team. Scott Bordner and Joe Kantz have been sharing gospel infused entertainment for over 22 years. They share songs that speak to all ages in different stages of life.

All ages welcome, child care provided for babies and young kids! Donations taken will support the church's youth summer mission trip.