

MARS MEMO

NOVEMBER 2009

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

9:20 A.M. JR. CHOIR
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES

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PIPE ORGAN COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Pipe Organ Committee has been formed to help our congregation address the problems presented by the current condition of our pipe organ. Our current pipe organ is struggling to “hang on” only with the help of “duct tape and dryer hose”. These creative stop gap measures are temporary and give us limited time to decide upon a course of action.

The committee has received several quotes for a “total rebuild” of our pipe organ reusing the salvageable components of our current pipe organ. The quotes to rebuild our current pipe organ are very costly and have ranged from \$115,000 to \$160,000. The Pipe Organ Committee is also exploring electronic

organ alternatives to a pipe organ. The costs for the purchase of an electric organ are significantly less, ranging from \$60,000 to \$90,000. However the sound quality and enduring value of an electronic organ is less than that when compared to the sound quality and value of a pipe organ.

The pipe organ is one of the greatest assets of the church. The pipes of a pipe organ never lose their actual value, while an electronic organ depreciates over time.

To help the Pipe Organ Committee recommend a decision to Session, the committee has prepared a “PIPE ORGAN QUES-

TIONAIRE” to aid the committee in determining the “voice of the congregation” in relation to its worship and music.

You will soon receive this questionnaire in the mail. Please return the questionnaire to the Church Office OR drop the questionnaire in the offering plate on or before Sunday, November 15th.

Any questions can be directed to the members of the Committee: Susan Cox, Sue Morris, Janet Lubbert, Bill Guesman, Barbara Roos, Linda Lees, Jamie Daugherty and Rev. Nathan Esser

HIGHLIGHTS IN WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER

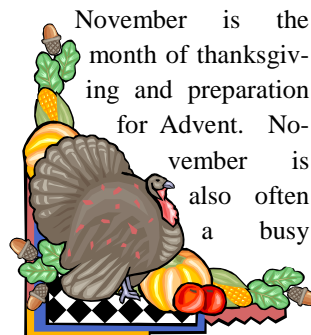
Nov 8th – Veteran Sunday & Scout Sunday.
Communion at 8:30 a.m.

Nov 15th – Sermon on Samuel and Stewardship, “Samuel is one asked of by God”

Nov 22nd – Guest Preacher, Rev. Dick Morledge, retired

from Bakerstown Pres. Church
Congregational Meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Nov 29th – First Sunday in Advent, “The Message of Hope for a Hungry World!”
First Advent Candle is lit.

A stylized illustration of a clock with a green face and yellow hands, positioned above an open book with yellow pages and a blue cover. The entire illustration is enclosed in a dashed black border.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—November 22nd

On Sunday, November 22, the congregation is asked to gather in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. to receive nominations from our nominating committee and to adopt the budget for 2010. Please make sure you are able to attend the meeting and help our congregation prepare for another great year of ministry!

month as many of us prepare for the holidays, winter activities, and family gatherings, and to finish raking the leaves. Our church has several opportunities for you to ‘break away’ from the busyness of your life and enjoy worshipping God in the midst of our congregation.

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THE BOOK NOOK BY GLORIA UTZ

Can you believe that in a month's time, most of us will be sitting around a table enjoying family and friends, talking, laughing, and eating all that good TURKEY and the trimmings (Yum Yum!!) for the holiday of THANKSGIVING and giving THANKS for all that we were BLESSED with during this past year. It is crazy and chaotic, BUT, there is nothing like it!!

As I was trying to

come up with a book this month and thinking about Thanksgiving, a little light went on in my head and it brought to mind the book I had read about a year ago called "DINNER WITH A PERFECT TRANGER...An Invitation Worth Considering" by DAVID GREGORY. The book is about a businessman named, Nick Cominsky, who is struggling with his job, marriage, and most of all, his faith. One day going thru his junk mail, he finds an anonymous letter

with no return address, that simply says "You are invited to a dinner with Jesus of Nazareth. Milano's Restaurant..Tuesday, March 24...8PM." Now Nick is stumped, because he has no idea who sent this and he has had no relationship with a church or any interest in religion.....but, like most of us, his curiosity gets the best of him and he decides to go.

When Nick walks into the restaurant, sitting the table is a young thirtyish looking man, in a business suit.....well, I think you can guess what happens next!!

The book touches on God, life, pain, faith and doubt and at the end of dinner, as Nick goes to leave, Jesus hands him a business card with just simply REVELATION 3:20 written on it. So, maybe this THANKSGIVING you could invite one more guest to your Thanksgiving celebration, our beloved Jesus. While sitting around the table that day, what are some of the questions we would ask Him? TILL WE READ AGAIN...GLO

THANK YOU, BACKYARD MINISTRIES

It is with deep heartfelt thanks to those people who in any way were involved with the walk and edging in my yard. It looks fantastic and has definitely improved the looks of that area...

