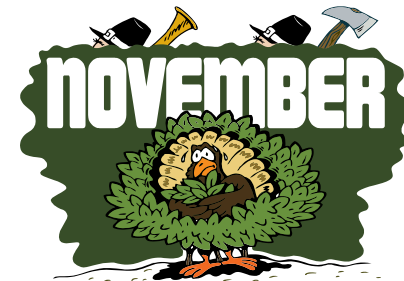


*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV



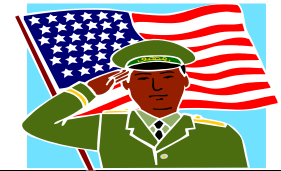
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**2011
NEWSLETTER**



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Men's Bible Study 1 Family Table 7:00 am NO QUILTERS All Saints' Day	Youth Group 6:00 2 Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir 7:30 Worship Comm. 8:30	TOPS 3 Bible Study 10:00 Reed House 2:30 Evening Circle 7:30 Charlotte D. (Home) Hostess Denise P. Program	4	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS !! TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS TONIGHT !! 5
6 Sunday School 9:15 Worship/Comm. 10:30 Congregational Mtg. Following Worship Coffee 11:30	7	8 Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am Presbytery Meeting Sac City 9:30 am	9 Eventide 10:00 Ministerial Mtg. NOON Bingo@CareCenter 2:00 Youth Group 6:00 Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir 7:30	10 TOPS Bible Study 10:00	VETERANS DAY 11 	12 Girl Scouts 10:00—11:30
13 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 F&O Thanksgiving Dinner	14	15 Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am	16 Youth Group 6:00 Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir 7:30	17 TOPS Bible Study 10:00 Deacons 6:30 Session 7:00	18	19 Girl Scouts 10:00—11:30
CE & Mission Comm 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Hanging of the Greens Following Worship Harvesters 6:30 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service—Methodist 5:30 Supper to Follow	21	22 Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am	23 TOPS NO YOUTH GROUP NO CHANCEL CHOIR	OFFICE CLOSED 24 	25	26 Denison Care Service 10:00 am
27 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Coffee 11:30 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29 Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am	30 Youth Group 6:00 Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir 7:30		Birthstone—Topaz Flower—Chrysanthemum	

November 2011

PASTOR PAUL'S PONDERINGS

The leaves have changed colors and are falling. The soybeans and corn are almost all harvested. Sooner or later the weather will turn cooler. (It has been a remarkably warm fall here in Iowa this year, and I am very thankful for it). Thanksgiving must be around the corner. Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reunite with family and take stock in what we are thankful for.

Most of us have much to be thankful for. Certainly we should be grateful and thankful simply for living where we do. So much of the world is racked by violence, war, instability and poverty. While we Americans face an economic downturn, we certainly are not going through the turmoil that is life in Jordan, nor are we facing the violence and famine of Somalia. We truly have much to be thankful for, simply by considering where we live. Thanksgiving has become an American holiday—and the majority of Americans celebrate it in one way or another, and rightfully so as we do have much to be thankful for.

But who are we thankful *to*? If I recall my American history correctly, the Thanksgiving holiday originally started out as a day of giving thanks to God for all of the blessings God has given us. While it is good to simply be thankful in general, as most Americans are, we need to be mindful of who we are giving thanks *to*. We must recognize our blessings and give thanks to the Lord for them.

Psalm 107 verse 1 says: “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” When we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner and remember our blessings—the things that we have been blessed with, let us also be thankful *to* God—not for the things we have, but just for the very fact that God is, well, GOD, and that God is: “.....good and his love endures forever.” as the Psalmist says.

Recently in worship and in some of the Bible Studies, we have been hearing about, and learning a little about other religions; in most of them one needs to earn a relationship with God, or earn salvation, by good behavior or works. We Christians are connected to God, and have a relationship with God simply by having faith in Jesus Christ. Verse eight of psalm 107 says: “.....give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men....”. This Thanksgiving let us be sure to give thanks *to* God for all of Gods blessings—but especially for the blessing and wonderful deed of Jesus Christ through whom we have been reconciled *to* God.

^{NIV} **Psalm 107:1** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

^{NIV} **Psalm 107:8** Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

Session Notes

- A Stated Session meeting was held on October 20, 2011 at the church with Rev. Paul Seefeldt moderating the meeting.
- 78 persons received Holy Communion on October 2, 2011 during the morning worship service.
- Mission projects include organized work groups to help in the community. Please let Joan Osterlund or Shar Hulstein know if we can help you with any job at your residence or in the community. Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse is the current project, and the boxes are due at the church by November 2, 2011.
- It was reported that the roof project has been completed. The final 10% was paid upon approval of the completed project. Thank you to all who donated toward this project. All donations were completely used for the roof project; unused insurance funds will be returned to the Edward Jones Account.
- A "Thank You" was received for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering of \$1,717.00 sent to Presbytery for distribution.
- The Dedication of the newly remodeled Chapel will take place during Worship on Sunday, October 30, 2011.
- The Session VOTED to approve a budget for 2012 and called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 6, 2011 following the morning worship service, for the purpose of electing officers and approving the pastor's salary.
- A stewardship drive is underway, and "estimate of giving" cards are due by Sunday, October 23, 2011. Thank you for your continued support of your church.
- A joint meeting of the Session and the Deacons will be held at the next Stated Session Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011.
- The Session VOTED to dissolve the PNC Committee with thanks for all of their time and devoted efforts to complete the duties assigned to them.

