



The Acorn

Starr Presbyterian
Church News
November 2010

Here's what's happening @ Starr!

Family First Sunday—November 7, 2010

All Saints Celebrated—lift up those who passed this year

Worship with Communion at 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon hosted by Sandy and Michael Woodcox
immediately following worship!



*We will honor our Veterans during worship on Sunday, November 14.
Join us at 10:30 a.m.*



Community Thanksgiving Dinner (and Rev. Kelly's birthday, too!)



Greg and Janie Castle and their family invite you for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 25 at 4 p.m.

The Castles will provide turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, etc. There is no charge to attend, and all are welcome! (We ask that you sign up for planning purposes.)

If you have a favorite side dish or dessert you'd like to bring, feel free to do so! It is not required, but always welcome! Rides will be available so that everyone can enjoy our Thanksgiving meal together.

The community is invited to join us for Thanksgiving dinner, so expect lots of guests!

Education Ministries

Session Highlights

Here is a summary of pertinent actions the Session took at the October meeting.

- Celebrated the success of the Family First Sundays post worship meal and the community meal on the 17th.
- Discussed changing the make-up of the boards of Deacons, Trustees and Session. Have up to six people on the boards of Deacons and Trustees, with 3-6 Elders serving on Session.
- Approved support for a "Service Worship" led by Aaron Michaels.
- Discussed the new Stewardship campaign to start Sunday, October 24.
- Reviewed visitation of calls to members by Session members.
- Approved support for Reverend Kelly to work with the Middle School youth group and include a Confirmation class curriculum during their meetings.
- Approved support for Brooke Henderson to work with the Senior High youth group.
- Discussed issues with the building and what should be looked at next, including problems with the elevator and plumbing.
- Reviewed estimated cost of a Capital Needs Report, a modified report (not an official document) will be \$2000.
- Discussed having a church family or families sponsor a room in the west wing for renovation. Also offer the opportunity for sponsorship to groups that use the building.
- Approved building usage for Susan Peck from the YWCA for a Divorce Recovery and Healing program.

Did you know....

That our Deacons and Elders meet the first Wednesday of each month for spiritual growth and support? They will meet Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. to begin discussion on the new book, "The Turn-around Church."

The Senior High Youth Group, led by Brooke Henderson, will meet November 7 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Contact Brooke at
(906) 630-0228 or via email,
broohen@hotmail.com

The Middle School Youth Group, led by Rev. Kelly and Sheila Judd, will meet on Sunday, November 28 from 5-7 p.m.

The Men's Bible study, focusing on the men of the Bible, will be led by Elder Dan Kendall. Class meets Sundays from 9:00-10:15 in the Lounge. If you need a book, please contact the office.

The Women's Book Study meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Rev. Kelly's study. We are studying the book, "The Spirituality of Imperfection." It's not too late to join! Please see Rev. Kelly if you'd like a copy of the book.

Monday Evening Lectionary Bible Study

We will meet in the Library at 7 p.m. to discuss the passage(s) that Rev. Kelly will preach on the following Sunday. Join us!

Community Ministries

Recovery Ministries Meeting times

Sundays:

Men's AA Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting in the Park Group at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Al-Anon meeting at
9:30 a.m.

Thursdays: Primary Purpose
Men's Group at 7 p.m.

November's Fourth Sunday Coffee Hour will be hosted by New Life Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 28 at 10 a.m. Please join us as we spend special fellowship time with New Life and the Taiwanese Fellowship Group.

Divorce Recovery and Healing Program

Susan Peck, director of the Clawson YWCA and family friend of Wally Wilmot, will be leading a Divorce Recovery and Healing Program here at Starr. It is an 8-week program that will meet once a week and the following topics will be addressed:

Week one: Embracing reality

Week two: Reaching out for help

Week three: Resolving conflict

Week four: Dealing with children and family

Week five: Owning responsibility

Week six: Forgiving

Week seven: Starting new relationships

Week eight: Staying connected

Susan created this program following her own divorce as a way for others to learn from her experiences and to find solidarity on the journey into a new identity. She has come to understand her divorce to now be "pain with a purpose" and hopes the members of Starr will be able to find strength and healing through this life-altering reality many people experience. Time and dates will soon be announced.

If you have any questions please contact Rev. Kelly.



Women's Association News

Women's Circles

meet on Tuesday, November 2.

Abigail-Dorcas meets at the church at 9:30 a.m.

Mary-Martha meets at Grace McCullough's home at 10 a.m.

The Women's Board Meeting

is at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9.

The Women's Gathering

is at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16.

Bring a bag lunch.

