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THE VILLAGE NEWS FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!



Come celebrate the birth of our Lord with us as we share hospitality through the Eastminster Christmas Village Saturday, December 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All church members and friends are invited to come and share in the festivities and the meal on this wonderful Saturday. We certainly celebrate 11 beautiful families, but we also celebrate those of you who have supported the Village mission outreach through your prayers, time, money, and creativity.

It's time again to bring the Spirit of Christ back into Christmas as we open our hearts and doors to guests participating in the Eastminster Christmas Village 2019.

There are Bibles to be gifted, the Christmas story to be read, crafts to be created, pictures to be framed, games to play, songs to sing, food to eat and loads of laughter and many memories to be made! Can you feel the excitement?

Because of the generosity of so many of you, your friends, co-workers, families and other giving organizations, we are blessed to provide this fun ministry to 11 families.

Do you know someone who is looking for a church home that believes in "doing the work of the Lord" hand-in-hand with talking about it? Invite them to volunteer or come to the event, and I promise, the Spirit will be present!

Be watching for the "angels" and expect to be blessed as you are a blessings!

The Longest Night: A Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Eastminster's Chapel



Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays; thus, the name, Blue Christmas, or the Longest Night, as in I am feeling "blue." The Blue Christmas or Longest Night Service gets its name from the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, and seeks to help those who are experiencing the loneliness that often comes in the dark of night.

So many circumstances, such as death, divorce, job loss, illness and more make the season less than "jolly" for some people. But un-jolly does not have to mean isolated or alone. Here at Eastminster we are paying particular attention to the

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needs of people who are blue at Christmas. In doing so, we provide a reflective service that focuses on hope and healing in Christ.

You are invited to experience a meditative worship service, called The Longest Night, that takes time for sharing our hurting places with God, preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, sharing the Lord's Supper gathered as the family of God, and remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us, whether that be because of death, distance, broken relationships. The service is also a reminder that we are not alone in our fears, our isolations, our despairs. The Longest Night Service offers space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, and to remember the promise in Emmanuel...God is with us...always.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ. Hebrew 12:1-2

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*:

“The Faithful of Every Generation”

“All Saints’ Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the “glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs.” It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God’s justice and peace in every nation. To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God’s end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints’ Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.”

This year, we remember with thanksgiving the good and faithful lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ:

Laura Hicks, G.R. Howard, Paul LaPorte,
Glenda Owen, and Kathy Scroggins



As you may remember from the 2018 Congregational meeting, the Stewardship Committee set a goal to share more information throughout the year regarding our church budget. As of September 30th, actual expenses are in excess of the annual budget to date by \$3,486.14. We did a good job estimating our expenses for the 2019 budget as this is only 1% over what we expected. Revenue is behind what we have budgeted at this point of the year by 11%, we are currently \$30,213.87 behind on our income. The financial statements are posted on the bulletin board in the hall each quarter so members can see amounts in detail.

Historical data reveals that our giving income picks up in the last quarter of the year so we anticipate an improvement by year end, but we do expect to end the year with a deficit. If you have delayed your giving please catch up when you are able so we can keep our budget as balanced as possible. Eastminster is a generous congregation and we are so blessed by our members and visitors! Praise God for His perfect provision!

Total Revenues	Budgeted	Difference	
\$235,816.32	\$266,030.19	\$30,213.87	11% under budget
Total Expenses	Budgeted	Difference	
\$270,041.35	\$266,555.21	\$3,486.14	1% over budget

The Annual Stewardship Congregational Meeting is November 3, right after worship. Our Stewardship theme this year is *2020 Vision: Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes*. As Sherry illustrated in her sermon, we need to get up off our mats and walk! All of the committees will share what you can expect in 2020 as we continue to answer God's call in our church, our community and the worldwide body of Christ.

We are excited to announce that at the meeting Stefanie Marsden from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation will explain to us how planned giving and endowments can benefit Eastminster now and in the future. Please give her a warm Eastminster welcome!

Our members are such great "STEWards" that the committee is asking our members to bring pots of stew & soup again this year. The leftovers will be distributed to our homebound and members & friends in need. Please bring your favorite soup or stew, recipes encouraged! If you are unable to bring soup or stew, consider bringing a package of 1 quart serving sized sealable containers for homebound delivery.





