

Dear Members,

We have two beautiful Middle School students who are studying very hard, both last year and this year, for their Confirmation in the spring. I ask that you please remember Delia Diehl and Cameron Russell in your prayers and if you are so moved please send them a card or a positive thought to encourage their journey. Thank you.

Sue Rood

Sunday School /Confirmation Class Dates for November & December:

November 6 November 20

**From the October 23rd Congregational Meeting:** A BIG Thank You to all members who made an effort to join us for the Congregational Meeting that was moderated by Rev. John Rickard. Many opinions were expressed and some very good ideas were given. The Session will put together a survey that will be sent to all members and we would appreciate your honest thoughts, ideas and a timely response time to this survey. It will give us more guidance about what is wanted/needed. Also, be in prayer for our church and Session as we move forward in this process.

## THANK YOU!

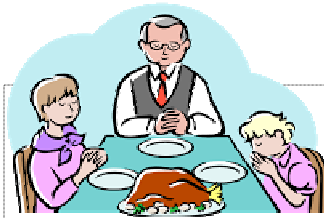
2 words that just don't seem to be enough to show our gratitude for all who helped with Jacob and Amanda's lovely wedding. Thank you to Jay Monteiro for the beautiful flowers and helping with the music. Thank you to Christine Monteiro for the breathtaking solos, the trumpet playing and helping with all of the music. Thank you to Brent Monteiro for the lovely organ music. And thank you to all of the Monteiros for all of the behind the scenes tasks that you did to make the day perfect. Thank you to Brad Russell and Dave and Mary Stryker for keeping the church grounds looking so nice, at all times. And thank you to Mary for loaning your plants and talents to the beautiful entry display for the wedding. Thank you to Michele Houghtby and Jenny Van Wyhe for making all of the church shine for our special day. Thank you to Sue Hipple for making the beautiful wedding cake. Thank you to WOW for rearranging your schedule so that we could have the church for Thursday night. Thank you to the Session for allowing Jacob and Amanda to be married in a church that is so special to us. Thank you to Reverend Roger Boekenhauer for the beautiful wedding service and your guidance. And thank you to our church family for all of the good wishes and prayers.

"I have you in my heart." Philippians 1:7

With love,

Jacob and Amanda Johnson

Laurie Johnson



**Our 77th Thank Offering Dinner, Sunday,  
November 13th, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6th. We recommend setting your clocks back one hour before you retire on Saturday, November 5th. This is also a good time to change all the batteries in your battery backup/operated devices: smoke detectors, carbon



**We are participating in Operation Christmas Child /Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with small gifts for a boy or girl. The shoe boxes will be collected the week of November 14-21. Please see/take the hand out posted on the bulletin board on "how to do" .....**

**In the Western Christian Church,** the Feast of All Saints' is observed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Protestant churches like ours often mark the occasion on the first Sunday in November. As early as 3500 B.C, Celtic religions honored their dead through their worship of nature and a pantheon of gods and goddesses. They believed in a mythological connection between the dead, the living, and their gods. Eventually this developed into a Celebration of the Dead, known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween, when it was believed that spirits of the dead walked among the living. In most Protestant countries, Halloween is now a secular observance, but historically, it was the impetus for the Christian observance of All Saints'.

The early followers of Jesus observed anniversaries when martyrs died, however these were confined to the locale of the deceased martyr. By the second century, the idea of a specific date for a wider Christian observance began to be established. By the fourth century the custom was common throughout the Roman church.

As with most of the major Christian Feast Days (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, etc.) the commemoration of All Saints' was attached to a pagan celebration, already well established. It was through this quasi-symbiotic marriage of secular and sacred that Christianity was able to gain a foothold and grow. The pagan celebrations were reshaped and re-branded to suit this new religion.

Following the 16<sup>th</sup> century Protestant Reformation, Protestants retained the celebration of All Saints' redefining it with Reformed Protestant theology. After the Reformation, Protestants had a very different approach to "saints," tending to regard all Christian believers as "saints" and in the past 50 years the observance of "All Saints'" has grown among Protestants in the USA.

Martin Luther taught that the righteousness we enjoy before God is not ours at all, but the righteousness of Christ that God counts as our own. Now it is a time we commemorate family members, church members, and friends who have died. The Presbyterian faith teaches that when we worship, we join with all Christians past, present, and future as we worship, known as the *Communion of the Saints*.

Submitted by: Jay Monteiro

*Thank You.....*to our Pulpit Supply Leaders for the month of **October:**

Oct. 9th...Certified Ruling Elder, Laurie Walker.      Oct. 16th.....Reverend Gonwo Dahnweih.  
Oct. 23rd.....Reverend John Rickard.              Oct. 30....Certified Ruling Elder, Laurie Walker.

.....to the United Methodist Church for inviting us to join together for World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2nd with Pastor Paul Lee.

.....to those who donated towards the Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Baskets.

