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*“Give Thanks with a
Grateful Heart”*

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The month of November for our church is a season of generosity and gratitude. We begin on Sunday, Nov. 3rd with Generosity Sunday, where we turn in our pledge cards for both Annual Giving and our Investing in the Future Church Capital Campaign. On November 10th, we enjoy Cinnamon Roll Sunday in the Fellowship Hall and share our own stories of gratitude. Gratitude will be woven into our remaining worship services as we enjoy the season of Thanksgiving and celebrate the gift of life.

Generosity and gratitude flow from a life connected to Jesus Christ. As we grow in our faith, life becomes less about how much we can consume and more about how much we can give to others. We also learn to be grateful to God for the big and small things of life. For me gratitude is a spiritual practice that is central to my life of prayer.

In my prayer time, I try to create space daily to express my thanks to God for all the gifts of each day. On Thanksgiving, it is a family tradition to thank God for all the blessings from the previous year.

The beauty of the practice of gratitude is that our spirits are lifted as we remember God's goodness. We have more hope as we reflect on the positive things happening in our lives. Gratitude helps us stay open to God's presence and provision.

As I enter this season, I am grateful for many things including the warmth and generosity of our church. Thank you for continuing to contribute to our community through your time, talents, and treasures. Thank you for encouraging your pastor and my family. Thank you for joining me in living out our mission as a Christ centered church of grace, hope, and love committed to mission in Newberg and throughout the world.

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, may we enjoy time with friends and family, may we give generously to those in need, and may we share our gratitude to God.

Gratefully,

Pastor Chris

Featured Mission Partners Erik and Maureen York



Returning to the States in 2017 ministry in Australia, they are now serving as Directors of Leadership Development and Human Resources on the Executive Team for **Athletes in Action**, a **Cru ministry** seeking to reach every team, every sport, every nation with the good news of Jesus and to build movements of Christ through the platform of sport - from youth, college, international teams, pro sport and digital strategies.

With their three daughters, they often say they are on an adventure together - in life and mission - and over and over again grateful for the grace and great love of Jesus.

(They are currently serving in Lebanon, Ohio and you support them monthly.)

From the Deacons Corner

On Oct. 19th Presbyterian Seamstresses (Barbara Falbey, Dorothy Au, Sharon Riha, Paula Buck, Di Murphy and Pat Harcourt) gathered to make Christmas Stockings for the Birth Center at Providence Hospital. Yes, Christmas is around the corner.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday

Deacons will host Cinnamon Roll Sunday on November 10th. We will have service in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy cinnamon rolls and other healthy options during our worship service.

Toy and Joy Drive

Deacons will start collecting unwrapped Toys for the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Department on November 10 thru November 24th. These toys go to the Newberg Fire Stations. Place the toys in the narthex.

Getting responses from the charities that the deacons give quarterly.

YCAP reported a recent success story about a couple living in a double-wide manufactured home who had not applied for assistance since 2010. The water heater had partially fallen through the floor and the duct system was full of holes. Weatherization assistance sealed the ducts, insulated the floor and made repairs to the subfloor that placed the water heater back on solid surface. The estimated energy savings is predicted at 47% for this couple. They felt dramatically more comfortable and now look forward to “manageable” energy consumption from month to month,

Christmas Caroling

We will be Christmas Caroling on December 22nd. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:00 pm, leave by 5:30 pm and will arrive at Abby’s at 7:00 pm. Please let us know if you would like us to visit you. We will have a sign up sheet for carolers in early December. If you would like to carol but need a ride, just call the office. The Deacons invite you to come enjoy pizza whether you are caroling or not. Just come enjoy your church family.



Thank You from your Deacons

We want to thank everyone who participated in our Auction and helped support the Deacons throughout the year. We raised \$4080.00 on October 26th at the Auction. This will help support our quarterly outreach partners in 2020.



