

GREENSTONE GAZETTE

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November 2018

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November 2018

November Birthdays

8	Shannon Ciarlone
9	Gerry Kilpatrick
13	Nina Hansen
16	Mark Roney
18	Carol Dunlap
28	Jim Lewis

Nov Anniversaries

14 Elwood and Nancy Welk

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Every Monday: Youth 6 p.m.

Every Tues: Adult Bible 10 am
AA 7pm

Every Wed: Adult Bible 7 pm

Every Thursday: NA 7pm

Wednesday November 8

Worship Team 1 pm

Sunday, November 11

Congregational Meeting
11:00 am

Tuesday, November 13

Presbytery Mtg 9:30 a.m.

Westminster

Deacons 6:30pm

Sunday, November 18

Community Thanksgiving

Service 7 pm Mt. Vernon

Thursday, Nov. 29 Session 7 pm.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter this season of thanksgiving there is much for which we can give thanks! As I look out my study window this afternoon I see bright blue skies on a clear, crisp day. The leaves are starting to change into brilliant colors. I feel blessed to be part of this caring Christian community of faith, and a loving extended family. I look forward to exercising the privilege and responsibility to vote in a country where voting is a right. I am grateful that my refrigerator is full and I have a safe place to lay my head each night. I am grateful that even if all these things should disappear overnight, I would not be alone. God has promised to be with me always.



To name our blessings is not to ignore that there are many in this world, and in our country, for whom these blessings are minimal or non-existent. Many live in places where the skies are hard to see due to smog, or constant warfare. There are those who are locked away in prison for their refusal to recant their Christian beliefs. Many risk their lives trying to have the privilege of determining their own government, while others are outright denied this right. Thousands go to bed hungry each night. Others have no home, or live in fear of stepping out of their homes lest they be shot.

We acknowledge these differences not to pat ourselves on the back as if we were due credit for our blessings. We acknowledge both our blessings and the needs of others so that we realize the abundance with which most of us live, and consider how we might share and care for with those who have less. Last week I spent time among folks who were chain-sawing their way out of a massive storm which hit southwest Georgia. At any other time, the damages and power outages of these communities would have been national news. Instead, the even greater damage just miles to the south of them in the panhandle of Florida understandably caught the attention of the world. Still, in Georgia people whose own homes were still without power gathered at one church, which did have power, to feed 600 people lunch each day for over a week in one place, and another little church (10 members, 20 in attendance on a given Sunday!) worked with the Red Cross to provide 150 lunches a day. Still others worked feverishly to remove trees and branches so that people could get out of their homes to get food, and power crews worked through the night to restore power. The economic losses in Georgia, as in Florida, will be extensive, and the recovery will long.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us remember our blessings, and also explore how we can share them with others in need, giving thanks for those who provide examples of loving care by reaching out – not focusing on what we do not have, but looking at what God calls and enables us to do. What a blessing it is to serve in this congregation which exhibits this trust and hope in so many ways!

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In Christ's love, Pastor Merritt



November Volunteers

Readers:

- 4 Tenille Dewees
- 11 Gerry Davis
- 18 Nina Hansen
- 25 Jim Lewis

Head Usher:
Eric Hansen

Deacon of the month:
Dar Gray

Communion Prep Team:
Dar & Steve Gray
Donna & Gerry Davis

Communion Servers
November 4
Donna Davis
Gerry Davis
Jack Dunlap
Carol Dunlap

December Volunteers

Readers:

- 2 Ruth Ann Sumner
- 9 Cindy Sudnikovich
- 16 Becky Conner
- 23 Carol/Jack Dunlap
- 30 Dar Gray

Head Usher:
Dave Pohlig

Deacon of the month:
Jerry Jackson

Communion Prep Team:
December 2
Dar & Steve Gray
Donna & Gerry Davis

Communion Servers
December 2
Mark Roney
Debbie Roney
Dar Gray
Carol Dunlap



It is with great delight, appreciation, and humility that I share this news: on October 28, the congregation of Nottingham voted unanimously to request the Presbytery of Donegal to move my status from Temporary Pastor to Installed Pastor. Pending permission granted by the Presbytery (expected to happen at its November meeting) we will hold an installation service sometime in January.

