PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

November 2019 NEWSLETTER Volume 16, Issue 11 United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

AND THEY'RE OFF!!! The race has begun. What race you may ask? Oh, come on, its November and the stores are filled with holiday paraphernalia. Time to plan the Thanksgiving dinner, mail Christmas cards, get the game plan for Black Friday and start making cookies! As I write this article in mid October, I can start to feel the stress of the busy holiday season bubbling up in my gut!

Wait a minute, WHOA! I just finished a sermon series on stewardship of – time, talents and possessions. I think it's time to review. Stewardship is not just about giving to God, it is to help us use what we have in a balanced way to allow us to have a stress free (or at least less stressed) life. We have plenty of everything, we just need to learn how to be good stewards.

So, now is the time to look at the upcoming season and figure out priorities. What is really important and what is not? This is what stewardship is about. Are there things that should be cut out of your holiday schedule? Start planning ahead so you have time to enjoy the important things. The same is true with gift giving. Many families and individuals over spend and then find themselves in trouble down the road. Can you make Christmas less about the packages and trimmings and more about giving real gifts, like spending time, a well thought out craft, a poem, or letter that will last long after a toy is discarded? Don't wait to think about these things in December, start planning now.

I want to add some holiday facts to help you as you de-stress the next two months. First let's look at Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving with fasting, NOT FEASTING! They were so thankful to God that they gave up even the necessities of life for a time to give thanks to God. I think that would go over well at my family Thanksgiving, "Guess what, this year we are celebrating like the first Thanksgiving, we are all fasting, and I'm not cooking anything! YEA!" NOT! I am not suggesting that anyone give up the traditional turkey and pumpkin pie, but do think about how to bring more thanks into the feasting.

Now on to Christmas. In the early Christian church, the birth of Christ was not celebrated. It was the custom during this time period to only remember the date of death of important people. With infant mortality high, a birth was not necessarily thought of as important to remember, but when someone accomplishes something in their lives, their death is something to be remembered. So in the early church, Holy week including Easter was the only focus. The first recorded celebration of Jesus' birth on December 25th was during the reign of Constantine in the year 336 AD, more than 300 years after the actual birth. The date, December 25 was most likely chosen because it was already a celebration in to Mediterranean cultures, *natalis solis invicti* (the Roman "birth of the unconquered sun"), and the birthday of Mithras, the Iranian "Sun of Righteousness. Almost every tradition we hold so dear around Christmas was imported from a pagan culture. The entry of Jesus into the world as the savior for all of humanity is indeed something to be celebrated, but how can you do this in a joyful peace filled holiday? Start planning now. Enjoy Christmas and the traditions, but don't become a slave to traditions that are nothing more than fluff to the meaning of the coming of the Christ child. It is ok to start trimming the extras to make time for the trimmings that bring joy.

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly







YOU CAN ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH OTHER FOLKS AT THE FIREHALL

In the narthex, there is a sign up sheet for anyone to make a reservation for the Thanksgiving dinner. You can attend in person; if needed, transportation can be provided. The dinner (s) can also be delivered to you. Please indicate the number of dinners and the address if a delivery is needed. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD and let us know of others who would like a Thanksgiving dinner and company to enjoy it with them on Thanksgiving Day.

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

Sept	September 201	
Total Expenses	\$5,837.40	\$48,264.33
Total Receipts	\$8,101.63	\$51,569.74
Gain or (Loss)	\$2,264.23	\$3,305.41

For further information ask a member of session or the treasurer, Reg Boutwell.



November 11th

Take time to remember the men and women who have made it possible for us to enjoy being free as Americans.

Many have requested Dick and Donna's Address:
Dick and Donna Chubon
8031 E Del Platino Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85258
I am sure they would love to hear from you!