Mary-Martha are the hostesses.

Abigail-Dorcas has the program, "Thankoffering."

Additional Women's News:

PWPD Gathering will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, **November 3** at Ypsilanti First Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$7 and includes lunch. RSVP to Grace McCullough by October 27.

Church Women United will meet Friday, **November 5** at Starr for World Community Day, "Building the Beloved Community." Luncheon is \$5. RSVP to Grace McCullough by November 1.

From the Trustees

The Trustees will be asking for volunteers to help move and hold ladders for cleaning the gutters and to rake leaves out of stairwells and steps.

This event will be scheduled for November 20, 21, 26, 27, or 28 with respect to the trustees' schedules and weather. It will take at least 4-5 people to efficiently and safely move a very heavy ladder. We will provide coffee and hot chocolate and chili or soup to help us scoff at the cold.

Questions? See Don Reinke.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE October 2010

Liturgists:

November 7: Brooke Henderson
November 14: Elaine Meyer
November 21: Don Reinke
November 28: Janie Castle

Greeters:

November 7: John and Elaine Meyer
November 14: Liz Tobias
November 21: Margaret Rossnagel
November 28: Lorna Eliason

† Please let us know of any illness, hospitalization, upcoming surgery, or other **PASTORAL CARE NEED** by calling Rev. Kelly directly at 313.779.5977.

Stewardship and Attendance

The weekly giving need for Starr Presbyterian Church is \$3,000. The average weekly giving for September was \$2291 and the average weekly giving for October (thru week 4) is \$2507.

Our monthly attendance average for September was 62 adult members and guests. The attendance average for October (thru week 4) is 59 adult members and guests.

Advent Evening Devotionals *Soup, Salad and Scripture* *Wednesdays at 6 p.m.*

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22

Join us for this special time in Advent!

SAVE THE DATE!

Nov. 10: Meeting at 6 p.m. for all members interested in hospitality. Study materials available. See Rev. Kelly.

Nov. 14: Stewardship Celebration with the receiving and blessing of commitment cards and a special coffee hour reception.

Nov. 21: Hanging of the Greens and Lunch.

Dec. 19: Caroling and visit our shut-ins

Jan. 22: Coffee House Fundraiser for Warming Shelter

Feb. 12-19: Warming Shelter

A very special thank you to...

- Sheila Judd, for coordinating the Halloween Party.
- Mandy Reinke for coordinating the Family First meal for October.
- Grace McCullough, Margaret Rossnagel and Sandy Woodcox for coordinating the POD Mission Breakfast.
- Michael Woodcox for the beautiful fall landscaping by our sign out front.
- Ann Johnson and Cindy Kendall for the flowers outside the Chapel.
- The Session, Deacons, Trustees and the many volunteers working hard at Starr Church!

From Sandy Woodcox:

"I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me and sent cards during my recent operation and recovery. The caring and love we show each other is one of this church's greatest gifts."

From Chelsea Johnson:

"Dear Members of Starr Church, Thank you all for the love and support I received. I'm doing a whole lot better and have started physical therapy. I'll make sure to keep in touch. Thanks again!"

From Jacqueline Shelley

Thank you for your kindness during the passing of my mother, Agnes Shelley. I appreciate your prayers and thoughts.

From the Cobb family:

"Thank you very much for the prayers lifted for our son, David, and his wife during his recent deployment."

Support our troops!

According to LCpl Jon Castle, he and his unit would be happy to receive the following items:

- White athletic socks • Toiletries
- Beef jerky • Baby Wipes
- Playing cards, card games
- Powdered drink mixes for individual water bottles (Gatorade, Kool-aid, Crystal Light)

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will box and ship these items on Oct. 25. Drop off box is in the office. Thank you for your items...and prayers!

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Michael and Susan Bennett
 10 Ed and Shari Alston
 25 George and Shirley Boothroyd

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Lindsay Berschbach
 4 Willie Mae Howe
 6 Leah Doty
 13 Diane Cole
 14 Heidi Berschbach
 19 Susan Bennett
 20 Wayne Foster
 21 Norm Rossnagel
 22 Esther Chaney
 24 Marguerite Hengel
 25 Joshua Kelly
 26 Rev. Kathryn Kelly
 27 Jason Connor
 30 Lorna Eliason
 30 Cindy Kendall



PRAYER LIST

Please keep in prayer the following members, family and friends:

Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery:

