



2020



Pastor's Column

As we approach the end of the year we have heard a lot about living the "New Normal". First of all, I am not sure exactly what is normal. My undergraduate degree was in Psychology where I learned there are numerous normals. So, I will call normal for this article "The way we do things in life."

With that approach to normal, things have changed all my life. It was normal when I was born to have rotary dial on the phone and then the new normal was touch tone. It wasn't too many years before I was born that you went through an operator to make a call. If you use that analogy with most things in life-cars, houses, foods, medicine, clothing, drinks and so forth, they have all changed over the years. So, we are always experiencing a new normal with most of it being in the technology of the life we lead. Take cars for example, they are so technical that it is a new normal everytime you get a new car. Whatever happened to the little switch on the floor of the drivers side that you used to go from regular headlights to high beams? Whatever happened to the gearshift on the steering column? Now I don't ever need a key (except in my pocket) to unlock/lock or start my car. That's just one small example of all the new normals we have had happen to us over the years. I remember McDonalds didn't have any inside seating. I remember downtown was where all the stores were located. We have been adjusting to new normals all the time. Some are easy, some are not! And sometimes life normalcy depends on how we adjust.

With that said how can we keep adjusting to life's changes? We like to say "We always do it this way!" or "Life was simpler in the good old days!" or "Why don't they just keep it the same?" or "Life is just changing too fast!"

The way I see Christians dealing with life's changes and new normals is to look at what is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and that is Jesus Christ! Jesus does not change and therefore there is no new normal. He is the one who brings stability to our lives no matter what our age. Therefore, I look to Jesus to give me the direction to life. The normal for Jesus is to "Love God" and "Love neighbors" and everything else follows. That is good news knowing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit don't have new normals. That since I was born until today Jesus is the same. I can count on Jesus being the same tomorrow. He helps us understand and live through life's so called "New Normals". Thanks be to God who gives us the promise of eternal life to help us live this life.



Pastor Jack

Scriptures for the Month of November

- Sunday, Nov. 1: Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • Matthew 23:1-12
- Sunday, Nov. 8: Amos 5:18-24 and Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Matthew 25:1-13
- Sunday, Nov. 15: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8,
(9-11), 12 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30
- Sunday, Nov. 22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23 • Matthew 25:31-46
- Sunday, Nov. 29: Isaiah 64:1-9 • Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 • Mark 13:24-37



Bible Study

Bible Study-Mondays 10:30-12:15!
We will be staying with Pete Briscoe until the end of the year. First we will use the videos on "Sharing Life" for the following Mondays:

- Nov. 2: Sharing Life
- Nov. 9: What's the Next Best Thing?
- Nov. 16: Share the Story
- Nov. 23: Here I am. Send Me

For Advent we will use "A Saviour is Born"

- Nov. 30: Hope
- Dec. 7: Peace
- Dec. 14: Love
- Dec. 21: Joy

I guess I should explain this picture. I was told the Please do not sit here signs in the sanctuary had a mistake on them. It said please do no sit here. I said it was correct. The Indian is telling the Pilgrim "You No Sit Here"



Hanging Of The Greens



This year we will decorate the church on Sunday Nov. 22 since the first Sunday of Advent is Sunday Nov. 29. We have all new trees for the sanctuary, Welcome Center and the lower level. We also have new garland and we have newly made decorations for the Welcome Center tree. We still need 17 ornaments to have the 40 we originally decided to make. So, if you could make a few more, all the materials are at the church. You can pick up what you need Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays and make it at the church or take it home and bring it back. Also, we can go over the 40 ornaments!! Usually there is some food attached to the "Hanging of the Greens" since it is after church. Let's be innovative and see what we can come up with to keep us from starving!!



Prayer Breakfast

We will have Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 7 at 8:15 a.m. It will be a continental breakfast with donuts, coffee and juice. Hopefully, someday we can get back to a hot breakfast with bacon, my favorite!! See you at 8:15!!





Preparing For Winter



We are trying to prepare for winter with some outside/inside work. We were not able to do much this spring and summer, fall went by quite quickly. It looks like Wednesday and Thursday of Nov. 4 and 5 might be our only window to finish the outside work. So, if you can come Wed. Nov. 4 or Thurs. Nov. 5 from 1-5 we will attempt to clean some outside railings, remove the debris from the westside of the Welcome Center and put down new mulch. We will also do some cleaning inside like windows, sanctuary furniture, TV's Welcome Center area and lower level area. Just a general cleaning for the inside months. So, please come and help-gloves, masks and cleaning supplies will be available.

The bushes have all been trimmed. The trees have all been trimmed and the tree/bush line at the west end of the parking lot has been trimmed up. The trees were trimmed by Long's Tree Service (they do nice work). The west parking lot was done by JD Settles and Bob Lyon (they do nice work too!).

We have some issues with the parking lot that we will need to address this next spring. We are now contacting people who do that work for bids for next spring. Stay tuned as we decide what we can do to keep our parking lot (all of it) in good condition for years to come.