.....to Rev. Susan Presley, our appointed moderator for meetings.

.....to Christine Monteiro for volunteering to write the Call of Worship and Prayer of Confession for each Sunday.

.....to Michele Houghtby for all she does to keep our office and church running smoothly. She keeps us all on task plus she and Melba put out a nice newsletter each month.

.....to all members who play a part in making sure our worship service runs smoothly and our church is maintained well.

.....to all who donated for the Emergency Clean-up Bucket.

.....to those who donated to the West Virginia Flood relief.

You are each a blessing to the Waterman Presbyterian Church .. **THANK YOU!!!**



## November 2016

October was a FUN month! We had a field trip to our local fire station to see their gear and trucks. We walked to the Lion's Park to get a train ride and a pumpkin, The Monday/Wednesday/Friday class walked through the haunted house that is inside the shelter house. Did anyone see our costumes as we walked through town? Along with trick or treating, OH dramatic play became a haunted house with pipe cleaner spiders hanging from yarn spider webs. The block area became a spooky cave as children played under a black cloth that hung cabinet to cabinet and viewed a haunted house, full moon, and black cat mural. Math skills were enhanced by pumpkin counting bowls and dot art. Our Halloween fun also involved a jack-o-lantern bean bag game, Halloween bingo and the children making jack-o-lantern sandwiches.

As we enter November we will continue our fall study. Math will be enhanced through graphing the colors of the leaves the children gather and making patterns with family and pet counters. Our reading and story telling will be focused on hibernation, we will learn about the different animals and bugs that are sleeping all winter long. Our students have been working hard on their writing skills and will continue to practice writing their first names on their new laminated name sheets. Thanksgiving will provide focus on the things we are grateful for: God, our health, families, friends/neighbors, and church. We will have our daily bible stories in the UMC sanctuary. This month we will be learning how David turned to God while perfecting his skills as a Sheppard. We will also talk about how God helped David in his battle with Goliath. We will move into the story of Jonah and see how no matter where you go God is with you. As God helps save people from fire pits and lion dens the children will see how powerful prayer is!

There is still time to order cookie dough! If you are interested in helping please let your church representatives for the preschool know. UMC is Stephanie Arends & Becky Bend, WPC is Mary Stryker & Lynn Byington.

### Special Dates~

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Picture day at 8:40am

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**~ COOKIE ORDERS DUE

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** ~OH Committee Mtg., UMC, 6:00 pm

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**~ Pick up cookie dough in fireside room at UMC 10am- 12

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**~ No School Happy Thanksgiving!

### Special Thanks~

\*All who supported our cookie dough fundraiser. The earnings will be tallied and announced in our December newsletter. Thank you parent reps for the hard work!

\*All who used Schnucks Script cards. This provides income for our budget.

\*All the anonymous donations of paper towels, scissors, & clip boards

\* All the parents and grandparents that helped us on our field trips this month

**Dear Members,**

At the time that the **Thankoffering letter** was mailed , we had not had our October Session Meeting to decide what Missions our 10% would be going to support. The Session decided that the money for this year's offering will be going to: NICE, UMPEC, Open Hands Preschool & Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you,

**Hope Haven** will be on Wednesday, November 30th  
Please have dishes, 2 vegetable type salads and 2 desserts  
(each one should serve 20)  
to Linda Loudermilk's home at 325 North Hickory, by 6:00 p.m.



**UMPEC** .....will be delivering Christmas Dinner Food Boxes the Saturday( Dec. 24th) before Christmas. If you know of a family in Waterman who could use one ,



**The NICE Center** will be having the Christmas Room this year, we are collecting new baby items, for newborns - 2 years of age. All donations should be into the Waterman Presbyterian Church by November 16th & placed into the

**WOW:** It's not too late to start WOW! We are just beginning our second DVD/lesson. The 'Armor of God' study is blessing almost 90 women from 40 different churches! If you know anyone with preschool children who would like some support and encouragement, we have a great Children's Program waiting to bless them in the morning! Come see us on Thursdays, at 9 a.m. or 6:45 p.m. Suit up, stand firm and secure VICTORY in your life!!

*"Finally... Be strong in the Lord... put on the full armor of God... stand firm... and pray!"*

Ephesians 6:10-19



**Stamp Ministry** - With the holidays coming up, remember to save your envelopes so the canceled stamps can be sent to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Stamp Ministry for the Poor. The sisters remove the stamps from the envelope paper, sort them and sell them to brokers and collectors. The proceeds benefit their ministries, helping those in need around the world. Save stamps that have their

perforations intact, are not too heavily canceled, and are not torn, cut or stained.

Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.

Most

valuable Stamps in mint (un-canceled) or fine/very fine condition: Foreign stamps, U.S. Commemoratives, Stamps with postage values of \$1 or more. If you cannot cut 1/4" around them, just bring the envelopes to Church. There are some gals at WOW who will gladly cut them off for you! And, please see the church bulletin board for

