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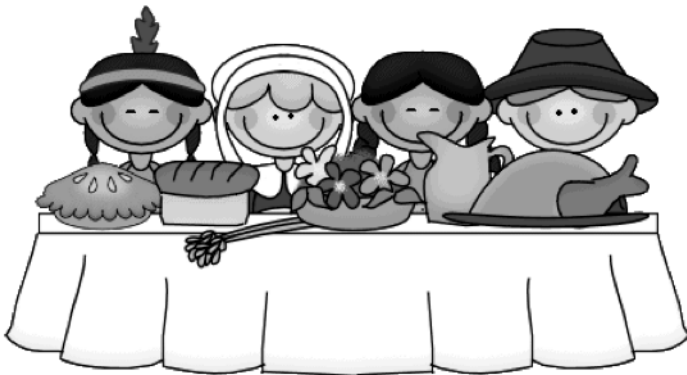
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*Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday,
November 19, 5pm*

Servants, in His Service

Louis H. Humes
Sr. Pastor

Mary Rumsey
Abby Smith
Kay Edwards
Angela Humes

Music Minister
Youth Minister
Pianist
Secretary

Worship and Study Times

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:55am

Wednesday

Church Supper	6:15pm
Prayer Meeting	7:00pm
Children & Youth	7:00pm
Adult Choir	6:45pm



News and Announcements



Tis the Season . . .



Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Quarterly Blood Drive will be on Thursday, November 2, 2-7pm. We need YOU and everyone you know who is eligible to donate in order for this Blood Drive to be a success!

November 4, 5-7pm

Church-wide Bunco Night with board games for the younger kids. Bring your favorite soup and sandwiches for dinner. Bring a friend or two...all are welcome!

Questions? See Laura 541-6737



It is almost too late to get our shoeboxes ready for Operation Christmas Child: The deadline is Nov. 12! Please use the following guidelines. and don't forget to include \$9.⁰⁰ for postage.

Pam Kirchem, Mission Committee

The following items are great to include in the boxes:

- * A "Wow" item
- * Doll
- * Soccer Ball with a manual air pump
- * Stuffed Animal
- * Clothing, such as socks
- * Small Musical
- Instrument
- * Backpack
- * Personal Care Items
- * School Supplies
- * Crafts & Activities
- * Small Toys
- * A Personal Note

Do not include:

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

November 19 @ 5pm *Thanksgiving Dinner*



Hanging of the Greens, Nov. 25

Join us as we begin the celebration of the birth of our Lord and make our Church beautiful!!

See Laura 541-6737

December 1, 5-9pm

Kid's Movie Night! Kids ages 4-12 come Legacy Hall for Fun and Games. See Robin Goins if you'd like to help.

Caroling, December 2, 12 Noon

We will be carpooling from our church to go caroling to our care ins to be followed by s'mores over the fire pit at the church
See Laura, 541-6737



December 9, 12:00pm

Sr. Adult Christmas Banquet sponsored by our Deacons and Staff and served by our Youth! You don't want to miss this celebration if you are 60 or older!!

December 10, 10:55am

Annual Christmas Musical



December 13, 7pm

The Deadline for turning in your Christmas Cards for Church Boxes!!

December 17 @ 12:30pm

Christmas Luncheon with Santa



December 24, 5pm

Our Annual Christmas Eve celebration includes the Scripture of Jesus' birth, most of your favorite Christmas Carols, the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the lighting of Memorial Candles all in one very meaningful hour!

Please don't miss this blessing - invite someone to join you!

Yes, there is a LOT going on this Fall. What a blessing to be such an Active Church Family!

November 2017 Calendar of Events & Birthdays

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8 Deacons' Mtg.	2 <i>Sara Ulanoski</i>	3 <i>Al Knecht</i> <i>Al Saunders</i>	4 Set Clocks Back 5 Bunco Party <i>Toby Tucker</i>
5	6 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Wendy's 6:30 Recreation	7 <i>Gayle Ford</i>	8 7 Business Mtg.	9	10 11:30 Silver Servants Claudia Sanders	11
12 2:30 Masonic Home	13 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Beef O'Brady's 6:30 Recreation	14	15 <i>Dorothy Gadd</i> <i>Chris Townsend</i>	16	17 11:30 Silver Servants	18
19 5 Thanksgiving Dinner	20 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Chick fil a 6:30 Recreation	21	22 No Activities!	23	24	25 10 Hanging of the Greens
26 1st Sunday of Advent	27 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Arby's 6:30 Recreation <i>Debby Conder</i>	28	29	30	Regular Schedule Sundays 945 Sunday School 1055 Worship	Wednesdays 615 Dinner 6:45 Adult Choir 1st & 3rd 700 Prayer Mtg. Children & Youth

Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

I am always a fan of Bloopers. Perhaps that is because I am so guilty of them myself in both talking and writing. I ran into someone a couple of months ago who still remembers me preaching about the building of the famous bridge in California. You know the one: the Golden State Bridge. At least, that's what I called it while preaching in a service broadcast over the radio!