Please remember the Session in your prayers as they strive to discern God's guidance as spiritual and financial leaders of the church.

Mary Ann Irwin, Clerk of Session



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

Harvest greetings from Fellowship and Outreach.

Chocolate cupcakes decorated for Halloween and sandwiches were enjoyed by the Denison Care residents on October 12th following the Bingo games. Thank you to everyone who helped either with baking, helping the residents or serving lunch. It is all much appreciated. The residents really look forward to this day, so if you have an interest in helping with this project, please feel free to join us at Denison Care Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 16th, a walking taco meal and many kinds of delicious bars were enjoyed following worship services.

Our committee is planning our annual turkey dinner for Sunday, November 13th following worship. We will be serving turkey, dressing, potatoes with gravy, a vegetable, dinner roll and dessert. Please plan on joining us for dinner, we are looking forward to seeing you on the 13th.

HARVESTERS

Harvesters had a busy month in October with a meeting on Sunday, October 16th, a gathering to set up for a pancake supper on Tuesday, October 18th, and a community supper with the "Pancake Man" on Wednesday, October 19th.

A big "Thank You" to all who came and supported the pancake supper.

The church will be decorated for Christmas following morning worship on November 20, 2011. **All help to accomplish this project will be welcome and appreciated.**



WORSHIP, MUSIC, & SACRAMENT

October is almost over and the Holiday season is coming fast.

Oh the Joy of gathering with our friends and family at special times.

We are so grateful to the Fellowship and Outreach Committee for the special things they do for us during the Holiday time. Watch the calendar for the Thanksgiving meal and the Christmas event following the Cantata. Thank you "F&O" Committee.

Here are some events coming up for you to take note of:

Nov. 20th – Hanging of the Greens for Christmas following Worship Service

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – Methodist Church 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 11th – Sunday School Program during the Worship Service

Dec. 18th – The Chancel Choir presents the Cantata

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Communion

Dec. 25th – Sunday morning Christmas Worship Service

Watch for a flyer that will give you an opportunity to purchase a poinsettia to be placed on the altar which has been a long time tradition.

The poinsettia can be in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

Come to worship and join us in celebrating and worshipping our Lord.

The Worship Committee



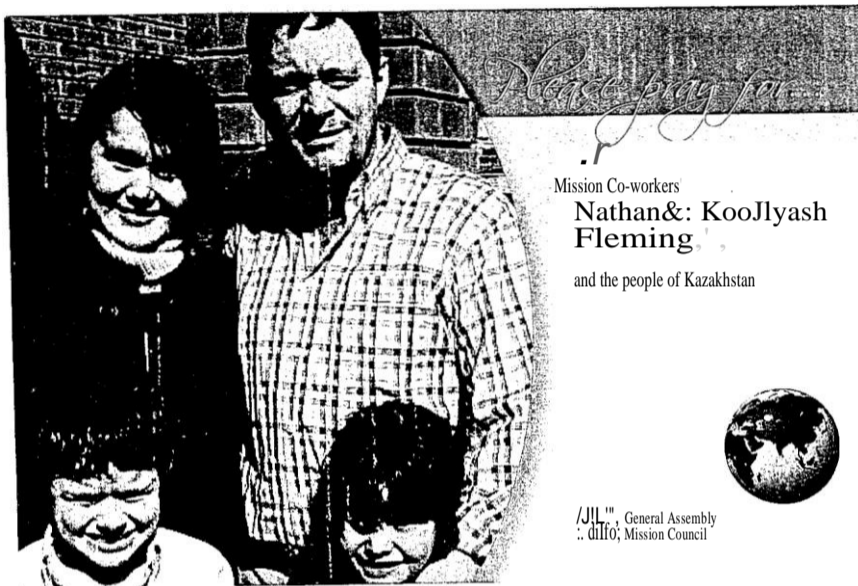
MISSION COMMITTEE

I've received a thank you for our donations last spring to Alex's Lemonade Stand. If you recall, it was a youth-sponsored fundraiser for kids with cancer. Our church's donation was \$158.00 to fight childhood cancer. From one mother: "Every penny counts. Together we can make a difference. Together we WILL find a cure for childhood cancer!"