November

Birthdays

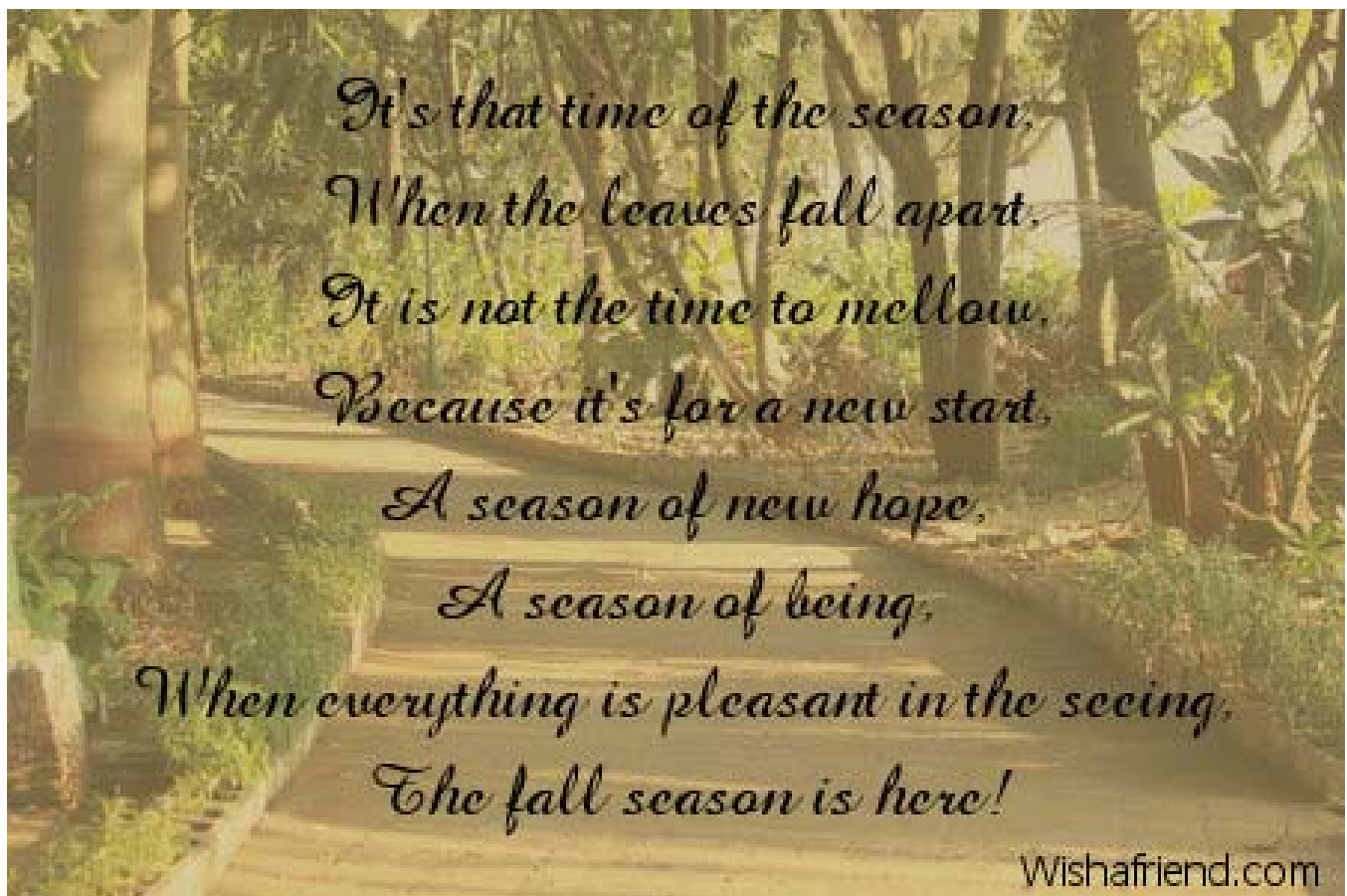
17– Joe Steve

30– Alan Johnsen

Anniversary

16– Lynne & Carl Patrick

27– Julie & Brian O'Herin



Per Capita

Since 1755, Presbyterians have used a “per capita apportionment” to provide for the administrative expenses of our denomination. Some may call it a “tax” but should be understood as an apportionment of costs throughout the denomination on a per member basis.

In the early days it helped enable commissioners from all parts of the country to attend meetings of the General Assembly. Historically, and through present times, per capita apportionment has been used to fund those ecclesiastical functions essential to the continuance and decision-making process of governing bodies, whether at the Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly level.

A Presbytery has no source of per capita funding other than from the congregations within its bounds. Hence payment of a per capita obligation is properly considered as an equitable sharing of the responsibility of being in judicial, administrative and connectional relationship within our denomination. It is an obligation of shared responsibility within a covenantal community.

The policy of the Presbytery of the Cascades is that payment in full of per capita apportionment is due annually by January 31st; otherwise, a payment plan may be enacted by individual congregations and payment in full is made by September 30th. The latter is the usual course taken by Newberg FPC.

Per capita is billed on the basis of the congregational membership as reported to the General Assembly. For members of Newberg FPC, the monies collected are divided between the General Assembly, the Synod of the Pacific and the biggest part to the Presbytery of the Cascades.

The per capita fee for each member for fiscal year 2019 is \$35.50. To date, we have collected less than 60% of the per capita fees this year, which leaves it upon our church to come up with the monies to pay for the remainder of what's due. Although the current year's full payment has already been made, it means monies that could be used for other programs have been used to pay this bill.

I personally look on the per capita as my annual ‘dues’ – something I am expected to pay to help support our denomination beyond our church here in Newberg. So, have you paid your per capita for 2019? I am encouraging everyone who is proud to be a Presbyterian to take a moment and help us reach our goal of 100% per capita collected.

Sylvia Stater
Clerk of Session

Question of the Month

In this season of stewardship, several people have come to me recently to ask, “So how many people will see how much I pledge?”

The answer is: only the following – Financial Secretary, one member of Stewardship Team (Gary Buck) and Treasurer.

I do not see the pledges, nor do most of Session, nor the Pastor.

We understand this is a very sensitive issue for many people, and we want to respect that.

Sylvia Stater
Clerk of Session

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11-12 7:00 pm Session Meeting in Media Room
11-14 2:00 pm Deacons Meeting in Library
11-26 1:00 pm Mission & Global Witness Meeting
11-26 6:00 pm Finance & Facilities Meeting

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