Following are some lists of Bloopers shared both for your enjoyment and enlightenment. First, here are some from the secular world. Can you discover why it's a blooper.

From an ad in the "Missoulian" newspaper:

"Golden, Ripe, Boneless Bananas, 39 Cents A Pound."

By Alicia Silverstone, an Actress:

"I think that the film Clueless was very deep. I think it was deep in the way that it was very light. I think lightness has to come from a very deep place if it's true lightness."

Actual Newspaper report describing Fresno State basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian:

"During the scrimmage, Tarkanian paced the sideline with his hands in his pockets while biting his nails."

Bill Peterson, football coach:

"Men, I want you just thinking of one word all season. One word and one word only: Super Bowl."

By Alan Minter, a Professional Boxer:

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in boxing - but none of them serious."

Did you enjoy that list? I did when I first saw it in 2010 and I saved it for my own enjoyment not knowing I'd share it with you today. Here's another list, this time from Churches. Notice how one single word can change something from correct into a blooper.

Everyone is asked to bring a jar of peanut butter for distribution as part of the Food Baskets for greedy families during the month of June.

The new parking area looks great. Thanks to the men who turned out Saturday to help with the groveling.

A special thank you is extended to the members of the congregation who supported the dinner at the Community Outreach Center on Friday, May 11. Thank you for the generous amounts of food and to the shavers who came.

We "raised the roof" both in monetary donations and excitement to get started on construction. Thank you to the over 100 people who helped us with our destruction fund for the new fellowship hall.

Invite some neighbors and come along for the Vacation Bible School picnic! Please register so we will have enough food on the clipboard in the fellowship hall.

The new landscaping looks wonderful. Special thanks to the ladies who have been working in beds around the church grounds.

Finally, here's another list from churches. As usual, somebody just did not proof carefully spelling or, perhaps worse, a mistaken thought being communicated

Sinspiration this Sunday night at church. Ya'll Come!

Please lift up our Messianic brothers and sisters in Israel who are suffering during our prayer time.

Couples Retreat: All couples interested in a fun time, meet John in the Courtyard Kiosk after church.

Join us for a skirt presented by the Leslie and the rest of the Drama Team.

We will have a Super Bowl party this Sunday night. We will also have our regular service.

Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.

Brother Lamar has gone on to be the Lord. The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will then turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.

We have received word of sudden passing of Rev. Smith this morning during the worship service. Now let's sing "*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.*"

Song Lyrics: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and briefs to bear.

Most of these Bloopers are funny, aren't they? Well, at least most of them have a humorous component. Some of them are "Laugh out Loud" to me and the rest at least make me smile, albeit a little ruefully in a couple of cases. Yet when I think of my own life and the many times I've made a mess of things, it isn't funny at all. In fact, I can be filled with regret and even some despair.

Without going into the details, I was reminded just last month how even with the very best of intentions, I made a mess of things and also made life difficult for someone else! As usual, it was someone I love that I hurt which even made my regrets deeper!!! What can I do about it? Well, first of all, here's one more blooper, an example of how much the world has changed and how a secular business can be willing to be disrespectful to both a local Church and our Savior.

Church sign: "*Jesus Saves!*" Across the street at a Gas station, a sign read, "Safeway saves you more!"

Why do I share that last one. Because they are wrong. Jesus does save. And He saves more than anyone or anything else. He is my only hope. Yours too, I hope you realize. Let's consider the following Scripture:

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:24)

Here's hoping you will be encouraged by this article not to dwell on your bloopers but instead look to Jesus!

Love, In Christ Jesus, Bro. Louis

The Children's Corner . . .

Who Am I ?

I was a shepherd. I played a harp. I killed a giant. I was a great king.

I'm a letter in FAT, but not in FIT _____

I'm a letter in MODEL, but not MOTEL _____

I'm a letter in RIPE, but not in ROPE _____

I'm a letter in OVEN, but not OPEN _____

I'm a letter in DAY, but not in SAY _____

God called me a man after His own heart. Acts 13:12

My name is _____

Loving & Leading Our Children,
Linda Beville

Mary's Notes . . .

Happy November Everyone!

When I think of November all I can think of is Thanksgiving. I have so much to be thankful for; many blessings in my life. Thank you to every choir member and musician for being faithful. I am thankful for not only your dedication to make beautiful and meaningful music to enhance our worship, I am thankful also for the love and friendship you show to me and my family.

Here's a funny story from my Thanksgivings growing up.

My mom was one of six children. Usually on Thanksgiving we would gather and have the meal with at least two of the other families, sometimes more. There was always at least 25 people when we sat down to eat. We pushed card tables and end tables and every other makeshift table together so that we could all sit at one long table. My grandmother would start early in the morning making homemade yeast rolls. Boy, if the smell of yeast rolls baking didn't wake you up, there was something wrong with your "smeller".

Grandma would sit at the end of the table, guardian of the hot yeast rolls. When anyone wanted a roll, Grandma would throw them a roll. I mean LITERALLY throw them! Just visualize what it was like to have this long table and grandma tossing rolls. (Of course everyone would help out by catching if it came close to them and passing them along.) I am blessed with an awesome family. Nothing like family, especially at the Holidays.

