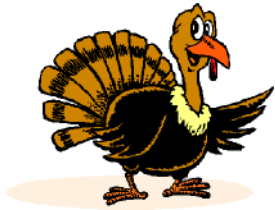


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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



Just a reminder: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. All bulletin information for that week will need to be turned in to the office by Tuesday, November 26.

### KIWANIS HOLIDAY LOAF

Kiwanis will begin baking their Holiday Pumpkin Loaf at our church Thursday through Saturday, November 7 through the 9. They will be making nearly a total of 6000 loaves of bread beginning Thursday at 8 p.m. You may purchase the bread at the church on Friday or Saturday in Fellowship Hall or at participating area businesses. All proceeds will be donated to Children's First Center.



The Smith family will be taking orders for The Boy Scout pie fund raiser Get your orders in by Monday, **Nov. 11** The delivery date is November 26.... just in time for Thanksgiving and other Holiday gatherings! Flavors available: Apple, Dutch Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Peach, Pecan, Pumpkin, Red Raspberry. We also offer: Apple- No Sugar added, Cherry- No Sugar added. Each pie is \$15.00...they are approximately 8 1/2" !!!

Congratulations to Paul and Leah Watson on the birth of their new baby boy:

Merritt Aubrey Wilson  
6 lbs. 14 oz. and 20 1/2" long  
Born 10/2/2019 at 1:46 a.m.



## FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-

How do you know? How do you discern how God is leading you? Is it God's voice or my own that I hear? And does God even speak to us individually or does God work in bigger, more global ways? These are questions that people of faith should be asking themselves. In fact, this last month I have encouraged you to explore what God might be saying to you and to this congregation.

This is a challenge because, as my friend Jerry says, "God doesn't write us notes on the fogged up bathroom mirror". Very few people have direct communication with God in which the message is unmistakable. I think of the extraordinary examples of Moses and some of the prophets, but most of us are left to do our best to discern God's call and direction.

The question remains: How do you know? I wish there were an easy answer to this, but there is not. As we've talked about, this all begins with prayer, specifically, humble prayer in which we set aside preconceptions to open ourselves to God's word and will. Even though it often seems like a one-sided conversation, prayer and meditation is our communication with God. My faith and experience is that this is how God speaks to us.

Because this is an internal conversation there's nothing to keep anyone from claiming to have heard God's message...How do you know? The litmus test for our discernment of God's will is the Law of Love. Jesus said that all of the law and prophesy hangs on this law: Love the Lord and love your neighbor (Matt. 22). Is what I discern manifesting love of God and/or love of neighbor? If not then I think it's safe to say we might be interpreting something incorrectly.

The thing is, circumstances change and we need to continually reevaluate our actions and positions on things. What begins with prayer and meditation needs to be continually tested because it's our nature to bend things according to what benefits us. Moreover, we get seduced by our plans so that modifying or adapting them becomes very difficult.

Our discernment of God's will begins with prayer, but it is honed by our community of faith. It is in community that we hold up our conclusions alongside the Law of Love. Moreover, we need to develop the practice of talking about these sorts of things. Only as we begin to shape our vision within the larger community do we come to a fuller understanding of that vision. We know as we test out our discernment in the community of the faithful.

Shalom, Pastor David

## EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP:

**APC KNOWS HOW TO TAILGATE! On Sunday, October 20th the worship service was held outside in our parking lot with a potluck to follow. The weather was beautiful and the event was enjoyed by all that attended. Special thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this event come together!**



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

### HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Daylight Savings time is Nov. 4. Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra sleep!

#### USHERS:

- 3: Don & Nancy Derrow  
10: Paul & Becky Yoder  
17: Hilda Kennedy & Peggy Jones  
24: Ross & Nancy Clark

#### ACOLYTES:

- 3: Isabella Gettys  
10: Aadon Beck  
17: Gabe Ackerman  
24: Aidan Smith

Flowers: Jim & Julia Nixon, Flo Webb, Barb & Doug Morrow, Barbara Bushnell  
Liturgist: Lisa Magsamen

**COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 instead of the first Sunday. Please mark your calendars.**



## STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET:

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17, 2019

The Stewardship and Budget Committee would like to thank you for your tithes and personal giving this past year. With your financial support and personal involvement, the church will be able to do God's work. Every year we set aside one day to emphasize responsible, grateful stewardship of God's blessings. This year, Sunday, November 17, is that day. There will be a time during our worship service in which we will be dedicating both our monetary giving and the gifts and talents our God has blessed us with in furthering his kingdom here on earth. If you cannot be present during worship on that day, you can mail your pledge card to the church. Please take prayerful consideration in filling these out.



**PER CAPITA RELEASED: \$42.00 per confirmed member**

Per Capita Apportionment is the Presbyterian Church's way of attempting to fairly and evenly cover the cost of the ecclesiastical expenses of all three governing bodies beyond the local church: the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the General Assembly. Our Wabash Valley Presbytery represents all northern Indiana Presbyterian ministries. Our Lincoln Trails Synod consists of all Indiana and Illinois Presbyterian Church ministries. And finally, the General Assembly, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, provides for our global Presbyterian Church outreach ministries.

Per Capita is assessed on the number of active members on the church's roll. Each governing body beyond our Session determines how much Per Capita it will assess the membership. For next year, our church Per Capita Apportionment is: **\$42.00 per member**. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and either mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Be sure to mark at the bottom of your check "per capita" so the treasurer will apply the funds appropriately.