It is our tradition, as it is in many other churches and denominations, on All Saints Sunday to sing *For All The Saints* #326 in our hymnal *Glory to God*. The hymn was written by Anglican Bishop William Walsham How and published in 1864. How started writing hymns when he was thirteen years old. Over his life he wrote sixty that were published, and more than thirty of those have appeared in British and American hymnals. In our hymnal, besides *For All the Saints*, are #459 *O Word of God Incarnate* and #708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*.

He served as Bishop, first in East London where he ministered in the slums of the East Side for little pay and none of the social prestige usually accorded to Bishops, and also as Bishop of Wakefield, a very poor industrial parish. Many miners died in a disaster and he comforted their families and tried, but failed to resolve a miners' strike. His work earned him the popular titles of "the children's bishop," "the poor man's bishop," and "the omnibus bishop," the latter for his regular travel among all the people of his parish. Many bishops rode in private coaches on their parish trips but How took public transportation and he work and lived among the poorer in his parish. He was offered other very prestigious appointments as bishop, but refused to leave.

Originally, "For all thy saints" was written for All Saints' Day and published in Horatio Nelson's *Hymns for Saints' Days and Other Hymns* (1864). Its title then was "A Cloud of Witnesses," a reference to

Hebrews 12:1: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us . . ." (KJV). After appearing in *Church Hymns* (1871) with the revised title "For All the Saints," its usage spread. This hymn is a commentary on the article in the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the Communion of Saints." Within the Anglican tradition, and the same here at Eastminster, the relationship with the faithful on earth—The Church Militant—and the saints in heaven—The Church Triumphant—is paramount. This hymn emphasizes this union.

Originally eleven stanzas, this hymn is usually edited to six or fewer stanzas in most hymnals and in ours there are five. Some verses on The Church Militant and The Church Triumphant have been taken out because of the use of believers as "faithful, true and bold soldiers." Just as with *Onward Christian Soldiers*, some believe the language would hinder and or cause misunderstandings to non-believers. I have a hard time believing that, but today it is what it is.

The tune most used in the United States, SINE NOMINE, was written by the Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). It was not always the favorite for about half of the twentieth century, the Victorian tune SARUM by Joseph Barnby was the most often used but Vaughan William's upbeat positive melody won after its publication in *The English Hymnal* of 1906 with Vaughan Williams as the music editor. SINE

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NOMINE (literally “without a name” in Latin) appeared as one of four anonymous tunes in *The English Hymnal*. Carl Daw, Jr. notes that the Latin tune name was equivalent to the undesignated “anonymous” musical setting later attributed to Vaughan Williams. He further suggests that Vaughan Williams “may have wished to avoid overt competition with ENGLEBURG, the tune written for this text by his former teacher, C. V. Stanford and published only two years earlier in the 1904 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.” (Daw, 2016, 330).

Despite the purge of military references in this and other hymns, the final stanza fully consummates the Church Triumphant:

