



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church



November



A Message from Pastor Mike.....

The leaves are really coming down these days, along with the temperature! As the harvest season is winding down, we turn our thoughts toward the approaching holiday season. We observe All Saints Day on November 1st, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, and before we know it the calendar will turn over to a new year. Nature's seasons help us mark time throughout the year. There is a natural progression from one phase to the next. Tulip bulbs, garden seeds, crops in the field... all change and grow as the days go by. The seasons of our lives change too. We do our best to grow and develop as followers of Christ. We endure storms and dry spells. We experience wonder and joy. It all works together and we often find ourselves surprised that so much time has slipped by while we have been busy with life.

Years ago, a farm hand would be considered a *star* if they could harvest about 100 bushels of corn by hand per day. That was probably about an acre back in the 1920s to 1940s. The best huskers are said to have been capable of plucking and tossing 35 to 50 ears per minute! The farming environment gives us just one example of how quickly the world around us changes. The latest combines on the market have engines approaching 700 horsepower. The can cost \$750,000 or more. The grain tank on those monsters can hold almost 500 bushels! They can unload at the rate of 5-6 bushels per minute! In good conditions, they can vacuum up 7,000 bushels per hour, which is enough corn to fill 7 semi-trailers. Progress is wonderful, but it can bring new problems and unexpected issues. Compared to the old corn husking days, these massive new machines create a material handling problem for their owners. How do you keep up that kind of productive pace? What if the grain bins or the elevators are miles away? Each development requires adaptation and additional thinking, invention, and entrepreneurial spirit.

It is the same with our spiritual lives and with our life together as the church. In the 1920s and 1930s, people could hear the gospel on their new-fangled radios. These days, we have unlimited (and previously unimagined) resources for growing and developing our faith. We also have enormous reach with our message of hope. That can create new issues for us. It's wonderful that our snowbirds can see our services online, but that same amazing capability also means we can "attend" services any time of the day or night. We can get away with wearing pajamas or bib overalls to on-line church! We don't always see each other's faces in this new world of worship. The wider church is adapting and changing as the seasons pass. We can rest assured that the Holy Spirit is still at work in the world. 2 Corinthians 9:10 says, "*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*" May God continue to bless and keep you as we move into the holiday season, and into new ways of being the church together.

"The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12



A Time for Sharing ~ Thanksgiving Potluck

The October potluck was a big success. Everyone who came had a great time celebrating Fall and catching up with each other. Membership Nurture is hosting our traditional Thanksgiving potluck on Sunday, November 19th, after church. We choose to share. Categories would include other Entrees, Hot Sides, Cold Sides, Desserts, and Bread/Rolls. **Membership Nurture will provide plates, napkins, and table service, as well as beverages and butter!** Come join us as we gather together for a Thanksgiving meal.

