



Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

November 2019



“FALLING” IN-STEP WITH THE CHANGING SEASON

Ecclesiastes 3:1 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...”

Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Dear Companions in Christ,



This month, I want to tell you about a new program I have been invited to participate in. It's called the “Pastoral Leadership Revitalization Program” (PLR), and is designed to increase pastoral resilience and reduce the attrition rate of pastors in our Presbyterian churches.

It's being funded by a generous grant, made available through the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. The program provides guidance, support, and coaching to help pastors learn and grow in their leadership role and spiritual life.



The program involves a three-year commitment. During that time, I will receive coaching and spiritual direction from my coach on a monthly basis. I will also be required to attend the five scheduled retreats between now and the end of 2021.

The coaching I receive is valued at \$1,000 per year and the retreat costs will be approximately \$500 each. All of these costs will be covered by the grant, so this is a tremendous gift and opportunity for us all.



The first of the retreats was held the week of October 7th at Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. I was assigned and met my coach and the cohort of all the other participants for a week-long time of lectures, study, conversation and prayer.

We were asked to find pulpit supply for the Sunday following these retreats since we will be away and busy all week. This cost for the visiting pastor is covered by the program as well. If we are ever unable to find pulpit supply, I will look for a creative way to craft a meaningful worship service that won't take a lot of preparation time.



I am very excited to have been invited to participate in the Pastoral Leadership Revitalization Program. I believe it will be of benefit not only for me, but for all of us. I look forward to sharing more with you as this all unfolds. For now, please keep me, all the pastors, coaches, and OPSF program staff in your prayers.

As we fall into our autumn routine, may you feel refreshed and ready to take new steps together as this journey with Jesus continues to unfold before us.

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie



Be Here Now

Today is a good day. Most of them are if we turn away from our own fears. Fears are not of God. Turn away from them.

Be in the moment of each day. You will find that most of them are good days. In fact, very few are bad days. Very few. Unless we take fear along with us. Fear encroaches on good days and makes them hard, difficult.

So be in the moment. Be here now.

Enjoy your family, your friends, your associates. Enjoy this good earth and the wonders of the ever-changing weather. Find joy. It is everywhere.

Thought for the day. From me. To me.

And to you. All my love.

Written December 2017, after cancer diagnosis, before treatment. — Patty Karthaus

TREASURER TRAINING: We would like to get one or two people trained in the role of Treasurer for Peace Church. Our current treasurer, Jerry Coleman, would like to step down at the end of this year. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please reach out to Jerry Coleman, Jo Ryan, or Pastor Bonnie. Thank you! — Peace Session

PW Blessing Bag Update: Thanks to all of you that made it possible to fill 100 personal hygiene bags that are donated to the Open Door Mission in early December. We are still in short supply of full size lotion, lip balm, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. These items are available at Walmart or Dollar Tree for \$1 or less. Please help us reach our goal. Donations can be placed in the box with our display in the foyer.
- Liz Baker, PW Mission Chair



The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a **Christmas Mitten Tree** again this year! It will be in the foyer after Thanksgiving, ready to collect all sizes of new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks. Shop now, then leave your donations on or under it. Items collected will go to those in need in the Omaha/Elkhorn area. Thank you for helping to make this a blessed and warm holiday for members of our community!

Nancy Haack, Project Chair



Christian Outreach Program—ElkhornTHE NEXT STEP

The **COPE Board of Directors and staff** are pleased to announce that the search for a new home has ended. COPE is excited to announce a collaborative partnership with **The Open Door Mission**.

On October 15th 2019, COPE began serving clients at the **Open Door Mission** building located at 1620 N. 203rd St. in Elkhorn. Services provided at the Elkhorn outreach center will include fresh food, pantries, clothing and household items. Your donations will continue to be accepted at the **Open Door Mission Elkhorn** site and will be used to support families in our communities. by collaborating and sharing facilities our friends and neighbors needing our support will be blessed by the joint efforts of the Open Door Mission and COPE.

Dave Fulton,
Peace Church Mission Chair

2020 Peace Presbyterian Church Pledge Drive “Faithful Stewards”



Our stewardship campaign for 2020 will conclude in November. By that time Rev. Wilkins will have given six sermons relating to the spirit of giving. We will have heard from Monika Gross, Ken Bunnell, Steve Leonard and Gary Scholl during this time frame, sharing their insights as to why Peace Church is important to them and why they continue to support the mission of our church. We hope you can be here on November 17 as we turn in our pledge cards and ask God’s blessing on the year to come at Peace. If you cannot be here, please feel free to mail in your pledge card and Time and Talent form or leave them in the box in the narthex.

*Gratefully yours in Christ,
Steve Brosz, Stewardship Chair*

Church Security and Safety

Unfortunately, gun-related violence is getting worse across our country, and this applies everywhere including houses of worship. Effective immediately, we will be taking steps to improve church security during worship. This will be done by locking the front door at the start of the worship service Sunday morning. A duty elder or usher will remain near the door during the service to allow entry for anyone (legitimately) needing access. The intent is to minimize the disruption to church-goers while improving overall safety.