Church Youth Activity



Over 30 were in attendance at the Erie Zoo trip sponsored by the Deacons of the church October 11th. Excited about the beautiful weather, regular church attendees and many new, met at the church at 9 a.m. and caravanned over 10 vehicles to Erie. This alone was a sight for the children! While at the zoo, children completed an activity, trying to find each animal featured in the VBS program this summer. Many enjoyed all that the zoo had to offer including riding the colorful and exciting carousel. Lunch was eaten at the zoo's pavilion. Afterwards, children enjoyed playing on the playground while the adults relaxed and spent time in fellowship.





We lose our Daylight Savings Time Sunday November 3—



Be sure you set your clocks back

Don't be late for Morning Worship 10:00

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WORSHIP TEAMS FOR NOVEMBER

November 3— Celebrate All Saints/Communion

Liturgist— Ruth Wahl
Sound– Mike Frame
Communion—Tom Wade, Rosie Swan,
Jim Roberts, Mary Myers

November 10

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad Sound—Mary Myers

November 17— MISSION SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –ELECT 2020 OFFICERS

Liturgist— Stacy Halla Sound— Mike Frame

November 24—

Liturgist— Tom Wade Sound– Mary Myers

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

December 1– 1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood Greeters/Ushers—Rosie Swan, Tammy & Moses Miller Sound— Mike Frame Communion—Connie Lockwood, Nancy Pihlblad Elders—Mary Myers, Andrew Pihlblad, Dan Pihlblad, Mike Frame

IF YOU CAN NOT BE AT CHURCH ON YOUR DAY AS A VOLUNTEER PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.

Church Congregational and Corporation Meeting to Elect Officers for Coming Year

Sunday, November 17, will be election of officers for 2020. The offices needed are 2 Deacons & 3 Elders, class of 2022. We will also need 1 Deacon for 2 year term to replace Dona Chubon. Corporate Officers, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers for 2020.

NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

November brings
Its variety of blessings,
And Election Day
Is the first one.
Be sure you take part!

Next, comes one from 1918—
Armistice Day.
The end of a "War to end all Wars"!
But, the truth belies the statement:
It was renamed Veterans Day.

A delicious family day
Comes at the end of the month.
A day of family warmth
And thanks to God:
Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks be to God
For each of these days:
Free election,
Remembrance,
And a precious family gathering.

November Blessings!

Ann Dahl Luce 2019

December Newsletter deadline is November 19.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2019

Our church will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box campaign again this year. The filled boxes are due at the church by **November 17**.

Pick your age category, shop for the gifts to fill the box, and then pack and bring for dedication. Shipping for one box is **\$9.00**. Please make out checks to United Presbyterian Church with shoebox on memo line. If gift wrapping, do top and bottom separately as all boxes are opened and thoroughly checked before shipment.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's. jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (include extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons, markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and/or picture books

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrushes, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE used or damaged items, warrelated items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate, any candy, liquids or lotions, toothpaste, medications or vitamins, or anything containing glass.

PERSONAL NOTE: including a picture or note to the child along with your name and address may result in correspondence from the recipient.

AGE CATEGORIES: 2-4 years; 5-9 years; 10-14 years, either a boy or a girl. Use label (in narthex) and attach to top of shoebox.

Put a rubber band around box.

Connie Lockwood, chair Operation Christmas Child



DECEMBER 7th

9:00 AM. TO ???

Start clipping your recipes for the Cookie House as well as finding "your Oldie but Goodie Recipes." We need ALL the cookies we can possibly bake. This is one of the Mission Committee's largest fund raisers for the church's mission budget. We appreciate all of your help and look forward to a fun day!!!

We also need many to help on that day! Cookies may be dropped off at church, Friday (Nov 29) or not later than 8:30 am Saturday morning—Cookie House day.



Mission Committee

Be in prayer for the Mission Projects

we support:

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING UCAN EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS** FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT PEOPLE **GENESIS HOUSE HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX ST SUSAN CENTER **TERI NICHOLS** FILLING THE GAP FLM HATI



ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The area churches will be providing a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Randolph Fire Hall from noon to 1 p.m. Our church has been asked to furnish the cole slaw and dressing which is purchased from R and M restaurant. We also provide the stuffing (chopped celery and Pepperidge Farm stuffing preferred). Donations can be made to purchase these items and placed in the new lock box. Please be sure to label the envelope with Thanksgiving dinner donation.

