

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

November 2020



Give Thanks

Thank You

Tammy and I would like to thank our church family after my father's passing. It's very difficult to say good-bye over the phone and not be at the bedside. The prayers, card, and calls really do help. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Thank you, also, for the beautiful plant that was sent to us in memory of my father.

And then there is Alan & Leslie's wedding the following day. Thanks to everyone involved with planning or attending the shower and those who attended the wedding.

Andy and Tammy Marts

What a family does...

Our church family has provided flowers at church since the pandemic began in March. A blessing goes to Katie Risk, Donna Wallace, Marilyn Snodgrass, Betty Guthrie, and Chris Seiger.

Thank you,
Sandy Priebe

Ushers

Nov. 15: Lizzie Hancock and Ali King

Nov. 22: JL and Peggy Hickman

Nov. 29: Joe and Kathy Amos

Dec. 6: Terry King and Christy Hancock

Acolytes

Nov. 15: Joe and Kathy Amos

Nov. 22: Frieda and Ralf Mauthé

Nov. 29: Brenda Boynton and June Arnold

Dec. 6: JL and Peggy Hickman

Greeters

Nov. 15: Glenn Priebe and Jerry Jones

Nov. 22: JL Hickman and Tooter Flippin

Nov. 29: Glenn Priebe and Jerry Jones

Happy Thanksgiving

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Richard and Donna Wallace 12-6

Ali King 12-7

John and Mary Martin 12-8

Mike Risk 12-9

Richard Hester 12-9

Malachi MacKercher-May 12-11

Donna Wallace 12-14

Mike and Jayne Huber 12-16

Peggy Hickman 12-18

Jack and June Arnold 12-26

Jerry Jones 12-27

JoAnn and Bob James 12-30



Nursery

Nov. 15: Donna and Dana Wallace

Nov. 22: Kathy Amos and Julie Knous

Nov. 29: JL and Peggy Hickman

Dec. 6: Jerry Jones, Donna and Dana Wallace

Summary of Actions of Our Session

By Andy Marts, Stated Clerk of Session

The Session of the Fellowship (Baxter) Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Peggy Hickman, Glenn Priebe, Betty Guthrie, Ralf Mauthe, Gay King, Mike Risk, Al Amman with Libby Sabella and Lynn Kelsh on-line via GoToMeeting. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and Treasurer Jerry Jones. Mike Risk opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

The minutes for the September regular meeting were approved.

Accepted the treasurer's report for September 2020.

Approved combining the November and December meetings and having the meeting on Thursday, December 3rd.

Established the 2021 Budget Committee consisting of Jerry Jones – Chair, Gay King, Peggy Hickman, Betty Guthrie, Glenn Priebe, Libby Sabella, and Al Amman to meet on Tuesday December 1st.

Approved doing the Memorial Service similar as we have in the past.

Officially Received Rachael Albertson into membership of our church.

Approved revisions to the Joyce Cook Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Approved advertising in the Chamber of Commerce Map.

Agreed to continue following the CDC guidelines for activities at church including wearing of face masks, and social distancing.

Received a report from Lynn Kelsh on the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Al Amman closed the meeting in prayer.

As I See It

This year continues to be one like no other which I have experienced. The same could be said for everyone who reads these thoughts which I write. Like you, I pray that we do not experience another year such as this. Each one of us knows someone, directly or indirectly, who has been affected by this pandemic. We see relatively healthy people who are attacked by the corona virus, and in short order they are fighting for their lives or pass away. Of course, most survive to fight another day, but the trauma of the experience still lingers.

Remember our friends, Rev. Randy Ludwig and Tom Newhouse. They have had the COVID 19. Remember them and their families in prayer.

Continue to be vigilant in taking care of yourself, your family, co-workers, and others in the marketplace by doing your best to stay corona virus free. Some of the habits we have practiced over the past several months will be with us. Maybe we should approach the protocols of staying safe much like we do when we approach a crosswalk that is well-marked with blinking lights and lines on the pavement. We should continue to practice safety first and then proceed forward after we know that we are safe to cross the street or marked area. We survive better when we are cautious.

