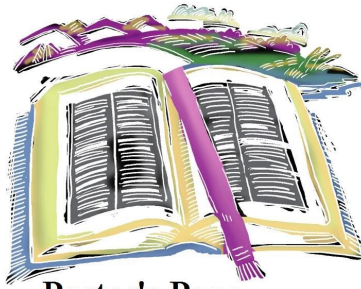


THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Pastor's Page

The great "I Am" stood among them
And the God of Israel said,
"How dare you destroy and scatter my sheep,
leaving them all for dead?"

"I will gather up the flock
And bring them back to the fold
They shall fear nothing any longer
And this is what they will behold:

A righteous Branch raised up from David
Who rules wisely and reigns as King
He will be called "The Lord is our righteousness"
And salvation is what He will bring

But when that wonderful day has arrived
Those words will not be what they seem
Prosperity of gold is not His gift;
It is *souls* He shall redeem

And blood will be spilled
He will hang on a cross
The lambs will stare in their grief
As they reflect on their loss

And the sheep will bitterly weep
As they remember Jeremiah
And they tearfully scream,
"We thought you were *Messiah!!*"

But eyes shall be opened
When the One who is the Way
Exits the sealed tomb
On that glorious third day

“Blessed be the God of Israel!
We truly have been saved
To death and the tomb
We are no longer enslaved

He is the image of the invisible God
The firstborn of all creation
In *Him* all things hold together
He is our unshakeable foundation!

This is the one who is Yahweh
In the flesh come down to us
He is the first and He is the last
And so the lambs declare thus:

The oath that was sworn to Abraham
Has come in Jesus we readily accept
The sheep are no longer scattered
The holy covenant has been kept

There can no longer be any doubt
When death has lost its sting
That this man is *God* - is the *Shepherd* -
and truly is Christ the *King*.

Pastor Mike



Celebrating Lois Hanley's 98th birthday in late September. (above)

The Classy Lassies and Grazers gathered at Red Lobster for their monthly lunch outing October 30th. (left)

No pictures of Margaret Rose celebrating her 106th birthday were available.

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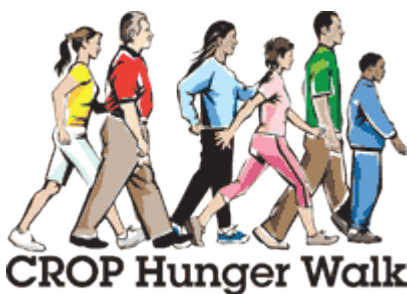
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FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

**Friday
November 15
6:00 pm**



Join us in Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 15 at 6pm for our next Family Fun Night. We will be having a Thanksgiving-style potluck. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge.



The Kirk raised \$1301 for the CROP Hunger Walk that was held October 13. Although we don't have the grand total raised from all the churches participating this year, we do know that the Kirk is contributing \$325 for four different food cupboards in our area since 25% of the money raised stays locally. A huge thank you to all our walkers and to those who donated.

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2021), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2022) Elder

Colleen Williamson (2022) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman and Elder

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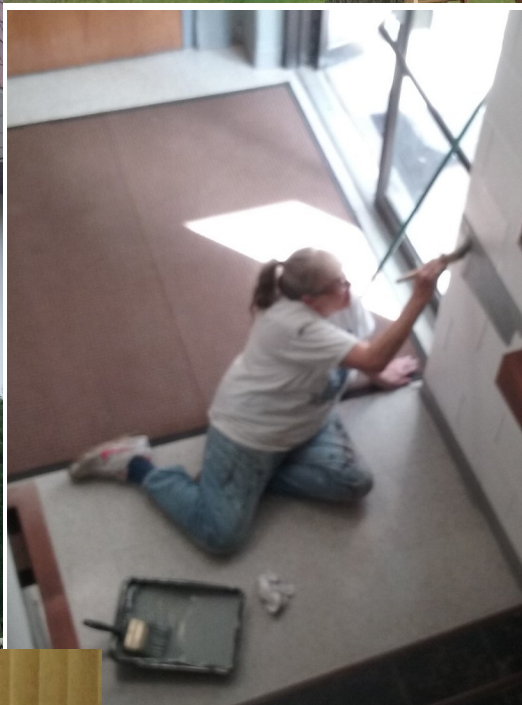
Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

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FALL CLEAN-UP DAY 2019





Saturday rehearsals are at 9:30am.

Sunday rehearsals are at 9:15am.

If you would like to join the choir, please see Mark Handford.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

has returned for another season. We are accepting donations of sweatpants (boys and girls sizes 6-12), underwear and socks for the Wayne-Westland Community School District's Family Resource Center. These items are given to the 13 elementary schools to be handed out when a child needs a change of clothing whether it be from an applesauce package exploding on them at lunch, to falling into a mud puddle at recess or any other accident that can happen during the school day. There will be a marked bin for donations. Thank you for your continued support in this annual outreach mission.