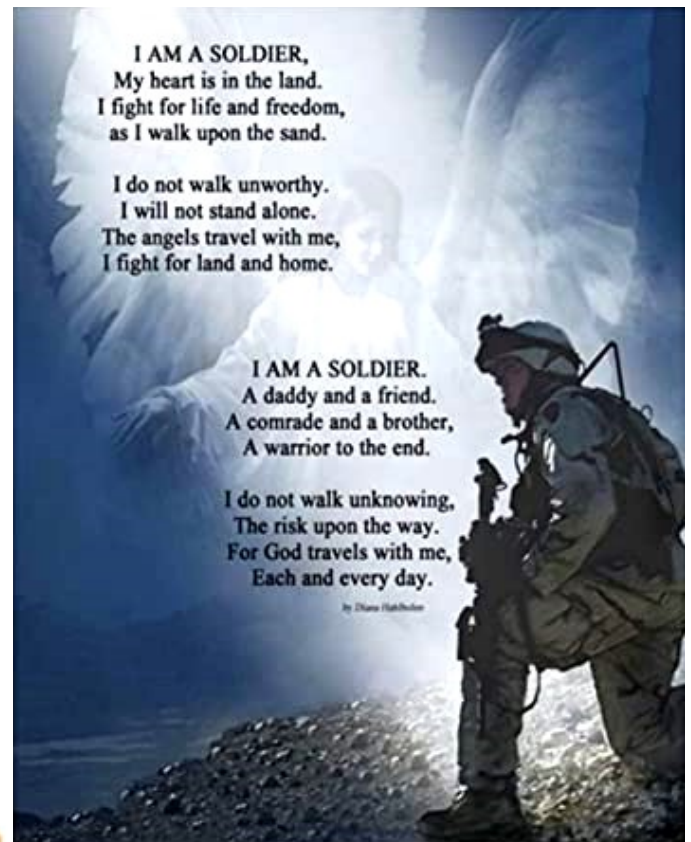


Thanksgiving Food Pantry

During the month of November, we will be asking for monetary donations for our Thanksgiving Food Pantry. We are once again asking you to keep your dollar bills for the Christian Friendliness Food Pantry we support. Please consider checking the \$1 bills you get back in change; we are asking for F and G dollar bills, but of course are happy to take any donations. These donations will go with our end-of-year donations, which help the Food Pantry replenish their supplies after the Thanksgiving holiday. All donations, big or small, are appreciated. Every cent helps.

So please, if you are able, drop a donation for Thanksgiving Food Pantry in the collection plate (or the mail) during November. Please make sure to mark that your gift is for Food Pantry and know that your gifts are appreciated.

Thank you ~ Lisa Hatlett, Outreach Chair





Anniversaries

9	James & Beverly DUCEY
17	Rick & Kim MIERS

Birthdays

8	Jeanie KIRGAN
9	Dolores FRYBARGER
13	Ethan FLEMMING
13	Steve SHEESE
15	Lynne SWANSON
18	Henry DIEDRICH
25	Devin BUTCHER

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Income	\$6762.00
Expenses	\$9809.68
Net Income	(\$3047.68)

October Attendance

October 1	32
October 8	28
October 15	43
October 22	42
October 29	32

Don't Let Our Homebound Members Feel Forgotten!

As the holiday season approaches us please consider a sending a card to our homebound members to tell them they are missed and loved.

Mona Mlekush
2531 Chippawa Ct
Davenport, IA 52804

Jim & Beverly Ducey
Park Vista Apt. 335
1451 20th Ave
East Moline, IL 61244

Dorothy Tooley
Overlook Village Memory Care
Apt 6
941 6th St
Moline, IL 61265



TIME TO CHANGE THE PARAMENTS!

THE PARAMENTS WILL BE CHANGED ON DECEMBER 3RD FOR THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT. PURPLE REPRESENTS TIMES OF PREPARATION LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS. IT IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH ROYALTY OF THE COMING CHRIST. THIS COLOR WAS A VERY CHERISHED AND EXPENSIVE COLOR IN THE WORLD JESUS LIVED IN. IF WAS THEREFORE AFFORDED ONLY BY THE RICH AND WORN MOST EXCLUSIVELY BY THE ROYALTY.



I am looking for volunteers for Advent Readings this year.

If you would like to be a reader during Advent, please let me know and preference for date.

Dates are:

12/3 12/10 12/17 12/24

Jackie Flemming, Worship Chair
(309) 235-0914



Music Notes

I have an empty calendar after Nov. 12, so if there is any special music you'd like to hear between now and the end of the year, please let me know! If anyone isn't sure about singing but would like to be part of a music ensemble, I'm sure the Bell Choir could use your help. Just talk to Steve Swanson or come on a Monday night to rehearsal.

Yours in Christ,
Sheila Doak



Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes for 2024 are in the Narthex. Please pick your booklet up before the end of November. If you do not have a number assigned, and would like a set of envelopes, please contact Lisa Hatlett (Financial Secretary) and she can make that happen for you 😊

Thank you to the congregation for your patience. The Broadway Outreach Center is slowly moving in to the northwest corner of the fellowship hall. We are so excited to receive your wonderful donations of clothing for the giveaway and sewing projects. Other items donated will be given to the rummage sale. We have had lots of interest from the community and look forward to working with you once we are set up. Working with you, serving over 200 people a month, and having a warm welcoming place to call home, is a prayer answered.

