



Pastor's Page

What are you grateful for? November is a traditional time of giving thanks. We look back to the roots of Thanksgiving to the pilgrims in Massachusetts. Having landed in America in the fall of 1620, the pilgrims settled in for a long New England winter.

November was too late to plant crops. Many settlers died of scurvy and malnutrition during that horrible first winter. Of the 102 original Mayflower passengers, only 44 survived. The kindness of the local Native Americans saved them from a frosty death. The Pilgrims' remarkable courage was displayed the following spring. When the Mayflower returned to Europe, not a single Pilgrim deserted Plymouth.

By early 1621, the Pilgrims had built crude huts and a common house on the shores of Plymouth Bay. Soon neighboring Indians began to build relations with the Pilgrims. Squanto, a local Indian who had been kidnapped and taken to England nearly a decade before, served as an interpreter with the local tribes. Squanto taught the Pilgrims to fertilize the soil with dried fish remains to produce a stellar corn crop.

By autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims had much for which to be thankful. After the harvest, Massasoit and about ninety other Indians joined the Pilgrims for the great English tradition of HARVEST FESTIVAL. The participants celebrated for several days, dining on venison, goose, duck, turkey, fish, and of course, cornbread, the result of a bountiful corn harvest. This tradition was repeated at harvest time in the following years. (<http://www.ushistory.org/us/3b.asp>)

Such harsh conditions, and yet they celebrated and thanked God for providing for them. A grateful heart is a generous heart. When one is truly grateful for what one has been given, one can be generous to others. When one is not grateful, one remains perpetually dissatisfied with what one has. Whatever it is, it is never enough. The pilgrims and the Native Americans were grateful, and hence, generous.

So in this season, what are you grateful for? Colossians 3:15 says, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

November is traditionally Stewardship season in church life. It is a season to thank God for provision in the previous year, and to look ahead in how we will support God's work among us and through us in the coming year.

This past year has been tough for Harvest financially. We are grateful that our pledged income is keeping pace, and our unpledged income has exceeded our expectations. However, we went into the year anticipating a deficit budget, and this has tracked to expectations as well. So we are grateful that we have had reserves to draw from, but

these will not last forever. We have made some budget cuts in our personnel expenses. So what more can we do? First, we can pray to the Lord of the harvest for provision, giving thanks for past provision, and for God's goodness. And we can pray for boldness and vision.

Second, we can look to increase our own generosity. If each person who attends Harvest each week gave an extra \$5 per week (the cost of one Starbucks coffee), it would raise an additional \$13,000 for the year.

Third, we can consider our other giving pockets. If there are some investments in stock, a donation of stock would bless our ministries as well as help you to avoid capital gains taxes. In addition, it has been estimated that only one third of Americans have a will, or a plan for their wealth after they die. Would you consider leaving a portion of your estate to the church through your will or trust? Harvest's ministries have greatly benefited from this in the past, with gifts from Marie Neel and from the Wolfes and others.

So consider how you will be generous in 2015. And thank you for your generosity in 2014. We will have a Pledge Sunday on November 23, 2014. Look for pledge cards in the mail and also in the bulletins in November.

Some other events coming up in the next month or so:

- Hosting the Stockton Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, November 1, 2014. This is right after Trunk or Treat, but it is our privilege to host the presbytery meeting.
- We will collect Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 16.
- On November 14, 2014 we will host a gathering to view Billy Graham's video, "Heaven". This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family.
- We will have a Congregational Meeting on November 23 to elect new Deacons and Elders.
- Chrismon Sunday will be November 30, 2014, and the service will be devoted to decorating the tree and telling the story of Jesus Christ through scripture, song, and the Chrismons.

I have just passed 1,200 miles walked this year. My goal is to reach 1,500 miles by the end of the year, and I think I can do it.

I am excited for all the things going on, to see what the Lord will do in us and through us.

SDG!

Pastor Jim Stochl



NOVEMBER 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2  Collection for Inter-Faith 9:15— Bible Study 10:30—Worship / Communion	3 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.— Outreach Meeting	4 	5	6 9:30 a.m.— Alpha Circle Meets 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice 6:30 p.m.— Personnel Meeting 7:00 p.m.— Choir Practice	7 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study @ Kuglins	1/8 1st—9:00 a.m. Presbytery meets at Harvest
9 9:15— Bible Study 10:30—Worship	10 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	11	12	13 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice 7:00 p.m.— Choir Practice	14 8:15 a.m.— Finance Meeting 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study @ Kuglin's 1:00 p.m.— Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.— My Hope: Heaven	15
16 9:15— Bible Study 10:30—Worship	17 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	18	19 HARVESTER DEADLINE 6:00 p.m.— Session Meets	20 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice	21 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study @ Kuglin's 6:00 p.m.— Mariner's Meeting	22
23 9:15— Bible Study 10:30—Worship	24 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	25	26	27  	28  10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study @ Kuglin's	29
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LUCY V. GILLIAM

Lucy's Song by Dennis Borrell

Loving and kind in all her ways
Lucy brightened every day
Laughter and joy from things she'd say
I can see her as she prays

Chorus

*Lucy we miss you,
Lucy we grieve
But we're glad your
With Jesus and
We'll join you some day.*

We still love your pancakes
And the things you've made
The card games and crosswords
And the stories you gave.

