



November 2014

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Re-Dedication Sunday a Success

Thank you to all who made Re-Dedication Sunday a special celebration. Our sanctuary has been beautified and it is only right that we thank those who made it so. We are grateful to the contractors and to those members who worked many hours to improve our church.

Thanks to the many good cooks for providing delicious treats for our special refreshment time. A sparkling cider toast was offered to many more occasions to celebrate and share God's abundant love.

Yes, our sanctuary has been beautified, but it is incomplete without your presence at worship.

Children's Christmas Presentation Is there a Partridge in a Pear Tree?

On Sunday, December 7th, the Sunday School children will be performing their annual Christmas presentation. This year it is "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Most of us are familiar with the secular version of this popular song. This presentation, held in lieu of a sermon, is a chance to learn the sacred version.

Bring your family and friends to see a different way of looking at the 12 days.

Christmas Gathering: Save the Date

Once again Bob and Mary Milley are opening their home to us for a holiday celebration. The date is Saturday December 13th at 5:30. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please see Mary if you'd like to bring your favorite holiday dish.

Junior Youth - Pumpkin Carving



No guts, no glory?? Junior Youth Steven Luke and Sarah Milley have a unique way with pumpkin innards.



Feathers, Feathers Everywhere!

Don't forget to get your feathers! These feathers are your reminders to purchase the item on the feather for our FIFTY Thanksgiving baskets. The feathers are on the special display on the bulletin board. Please take some feathers! If you don't like to shop, you can donate funds for the turkeys and the pies. Funds should be given to Bob Milley. If you like to shop, you might want to get an entire meal.



On November 23rd after worship, we will assemble the baskets so all helpers are most welcome.

Also, if you know of a family in need please see Bob Milley.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Service

Are you getting ready to do your holiday gift shopping but dreading the part where you have to wrap the gifts? Do your gifts turn out looking like Charlie Brown wrapped them? Fear Not! Congregational Life has a team of dedicated gift wrappers available to help you out. On November 29th and December 14th these seasoned wrappers will be on hand to take care of your wrapping needs! They will be ready and waiting from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on both days.

This is a great way to leave the worries of wrapping to us and also generate funds for the basement floor project. The fees for wrapping the gifts will be: \$1.00 for small Packages, \$2.00 for medium packages and \$3.00 for large packages. Let us do the work for you and help us beautify the Fellowship Hall!



Oxford Crop Walk Review

On Sunday October 19th, Bob Milley, his daughter Katherine And Karen Pattinson walked in the Annual Oxford Crop Walk. Although it was a chilly, breezy day, they were joined by a large contingent of dedicated walkers who had raised funds to raise awareness of world hunger. In the last 20 years CROP hunger walks have raised more than \$294 million to help people struggling to feed their families both around the world and here in our local communities. In fact, 25 percent of the funds raised by the walkers come right back here to the Oxford area! This year, although few in numbers, our

C.O.L. walkers were able to raise \$420! Great job to the walkers and "Thank You" to all who donated to this worthy cause!

A Season Ends and a New Church Year Begins

Music Worship Notes

These coming weeks are the final Sundays in the Time after Pentecost in which our gospel readings from Matthew continue to emphasize the teachings of Jesus. We will have five opportunities for Sunday worship in November starting with the Traditional service on the first Sunday, the Blended services on the second and fourth Sunday, and the Contemporary services on the third and fifth Sunday.

Special celebrations this month include All Saints Sunday on November 2nd when we remember all who have died in Christ. Worshipers will have the opportunity to enter into the Remembrance Book the names of friends or family members who have died this year. November 23rd is Christ the King Sunday, and also a very special day for those who will be celebrating their First Communion. And it is hard to believe that November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year.

The Music and Worship team is already busy preparing for the Advent/Christmas season. Be sure to mark your calendars for December 7, which will feature the Children's Advent Program.

If you would like to contribute your energy to the Music and Worship team, please contact Melanie Lohr. We would love to have you!



As our improvement project progresses, we will have some items for which you might want to donate the purchase price.

- 2 Bathroom Faucets
- Blinds for Sanctuary, Narthex, Sacristries, Bath Rooms, and Crying Room/Information Center

We will make the actual purchase for you. Simply donate the necessary funds. If you have questions, please contact Doris Petersen dcpetersen@verizon.net.

Birthdays *November & December*

Denise Cordivano	11/08	John Pollich	12/04	Joyce Vasques	12/16
Karen Bradley	11/09	Tom Repetz	12/09	Brad Petersen	12/18
Tina McHugh	11/13	Ralph Petersen	12/10	Rebecca Deeves	12/21
Michael Brandt	11/14	Lauren Graham	12/11	Lisa Deeves	12/26
Jackie Plystak	11/18	Paul Jann	12/12	Kathryn Brandt	12/28
Susan LaBranche	11/22	Sophia Santinelli	12/13	Janis Walker	12/29
Nanci Hunsinger	11/26	Jack Hoffert	12/16		
Nikki Cimino	11/29				
Thomas Repetz	11/29				