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# From Pat Fraser

## Advent 2019

Have you ever experienced that moment in time when you knew that God had touched your life? Maybe a delay leaving for work and you pass an accident on the road you normally take and realize that could have been you had you left on time. The picture of your mother falling out of your Bible on a day when your spirits were low. Disappointment that you didn't get the transfer you applied for and finding out six months later that the entire division had been let go due to lack of work.

Our friend and lay pastor, Pamela Hutchens, calls them "God cidences" because she doesn't believe in coincidences. Squire Rushnell writes about "God winks" in his books. And Garth Brooks sings about unanswered prayers being some of God's greatest gifts. Whatever we call them, they are unexpected blessings; times and places where God touches our lives.

For the coming Advent Season, your Worship Team would like to create a daily Advent Devotional to distribute to the people in our church and community. This book would contain daily readings, Bible verse and a Prayer for each day during Advent (and possibly through Epiphany). We are asking you to think about a time or times in your life when you experienced or saw an unexpected blessing from God. Do you have a story you are willing to share?

The team will be pulling these stories together starting In September, with finally publication around the first weeks of November. Please submit your story to the church office (or will we have a box?) between now and October 27th. The Advent Play will be based on this theme of the special times when God touches our lives. Anyone interested in participating should contact Pat Fraser.

Thanks a bunch.

Pat

# Nurture

## Wendy Woodley

Discovery Zone, Sunday school resumed on September 15th at 10am. The first fall rotation has been a five week study on the parable of the Good Samaritan. This lesson has helped to define and gain a better understanding of just who our neighbors are and has also shown us that our actions are an important way to honor God. We can put His love for us into action by helping a person in need. We start the morning off in fellowship hall by watching a short animated video, singing a couple of songs and then break into age related study sessions around 10:15am. Art, music, games and cooking are the ways used with the children to reinforce the main idea of the story. We would love to have you join us in this experience. On October 13th the children will have a Good Samaritan medical guest visitor show them simple first aid. The Joy of Stewardship rotation.org series begins on October 27th and will conclude on November 10. Pastor Clint has been leading the adult Discovery Zone class in the Book of Confessions. The group has been digging into the creeds and discussing them.

Thank you to the new volunteers that have signed up to assist our child care worker Marlene Jones in the nursery. The required need is for one additional person from 10-11am and one additional person from 11am-12pm. If you would be willing to share one hour a month with our littlest members, there is a sign-up sheet available in fellowship hall on the Nurture board, opportunities to help are still available.



Thanks also goes out to those that have signed up to help with the children at the back table during worship. Children under second grade move to the back table after children's time in the worship service at 11am. We're asking for two people to team up and supervise them at the table. Learning materials such as work sheets, coloring pages and simple crafts are provided for you each week. Sign up for your week in fellowship hall on the Nurture board, additional opportunities to help are still available. Youth volunteers can also sign up to help our volunteers at the back table one week a month.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for the middle and high school aged youth kicked off on September 15th from 6-7pm with pizza and planning. Rich Pratt has taken the lead as youth group director. A schedule of events, is not available at this time. A youth lock in night will tentatively take place on Friday evening, November 8th.

The Women's circles will once again be hosting a bake sale on the first Sunday of each month. Their combined mission project this year is to provide socks and underwear for children in need at McDowell Elementary School. Sarah Circle meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm in the Donnan's home. Rachel Circle meets the first Monday of the month at noon, and Ruth Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

The Boo Bash Trunk or Treat event will take place on October 27th from 3-5pm. Bring your children, grandchildren or neighbors to this fun filled Halloween themed event.

A multi-generational game night will be hosted by the church life committee on November 9th from 6-9pm in fellowship hall.

Nurture committee will meet again on October 6th, at 3:00pm. Anyone interested is always welcome to join us..

## **Book Club**

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the books that we had read over the summer months. We touched on a variety of subjects and authors. The eight of us present, read a total of 14 books during the summer!!!!

The October 11<sup>th</sup> discussion will center around The Seven Longest Yards by Chris and Emily Norton.

Please join us, helping us make decisions regarding future books we would enjoy reading in the following months. We are always looking for something new and different to be reading.



Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about

10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” ☺

## Session Motions

Connie Dainus

September 19, 2019

Motion by Rich Pratt and seconded to draft a Home Communion policy. Motion carried.

Motioned by Admin Committee to change name of Long Term Repair to Major Improvements. Motion carried.