We will need volunteers to take home the stuffing and potato pearls (already donated) and prepare them for delivery to the Fire Hall at <u>specified times</u> on Thanksgiving Day. If you have an extra oven or roaster, we need people who can roast a turkey and bring it to the Fire Hall at an assigned time. We will give you the turkey. Please contact Louise Boutwell (358-4848) about availability to make potatoes or stuffing or roast a turkey on Thanksgiving.

Work crews are also needed for the dinner. Please sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, November 17** for the following:

Kitchen (8-11:30 am), Servers (11:30am -12:30pm

Drivers (11:45 am) and clean up (12:30 on)

Then on November 24 you will be informed of your duties.

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WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9 NEW TIME 9-10 A.M.

The ladies of **OUR Church** will be the hostesses for the Women's breakfast this month. It will be on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 till 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend and share with the other women of our community.

MILITARY PERSONNEL MEN AND WOMEN

Remember them with a card or note though-out the year.

Mike Fleischmann: Michael C. & Candy Fleischmann

3801 Barbed Wire Drive Killeen, TX 76549-3955

Aaron Wellman Major Aaron & Jacki Wellman

67 Bertram Blvd.

Stafford, VA 22556

Erin Connor Erin Connor/Matt Kinahan

Matt Kinahan PSC 3 Box 7036

APO AP 96266

Erik Connor Erik & Maggie Connor

6448 Lionheart Park

San Antonio, TX 78240

Who are we missing from the list?

We need to keep updating addresses for our service personnel. Please call Mary at the office 358-4255 or her home 358-9405 with the information. Thanks

December Newsletter deadline is November 19.

Coming Events

All Saint's Day, November 3, 10:00 am. This special worship service will focus on the saints that have gone on before us. We will recognize members and friends who have died during the past year. There will also be a time to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

Veteran's Day Observance, November 10, 10:00am. Please let Carrie or Mary know of any service members that we can honor.

Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 10:00am. We will be celebrating the end of the church year. Come for our very own New Year's celebration.

Cantata with Children: Be sure to join the choir in practice at 8:30 Sunday mornings.

The Cantata-" Seekers of the Light" on December 8th, will feature traditional carols with an upbeat twist! Invite a friend, the choir could use extra people. Please see Carol if you are interested in being the narrator.

Sneak preview of some of the events scheduled for Advent and Christmas: Hanging of the Greens Service, Special Christmas music, Cantata with children, Christmas Eve service at 4:00 pm.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It is time to place your order for Poinsettias that decorate the church for Christmas. Orders will be needed by December 8. They will be \$10.00 this year. You can pick up a form in the narthex or call the church office 358-4255.



The following Saints will be remembered during worship on Sunday, November 3

David Lockwood William Greeley Leona Marrano (Cindy Burdic's mother)

Roberta Farrell Ruth Frost

Charlene Adams Jay Ashdown



Howard (Buss) Myers



Dennis Dexter

Wall of Fame
THOMAS L. WADE
Inducted 2019

Congratulations to Tom Wade (class of 1964) for your recent induction into the Randolph Central School Wall of Fame.



There is a new lock box in the Secretary's Office. Please place money an envelope and label. Please do not put money on the desk.



