



# Northside NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

November 2019

Blacksburg, Virginia

## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that it is already November! The year has flown by, as they seem to do more and more these days.



Thanksgiving is almost upon us, and we have an opportunity to reflect on those things for which we are most grateful. You've been through those moments when you are hungry and smelling delicious turkey and stuffing smells, but you have to wait while everyone says something they are thankful for. Diana Butler Bass, author of *Grateful*, says this is something like a turkey hostage situation.

However, it raises the question? How often do you feel a strong sense of gratitude or thankfulness? Once a week? Once or twice a month? A couple of times a year? Seldom? Never? Only on Thanksgiving?

I wonder what is the right number of times to feel thankful. I've read that the more grateful we are, the happier we are. That is probably true, but it seems like a kind of selfish reason to be thankful.

This month, perhaps we can focus on what things make us grateful. The letter to the Colossians can guide us: "The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people . . . Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him."

Peace,

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – Morning Worship

11:15 A.M. – Sunday School

## USHERS

Nov. 3: Steve & Rosemary Cole

Nov. 10: Sue & Ernie Bentley

Nov. 17: Joe & Kay Hunnings

Nov. 24: Lisa Garcia & George Norton

## Officers On Call

Oct. 17-Nov. 2: Bruce Harper,  
540-392-3597

Nov. 3-9: Clark Gaylord,  
540-641-1439

Nov. 10-16: Sue Bentley,  
540-651-3170

Nov. 17-23: Marshall Chaney,  
540-320-8083

Nov. 24-30: Bruce Harper,  
540-392-3597

## FLOWERS

Nov. 3: COMMUNION

Nov. 10: Jane & J.B. Jones

Nov. 17: Martha & Danny McMahan

Nov. 24: Paul Ruzler

*\*What the world need now is an amplifier for the still, small voice.*

*\*Courage is fear that has said its prayers.*

**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR NOVEMBER**

**Nov. 3:** Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

**Nov. 17:** Isa. 65:17-25  
Isa. 12  
2 Thess. 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

**Nov. 10:** Hag. 1f:15b-2:9  
Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 or Ps.98  
2 Thess. 2:1-5,13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

**Nov. 24:** Jer. 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Col. 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

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**Prayer Request Station:**

The Worship Committee recognizes the need for many to want prayers offered in a more private and confidential manner than simply calling them out or having them announced during the worship service. Therefore, a station has been placed in the *sanctuary*, with cards to be filled out at any time during each week for specific requests. On Sundays after worship, members of the Session and the Deacons (who are tasked with confidentiality) will take the cards and offer those requested prayers during the following week. For further information or if there are any questions, please contact Linda.

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***FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!***

Interfaith Food Pantry needs help in stocking their pantry. Please remember to bring food for the barrel in our hallway. Your help is greatly appreciated always, but especially at this time. Thank You!

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**Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry**

Don't forget the food needs of people in our Community. Bring items to church and help fill our barrel. Monetary donations are also welcome. When writing your check to Northside, please designate "for the Food Pantry" or "Food Pantry Eggs" or "Food Pantry Milk".

The Pantry served 268 households (667) people in September. With the holidays coming up more food is needed at the pantry. Thank You!

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

- 5 Doug Garnett-Deakin
- 7 Lisa Garcia
- 8 Tina McMahan
- 11 Joe Hunnings
- 12 Marya Katz
- 16 Ann Marie Conner
- 20 Linda Morrow
- 23 Rosemary Cole
- 30 Marjorie Norton



*If your birthday is not listed here, you probably have not given it to us. We want to have everyone's birthday on file. Please give us a call at the church office and tell us the date of your birthday. We promise not to ask the year!*

***HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE-**

**Donations and Help Needed**

Northside is collecting new hats, gloves, and mittens, new and used books, and children's bike helmets this year for the Christmas Store. Please bring them to the Narthex by Thanksgiving.