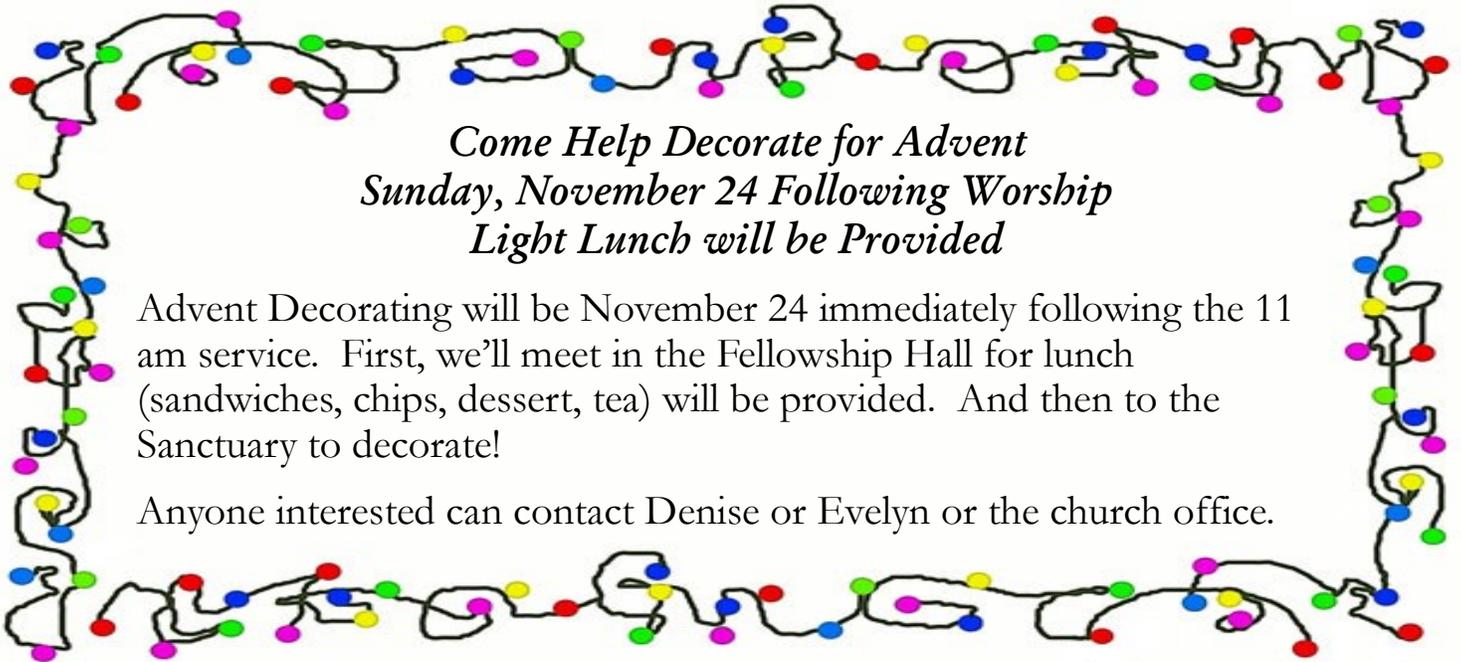
*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia!*

“A Little Child Will Lead Them”

Isaiah 11 prophesies hope for the world: wisdom, understanding, righteousness, justice, faithfulness, peace. In the words “a little child will lead them” (v. 6), Christians hear a foretelling of God’s coming to earth as the child Jesus. Today, children — Jesus’ examples of fitness for God’s kingdom (Mark 10:14) — often lead in showing love.

At age 11, avid baker Michael Platt opened a pastry shop in Maryland to benefit homeless people; for desserts sold, he gives an equal number to shelter residents. Eric Schubert, 18, of New Jersey, uses his genealogy research skills to help strangers — more than 1,000 so far — find long-lost family. In Pennsylvania, Neijae Graham-Henries became a certified barber at age 7 to give free haircuts to kids who couldn’t afford them. (Stories shared on GoodNewsNetwork.org.)

May these children inspire us to use our passions and skills for good, in the name of the Christ-child, who grew up and taught us to serve others in love.



Come Help Decorate for Advent Sunday, November 24 Following Worship Light Lunch will be Provided

Advent Decorating will be November 24 immediately following the 11 am service. First, we’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch (sandwiches, chips, dessert, tea) will be provided. And then to the Sanctuary to decorate!

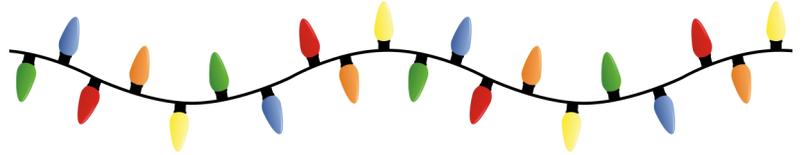
Anyone interested can contact Denise or Evelyn or the church office.



***YOU ARE INVITED TO...
A Service Celebrating Mission in
the Cluster and Beyond
Thursday November 14, 7:30 pm,
at Northridge Presbyterian Church***

This service of thanksgiving to God for the provisions to follow Christ's example in mission, from our Cluster churches to global ministries, will feature a massed Cluster choir offering their gifts through music. All congregations are also being encouraged to share a moment for mission about a ministry for which they are excited. The offering for the evening will be given to the Nutrition Project in Norte, where our Cluster churches have a relationship with Norte Presbytery in Guatemala. All gathered will be invited to wander into the church's fellowship room for a mini mission fair.