Chorus

*Lucy we miss you,
Lucy we grieve
But we're glad your
With Jesus and
We'll join you some day.*

Someday when we join you
Some daisies we'll bring
If beer and pizza is in heaven
We'll dance and we'll sing.

Chorus

*Lucy we miss you,
Lucy we grieve
But we're glad your
With Jesus and
We'll join you some day.*



Lucy Gilliam, a child of God, went home on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Lucy came to know and accept Christ at Harvest Church in 1984. She was active in church affairs, serving as an Elder, Deacon, treasurer for the Alpha Circle. She was instrumental in organizing and creating the Chrismon Service. She loved the Harvest outings and retreats.

Lucy's memorial service was a testimony of her love for others and her faith. Although, we know she is with our Lord, there is and will always be a great void in our hearts at her leaving us. Her smile and hearty laugh we will cherish.

Besides her devoted Harvest family she leaves behind two daughters and two sons. She was preceded in death by one son.

***For to me, to live is Christ
And to die is gain.***

Philippians 1:21



YOU Can Make a Difference With Just 1 More Shoebox

One Shoebox can possibly change the life of 9 persons (statistical average) and if Operation Christmas Child can collect 10,000,000 Shoeboxes, then we believe that the Good News of God's greatest gift – His Son, Jesus Christ - will reach a minimum of 90,000,000 people in one year. *How awesome is that?*

Harvest attendees can help in that goal by bringing their Shoeboxes on Collection Sunday, November 16. GO (Gospel Opportunity) boxes and brochures are available in the Narthex for attendees to fill with hygiene and school supplies and toys. There are bars of soap, hand-knitted hats and small stuffed toys available also to put in the boxes.

Prayers are coveted for this enormous project that reaches around the world to express the love of Jesus for them. You can make a difference in the life of a child and his/her family, friends, or neighbors by packing "just 1 more box". Thank you.

SALVATION ARMY BENEFIT



You are invited to the Bells of Blessing benefit concert on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Over 80 bell ringers will be present to play individually with their local church choirs and in mass numbers at Trinity Presbyterian's Telle Center, 1600 Carver Rd, Modesto. Your generous offering will benefit the ministries of The Salvation Army.

3—Larry Lew
 4—Gregg Edwards
 5—Patricia Abbott Correia
 10—Isabel McKay
 25—Tom Bennett



07—Warren & Cyndy
 Cawley
 14—Kenneth & Martha
 McNamara



If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed, please call the office and let us know.

Regular Prayer List

Assisted Living:

Mildred Vine—
 Paramount Court
 Donna McRae—
 Paramount Court (memory care)
 Mabel Cronan—
 The Stratford Place

Health Issues:

Virginia Irons
 Roger Morrow
 Dorothy Nelson
 Bill Sperry



Stockton Presbytery Prayer List for November

November 9—Covenant Community PC:
 Vacaville
 Pastor: Derek Richman
 Bill David

November 16—Vietnamese Evangelistic
 Outreach: Stockton
 CLP: Tim Nguyen
 Russell Chandler, HR

November 23—Stockton Presbetry
 And our future together

November 30—Harvest Presbyterian
 Pastor: Jim Stochl
 Archie Marston, HR



Ceres School's Prayer List for November

November 2—Walter White Elementary
 Principal: Dan Pangrazio

November 9—Westport Elementary
 Principal: Tami Garcia

November 16—Whitmore Charter High
 Principal: Lynnette Chirrick
 Asst. Principal: Mary Gonzales

November 23—Ceres Unified School
 District President: Betty Davis

November 30—Ceres Unified School
 District Clerk: Valli Wigt

SESSION NOTES

We have all seen the stains in the Worship Center carpet, and also the seams that are coming apart. It is both unsightly and unsafe. It is past time to do something about it. Session has decided to replace the flooring in the Worship Center. Carpet will be replaced in the Worship Center, and the foyer/narthex/entryway will have laminate flooring installed. The process should take about a week, and should not interrupt our use of the building.

This has not been an easy decision due to our financial limitations at this time. We will be using accumulated income from the Wolfe fund, which has historically been designated for building and grounds expenses. If you would like to contribute to the project, a carpet fund has been established to help with the replacement of the flooring.

Many thanks for Marlin Sena and Neal Wilhite for tracking down multiple estimates from multiple companies.

UPDATE FROM PERSONNEL

We sadly inform you that Cayla, our nursery attendant, has resigned from her position at Harvest. She had been looking for another job with more hours and was blessed to have found one. During this time of no hired nursery attendant we must draw upon our current resources to fill in. If anyone is willing please talk to Nawatha or Lynn.



MY HOPE "HEAVEN"

The Billy Graham video, "My Hope, Heaven" is scheduled to be shown on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in our Worship Center. Pamphlets will be given to you to invite people in person. Don't just hand it to them but invite them personally. This takes time and effort on your part. You have been praying for friends and neighbors, now it is time to verbally ask them. We want all to know there is a heaven and a hope only in Jesus Christ.

Margaret

"There must be prayer or nothing will happen"

Mission Statement ~ With God in control, the mission of the Harvest Presbyterian Church is to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurture the faith of our church family.

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POSTAGE

**Harvester Deadline for December 2014
is November 19, 2014**

Office Hours are:

Tuesday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to Noon



Mariner's Meeting

November 21, 2014

At 6:00 p.m.

At Harvest Presbyterian Church

In the Chapel



The Turkey will there whether edible

Or

On a table as a decoration!



Everyone is welcome!!!!