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. Once again your generous support will allow our youth to shop for needy children overseas and allow them a Christmas box to open. At the time of this writing, our church has donated enough for 12 boxes. The Methodist Church is joining us in this giving opportunity. Stay tuned in November to find the final box count.

See another Presbyterian sponsored missionary couple and their family below: Please say a prayer for their involvement with the women and youth of Kazakhstan.

He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed. Isaiah 61:1B



Mission Co-workers
**Nathan & Koolyash
Fleming**
and the people of Kazakhstan



/JL¹⁰⁰, General Assembly
: diffO; Mission Council

Nathan and Koolyash Fleming

Serving Christ together in Kazakhstan

Motivated by her heart for Christian families, Koolyash leads a regular prayer meeting for pastors' wives and organizes conferences to teach and inspire women on subjects relevant to Christian living. She also works with women to help them start small businesses. Nathan, who loves working with young people, began an outreach around English language theater instruction and performance. The group meets weekly, which gives him an opportunity to build relationships. As a leadership team member at an international church, Nathan organizes events where local and expatriate believers can enjoy fellowship and mutual spiritual encouragement.

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed: .." Isaiah 61: 1

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Personal Information

Birthdays

Nathan - October 14
Koolyash - May 18
Joshua Asian - Feb. 10
Hannah Asenet - Feb. 9

Anniversary

December 11



NOVEMBER DEACON

Kyle Bohnker

***NOVEMBER DEACON TO CALL FOR A RIDE**

Kyle Bohnker

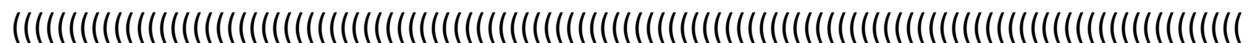
If you need a ride to worship service, please call Kyle at 712-678-3400.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
6	Joyce Bohnker Laura Bohnker	Shar Hulstein
13	Joyce Bohnker Laura Bohnker	Mary Goettsch
20	Laura Bohnker Dan Bohnker	Mary Goettsch
27	Joyce Bohnker Laura Bohnker	Dan Bohnker

LITURGIST: Phyllis Harms

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Kristy Zenk, Shar Hulstein, Ruth Moen, Marilyn Jepsen

*If any member needs a ride to the Church on a Sunday or any other day of the week that an event is happening at the church, please call the Deacon of the month giving rides for arrangements.



Please remember your church officers and your minister in your prayers as they work together to lead our church.

CLERK: Mary Ann Irwin

Important Church Information

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Daryl Philipp
Bill Irwin
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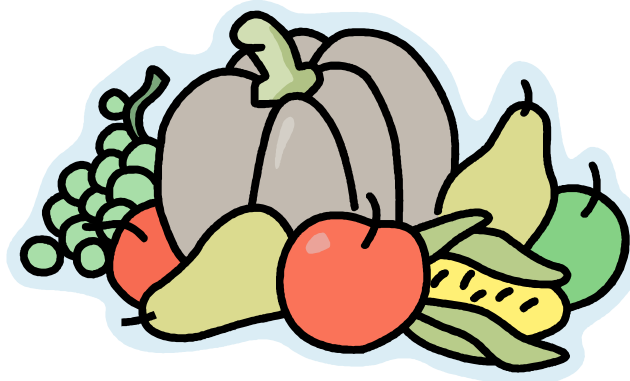
MODERATOR - Rev. Paul Seefeldt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

<i>Amber Irwin</i>	<i>11-03</i>	<i>Brian Moran</i>	<i>11-21</i>
<i>Myrna Meyer</i>	<i>11-03</i>	<i>Laura Bohnker</i>	<i>11-23</i>
<i>Brooke Namanny</i>	<i>11-11</i>	<i>Jerry Boettger</i>	<i>11-23</i>
<i>Rhonda Kruse</i>	<i>11-20</i>	<i>Dorothy Pollock</i>	<i>11-27</i>
<i>Tanner Gotto</i>	<i>11-21</i>	<i>Vernis Nihsen</i>	<i>11-29</i>

The Miracle of Friendship

*There's a miracle called friendship that dwells within the heart,
 And you don't know how it happens or how it gets its start...
 But the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift,
 And you realize that friendship is God's most precious gift!*
Author Unknown



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

<i>Vernis & Jean Nihsen</i>	<i>11-02</i>	<i>Jeff & Elizabeth Miller</i>	<i>11-04</i>
<i>Kyle & Joyce Bohnker</i>	<i>11-18</i>		

*Little deeds of kindness, little words of love,
 Help to make earth happy like the heavens above.*
Julie Fletcher Carney

Please help us keep our birthday and anniversary lists updated and accurate. If your name has been omitted or there is a mistake in the month of your birthday or anniversary, please call the office at **263-4130** or e-mail to **thehill@frontiernet.net** with the correct information. Many thanks!