In all things, give thanksgiving to God through Jesus Christ!



**Christmas Light Viewing
December 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m.**

What's your favorite memory from Christmas time? We all have one, whether it's the delicious food, the family we haven't seen for awhile or some favorite event we go to or have become a part of. For me, it has always been Christmas light looking. When I was young, our family would drive around town checking out all the beautiful lights on display. I was in awe at the colors, the scenes, the size of some of the trees!

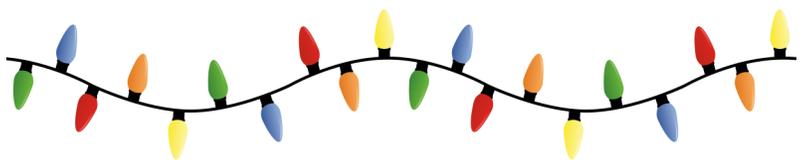
Every year Tom, myself and the kids get together with friends to spend a fun evening sharing a meal and then hopping aboard a van to go look at lights. It is one of my favorite days during the year.

Now, the Congregational Care Committee wants to share that fun with you. Let us know if you're up for a very fun time on Saturday, December 7th from 5:30-8pm. We will share soup, salad and cookies together and then hop on board a bus to go check out the Christmas lights in Highland Park and University Park. They will take your breath away!

Don't forget to RSVP and help defray the cost of the bus with \$5.

Can't wait to see you and the lights!

Michele Pappas





Christmas Village Books

Everybody has a warm, fuzzy memory of a favorite book from childhood, books that we read curled up in a parent' or grandparent's lap. Eastminster Christmas Village aims to give those same warm fuzzies to our guest kids by allowing moms to choose books that they can read curled up together.

This year, the Village is starting from "ground zero." All our leftover books from previous years were destroyed in the "Great Flood" we experienced in the spring. So even though we've always called on the congregation to help us, this year we're making a special plea for generosity. We need books, LOTS and LOTS OF BOOKS.

Unfortunately, our past strategy of asking you to clean out those bookshelves at home so we could cash them in at Half Price Books just won't work. The book recycling business doesn't yield enough to buy the books we need. So this year, we're asking that you make an appeal to your friends and co-workers for their no-longer-wanted, but still-really-loveable kids books to add to our Village Book Nook.

The age ranges for our guests look like this:

Infant: 1 child

2-5: 9 children

7-10: 7 children

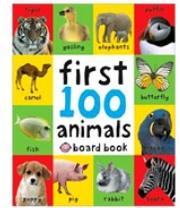
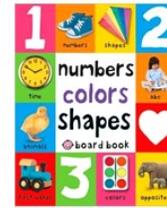
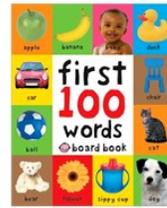
11-13: 5 young people

15-17: 2 young people

Your co-workers and friends are waiting for an excuse to clean out their kids' bookshelves. This is a great way to let people know about our ECV outreach project. Ask them to donate their kids' books to us.

If buying books appeals to you, Half Price Books is having a coupon sale November 4-10. On the 10th it is 50% off one item. It's 20% Mon. and Tues/ 30% Wed. and Thurs./40% Fri. and Sat.

To get the coupons e-mailed or snail mailed to you, go to: hpb.com/join or you can register in any store. You can also get 20% off any one item Mon.-Sun. online by using the code: WINTER20.



What's New with House & Property?

House & Property Keeping up with all of the needs of the church building and grounds takes a lot of focus and attention and volunteers. There's a long list of stuff that has been done, is being done or will be done. You've probably noticed some of those things but we also get a few things done that you don't notice.

If you were at church on Sunday, October 20th and came in through the courtyard, you noticed a pile of stuff across from the office. That was the result of our "attic cleanout day."