A friend

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS+

When things we take for granted are suddenly gone and all hope seems lost, when disasters strike here and around the world, Church World Service Blankets + program is there for the duration to help families recover.

We respond to Jesus' call to be a neighbor to

those in need. At home and around the world, Church World Service provides food, shelter, safe water, tools, training, and BLANKETS!

Your contribution to this annual collection will make a difference in someone's life. Lives will be rebuilt and families in poverty will be given the tools and training to

develop sustainable communities and livelihoods.

Be generous. Contribute to Church World Service today with the envelope that is included in this newsletter. Your checks may be made to Mars United Presbyterian Church and one check will be sent from our church family.

MEDIA MISSION PRESENTS: "A MAN NAMED PEARL"

Angered by white residents' racist comments that he wouldn't "keep up his yard," Pearl Fryar teaches himself topiary sculpture and becomes the first African American in his Bishopville, S.C., neighborhood to win the coveted "yard of the month" award. This acclaimed documentary traces Fryar's inspiring story, as he grows into a legendary horticulturist, welcoming thou-

sands of tourists eager to catch a glimpse of his stunning works of art.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m. Scott Galloway, son of former Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Pastor John Galloway will be here to present his film at the Cranberry Theaters in Cranberry Twp. Cost per participant is \$4.00 and there will be a Q

& A session following the showing of the film. E-mail or phone for reservations 412-323-1400 ext 311 please provide: your name/contact information for confirmation of the reservation or e-mail pmm@passages.org Deadline is November 6th!

This Church Educational Event is a special event hosted by Presbyterian Media Mission and promo-

tional assistance provided by Church Restoration Group.

www.churchrestoration.com





Glade Run Food Pantry Collection is the First Sunday of the Month. Please remember

ANNUAL TURKEY BASH: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 @ 12:30 P.M.

Get ready for our annual Turkey Bash. This annual feast celebrates the senior citizens of our church and community.

Your help is needed!

On Wednesday, November 18 at 9 a.m. help is needed for food prep (peeling vegetables, cooking, etc.) and to set up the dining room for the following day.

Additional help is needed on Thursday, November 19 beginning at 9 a.m. to continue food preparation, serve dinner and to clean up.

All skill levels of help are needed. We will find something for you to do! Sign up sheet in Tarry 'n Talk area.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Please remember to call the church office, or return a reservation form found in the weekly church bulletin by Monday, November 16! Your choice of Pumpkin, Apple or Sugar Free Pie is Needed.

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The first Sunday of the Month is the Deacons' White Envelope Collection for Emergency Assistance!

Envelopes are provided in the pews. Just remember to write in the memo line of your check, or put your name on the envelope.

Emergency funds are available by requesting help from a MUP Deacon or Rev. Esser. Any requests will always remain confidential.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

Elder: Sue Morris
Deacon: Paul Lubbert

Tarry 'n Talk Hosts: Mission & Outreach Committee, Jack Barbour, Lisa Foster and Dave Merriman

Muffins:

Nov. 1-Nichols Family
8-Tom & Pam Kennedy, Linda Lees
15-Nichols Family
22-Tom&Pam Kennedy, Linda Lees
29-Nichols Family

Flowers:

1-Susan and Bob Cox
8-Nathan and Jenne Esser
15 -
22 -
29 -

Van Driver:

1-Steve Carpenter
8-Steve Carpenter
15 -
22 -
29 -

Nursery:

1-Christi Augustine
8-Bonnie McElhinny
15-Amy Doz
22-Becky Courson
29-Pat Auld

Junior Church:

Angela Guesman



*** Veteran Sunday & Scout Sunday** - On Nov 8th, you will be invited to light a candle for our veterans. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, who use our Church building for their Scout meetings, will also worship with us and will begin worship by processing with the flags of our faith and nation.

Guest Preacher on November 22:

Rev Dick Morledge

Many of you know Rev. Dick Morledge through the many years of service and leadership he provided for Bakerstown Presbyterian Church. He is a man known for his ability to preach the word and it is an honor to host him as our guest

HOSANNA INDUSTRIES WORKDAY—NOV. 7

Mars United Presbyterian Church will be sending a group of volunteers to assist Hosanna Industries in their ministry on Saturday, November 7. We will meet at church at 8:30 a.m. You need to be dressed for a day of work, have completed a volunteer application form, and bring \$10 for required insurance.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Tarry 'n Talk



area, as well as "volunteer registration" forms.

We don't know our assignment, yet, but promise you a day of giving and serving

others that you won't forget—helping your brothers and sisters in Christ with projects for needy homeowners.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. ~John Wesley

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ANNUAL TURKEY BASH
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Thursday, November 19th @12:30 p.m.

All Senior Citizens Are Invited!
Free will offering at the door!

Turkey and all the fixings!
Plus, your choice of
Apple, Pumpkin, or Sugar Free Pie!

Please make reservations by calling the church office at
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