Lectionary for Sundays

November 2019 All Saints' Day November 1

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11–23

Luke 6:20-31

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost November 3

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost November 10

Haggai 1:15b—2:9 Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17 Luke 20:27–38

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 17

Isaiah 65:17–25 Isaiah 12 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13 Luke 21:5–19

Reign of Christ / Christ the King November 24

Jeremiah 23:1–6 Luke 1:68–79 Colossians 1:11–20 Luke 23:33–43





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS

November 2 Rene Pence

November 7 Emily Matson

November 8 Matt Johnson

November 10 Dan Pihlblad

November 12 Evan Matson

November 15 Verna Sue Miller (1 year)

Reah Wilcox

November 17 Lorielle Inkley

November 18 Keith Alexander

November 30 Pastor Molly Golando





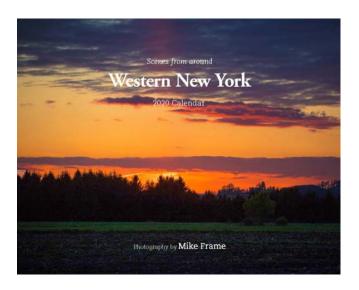
TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

If you can buy a turkey for the Christmas Baskets please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Louise needs to know how many turkeys she will have for baskets in December. Before Thanksgiving while turkeys are on sale is a good time to purchase them. We will need medium (15-18#), and large (19# and up). NO small please.

IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD READY FOR A SEVERE WINTER STORM?

We're entering the time of year when an ice storm, heavy wet snow or blizzard conditions can cause power outages and travel difficulties that can last for multiple days. Now is the time to review and update your emergency plans for a 3 to 5 day winter storm emergency:

Emergency food and water Emergency lighting Emergency heat Emergency communications First aid and medications



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2020 CALENDAR

SHOWCASING

MIKE FRAME'S PHOTOS

\$10.00 EACH OR
\$14.00 IF MAILED TO YOU.

TO RESERVE YOUR CALENDAR CALL
CHURCH OFFICE 358-4255 or
EMAIL CHURCH SECRETARY
Secretary@upcrandolph.org
For the benefit of the church capital fund



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th AT ST. PATRICKS RC CHURCH

The community Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Patrick's Roman Church this year on Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Molly will be bringing the message. Plan to attend and share in this special time of Thanksgiving with all of our Randolph Area Community.



SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS

If you or your family would like to remember someone with flowers and share them with the church, call Mary Myers (358-9405) or the church office (358-4255) to set up a date. What a wonderful way to wish someone a happy birthday, anniversary or just to say you are thinking of them.

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2019 CHRISTMAS RUPC Scrip GIFT/SHOPPING CARDS

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A "Gift Card" given or used as a shopping card at

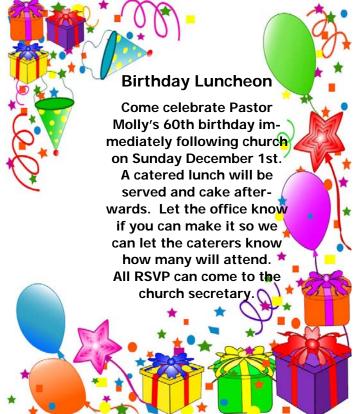
Christmas time is "perfect" because it is a "WIN – WIN – WIN" gift solution. WIN #1 – the buyer gets full value of the card; WIN #2 – your mission committee receives a discount on each card sold determined by the particular vendor minus \$8.75 shipping fee on the total order; WIN #3 - Money is transferred from the RUPC- Scrip account to the mission account.

We will again order one time this Christmas season. Orders will be taken from Nov. 17– Dec. 1, 2019 and distributed on Sunday December 8, 2019. We need your payment (check or cash) when you place your card order. Please make your check payable to "RUPC-Scrip".

You may give your Christmas orders to Bob Whitney, Nancy Pihlblad or the church's office.

Thank you for your Christmas orders and all your previous orders. Updated catalog listings of all vendors will be in the narthex.

Bob Whitney & Nancy Pihlblad Scrip Co-coordinators



October

Session Notes

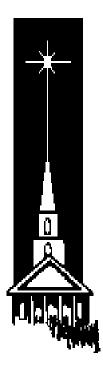
- Fifth Sunday September 29 donations were \$592.
- * Goals for 2019 were reviewed and committees to work on 2020 set up.
- Carrie Congdon was appointed as church secretary.
- * Training required by sexual harassment policy for staff will be handled by the pastor.
- Nomination committee reported they have most of the candidates for 2020. These will be voted on at the November 17 congregation meeting.
- Approval to purchase two white oil candles to finish the advent wreath and for Christ candle from memorial funds.