Vikki Blair—Broadway Outreach Trustee



Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalms 17:6

Elders have been praying for these individuals this month.

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Consider a phone call, a card or visit to let them know they
are loved and missed and not forgotten.

Mona Mlekush is in the hospital. (family & Alice) Richard & Delores Frybarger

Carla Rosalie Molly Mary Nancy G, cancer (family) Pat – cancer (family)

Angie Young (Don & family) Josie- ear surgery (Melisa , Bob & family)

Kim Poleing, she was diagnosed with breast cancer (Karen)

Sister Shirley has been sick, sinuses. (Karen) Kenny respiratory problems (Karen)

Karen H. having tests, on stomach and pancreas (Kenny & family)

David O'Melia had pneumonia (Jeanne & family) Mike Mix (Marilyn & family)

Kim Gripp (family) Ayden (family) Tracey has cancer (family)

Melba Andereck (Jesse & family) Juliana & Hector (praying for family)

Chaplaincy at John Deere (Jeanie Kirgan) Jerry Roelens (Barb Hanson & family)

Wm. "Bill" Mockmore (Judie, Bill and family) Gavin ,Mike Rushing, Connie (Karen & family)

Kaylee Walker- her cancer is shrinking and nothing new has returned (Karen & family)

Don Young (Shari & family) Dennis Popp (Kathy, Matt, David & Helen)

Chad Secor (Dave & Helen's nephew)

Kathy Overholzer (Dave & Helen's niece) Julie (cancer) Brenda O. (family)

Dawn F. (family) Rosalie

Molly

Cara (friend of Diane B.) Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Bob Bloomer (Annie & family)

Beverly Ducey (Jim & family)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba)

Kent Christensen (Kathy, Don and family)








November 2023



15th Avenue
Christian
Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:30 Elder Meeting 9:30am Worship 	6 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	7 6pm Riverbend Bronze	1 All Saint's Day Deadline	2 10am Bible Study	3 	4
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am Board Mtg Thanksgiving Offering	13 Recycle Day 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	14 6pm Riverbend Bronze	15 	16 10am Bible Study	17 	18 
19 9:30am Worship Thanksgiving Potluck Thanksgiving Offering	20 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	21 6pm Riverbend Bronze	22 	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY 	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 Small Business Saturday
26 9:30am Worship	27 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	28 6pm Riverbend Bronze	29 	30 10am Bible Study		

Serving Elders

5 Diane Block
12 Dave Popp
19 Steve Swanson
26 Kathy Weston

Visiting Elder

Diane Block & Sally Bartosh

Serving Deacons

HD Lynne Sheese, Steve Sheese, Karen Hitchcock, Grace Carlson

Preparing Deacon

Steve and Lynne Sheese

Flowers

5 Jackie Flemming
12 Lynne Swanson
19 Jackie Flemming
26 Kathy Weston



November

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Thanks & Giving

Day 1: Colossians 3:15-17

Day 2: Philippians 4:6

Day 3: Psalm 106:1

Day 4: Ephesians 2:8

Day 5: James 1:17

Day 6: Psalm 100:4

Day 7: Hebrews 12:28-29

Day 8: 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

Day 9: Romans 1:21

Day 10: Isaiah 12:4-5

Day 11: John 10:10

Day 12: 2 Timothy 4:4-5

Day 13: Luke 6:35-36

Day 14: Psalm 107:8

Day 15: Colossians 1:12

Day 16: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Day 17: Ephesians 4:31-32

Day 18: Hebrews 6:4-6

Day 19: Micah 6:8

Day 20: Deuteronomy 16:17

Day 21: Proverbs 3:27

Day 22: Proverbs 11:24-25

Day 23: Matthew 6:3-4

Day 24: Luke 6:38

Day 25: Acts 20:35

Day 26: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Day 27: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Day 28: 1 Corinthians 13:9-13

Day 29: Matthew 5:10-12

Day 30: Galatians 6:2

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