I know that we have many others who are gaining strength as their bodies are reacting favorably to the medicines and treatments they have received over the past several months. Continue to remember those who are passing time without a lot of hope that life will be much better this side of eternity. Your prayers do matter.

I thank the women (Barbara, Frieda, Julie, & Peggy along with Ali and Lizzie) who have kept the nursery over the past few months. It has been a joy to have Timber and Taylor using the nursery. From some of the reports, there has been a lot of joy received by those who have rocked Taylor and played with Timber.

Be thankful every day. Give thanks for the joy of being able to share yourself with someone who you know is alone. Even a short phone call will make a difference for the caller and the receiver. The Advent season begins in less than four weeks. It is my favorite time of the year. We can celebrate the courage, love, faith, and service of many who gave of themselves at the request of GOD through His messengers. May we give of ourselves and follow them in service to others outside of our sphere of daily living during this time of Advent. It will cause us to be better prepared for service in the year 2021.

Thanks be to GOD for His indescribable gift of salvation.

I look forward to sharing time with you in worship and on the telephone. Someday we will get to spend time together in the old-fashioned way-face to face. Until then, let us spend time in worship the best that we can.

Brother Gary



Church Notes

Amber Weber has transferred to MHHS from Norfolk HS to continue her French studies. She was just inducted to the National Honor Society.

Jordan and Jessica are healthy and well at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville

I will be buying a house in Mountain Home and closing on the 20th of this month. Then I will be flying to Florida for Thanksgiving and driving a U-Haul back with all of my furniture that I have stored in Florida. I need prayers for safe travel. Thanks in advance.

Tacey Gallegos

I would like to report that David and I will be joining the grandparents club on April 5th. Lauren and Hunter are expecting a baby boy!

Libby Sabella



My Aunt Yvonne Robinson from Massena, NY, passed away on Tuesday at 7:48 pm from kidney failure. She was 86 years old. Nancy Lee Duquette



Three proud generations! Marjie Jones, Emma Griffin and Emily Griffin





One very proud grandma sent us these pictures, and we love them! Thanks Christy Hancock!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing



Many hands make light work!
 Thanks to all who helped pack our Christmas shoeboxes this year. We have almost reached our goal of 200 boxes. See more information on the last page if you would like to contribute.



Send information for this newsletter to Marjie Jones, 946 Tipton Loop, Mountain Home, AR 72653 OR call me at 870-425-7190 OR email me at mjjones@suddenlink.net OR drop it in the newsletter box at the church.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.fellowshipcumberland.org/>

Wait! There's More!

Socks of Love project: We are putting together Socks of Love for residents in skilled nursing, many of whom are alone for Christmas. What a great way to spread some Christmas love! We need around 70 socks for men and women. It's easy to participate. For each Love Sock, get a pair of cozy socks with non-skid soles. Roll one sock and stuff it into the toe of the other sock then fill the sock with some goodies like lotion, chap stick, chocolate candy, a puzzle book (like find the word books), stickers, a Christmas ornament, stretchy bracelets, and those are just a few ideas! Use your imagination and put in something you would like to receive! Then secure the top with ribbon or yarn and include a tag that indicates whether the sock is for a man or a woman. Please let Chris Steiger know how many socks you are going to make. Turn in is December 13th.

Operation Christmas Child

We finished packing all of the shoeboxes at the church and still have our online "pack a shoebox online" site available at:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/goal/view/eea266bb-507f-4bb0-87c4-d8b50e383160>

Our Goal was 200 boxes, and we are only about 15 boxes short. Not bad, considering all of the hurdles 2020 put in our way! So, if you haven't packed a shoebox yet, you can still contribute by clicking on the link above.

Thanks for all of your help! We have done a great job!

Chris Steiger

Kathy Lane shared these pictures first of her daughter Jenny and husband Beau with their sons Mason and Garrett after his last high school football game, and second of her grandson Titus dressed as a "scary lion."