NEW COLUMN

I am adding a new monthly column. Much work goes into creating a newsletter and I want to encourage everyone to read each article...and remember them! So, I will be putting a small assignment in each month to help you grow in your walk with God, and to bring the results into church for a small award. The number 7 is a significant number in the Bible. It is used at the number of perfection. God created the world in six days and rested on the 7th. Jesus said to forgive others not up to 7 times but up to 70 x 7. You assignment for this month is to count how many times the number 7 is used in this newsletter. Bring your answers in to worship on November 17. There will be an award for the successful!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Health:

Bob S

Bob & Sandy C

Brad Y
Bruce M
Carl B
Carrie C
Carol P

Catherine S Cheryl F

Cindy H cancer

Chloe C Dan B

Dan E heart attack

David R. M David P

David S cancer

Debbie M

Debbie O'C Connie Dalbo's sister)

Debbie (Jim's Mom)

Derek M leukemia

Dick A Donna C

Eli – (recovery)

Eileen N Fletcher Gabriel

Gene J Howard VanR James B cancer

Jamie C Jason Jeff Jenelle H Judy St heart

June B Justin

Katherine (Michelle's mom)

Kay A

Keith G. cancer Keith A

Laurel P cancer

Linda W

Logan Madison

Madison

Maureen K

Merle F Milt M

Natalie W

Nick K

Pat K

Pat (Jill's step Mom)

Richard J Robert R

Ron B lung cancer

Rosamond F

Scott J

Sharon H Sharon

Sue L. kidney

Syd E

Tim A

Tracy H cancer

Verna M – Health

Vickie F

Encouragement:

Those rebuilding from disasters

Teri N

The country of Haiti Haitian Sewing Women

Ruth & Dan M

Care Givers

EMT's

Families dealing with addictions

Prison Ministry (CCM)

Foster Care Parents/Children

Home Bound:

(remember with a call or visit)

Alice S

Bob & Evelyn W

Thank you Thank you!!

I want to send my deepest thanks for all the thoughts, cards, gifts, etc. during October. I have never felt so appreciated. Little gifts have shown up all month. It has been wonderful. I am so blessed to serve as your pastor. Thank you for caring so much for me!

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Molly



NOVEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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All Saints Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	4 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	5 6-7 p.m. Scouts	6	7 PASTOR 9—NOON 4:00 Member- ship Class SESSION 7 P.M	8	9:00 am Women's Community Prayer Breakfast— HERE
Veteran's Day Observance 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	12 6-7 p.m. Scouts	13	14 10:30 Mission Comm. PASTOR 9—NOON 4:00 Member- ship Class	15	16
Mission Sunday Special Music 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Congregational Meeting to elect Officers	18 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	19 6-7 p.m. Scouts	20	PASTOR 9—NOON 4:00 Member- ship Class	22	23
24 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Thanksgiving Service 7 p.m.	25 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	26 6-7 p.m. Scouts	27	Dinner at Firehall	29	30





November 2019

President—Reg Boutwell V. President— Kay Wade

Treasurer-Rosie Swan

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

CORPORATION OFFICERS Rev. Molly T. Golando

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Marta Johnson

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist

the church phone number is 358-4255

WEB PAGE: upcrandolph.org

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.

CLASS OF 2019

CLASS OF 2021

Mary Myers Tom Wade Dan Pihlblad Mike Frame **Andrew Pihlblad** Rosie Swan

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2021 Donna Chubon Kay Wade **CLASS OF 2020** James Ashdown Louise Boutwell **CLASS OF 2019** Connie Lockwood Bettie Alexander

STAFF

CHURCH SECRETARY —- Mary Myers

CUSTODIANS—-Susan Ashdown & Jim Ashdown

e-mail address is secretary@upcrandolph.org

OUR MISSION STATEMENT