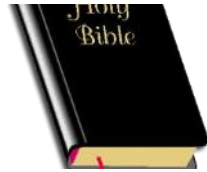




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BIBLE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19

Bible Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 19 during worship. This is a special time for the 1st and 6th graders in our congregation to receive Bibles. It is also a special tradition in our church for them to be signed with notes and well wishes prior to being given. Bibles will be available in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 5th and anyone is welcome to sign them.

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It's time to get ready to decorate for the Advent season. Poinsettia orders are now due in the church office. The deadline to place your order is Sunday, November 12. We have to call the order into the greenhouse on Monday, Nov. 13. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$10.00. We will be offering red and white poinsettias again this year. Order forms are in the bulletins and on page 4 of this newsletter. Payment is due at time of order.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

Sunday School Updates

Sunday School for all ages meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30am. Elementary and younger age children will meet in their assigned classrooms most weeks, Middle and High school youth will meet in the youth room upstairs.

Our adult class will be held through Sunday, November 12 and is led by Pastor Mike about congregational vitality and the “Canoeing the Mountains” text he has recently been sharing.

Info for adult classes for later in 2023 and 2024 will be coming soon!

We will occasionally pause Sunday School if it is a school break or holiday weekend. Updates for schedule changes will be shared in the enews and bulletin.

Nursery care will be available during Sunday School and worship time for our younger children ages birth to 2 years.

Christmas Program

Our annual children’s Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 17 during worship. Rehearsals are scheduled for December 10 at 9:30am and 16 at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Ellie will be reaching out to families with more information soon.

Angel and Giving Tree for 2023

Plans are underway to have opportunities for giving this holiday season! We will setup the Angel Tree again this year and the Mission Committee will make info available for anyone who would like to purchase gifts for a local child in need. They plan to work with Indiana DCFS to help ensure the gifts are distributed.

We are also working on plans for The Giving Tree and how to best use the warm items and toiletries we usually collect. Look for more information on the plans and how you can contribute soon.



November birthdays

- 4—Madeline Good
- 5—Renee Newton, Violet Templeton
- 6—Murray Pate, Tapley Good
- 9—Charles Rubey
- 12— John Cleveland, Susan Moulton
- 13 — Ellie Templeton
- 15—Aspen Kershaw
- 16 — Matt Guell
- 17— Alvin Stinnett
- 18—Jean Wilkinson
- 19—Eliza Payne
- 21— Xander Green
- 23—Henry Salmeron
- 24—Tess Templeton
- 28 — Agnes Moles, Eileen Whalen



Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be used in decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to order one of these plants, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office.



The cost is \$10.00 each. Payment for the plants is to be made when the order is placed.

The poinsettias may be picked up after the candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

POINSETTIAS

I/WE would like to order _____ poinsettias to be used to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas.

_____ Red _____ White

_____ I will pick up my plant after the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

This plant is to be in memory of or in honor of:

Given by: _____

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 12, 2023

High Point Youth Group News — Tim Ghogle

5th Sunday Lunch & Pies for PYOCA

The Church Life commission hosted our traditional 5th Sunday Lunch on Sunday, October 29 following worship. It was a wonderful morning with many in attendance and of course, delicious food! Thank you to Church Life for providing and all who brought a side to contribute to the meal.

Highpoint Youth played a special role in the lunch with their annual "Pies for PYOCA" dessert auction that day as well. We raised over \$900 dollars that will be used for PYOCA youth retreats and other youth programming. Thank you from the youth, Ellie and Tim for your generous donations and support of our youth!

Interested in participating in youth nights? Contact Tim Ghogle at tim@thcpc.org.



Session Notes from October for the November Herald

Session met on October 11 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Mission Committee

The committee oversees our local benevolence spending, supporting Manna from Seven, Reach Services, 14th and Chestnut Community Center, CODA, Mental Health America, and the Unity and United Campus Ministry food pantries. In addition, we provide ongoing financial support to United Campus Ministries and contribute to PCUSA shared benevolence from which we have received grants that supported Operation Heart and the toiletries initiative for Manna from Seven. The committee will review our Christmas activities for their effectiveness and best fit with our congregation. They continue to consider activities through the lens of our Matthew 25 initiative to address racism and economic disparity, pondering our aspiration to be hands-on in addition to providing financial support, yet realizing that financial support is still important.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided updates. There was a small deficit in September.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of September	Balance Sheet Summary	9/30/2023
Beginning of Month	\$43,957.52	Current Assets	\$824,259
Income	\$25,825.52	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$31,554.36	Short Term Liabilities	\$4159
End of Month	\$38,228.68	Long Term Liabilities	\$152,919
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,760,875

Christian Educator's Report: Sunday School is going well and the new elementary music program is off the ground with leadership from Brianna Stasel and funding from the McKee endowment interest.

Facilities:

Tom Bogigian reported on the failure of HVAC unit that controls the climate for the downstairs office area. The pastor will follow up with the person who did the repair to see if there is any recourse and we will again contact our insurance company. Bids will be gathered as appropriate and we will investigate available federal rebates, including those for installing a heat pump.

A much less costly estimate for replacing the choir spot lights has been obtained.

Bruce McLaren, reporting for the Virtual Ministry Design Team (Alan Harder, Joe Harder, Bruce McLaren, and Scott Racop), reviewed an equipment quote that was gathered after last month's session motion to make a digital ministry an ongoing part of our ministry. The plan is to run power and ethernet to a video station, run audio cabling from the sound cage, and install two cameras that pivot, tilt, pan, and zoom. The total cost will be around \$12,500 and the time table is around the end of the year. The system will need four to five well-trained operators in rotation.

Interpretation and Support: Groups were reminded to submit their budget requests.

Personnel: The committee completed its review of salary data comparisons and has recommended at 3.2% salary increase for next year.

New Business: Tom Bogigian shared the community bingo card from the BKIND project and suggested we obtain these for the congregation, complete them, and take a group photo that could be used to share our message. Ellie Templeton will follow up.

Hello NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible study & brew 7:30	2 Women's Book Club 2:00	3	4
5 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	6 Monday Bible study 9:00	7	8 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	9	10	
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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator/Communications Coordinator

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary



Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on November 2 at 2:00 at the church. The book to be discussed is The Air Raid Book Club by Annie Lyons.

Women's Bible Study

Bible study will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, November 16. The discussion will be on In the Footsteps of the Savior by Max Lucado. All women are welcome.

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Deadline —

November 27, 2023

Don't forget...

...to turn BACK your clocks, watches and devices that do not automatically change before going to bed this Saturday evening. Standard time is upon us!