I wish each of you, Lots of Love , Good Food and Fun Memories this Thanksgiving. Last year, my own little family started a new tradition. My kids really prefer steak to turkey or ham, so we made a Thanksgiving meal of steak, baked potatoes, etc.

Perhaps you'd like to start a new tradition this year. It doesn't matter what you eat; just have a meaningful day with someone you love. Have Thanksgiving at your place and invite someone to join you. Volunteer at one of the Food Shelters. Give thanks with a grateful heart and God bless you all.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Mary Rumsey

News From The PIT . . .

Hi. I am Abby Smith, your new Youth Minister. I want to say thank you for letting me be part of this church and get to serve you. I am so thankful and excited that you've chosen me to be your new Youth Minister, and I am grateful to God who has called me into this vocation to work for Him and have a heart for teenagers.

As you can see from the top, I have decided to call the youth room the P.I.T. The reason why I am going back to this old tradition is because the longer name for it is called Pulling In Teens. As part of being a youth minister, that is one of my goals; to pull teenagers into our youth group and grow the youth ministry with help of the Holy Spirit.

One reason why we need to pull teenagers in is to build up our Youth Ministry and grow with God's blessing and help.

Second, teenagers are the next generation who will be the next leaders. So we need teens to be in church to grow as spiritual leaders in preparation for that service when they become adults.

Third, and most importantly, we want teenagers to accept Christ and have a personal relationship with him. That is our greatest goal!

I would love if the church would pray for this ministry and for the youth at the church. If any of the congregation has any thoughts, ideas, or any questions come talk to me and I would love to hear them. If anyone would be interested in being a volunteer at any events or want to help at youth outings, lock-ins, or summer camps let me know.

To conclude, I am praying for the youth and it has been a joy to get to know them and see where they are and know where God is leading. Glory to God.

To God be the Glory,
Abby Smith



November

1. Luke 14-16
2. Luke 17-18
3. Luke 19-20
4. Luke 21-22
5. Luke 23-24
6. John 1-3
7. John 4-5
8. John 6-7
9. John 8-9
10. John 10-11
11. John 12-13
12. John 14-16
13. John 17-19
14. John 20-21
15. Acts 1-3
16. Acts 4-6
17. Acts 7-8
18. Acts 9-10
19. Acts 11-13
20. Acts 14-16
21. Acts 17-19
22. Acts 20-22
23. Acts 23-25
24. Acts 26-28
25. Romans 1-3
26. Romans 4-7
27. Romans 8-10
28. Romans 11-13
29. Romans 14-16
30. I Corinthians 1-5

December

1. I Corinthians 6-9
2. I Corinthians 10-12
3. I Corinthians 13-14
4. I Corinthians 15-16
5. II Corinthians 1-5
6. II Corinthians 6-10
7. II Corinthians 11-13

*Your Word is
a lamp unto my
feet and a light
unto my path."*

Psalm 119: 105



Stewardship Report

We want to express sincere appreciation for your faithfulness through Tithes and Offerings.

Here is our report through Oct. 8. Please continue to be faithful so that we may bring glory to God and may He bless you richly as a result!!

2016 BUDGET SUMMARY

\$ 217,670.00 \$ 4,092.00 per week

Through week 41

General Fund Needs:	\$ 137,772.00
General Fund Receipts:	\$ 182,633.35
Designated Receipts:	\$ 32,824.58
Total General & Designated:	\$ 215,457.93
Total Receipts to Date:	\$ 229,667.43
 CTL Fund	 \$ 20,268.87

Sunday School, a Place for YOU . . .

What is it that keeps you from being in Sunday School? I heard lots of excuses from lots of people, none of which are very convincing.

Take for instance, "I like to sleep in." Sunday School doesn't start until 9:45am. I'm sure that is WAY later than you get to work each day.

How about this one, "Sundays are our family time." What better place to spend time with your family than at church? There is great conversation to be had around a lunch table after studying God's Word in Sunday School and going to Worship together.

Then there's this one...it makes me cringe because I know the feeling, "I don't want to be called on to read or to pray." Don't let that keep you from the blessing of being in a class! All you have to do is let your teacher know, in private, that you are uncomfortable. Problem fixed. You can enjoy the study and fellowship without any uneasiness.

Today is the day to make the decision that NO excuse is going to keep you from being in Sunday School. We have a place for you!!

*See You Sunday at 9:45,
Angela*

Red Cross Blood Drive Update . . .



Our next quarterly blood drive will be on November 2, 2017.

The blood supply is still critically low and we need all eligible blood donors to come and give blood. You not only will feel like a hero, you **are** a hero when you give this life-saving gift.

Remember, each donation can help as many as 3 patients who need blood. Also, approximately every 2 seconds some one in the United States needs blood.

We will have door prizes again and home-made goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth. So, please come and give blood to help those who need blood!!

Please keep our blood drives in your daily prayers.

In Christ's service, Russell G. Gadd