Lee Accorsi, Jacob Bommarito, Sally Burton, Becca Castle, Bob Chaney, Dan Cobb, Barb Collins, Steve Cutter, Janet Delaney, Jane Duff, Joe Fedderhoff, Lou Fleury, Jacky Howard, Vernon Howe, Chelsea Johnson, Tom Karaus, Tawni Lambroff, Joey Massameri, Fred Miller, Donald Raines, Ricky Rojas, Beverly Schell, MacKenzie Rose Stothers, Mike Tanner, Al Wease

Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:

Rich Albright, Ted Alex, Diane Cole, Deb Collins, Maria Gorniak, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris; Austin Durbin, Janet Edmonds, Jim Evans, Lillian Farrel, Mary Guss, Larry Hessen, Lilly Johnson, Tom Johnson, Billie Krakker, Susan Parcell, Gabrielle Schramski, Dallas Strawn, Jim Sutherland, Anne Trampus, Ron Wednig, Alma Wetters, Sandy Woodcox

For those who mourn: Aaron Michaels and Andrea Irish on the passing of her uncle

For our missionaries:

Marge and Steve Doty and Lizzie Heavenrich

For those serving our country:

President Barack Obama and all of our elected officials.
 Our service members: LCpl Jon Castle USMC; SrA David Cobb USAF; SPC Jeff Cobb USA; SSG James Rubert USA; SGT Laura Tate, USA (Reserve); Army Recruit Tyler Parcell

For home-bound/health-care facility-bound members:

Darlene Burche, Margaret Burkheiser, Lori Carson, Marie Deromedi, Anna Lee, Elvaretta Lister, John Pardy, Joyce Wilson, Eileen Gmeiner; Marguerite Hengel, Louise Judge, Jean McFarlin, Doris McDonald

For those experiencing personal struggles:

Those needing comfort during transition and change; those seeking employment, the homeless and those who are losing their homes; families experiencing effects of natural disasters/bad weather.

For those struggling with addictions and those recovering, that they may continue to heal.

From our Session

At its October meeting, the Session empowered the Nominating Committee to discern the possibility of expanding our Boards of Deacons and Trustees. Both members of Session and members of the Nominating Committee recognize that strong, spirit-led, faithful and conscientious leadership will be essential in the upcoming year. We find ourselves at the crossroads in this particular moment of our church's history and we believe that the Holy Spirit will move through our leaders and deliver us into this new era, committed to excellence in the areas of: Worship, Education, Mission, Evangelism, Education, Leadership Development and Stewardship. During its time of discernment, the Nominating Committee will be contacting members of the church who they believe the Holy Spirit has blessed with the ability to lead. However, the call process in our denomination is recognized as both internal and external. Therefore, if you feel that God is calling you into the service of leadership—please, contact Rev. Kelly or Sandy Woodcox, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee will recommend that members of the Board of Deacons will be asked to serve in specific areas of ministry including: visitation of home-bound members and coordination of Communion, greeting card ministry to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries as well cards for those who have been hospitalized or are sick, kitchen coordination of all meals and activities, the Warming Shelter and all mission programs, organization of poinsettias and Easter lilies for special worship services, Sunday morning greeters, ushers and coffee hour hosts.

In addition to these areas of responsibility in the life of the church, the Board of Deacons will convene monthly and their meeting minutes shall be reported monthly to the Session. Members of the Board of Deacons will be welcome, as all members are, to the open portion of all Session meetings and may be requested to attend for specific concerns, events or planning purposes.

The maintenance of the property is a tremendous responsibility and the Session recognizes that the current number of Trustees cannot possibly keep up with the oversight needed to faithfully tend to the building and its grounds. The Session would like to shift the responsibility of building usage requests to the Board of Trustees, as well as all property contracts, maintenance issues and repairs. The Trustees will convene monthly and a report of their discussions will be made to the Session prior to their monthly meeting.

All Elders, Deacons and Trustees will be strongly encouraged to participate in a leadership training series throughout the year as well as specific training in their called areas of ministry. It is imperative that in order to nurture and sustain the spirituality of the church, those in leadership must lead by example. Daily prayer and the study of Scripture, participation in Adult Sunday school and book study groups will be incorporated into each officer's areas of responsibility. More information about the reorganization and expansion of the boards will be coming from the Nominating Committee throughout the month of November.

What is Service Worship?

Most are familiar with “worship service,” where congregations meet weekly at church, led by their pastor, and pray, sing, worship and listen to a message. A “Service Worship” is the same—only there is a focus of service in the community after worship! Our Session has given their approval for Aaron Michaels to lead Starr in Service Worship. Please see Aaron for more details.

*We are looking for donations for our Youth Room! Items we can use are:
Air hockey table, foosball, pool table. If you have something to donate, please let Rev. Kelly know.*