This congregation is filled with people of vision and hope, of compassion and generosity. God has set you to be a witness of God's grace and justice in this community and beyond. Together we will serve Christ, shining the light of God's hope and revealing God's love to all people. Thank you for letting me be a part of your future, and for the overwhelming gift of appreciation which you have shared with me!

Pastor Merritt

Did you know?

The Boy Scouts bring out our Christmas Decorations each year, carrying them from the attic in the Church House to the Sanctuary.

Ruth Ann Sumner and Jim Lewis work hard in our garden area each year so that we, and the community, can enjoy beautiful flowers. And we appreciate the Herra staff who cut our lawn and clear snow from our parking lots!

We are grateful for all the many hands who make the ministry of this congregation possible!



Congregational Meeting



A Congregational meeting has been called for November 11, 2018, in accordance with our by-laws for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee at-large members, Memorial Committee members, Deacons and Elders. Normally at this meeting the congregation would also review and approve changes to the pastor's terms of call. However, since this has been done at the Congregational meeting held on Oct. 28, it is not necessary to do so at this meeting. This meeting is called by the Session of Nottingham Presbyterian Church.

Donna Davis, Clerk
Merritt Schatz, Moderator



The Nominating Committee will be presenting the following slate of nominees for Officers at the Congregational meeting to be held on November 11 following the morning worship:

Session:

Class of 2021 Jerry Jackson
Class of 2020 Jim Lewis (2 yr term)

Deacons:

Class of 2021 Connie Lewis (2nd term)
Jolan Squires
Class of 2020 Chris Dolinger
Class of 2019 Alice Witmer

Memorial Committee

Roger Moran
Jane Walker

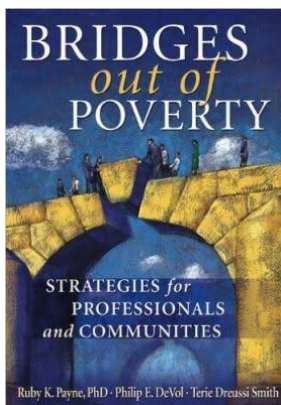
Nominating Committee (at large)

Eddie Squires
Yvonne Herr
Gerry Davis



Sunday, November 18
7 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Christian Church
1 Lighthouse Dr, Kirkwood, PA 17536



Workshop
November 3, 2018
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Oxford Presbyterian

Join us for a thought-provoking, interactive presentation and discussion. Bridges out of Poverty is a framework providing concepts, perspectives and strategies to help communities, Organizations, and individuals address poverty in a comprehensive way. This training is for anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of poverty in order to build better relationships and achieve better outcomes in their work as professionals or volunteers.

\$15 per person includes workbook.

RSVP to Kate Uhler

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Do you have an hour to spare to help a child?

One hour a week can really make a difference in the life of a child. If working with children interests you, how do you get started? It's easier than you think. The Oxford Educational Foundation is looking for volunteers to help in the Oxford Area School District, grades K - 12. Mentors are needed to work one-on-one with children who need a little guidance and attention from a caring adult. Just having another role model in their lives can make a huge difference in their confidence, behavior and schooling. Mentors eat lunch with a student, listen to his/her stories, and play games. The OEF also supplies tutors in the school district. There is usually a high demand for tutors in various sciences and algebra. Care to help out? The OEF will fit the needs of a child to your schedule while also supplying the required clearances and training.

Not quite sure that tutoring or mentoring is for you? There are ample opportunities for volunteering in the classrooms. Think about reading with a child, creating a student center or bulletin board, sharing knowledge with a class, or being a technology assistant. Interested but unsure about what is involved? You can contact Kim Lewin, OEF's Volunteer Coordinator, at oxfordedfound@yahoo.com or at (610) 932.7200 or Dr. Raymond A. Fischer, Executive Director, at rfischer@oxfordeducationalfoundation.org or (717) 947-0075.

Won't you please consider donating your time sure to support the educational efforts of the students of your community? Remember, just one hour can make a difference!

Coming in December
Christmas Caroling
December 7

Christmas Pageant
December 23

Christmas Eve Service
December 24