Coordinated by the House and Property committee, the ruling elders were all asked to show up to get the attic above the office cleaned out, focusing on their respective committee's stashed and leftover items. For about 3 hours, Denise and Tony Bennett, Evelyn Parker, Cindy Garrett, Pastor Sherry, Maritssa and Marco Medina and some of

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clear the clutter. What you saw in the courtyard - the leftovers - was only a part of what was cleared. The dumpster was filled to almost overflowing. The leftovers will be hauled to the dumpster once it has been emptied. In addition, 600 pounds of metal was taken to a recycling center on Saturday. Those 600 pounds didn't yield much in terms of dollars but that metal didn't make it into the landfill.

Another round of attic cleanout will happen on Saturday, November 2nd. That's our next scheduled all-church work day. We'll be getting the building ready for fall, Advent and winter and we'll be taking care of more tasks that keep our church looking as good as it can. There are tasks that anyone can do so put it on your calendar now.



Can You Provide a Meal for Session?

Several years ago, the idea was hatched to give the session members a break from providing lunch for themselves before each

session meeting by asking non-session members to provide those meals instead. It has been a huge success over the years as the elders and staff could go about the business of the church without the work of cooking, setup, cleanup and close-up.

The members of the session are always grateful to those who step up and volunteer to provide the session meals. Here's a list of many who have provided delicious meals: Jan Anderson, Harvey & Ginny Beatty, Janice Bell, Denise Bennett, Christine Blair, Bobbe Brown, Vicki Cook, Jennifer Gailey, Blair & Cindy Garrett, Cheryl & Joe Gonzales, Kellie & Frank Karlen, Tim & Kathy Kreger, Alex & Anne Lindberg, Jack Lucas, Tom & Michele Pappas, Helen Randolph, Linda Stampport, Lewis & Vicki Thiebaud, Bruce & Charlotte Turner, and Sean Turner.

When the original idea was put into action, one of the caveats was that none of the ruling elders or their spouses would be asked to provide meals. Pretty much, that caveat has held up, but on occasion, a spouse has been the one to volunteer. And we have feasted on wonderful meals and every elder goes to the meeting with a full belly, ready to work.

A special thank you goes out to Charlotte Turner for coordinating the provision of meals over the last couple of years. She's really good at getting things put together each month and following up in advance. We thank everyone who has stepped up and done the hard work so that the members of the session could get to work. And if we've missed any names on the list, well, we apologize and thank you. You know who you are.

If you feel called to help out in this way in the coming year, you can check the box on your commitment sheet or let Charlotte know that you are interested. And remember - the members of the session would be happy with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!

**NEWS RELEASE
FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

So, we've never done this before. But, we'll certainly do it again! It was a great idea born in the Outreach Committee and executed by Outreach and Worship members. And, the Holy Spirit was clearly there all along creating a warm, connected feeling among all who attended.



The Blessing of the Animals was a blessing to all who attended from the congregation, the neighborhood and beyond. It brought together young and old and those in-between with their treasured pets. Dogs, cats, and a house rabbit had gathered, readying themselves for a time of prayers and blessings, when a truck pulled into the parking lot and unloaded two horses for the service! It was the first time for many to be close enough to touch a horse.

Pastor Sherry was joined by longtime EPC friend Rev. Polly Williams. They began the service with a reading of the creation story from Genesis, then followed with a prayer and individual blessing for each pet presented by their owner. It was such a sweet time that there were more than just a few tears shed by the pet owners. Many expressed their thanks for the love shared in the event.

Thanks to talented EPC members Jake Davis and Ronnie Dixon for music that lifted the soul and just maybe calmed the wild beasts! A blessing for our tummies was fresh-made kettle corn provided by the Melissa, Tom and Jacob Whitley. This just added to the friendly and fun atmosphere. We appreciate you, Whitley family.

University of North Texas

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

Isabella Venegoni graduates from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Energy Engineering on Saturday December 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Your Eastminster family is so proud of you!



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Would you like to keep up with your own contribution report? Or update your own information? Well, you can! With our Realm program you can have all this information at your fingertips. You can have easy access at any time. Let the office know that you would love to have this convenience, and we'll send you a Realm invitation. You will set up your own account and you will have access to your own information.

Did you know that you can give by text? Text epcdallas general \$10 (or the amount you choose) to 73256 to give to General Fund using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.



Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.

Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)

Why can't you take a turkey to church?
Because they use such fowl language

What does a Pilgrim call his best friend?
A palgrim

Why did the turkey cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off

If April showers bring May flowers, what
do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims!

