

# CORNERSTONE

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“THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT ST. PAUL’S”

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**“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”**

**Colossians 3:15-17**

I have a lot to be thankful for this year. I completed my second year of seminary classes. I received a positive Endorsement decision from the Candidacy Committee of our synod. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, I gained a new daughter-in-law. It was a beautiful wedding, beginning with a church ceremony where family and friends gathered to celebrate Bryant and Michele in the presence of God, and ending with a celebration where there was much food and fellowship. Now, Bryant and Michele have a big decision to make - whose house will they visit on Thanksgiving Day? Isn't that a good problem to have?

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. It has always been a day when family gathered together around the dinner table and celebrated the many blessings in our lives. I have been extremely fortunate in that most of my Thanksgiving days have been joyous.

With all that I have to be thankful for, I can't help but think about many, many people for whom this Thanksgiving will be a difficult one. Some are rebuilding or relocating because natural disasters

have tragically caused disruptions in their lives. Some are grieving the loss of a loved one, wondering how they can be thankful in the midst of great sorrow. As we gather around our dinner tables, there are those who are trying to survive hunger and homelessness.

I love the quote above from Colossians. It is a reminder to give thanks in all circumstances. It is a reminder to not only give thanks, but to live out our thanksgiving. When Bryant was in training for the Army National Guard, he was away from home on Thanksgiving Day. A local family invited him to their home for Thanksgiving Dinner. They were living in thanks. I was grateful that someone was that generous.

The congregations of PLUM are living in thanks. There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner again this year at Bethany Lutheran Church in Dormont, where hundreds will receive the gift of food and fellowship. Many little bottoms have been diapered by the diaper banks at several of our churches. Each of our congregations lives in thanks when we serve the communities where we are located, and when we help each other with an event or a project.

It is great to have a day set aside for giving thanks, but that day has become an ordinary day for many. Some will have to work that day. Some, because of the circumstances of their life, will not be gathering with family around a dinner table. This is where our living in thanks and serving our neighbor can be demonstrated. If you go into a business on Thanksgiving Day, remember to thank the employees for being there. As you do your holiday shopping, buy a few extra non-

perishable food items for the local food bank. Pick up some diapers or supplies for the diaper bank. Is there room at your dinner table for one or two more, someone who does not have friends or family near?

Just like Thanksgiving Day may be just another day for many, every day can be Thanksgiving Day for us.

May God Bless You All

*Sue Devine*

Seminarian



The Stewardship/Mission Committee a Chestnut Hill candle sale. The sale began on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and ended on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. 102 candles were sold, and the profit to the ELCA Disaster Fund for the relief effort in Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey is \$408.00. Thanks to all who sold or bought candles..



At the special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> the recommendation for the waterproofing of the garage and the restrooms along with remodeling the restrooms in Eberle Hall was approved. The contract has been signed and a deposit sent to Baker's Waterproofing. The congregation will be informed on when the work is to begin.



**The Annual Meeting** for election of three Congregation Council members and Adoption of the 2017 Budget will be held on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> following the worship service.



**ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
Friday and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

218 Alter Street East Carnegie

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Christmas Bazaar featuring quality homemade soups (eat in or take out), pierogies, cookies, pies, cakes, candies, crafts, gifts, and decorations, Grandma's Attic, Basket Palooza and Door Prizes. Come and shop for bargains and don't forget to bring your Christmas list!



You are invited to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 23<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church 112 West Pike Street and is sponsored by The Greater Canonsburg/Houston Ministerial Association and the Community.



**The Greater Canonsburg/Houston Ministerial Association** is asking for donation of pies for the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Last year, thanks to generous donations, over 500 slices of pie were served. Please help by baking or buying a pie (or pies) to donate. If possible, please let Jill know by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> if you will be donating pies and how many. Pies can be delivered to the Canonsburg U.P. church on Wednesday, November 22 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or Thanksgiving morning between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Any pies not used for the dinner will be sent to Meals on Wheels in Houston.



The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will present Handel's Messiah on Saturday, December 2, 2017. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Heinz Hall. All members and guests of the PLUM congregations are invited to attend this amazing performance by the PSO and Conductor Manfred Honeck, to usher in the holiday season.

Tickets are \$24.50 per person which includes a church discount when ten or more sign up with the PLUM group. Parking is available in the Parking Authority garage at 9<sup>th</sup> and Penn Avenues in the Cultural district at a flat rate of \$6.00. For more information or to order tickets contact Carol Ferens at 724-986-6331 or [caferens@icloud.com](mailto:caferens@icloud.com). Carol needs to know by November 12<sup>th</sup> how many will be attending.



### **November monthly mission**

For our November monthly mission, St. Paul's has adopted a South Central Elementary School Family of 4 children (two boys and two girls). Monetary donations are being sought so that the children's Christmas wishes may be fulfilled (Ann Morrocco and Jill A. Shook will be doing the shopping for the items requested).

All donations (cash or check written to the church) should be at the church by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Ann at 724-746-5897). Let us show the Love of Jesus to this family in need.



Due to other commitments during the week, there will be designated office hours. Each week and month these hours may change (I will try to keep them consistent as I can). Please take note of the monthly schedule that will be listed in monthly newsletter. If you need assistance at any other time, please contact Pastor Melba Dibble at 412-212-8794 or leave a message at the church 724-745-5962. Thank you. Jill



## November Assistants and Sponsors

### Acolyte

- November 5 – Diamond Dibble
- November 12
- November 19
- November 26

### Assisting Minister

- November 5 – Jill A. Shook
- November 12 – Ann Morrocco
- November 19 – Carol Ferens
- November 26 – Ann Morrocco

### Eternal Candle

### Fellowship

- November 5 – No Fellowship Hour
- November 12 – Lee Jones
- November 19 –
- November 26 – No Fellowship Hour

### Flowers

- November 5
- November 12
- November 19
- November 26 – Charlotte Stemmler

### Lector

- November 5 – Ann Morrocco
- November 12 – Charlotte Stemmler
- November 19 – Carol Ferens
- November 26 – John Straka

### Worship Leaders

- November 5 – Pastor Dibble
  - November 12 – Pastor Mayforth
  - November 19 – Pastor Siefert
  - November 26 – Pastor Koch
- (Worship schedule is subject to change)



Randy Bell	November 20
Donna Filby	November 25
Zack Nimal	November 25



Ev, Sharlene, Anna Mae, Mark, Virginia, Margaret, Albert, Patty, Joyce, Dan, John, George, Elinor, Edward, Randy, Matthew, Mary Ann, Jim, Christine, Sherry, Richard, Faith, Anna Mae, Holly, Richmond family, Rose, Laura, Andy, Anita, Jean, Carelle, our Bishops, our Synod, our PLUM pastors and members and our church. Names will be kept on the list for 3 months if needed. A new list will be created the beginning of October. If anyone should be added or removed, please contact the church office (724-745-5962) or email: [stpaulscbg@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulscbg@verizon.net).

### November Office Hours

- **Monday, November 6, Wednesday, November 8 and Friday November 10 – 10:00-1:00**
- **Monday, November 13, Tuesday, November 14 and Friday, November 17 – 10:00-1:00**
- **Monday, November 20, Tuesday, November 21 - 10:00-1:00**
- **Monday, November 21, Tuesday, November 28 and Friday, December 1 – 10:00-1:00**