



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY November 13, 2011

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

Alternative Gift Market

11:00 A.M.

Church School for all Ages



SUNDAY November 20, 2011

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service
Bible Sunday

10:30 A.M.

Alternative Gift Market

11:00 A.M.

Church School for all Ages

7:00 P.M.

Community Thanksgiving Service

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday,
November 20, 2011
7:00 P.M. at
St. Stephen's
Lutheran Church
Our Choirs will be
participating in the service.

MOVIE NIGHT – November 19,
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Come view a
family-friendly movie (Cars 2) with
popcorn and drinks.

MISSION TRIP: A mission trip
to La Finca children's orphanage
in Honduras is scheduled for
1/29-2/5/12. If you are
interested or have any questions,
contact Bob Harris (468-6703).

From the Pastor...

What does a practicing Christian do? This was a question that was asked last Saturday at a gathering of Presbyterian officers from several different churches. The group had been discussing the revised Book of Order and the requirement that each congregation have membership guidelines. The Pastor that asked the question did not ask "What should members do" but asked how a practicing follower of Jesus Christ was to live their life. What were the expectations of those who had affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

That really is an excellent question for each of us to prayerfully answer: What does a practicing Christian do? The Session of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury is in the process of working on a list of membership expectations and, most likely, the list will include the following items:

Regular participation in the worship and work of the church
Percentage giving of income to the mission of the church
Weekly Scripture reading and personal prayer time
Share personal talents in service to the church

This is just a rough idea of what followers of Jesus are called to do as members of the Body of Christ. Our Book of Order states that "Active members shall regularly, after prayerful consideration, recommit themselves to the disciplines and responsibilities of membership that include the following:

- Proclaiming the Good News in word and deed.
- Taking part in the common life and worship of the congregation.
- Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern and active support.
- Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life.
- Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents.
- Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church.
- Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others.
- Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural and social relationships of life.

- Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom and human fulfillment.
- Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church.
- Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider your commitment to Jesus Christ and how you might practice your faith within The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury.

*In Christ,
Phil Oehler*

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Club J and the Senior High Youth Group are having a contest to see who can collect the most complete Thanksgiving meals for the clients of the G.W.C.M. Food Bank. You can help by donating one or several of the items needed: Turkey, turkey gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned green vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, jello, 64-oz. juice, dessert (cake mix/icing, brownie mix, pie crust/filling). Place your item(s) in the bins in the Chapel. Choose whether you want to support Club J, the Sr. High, or both! Items are due to the church by Sunday, November 20. Thank you for helping provide a Thanksgiving dinner for those in our neighborhood.



ATTENTION: Volunteers are needed to bake for the 1st Sunday of every month in Theo's Café. Members are also needed to greet before our church service in the Chapel. If interested in assisting in these areas, please call Kathy Federici at (856) 340-9911. Thank you for your help!

USHERS NEEDED! We need volunteers to usher during the 9:30 a.m. service once a month. If you can serve, please contact Ed Parkin at 464-8542.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

ADVENT PARTY: *Sunday, November 27* - Dinner and creative activities for all ages.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 A.M. during worship. All children ages 4-12 are encouraged to be a part of the Christmas story. Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17 at 9:30 A.M.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

Sunday Mornings:

- **BIBLE BASICS CLASS:** Discussion class led by Charles Miller on Romans. The class meets in room 1.
- **FEASTING ON THE WORD:** The Bible passages from the Sunday sermon enhanced, enlarged, and discussed. Each Sunday is a standalone lesson, so come when the sermon passage challenges or confuses you. Led by Milt Fredericks, Laraine Knauss, Phil Oehler, and Judy Platt in rotation. The class meets in the Prayer room (#16).
- **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH:** A DVD-based study of the geography, history, and theology of the Book of Romans entitled, *A Letter that Changed the World*, led by David Platt. Class meets in the Lounge in the Chapel.
- **BI-MONTHLY SMALL GROUP:** Meets in Room 13 and is led by Wally and Marge Minnich.

BAPTISM: We welcomed Luca Salvatore Picchi into God's family through Baptism on Sunday, Oct. 23. Congratulations to his parents, Sam and Kelly Picchi.

COFFEE NEWS: For some years, the Mission Task Force has been selling fair trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolate bars. In doing so, we join with other Presbyterians throughout the country in the Presbyterian Coffee Project in support of small farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school and care for their environment. Our items are purchased through Equal Exchange, a worker-owned 100% Fair Trade organization that collaborates with democratically-run small farmer cooperatives all over the world to create a more just model of trade. Sales take place in the Chapel on the third Sunday of the month, and all items are sold at cost. Your support is much appreciated!



ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET: Save the Dates - Sundays, November 13 and 20 for shopping at the Alternative Gift Market. There will be booths for you to purchase gifts for Urban Promise, World Vision, Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries Food Bank, Youth projects, and for other missions that our church supports. The idea is to buy a gift for a friend or family member that benefits one of these ministries, a great gift that fits everyone and takes up no space on the shelf or in the closet. Buy someone a gift of a \$50 donation to the Food Bank, and a card will be given to you to send to the friend that a donation has been made in their name by you to feed the hungry in our area. Who needs another Christmas doodad or reindeer tie? We have the opportunity to give really significant gifts to the world around us through the AGM. Shops are open each Sunday from 9-12:30.

DEACONS' NEWS:

- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and what age. Use the appropriate sticker found on the table in the Chapel. Fill your box with a variety of gifts, \$7.00 to cover shipping, and say a prayer for your child. Place a rubberband around the box and return to the church by November 20. Full instructions are available on the table in the Chapel. **No boxes will be accepted after November 20.**
- **CHILDREN'S SUPPLIES:** The Deacons are also collecting supplies: crayons and coloring books for elementary school-age children. Puzzle and game books (i.e. Sudoku) will be given to older children in local hospitals.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Chris Federici (11/13) & MaryLynne Diehlman (11/20)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jan Herbert in Underwood Hospital; Elsie Camplin in Manor Care; Joe Welch, Beverly Rosell, Tooie Craven, Irene Banks, and Ken Graham. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including JJ Cunningham, Wesley Tatham, Nathaniel Bratt, Rob Chance, Dave Wietz, and Clayton Kelly.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 13 - 19, 2011

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Alternative Gift Market
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
Monday:	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Pitman Manor
	7:00 PM	Trustees
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast
	5:30 PM	Open Door
Thursday:	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
Saturday:	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Dinner
	6:30 PM	Movie Night

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Monday:	7:00 PM	Session
Tuesday:	10:00 AM	Women's Association Workshop
Thursday:		Thanksgiving
Friday:		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/1 st Sunday in Advent
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
	5:30 PM	Church Christmas Party