Teacher: "Why do we have a Thanksgiving
holiday?"
Student: "So we know when to start
Christmas shopping!"



Scripture Readings for November

1 Neh. 2:1-20	11 Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)	21 Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)
2 Neh. 4:1-23	12 Neh. 9:26-38	22 Neh. 9:26-38
3 Neh. 5:1-9	13 Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18	23 Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18
4 Neh. 6:1-19	14 Neh. 6:1-19	24 Isa. 19:19-25
5 Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47	15 Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47	25 Joel 3:1-2, 9-17
6 Neh. 13:4-22	16 Neh. 13:4-22	26 Nahum 1:1-13
7 Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26	17 Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26	27 Obad. 15-21
8 Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36	18 Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36	28 Zeph. 3:1-13
9 Ezra 9:1-15	19 Ezra 9:1-15	29 Isa. 24:14-23
10 Ezra 10:1-17	20 Ezra 10:1-17	30 Micah 7:11-20

2019 ADVENT STUDY

The Living Nativity: Preparing for Christmas With Saint Francis

By Larry J. Peacock



Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living

Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals.

The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child.

Classes will be held on the Wednesday evenings of November 6, 13, 20 and December 4. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m., and end at 7:30 p.m. A light meal will be provided from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to attend, please contact the office or complete the sign-up sheet found in your Sunday bulletins



God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous. —Rick Warren (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”
—Jane Goodall

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put all together that overwhelm the world.”
—Bishop Desmond Tutu

God is in control, and therefore in everything I can give thanks — not because of the situation but because of the One who directs and rules over it. —Kay Arthur

It is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy.
—David Steindl-Rast

Gratitude is the least of the virtues, but ingratitude is the worst of vices.
—Thomas Fuller

A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.
—Henry Ward Beecher

November

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays 6, 13, 20
 2 Fall Work Day
 3 Communion – Intinction; Committee Meeting;
 Congregational Meeting & Luncheon following
 worship
 5 EPW 7 p.m.
 6 Advent Study, *The Living Nativity*: 6:30—7:30 p.m., light
 supper 5:45-6:15 p.m.
 10 Stewardship and Worship Committee Meetings
 13 Advent Study, *The Living Nativity*: 6:30—7:30 p.m., light
 supper 5:45-6:15 p.m.
 17 Stated Session Meeting
 18 Newsletter Deadline
 20 Advent Study, *The Living Nativity*: 6:30—7:30 p.m., light
 supper 5:45-6:15 p.m.
 27 The office closes at noon; No choir rehearsal; No
 Advent Study
 28-29 The office is closed: Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday 7, 14, 21, 28
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays 4, 11, 18
 1 Communion Sunday – Intinction; Committee Meetings
 3 EPW 7 p.m.
 4 Advent Study, *The Living Nativity*: 6:30—7:30 p.m., light
 supper 5:45-6:15 p.m.
 7 CCC Christmas Light Tour
 8 Stewardship and Worship Committee Meetings
 11 Longest Night Service, 6 p.m.
 14 Eastminster Christmas Village, 8:30 am—1:30 pm
 15 Stated Session Meeting
 16 Newsletter Deadline
 24 Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.
 24 through January 1—the office is closed

January 2020—Happy New Year

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday: 4, 11, 18, 25
 Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22, 29
 1 Office Closed
 5 Communion Sunday – Intinction; Committee Meetings
 7 EPW, 7 pm
 10-11 Elder Session Retreat
 15 Year 2020 Committee Reports due
 19 Elder Installation; Session Meeting
 26 Congregational Meeting and Luncheon



Jim Fielding	11/2
Vicki Cook	11/3
Vicki Gibbs	11/7
Doris Jordan	11/7
Miatta Wilson	11/8
Kevin Karlen	11/10
Patience Uche	11/10
Lorna Almas	11/11
Cindy Garrett	11/11
Harry Karlen	11/13
Lilly Pappas	11/15
Doris Little	11/17
Charlotte Turner	11/20
Cheryl Wood	11/20
Cathy Clark	11/26
Helen Randolph	11/27
Jezzi Whitley	11/27
Stella Post	11/29
Kathy Kreger	11/30



