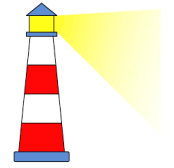


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The Session

Class of 2018 Dr. James E. Ewing
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Pianist Mrs. Ann DeSpain
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From the Pastor's Pen...

An anthropologist proposed a game to the children of an African tribe. He put a basket of fruit near a tree and told the children that the first one to reach the fruit would win them all. When he lined them up and started the race he was surprised to see them each join hands with one another and ran together. Then they sat together, each enjoying the prize of the fruits. When asked why they ran like that, as one could have all the fruit for oneself, they said "*Umbuntu*, how can one of us be happy if the others are sad?" *Ubuntu* is a philosophy of African tribes that can be summed up as I am because we are.

As we approach our National Day of Thanksgiving, I find it helpful to remember this philosophy/mindset. Here at Bethel First Presbyterian Church, we have a wonderful tradition of that echoes the *Unbutu*

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Church Office Hours
**9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday,
and Thursday**
**Rev. Murphy may be seen at other
times by appointment. Please feel free
to call when in need of pastoral
services. Cell (270)-403-7709.**



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concept captured in the 'sharing of the fruits' in the story above. May we be blessed as we bless others with this generous and tasty feast. May God bless our planning, preparation, and sharing of this meal that helps us all see others as integral components to our shared happiness, contentment, and thankfulness.

Grace and Peace,
Jim

Kingdom Kids And B.Y.G.

Hello!!! It's that time of year again....Operation Christmas Child boxes and our churches' Thanksgiving Dinner. **As a group we are going to go shopping for items for our boxes on Wednesday, November 7th. We will meet at church at 5 and return to put them together. We are also going to be setting tables for our Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 20th. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:00**

I hope to see you at church on Thanksgiving, it's a wonderful way to share God's love with our community.

Remember, we have Sunday school every Sunday from 10:00-10:30. See you all soon.

God Bless,

Michelle

Faith and Flicks

Faith and Flicks will be dinner and a movie night at Bethel First.

When: Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 pm. this 79 minute movie will be shown in its entirety.

What: The Drop Box. THE DROP BOX tells the story of Pastor Lee, who discovers and abandoned newborn on his church's doorsteps in Seoul, South Korea, and courageously decided to build a "drop box" to rescue any future orphans. THE DROP BOX is a powerful, beautifully shot documentary, with a strong Christian worldview that affirms life and affirms the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring dessert or a side dish if you so wish. Everyone is welcome!

Circle #34

Circle 34 will meet Tuesday, **November 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

Opportunity Circle

All our ladies are invited to meet in Men's Sunday School Room at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday November 14. Linda Caldwell will be leading Lesson 3, *God with Us in Our Discouragement.*



Our Annual Thanksgiving dinner will be **November 22nd from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Planning is in progress. Signup sheets will be in the vestibule. **Financial contributions need to be made before Thanksgiving due to the company we are buying from this year requires payment upon delivery.** Please write Thanksgiving fund on memo of your check. Remember this mission project in your prayers!

Thanks!

Dear Church Family

I am so appreciative of the flowers sent to me while at Taylor Regional Hospital. You were so kind to remember me and to brighten my day with the lovely flowers!

"Thank you" to Jim Murphy for his visits and prayers, especially.

I am proud to be a member of our fine church.

Love, Mary Ellen Coker

Dear BFPC Congregation

I appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls and visits from BFPC folks while I was in Health South and The Grandview. The above actions helped the time pass quickly. It is good to be remembered; it is a necessary part of healing.

God be with us all,
Frank Metzmeier

BF Ladies Luncheon

LADIES' LUNCH HOLIDAY PLANS

Because of upcoming November and December holidays and increased activities our Ladies' Lunch will be moved to fourth Wednesday, November 28. We will meet at Creekside at 11:45. We will be skipping our December lunch and honor both the November and December girls on November 28!!!
Local November Birthdays: Bonnie Watkins, Emily Watkins, Kaye Hudgins, Nancy Dix; local December Birthdays: Becky Yancey Cassell. Come and bring friends!!



**Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee—
South Korea**

Kurt and Hyeyoung mentor Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers (YAV's) who spend one year living and serving in Korea. Their goal is to help the YAV's have a clear sense of their call to promote social justice, reconciliation, and evangelism as people of faith. As they guide young adults to reflect on their experience, Kurt and Hyeyoung seek to prepare them to return to the United States to lead the church in working for God's shalom throughout the global community. They also seek to enhance the fruitful relationship between the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Korean church communities. Kurt and Hyeyoung say their call to this work stems in part from their

relationship with each other, which they believe reflects the value of working together across cultures.

**Rev. Leith and Carol Fujii—
Thailand**

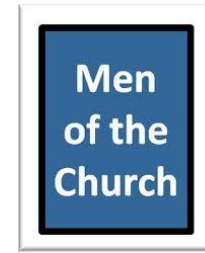
Leith and Carol are intentionally immersed in cross-cultural community development in Thailand. Through their purposeful rhythms of prayerful discernment, active involvement with indigenous people, and theological reflection, they serve as catalysts for mobilizing missional engagements, facilitating leadership development, and initiating constructive dialog with people of faith.

Amy Davisson Galetzka—Thailand

Based in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand, Amy, a long-term volunteer, coordinates a ministry among Burmese refugees. She assists with programs that facilitate ethnic peoples of Myanmar (formerly Burma) who now live in Thailand near the border with Myanmar.

Rev. Thomas Goetz—Japan

Tom, a longtime volunteer, serves as assistant professor of English on the social welfare faculty at Hokusai Gakuin University, a four-year liberal arts school in Sapporo founded over 100 years ago by Presbyterian missionary Sarah Smith. Tom also serves as the English-language coordinator at Hokkaido Christian Center.



Men of the church will meet on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 p.m.

It's Shoebox Time!



Pick up your shoe box on the front pew and fill it up for a special child that God has already chosen to receive it!! The boxes will be due November 18th!!



Bethel First Presbyterian's Christmas Cantata is scheduled for **Sunday, December 9th at 5:00p.m.** We look forward to having community singers join our choir as we prepare for this longstanding Bethel Christmas celebration.

Thanks!

I would like to say thank you to my Bethel First Family for the beautiful fall bouquet sent to me during my stay at Flaget memorial Rehabilitation Hospital. Since my back surgery on September 24 at Baptist Health, it has certainly been a journey full of unexpected circumstances. Thank you again for all your prayers, telephone calls, and well wishes. Ray W. Cunningham.



2018

November Birthdays

2nd: Jacob Horn
 6th: Brooke Wheatley
 7th: Susan Davis
 Mike Hall, Sr.
 8th: Bonnie Watkins
 9th: Cameron Dial
 11th: Emily Watkins
 12th: Keith Lee
 13th: Kaye Hudgins
 18th: Rodney Turpin
 19th: Nancy Dix
 23rd: Emily Caldwell
 30th: Joe DeSpain

Budget Information

Average Weekly Giving
 \$3,064.05
 Average Weekly Needs
 \$3,151.28

Rev. Murphy
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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