On a related note, the church session will be forming a security and risk team this fall to develop and implement a more thorough safety plan. Topics to be covered include intruder procedures, employee and volunteer safety, security cameras, weather and fire emergency procedures, accident prevention, childcare practices, etc. Priorities of this plan will be established in September with details to follow. If you are interested in serving on this team or have suggestions, please notify Bernie Baker, Michael Young, or Jo Ryan in the church office.

Thank You,
Bernie Baker & Michael Young
Building & Grounds Co-Chairs



SESSION APPROVED FUNDARISER! Owen’s Mowing will be renting the turnaround on the north side of the church from Thanksgiving to December 24, currently noon to 8:00pm daily, to sell Christmas trees. If you plan to purchase a live tree, please consider using Owen’s as your provider!

Thanks to our awesome youth group who did a wonderful job painting their classroom!



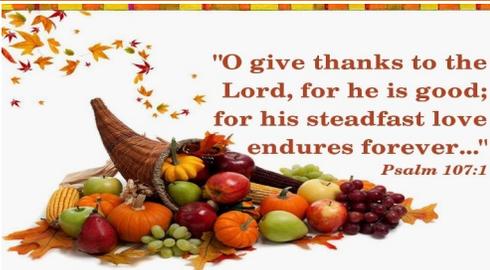
NOVEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT
Nov 1-2		Youth Retreat at Calvin Crest	Jane King
Nov 3	8:40am	Youth Praise Team; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School, Everyone	Matt Marshall
	9:30am	1st Sunday Choir Practice, Sanctuary; Everyone	Scot Thompson
	10:15am	Worship, Communion	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Youth Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Nov 4	6:30pm	Cub Scouts	Bernie Baker
Nov 5	10:15am	Women's Bible Study, Office	Rev. Wilkins
Nov 6	9:30am	PW Meeting, Fellowship Hall	M Schreiner, L Hurt
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal; All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Nov 10	8:40am	Youth Praise Team; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School, Everyone	Matt Marshall
	10:15am	Worship, Sanctuary; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Cookie Sunday Fellowship, Fellowship Hall	Deacons
	Time TBD	Youth Group at Human Society	Jane King
Nov 11	6:30pm	Cub Scouts, Basement/Fellowship Hall	Bernie Baker
Nov 13	12:00pm	Retiree Potluck Lunch; All Retirees; Brosz' Home	Office
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal; All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Nov 17	8:40am	Youth Praise Team	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Matt Marshall
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Practice, Everyone, Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	10:15am	Worship, Stewardship Sunday, Everyone; Sanctuary	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Youth Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Nov 18	4:00pm	Youth Game Night, All Youth, Fellowship Hall	Jane King
	6:30pm	Session Meeting	Rev. Wilkins
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts, FH, Basement	Bernie Baker
Nov 19	10:15am	Women's Bible Study, Office	Rev. Wilkins
Nov 20	7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice, Sanctuary; Everyone	Scot Thompson
Nov 21	6:30pm	Man Cave, FH; All Men of Peace	Dave Fulton
Nov 23	1:00pm	Peaceful Quilters, Quilters' Room, Everyone	Nancy Haack
Nov 24	8:40am	Youth Praise Team	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Matt Marshall
	10:15am	Worship, PW Thank Offering, Sanctuary, Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Pie/Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall, Everyone	PW
Nov 25	6:30pm	Cub Scouts, FH, Basement	Bernie Baker
Nov 28-29		Office Closed	

BEST WISHES ON YOUR NOVEMBER SPECIAL DAY!

ANNIVERSARIES: 10 Pete & Susan Hall, 15 Taylor & Brynn Stelk

BIRTHDAYS: 1 Sue Brammon, Kinsley Koel; 2 Dave Fulton; 3 Ella Bartunek; 4 Brian Vance; 5 James Farr, Kalle Wellendorf; 6 Sharon Bossman, 11 Sheryl Ramsey; 12 Patty Karthaus; 13 Delaney Connolly, Maia McArdle; 14 Taylor Stelk; 17 Kathryn King, Evelyn Metzler; 19 Braxton Wentworth 21 Brenda Ohlrich; 22 Dee Leighton; 24 George McIntosch, Nancy Robertson; 25 Kelly Duckert, Ariel Moats; 26 Nathan Oran, Donna Peckham; 27 Kamala Marshall; 28 Wilma Huff, Leann Thompson; 29 Mary Vance



**"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."
Psalm 107:1**

*Rev. Bonnie Wilkins & Mr. Thaddeus Wilkins,
the Elders, Deacons & Staff of Peace Church
wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.
May you be richly blessed as you seek and serve
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*