The Blacksburg annual Clothing, Toy and Book Donation Drive for the Christmas Store will be in our lower parking lot. Please bring items on Nov. 2, 9, or 16 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Items to donate: new and gently used, clean winter clothing in all sizes, (new born to adult), boys and girls, infant to size 5 winter coats, kids winter shoes and boots, 2x and larger clothes for men and women, men's gloves and hats, gently used and clean toys and books. Non-perishable foods are also accepted. There is a special need for canned meat products (meat, chili, hash), canned fruit and canned pasta.

Sign-up to help in November. We need people to help with the collection on Nov. 2, 9, or 16. We will collect into our vehicles, give receipts, and transport to MCCS. Sign-up Sheet is in the narthex.

Help customers at the Christmas Store Dec. 3-7. Call 381-0585 or email [mcchristmasstore@gmail.com](mailto:mcchristmasstore@gmail.com).

Questions: Contact Mary Lough, 540-250-5810.

## Care Sundays

There's a new way for Northsiders to care for one another! On the third Sunday of every month, we'll have an opportunity during fellowship time to send a greeting card to a member who might particularly enjoy receiving one. The deacons will set up a table with addressed envelopes and appropriate cards, and you can add your name or message when it's convenient. This will be an easy way to keep in touch with people who aren't always able to be here in person—another way to show God's love.

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### ATTENTION: WOMEN OF NORTHSIDE

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
at 1:30 pm in the old kitchen!**

This year the women will be using the book, *“Love Carved In Stone” – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the old kitchen at the church. Rev. Linda will be leading the Bible Study again this year and we look forward to seeing you at this study. Pick up a study guide at the church office. **NO CHARGE** for the booklet this year. **REFRESHMENTS!!** All are welcome and we hope to see you there!!!!

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### ATTENTION NORTHSIDE MEMBERS:

**Are you receiving email correspondence from the church?**

If so, that's great! If not, please let Reverend Linda know what your current email address is so you can be added to the listserve.

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**Legislative Preview – Nov. 18, 2019  
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Join the staff of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy for an evening of Education, Prayer and Action for social justice in advance of the 2020 General Assembly.

**Highlights of Session meeting  
October 20, 2019**

We are in the beginning stages of our stewardship campaign. As of now, no figures have been released. In the current budget, we are nine months through the year and have 67.5% of pledged offerings and have spend 66% of the budgeted expenses.

We will have Breakfast church on October 27.

Fellowship Committee has submitted a grant proposal to Wal-Mart for subsidizing our community dinners on Monday nights. If the grant is awarded, it would cover most of the cost of the dinners for a year. The dinners are an outreach of the church for people in this community who need a meal, not for a campaign for more church members.

We continue to lift up people in our congregation who need our prayers and concern.

Sue Bentley,  
Clerk

**Northside Presbyterian Church  
Congregational Meeting  
October 20, 2019**

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year. The meeting was called to order with prayer at 10:52 AM. A quorum was declared.

The following members were nominated for Elders:

Heidi Harper for a two-year term

Emmanuel Frimpong, Drew Taylor, Joe Hunnings for three-year terms

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was unanimously elected.

The following members were nominated for Deacons:

Sandi Webster for a two-year term

Mary Lough and Rosemary Cole for three-year terms

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was unanimously elected.

The following member was nominated to serve on the Memorials Board:

Kay Hunnings for a three-year term.

There were no nominations from the floor. Kay was unanimously elected.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 11:57 AM.

Linda Dickerson, moderator

Sue Bentley, Clerk

**DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER:**

- Nov. 3: COMMUNION  
DAYLIGHT SAVING A TIME ENDS**
- 4: Community Gathering, 5:30 pm**
- 5: ELECTION DAY**
- 6: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 10: 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering  
Committees to meet**
- 11: VETERANS DAY  
Community Gathering, 5:30 pm  
One Night Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 pm**
- 13: Women's Bible Study, 1:30 pm in old kitchen  
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm**
- 17: Session Meeting after Sunday School**
- 18: Newsletter Items for December Newsletter Due!**
- 21: Presbytery Meeting, 9:30 am-4:00 pm  
(Covenant Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA)**
- 25: One Night Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 pm**
- 27: Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.**
- 28: THANKSGIVING DAY (Church Office Closed)**

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**Check Us Out...**

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