Evening At The Gazebo

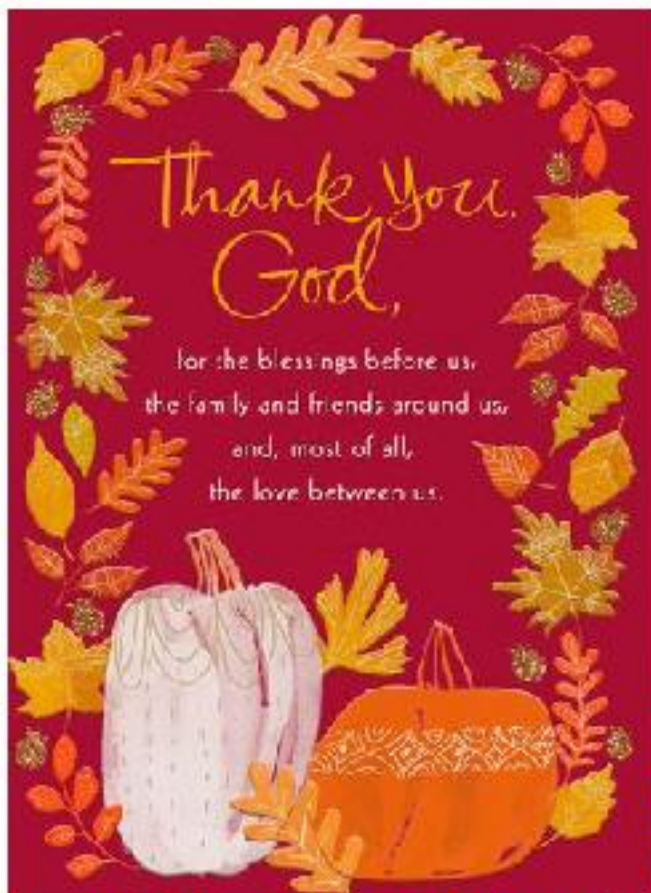
On Wed. Nov. 18 we will have movie night with the movie, "God's Not Dead A Light in Darkness". But before the movie we will meet at 5:30 p.m. like we did last month but not for a meal. You will need to have supper at home but come prepared to sit by the fire and have Hot Chocolate and S'mores!! We might even sing a few camp songs. We moved the event to 5:30 so supper could be over and we will move the movie to 6:30 as well to give us time to enjoy our last campfire for the season. After that night we will store our furniture until next spring.



Craft Fair

The Craft Fair was held in the lower level of our church on Oct. 9 & 10. It was successful in many ways. The fair brought new folks (vendors and buyers) to our church so we became more visible to the community. The two day fair was successful for the vendors as they all would like to return next year. Thanks to those who put this all together

especially Karen Pizzurmo who oversaw the whole program start to finish. We had our own vendors plus those from the outside. The lower level of the church was a really busy, joyful, fun place to be on October 9 and 10!!





CHARGE CONFERENCE

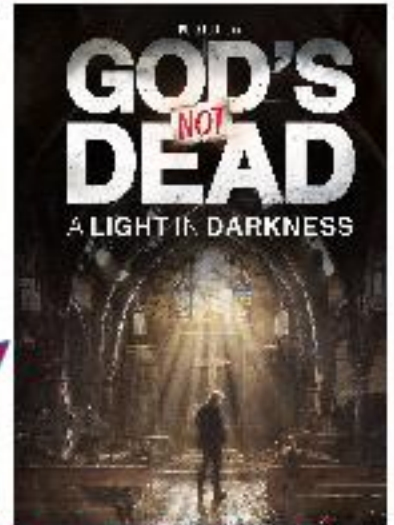
Charge Conference will be Nov. 8 at the church at 6:30 p.m. It will be quite different in that we will conduct our meeting along with other churches through an app called "zoom"! We would like to be well represented and since it is at our church we hope many will come. We should be done within an hour. We will meet in the Welcome Center and by computer we will connect to the rest of the churches in our group. It should be quite an interesting evening as we approve our 2021 officers and submit the rest of our reports including setting the salary for pastoral care.

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Thrift Store

We are at the end of the season for the Thrift Store. The weather is the determining factor so we will try to be open in November if the weather is good. If the weather is not good we will try to open in March of 2021. We thank all the volunteers who work at the Thrift Store. We appreciate your commitment to the program. If we are open (watch bulletin, sign and internet), it will be Nov. 12 from 1-5 and Nov. 14 from 8-noon. Our Thrift Store has been a great ministry and income for the building loan. THANKS!

MOVIE NIGHT



The movie this month is God's not Dead A Light in Darkness. You may think we have already shown this movie but we haven't. This is the third movie in the God's not Dead movies. We will be showing this movie on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. I hope you will join us. We always have a lot of fun getting together on these nights. Come early for the hot chocolate and s'mores!!

*Give Thanks to the Lord
for His is good.
Psalm 107:1*



This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month.

Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.

October

December



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Welcome Center 9:00 Praise & Worship 10:30 Communion	2 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Work Day 1-5	5 Office Hours 9-5 Work Day 1-5	6	7 Prayer Breakfast 8:15
8 Welcome Center 9:00 Praise & Worship 10:30 Charge Conference 6:30	9 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	10	11 Office Hours 9-5	12 THRIFT STORE 1-5 Office Hours 9-5	13	14 THRIFT STORE 8-12
15 Welcome Center 9:00 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	16 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	17	18 Hot Chocolate & S'mores at the Gazebo 5:30 Movie Night 8:30 *God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness* Office Hours 9-5	19 Office Hours 9-5	20	21
22 Welcome Center 9:00 Praise & Worship 10:30 Hanging of the Greens	23 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	24	25 Office Hours 9-5	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27	28
29 Welcome Center 9:00 Praise & Worship 10:30	30 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30					



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Debbie Lyon	3	4	5 Jack Jensen	6	7
8	9 David Pratt Dwane & Beverly Smith	10	11	12	13	14 Marcia Siefkes
15	16 Kathryn James	17 Randy Darden	18 Megan Riggs	19 Bonnie Finley	20	21
22	23 Dave Gilliam	24	25 JD Settles	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28 Barbara Curbow Helen Feuz
29	30					