4	Cathy Troutman
13	John Rose
19	Leslie Holland
24	Rob Otte
25	Tom Forgacs
27	Audrey Conner
29	Al Tedd



NOVEMBER 27 Classy Lassies and Grazers

The next monthly Classy Lassies and Grazers lunch gathering will be on Wednesday, November 27 which also happens to be the birthday of Classy Lassy Audrey Conner! All are invited to come dine with us. The group meets at 11:30 am in the church lounge before deciding as a group where to go eat. You are responsible for the cost of your own meal.

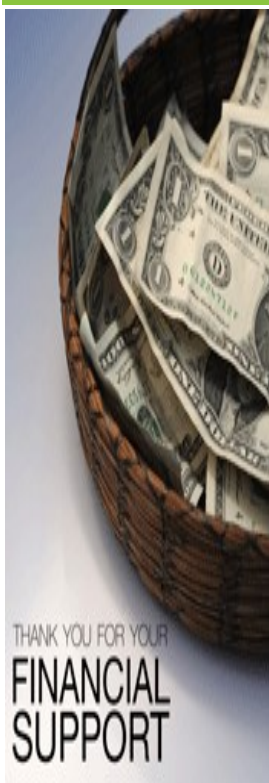
Financial Report as of 9/30/2019

	September	Year to Date	Budget
Income	11,564	95,931	87,765
Expenses	9,282	88,961	91,953
Net Income or Loss	2,282	6,970	-4,188
Liquid Assets*	101,844	101,844	

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.

Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

September was a strong month due to being a 5 collection month as well as the return of WCCP for the school year. Expenses were below budget as utilities were not high during the season. There will be some offset next month as October has 3 pay periods rather than the normal 2.



NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY COMING AGAIN

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our Board of Session has again selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. This will be the seventh consecutive year that Kirk of Our Savior has participated in this program and each year has shown that the Kirk's membership continue to support the program despite economic and membership changes.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday November 10, 2019, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will conclude with a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at which preliminary results of the Giving Estimates will be presented.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

FALL CLEAN-UP AT THE KIRK

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's fall clean up. We were able to get painting done, inside and out, brickwork sealed, asphalt patched, trees trimmed, the hill plantings cleaned out, and the fence in the Memorial Garden fixed. A big shout out to Ada McMechan and Colleen Williamson for a tasty and hearty lunch, as well.

We weren't able to get up to the roof to do what needs to be done there, and we still need to put weather stripping around all exterior doors. If you are willing and able to help with either of those jobs, please contact Jenny Root at 734-744-6316. We need to get these two items checked off while we still have 65+ degree temperatures. With everyone's help, we can ensure that the building is ready for the inevitable cold Michigan winter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO

We are offering 2 Sunday School classes this year: one for readers and one for non-readers. Both classes will be filled with lessons, activities, crafts and even a few outreach/mission projects. Children go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall after the Moment with Children chat with Pastor Mike in worship.

November 2019 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Year 1

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Neh. 2:1–20 or Lam. 4:1–22

Rev. 6:12–7:4

Matt. 13:24–30

Alternate readings for All Saints' Day:

Morning: Pss. 84; 148

Evening: Pss. 25; 40

Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21

Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–5) or Heb. 11:32–12:2

Matt. 5:1–12

Saturday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Neh. 4:1–23 or Lam. 5:1–22

Rev. 7:(4–8) 9–17

Matt. 13:31–35

Sunday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 103; 150

Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Neh. 5:1–9 or Ezra 1:1–11

Acts 20:7–12

Luke 12:22–31

Monday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 5; 145

Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Neh. 6:1–19 or Ezra 3:1–13

Rev. 10:1–11

Matt. 13:36–43

Tuesday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 42; 146

Evening: Pss. 102; 133

Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47

or Ezra 4:7, 11–24

Rev. 11:1–19

Matt. 13:44–52

Wednesday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Neh. 13:4–22

or Hag. 1:1–2:9

Rev. 12:1–12

Matt. 13:53–58

Thursday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26

or Zech. 1:7–17

Rev. 14:1–13

Matt. 14:1–12

Friday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36

or Ezra 5:1–17

Rev. 15:1–8

Matt. 14:13–21

Saturday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Ezra 9:1–15 or Ezra 6:1–22

Rev. 17:1–14

Matt. 14:22–36

Sunday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Ezra 10:1–17 or Neh. 1:1–11

Acts 24:10–21

Luke 14:12–24

Monday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)

or Neh. 2:1–20

Rev. 18:1–8

Matt. 15:1–20

Tuesday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Neh. 9:26–38 or Neh. 4:1–23

Rev. 18:9–20

Matt. 15:21–28

Wednesday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18

or Neh. 5:1–19

Rev. 18:21–24

Matt. 15:29–39

Thursday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Neh. 6:1–19

Rev. 19:1–10

Matt. 16:1–12

Friday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47

Rev. 19:11–16

Matt. 16:13–20

Saturday, November 16

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Neh. 13:4–22
 Rev. 20:1–6
 Matt. 16:21–28

Sunday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26
 Acts 28:14b–23
 Luke 16:1–13