## SESSION NEWS:

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called by the Session **for Sunday, NOVEMBER 10**, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is the election of the following officers: Elders, Deacons, Foundation Directors, and the 2020 Nominating Committee.

### OPERA CONCERT ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

#### AT 3 P.M. IN OUR SANCTUARY



Everyone is encouraged to attend the Opera Concert planned as part of our 175th celebration. Mary Engle and Mary Castello recital will take place at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Opera singer Marie Engle (pictured below to the right), whose two previous recitals at APC were very well-attended and well-received, will return that day for another performance. Marie recently graduated with her Master's Degree from Juilliard School of Music in New York City, where she remains to do free-lance vocal work and continue her studies. Marie will be accompanied on piano by Mary Castello (pictured below to the left), the two of them having performed in communities around the United States and Canada during the past few years. Ms. Castello has a Master's Degree from McGill Conservatory in Montreal, has served as young artist at the Vancouver Opera, and is currently on staff at Acadia College in Nova Scotia.





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Nov. 3 - “Israelis and Palestinians...Will it ever get better?”** In the first session of a two-Sunday series, Jim Nixon will describe the past 200 years of history leading to the current cold war in Israel and the West Bank. Jim's no scholar, but Jim and Julia have had much to think about since their visit to Palestine last spring. Christians, Muslims, and Jews lay claim to Jerusalem, a holy city for these three powerful religious movements. Key paradigms and events seem to put these groups at mortal loggerheads, in spite of the efforts of churches, peace activism, world leaders, and various armies. Dull history? Not if you think of Israel as the "Holy Land."

**Nov. 10 – “Israelis and Palestinians...Will it ever get better?”** In part two of this series, Jim Nixon will spotlight some realities of West Bank life for its 3.2 million residents – the daily inconveniences, indignities and intermittent violence, which tends to surprise most Americans. West-Bankers live as second-class citizens. The rise of modern-day Zionism in Israel has created both colonial and apartheid oppression there, currently supported by four billion American tax dollars annually. How did that happen?"

**Nov. 17 – No class.** Please attend the 3 p.m. recital in the sanctuary given by opera singer Marie Engle and her accompanist Mary Castello.

**Nov. 24 – Welcoming Leith and the Housholders.** Leith, 16, of Tunisia is a State Department-sponsored AFS exchange student, spending a school year at East Noble and hosted by Terry and Grace Housholder of Kendallville. His main interests are international relations, learning about other countries and cultures, languages (he speaks Arabic, Tunisian, English and French), cooking and community service. The State Department program is called the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program.

### **UPCOMING 175 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS**

**November 17:** Opera Concert in our sanctuary. (see ad)

**November 23:** Our church will be beautifully decorated for Advent and featured on the Lion’s Club annual “Christmas Stroll.” The day will feature a soup luncheon and a sale of baked goods and a new church cookbook!

**December 7:** Jazz concert in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. A trio of New York City-based musicians, one of whom is Pastor David’s son, will treat us to an evening of jazz.

**December 8:** Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall following worship – in observance of the Dec. 6, 1844 date when a handful of pioneers organized Auburn Presbyterian Church. Joining us in worship and at the birthday party will be LaGrange Presbyterian Church, which also is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

**INTERESTED IN AN UPDATED CHURCH HISTORY BOOK?**



Our church will soon publish an updated history book in honor of APC's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 1994, during our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we published a history, and we soon will reprint that history with additional chapters that highlight the years 1995 to 2019.

If you are interested in a free copy, please notify Tracy in the church office or call Barb Morrow (925-5356). We hope to distribute the copies by year's end.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **"Thank Offering"**

The Auburn Presbyterian Women will celebrate Thank Offering Sunday on **November 24**. An envelope will be enclosed in the bulletin on that day for your generous contribution.

### **Circle Meeting:**

Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet Wednesday, November 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the church lounge. Polly Bassett will lead the discussion on lesson three: "Words of Love: Keep Sabbath". Bring a sack lunch as we will be finalizing the bake sale business before November 23rd.

On Saturday, November 23, our church will be included in the annual **Lion's Christmas Stroll** as part of our 175th church year celebration. PW will be participating in this with a Bake Sale in Fellowship along with the youth luncheon. We would like to encourage EVERYONE to furnish some items for the bake sale. Your items will help so much in making the event successful, and we thank you in advance for your participation!

Kari Ackerman is in charge of decorating the fellowship hall and hallway leading to the F.H. for the Christmas stroll. She has decided to decorate the hallway with wreaths. She is asking the congregation to donate a pre-decorated wreath, either bought or home made with the theme of Christmas, winter or religious related. Each wreath will be numbered and raffled during the luncheon. Wreaths would need to be brought in to the church by November 17th.



**Auburn Classic Noon Lions Club  
CHRISTMAS STROLL  
NOVEMBER 23, 2019  
10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**



Join the community of Auburn for a beautiful celebration of the holidays. Area homes and businesses are decorated to express the joy of the season. This event is an excellent opportunity to gather ideas for decorating your own home and to spend the day touring beautiful spaces.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at any door, or \$5 for one location.

Presale purchased ticket holders will be entered to win a 50" Smart Roku TCL TV.

The TV is donated by Oak Partners.

Where to buy tickets: Carbaugh Jewelers, Family Chiropractic, Jeremiah's, Lyn-Maree's



**AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKBOOK**

**RELEASED DATE:  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**