## October Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Clean Up</u>
Oct 6	Nancy Gillespie	Donnans	
Oct 13		Missy G & Cassie	
Oct 20		Bill, Jenny & Del	
Oct 27		Nancy	

## **Church Life**

Gus Cline

On Monday October 14 between 11 and 1 Walgreens (Wick and Pardee location) will be offering flu shots in the Adult classroom during our Senior Lunch. Open to all Church members even if you aren't attending the Lunch. If you can let Gus or someone on the Committee know if you will be showing up that would be great so we can get an idea of "how many" or just show up during the two hours to get your shot.

Saturday November 9th we will be having a game night at church for all ages. Will have a games expert there to lead and allow us to interact with others outside of our normal games night comfort zone. Time and more details to come as date gets close.

Sunday December 15th will be our Annual Christmas Party with guests from the community joining us for a festive night recognizing the birth of our Savior. This will be a joint effort of the Church Life and Expressions teams and we hope to see all of you there. .

## **Pastoral Care**

Gus Cline

Currently have 19 Church members and attendees under our care from Rehab facilities, home medical, at home to those with upcoming surgeries. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday October 8th at 6:00 for those who would like to attend.

## **Senior Luncheon**

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, October 14th at 12 noon. The menu will be Meatloaf with all the trimmings for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

## October Anniversary

Mark & Terri Donnan	10/5	5 Years
David & Sue Grove	10/19	46 Years

## October Birthdays

Zayden Becker	10/19
Norman Manders	10/21
David Bullion	10/22
William Wonnacott	10/23
Elda Moore	10/23

## Upcoming Dates

Tue Oct 1,8,15,22,29	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wed Oct 2,9,16,23,30	6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Sat Oct 5,19	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes
Sun Oct 6	World Communion Sunday
	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Sunday Oct 6,13,20,27	11:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
Mon Oct 7	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Tue Oct 8	6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team
	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Wed Oct 9	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thur Oct 10	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Fri Oct 11	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Mon Oct 14	12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch & Free to Seniors Walgreen Flu Shot
Thur Oct 17	7:00 p.m. Session
Sun Oct 20	5:00 p.m. Exploration Small Group 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Tue Oct 22	November Newsletter Deadline

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR FRIENDS**

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Ctr., Woodhaven)

### **FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME**

Jerry Kirkland, Don Hardy, Sue Landis, David Grove,  
George Smith, Sharilyn Bullion, Carolyn Koziol

### **PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

Marnie Winkleman, Marge Bernadine, Evelyn Langlands,  
Joan Watson, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Laura  
Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley  
Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila  
Morais, Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed  
Schenken (Jean Page friend), Michelle Sample (Dale and  
Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay  
friend), Ken Renner, Nancy (Marlene Jones' sister),

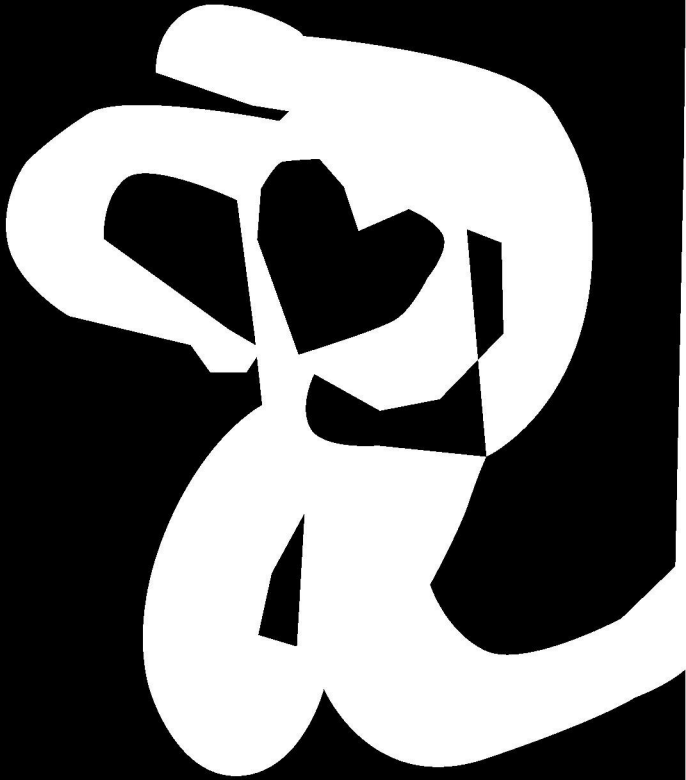
### **THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY**

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley  
Schleicher II,  
Kevin Moody, Stacey Denise Cain, Kenny Trapp





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“... serve him with  
all your heart and  
with all your soul.”

JOSHUA 22:5



He has appeared once for  
all at the end of the age  
**to remove sin by the  
sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 9:26, NRSV

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**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Family Worship Service 11 am

Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am  
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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