Monday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36
 Rev. 20:7–15
 Matt. 17:1–13

Tuesday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Ezra 9:1–15
 Rev. 21:1–8
 Matt. 17:14–21

Wednesday, November 20

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Ezra 10:1–17
 Rev. 21:9–21
 Matt. 17:22–27

Thursday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)
 Rev. 21:22–22:5
 Matt. 18:1–9

Friday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Neh. 9:26–38
 Rev. 22:6–13
 Matt. 18:10–20

Saturday, November 23

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18
 Rev. 22:14–21
 Matt. 18:21–35

**Sunday, November 24
Christ the King / Reign of Christ**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Isa. 19:19–25
 Rom. 15:5–13
 Luke 19:11–27

Monday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Joel 3:1–2, 9–17
 1 Peter 1:1–12
 Matt. 19:1–12

Tuesday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 Nahum 1:1–13
 1 Peter 1:13–25
 Matt. 19:13–22

Wednesday, November 27

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134
 Obad. 15–21
 1 Peter 2:1–10
 Matt. 19:23–30

Thursday, November 28

Morning: Pss. 116;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130
 Zeph. 3:1–13
 1 Peter 2:11–25
 Matt. 20:1–16

Friday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
 Evening: Pss. 25; 40
 Isa. 24:14–23
 1 Peter 3:13–4:6
 Matt. 20:17–28

Saturday, November 30

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
 Evening: Pss. 125; 90
 Micah 7:11–20
 1 Peter 4:7–19
 Matt. 20:29–34

CROP WALK 2019



Our 2019 walkers were:

Judy Curtis (CROP Walk liaison for the Kirk), Andrea Alicea, Peggy Flacks, Pastor Mike and Theodore Beckman, Nancy Lee Pride, Kay Trull, and the Brincats (John, Lisa, Isabelle and Benjamin).

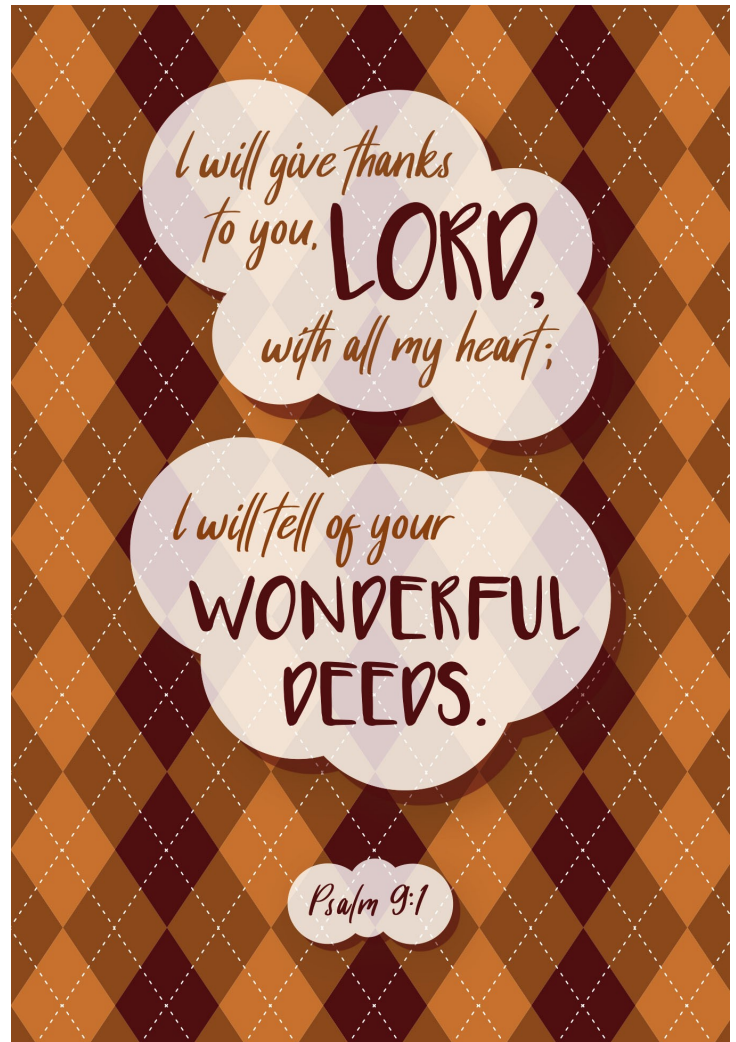
Merry Christmas!



FILL A BAG FOR A TEEN

We are partnering with Bridget Jarvis at the Wayne Westland Community School District Family Resource Center to make the Christmas holiday brighter for local teenagers. Through the Shhh! Program, we will have 28 bags (green for boys, red for girls) to fill with stocking stuffers.

The students we will be helping are either homeless or in need. A suggestion list will be included with each bag, but it will be up to you what you want to put in the bag. Judy Curtis will have the bags available mid-November.



The Mitten Tree will be back this holiday season for interested parties to fill with gloves, mittens, hats and scarves.