Vicki & Lewis Thiebaud 11-9



Those Who Will Serve in November



Ushers/Greeters—Team 2

Blair Garrett—Captain
Cindy Garrett
Sylvia & Tom Falcon

November 3

Liturgist: Vicki Cook

Communion:

Jimmie Fielding

Acolytes:

Bruce Turner, Candles
Jacob Whitley, Cross Bearer

November 10

Liturgist: Jan Anderson

Acolytes:

Jackie Robert, Candles
Talat Robert, Cross Bearer

November 17

Liturgist: Darlene West

Acolytes:

Blair Garrett, Candles
Tony Bennett, Cross Bearer

November 24

Liturgist: Chandra Karlen

Acolytes:

Frank Karlen, Candles
Kevin Karlen, Cross Bearer



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Eastminster Session

Janice Bell
Denise Bennett
Tony Bennett
Ronnie Dixon
Cindy Garrett
Janet Muller
Michele Pappas
Evelyn Parker
Helen Randolph
Bruce Turner
Shirlene Watkins
Mason Gonzales, Youth Elder



Pastor	Sherry Holloman
Director of Music	Fred P. Watkins
Organist	Melody S. Davis
Administrative Assistant	Chandra Anderson
Hostess/Housekeeper	Minerva Hernandez
Child Care Provider	Betty Crabtree

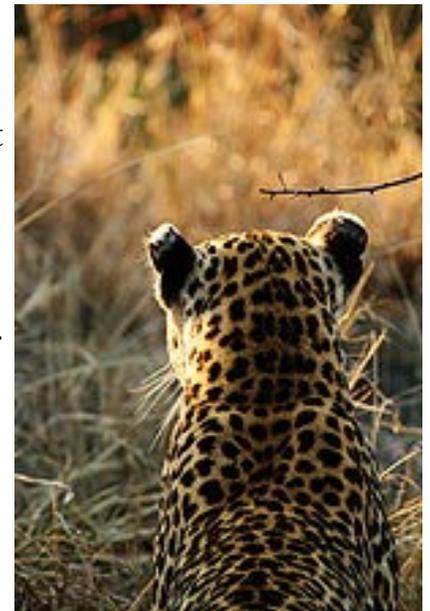
HIGHLIGHTS from the STATED SESSION MEETING, September 15, 2019

- ◆ Outreach (Action Item): Action Item from Outreach approved for a “Giving Thanks” Luncheon on 11/9/2019, taking monies to pay for the event from Account 3718.
- ◆ Stewardship (Action Item): Action Item from Stewardship approved to move the EPC checking accounts from Midsouth Bank to BBVA Compass. The Treasurer will begin the process with BBVA Compass.
- ◆ Worship Committee—No meeting, but a progress report on possibility of replacing Chapel pew pads; and replacing the Fellowship Hall piano cover.
- ◆ Austin Gibbs Building Use Request, Saturday, September 28, 2019 for Austin Gibbs marriage. A request was received from the bride and groom to hold the ceremony in the Eastminster sanctuary, Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 11:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. The officiant of the ceremony will be a pastor from Church in the City (non-denominational church, Rowlett TX). Motion made, seconded and approved to allow a guest pastor to officiate the wedding if Sherry is satisfied with his understanding of reformed theology and the guidelines of the Presbyterian Church USA. Motion made, seconded and approved to grant use of the building for these purposes.
- ◆ Continue discussion of the ADA Task Force Recommendations, with the addition of a 3rd bid. ADA Task Force will meet on October 13, 2019.

Change Your Spot

In the Old Testament, Jeremiah becomes so disgusted with his people’s unfaithfulness and idolatry that he almost believes they can’t change. He wonders whether a leopard can change its spots. When a Sunday school teacher posed that question, one student pondered before replying, “Yes ... If he doesn’t like the spot he’s in, he can change it.”

Jeremiah reached a similar conclusion: His people could change their evil ways — their “spots” — if they chose to. “You can do good who are accustomed to do evil,” he says (Jeremiah 13:23, NRSV). As another prophet later notes, God has shown us “what is good ... To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8, NIV). What spot — or spots — can you change?



Special dates

- All Saints’ Day, November 1, 2019
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 3, 2019
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2019
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019