



Dear Family in Christ,  
We just completed the series “A Church that Moves with Jesus”, discovering four key elements of what it means to be “the church”

(you can find it on the “Past Messages” tab of our website). Jesus invites us to be united in his call to a broken world. We are to shine brightly with real “good news” as we live as transformed people.

Keeping you informed:

- A number of us **passed out water bottles** to runners at the recent “Fall on the Island Festival”. What a joy to be a simple blessing to Jesus’ “little ones”!
- The **CHURCH DIRECTORY is being revised and will hopefully be ready by Thanksgiving**. If you aren’t sure that you are on the current one and you’d like to be listed, please let us know!
- **Soup Supper at “Camp David”** was a wonderful time of food and fellowship! Thank you to our gracious hosts: David and Ruth.
- **Turn back your clocks** one hour before you go to bed Sat. night, Nov. 4.
- Due to hunting season’s activity, there will be **no Men’s Breakfast in Nov.** (but resumes Dec. 16)
- Ang and I want to say **THANK YOU** for such a special “Pastor Appreciation” month! You guys are tops! It is a privilege to serve Jesus with you. Really!

*As we observe Thanksgiving this month, let us express gratitude to God for how He has brought us together as a church family, diverse and uniquely designed to play our part in the Great Symphony of God’s Song.*

*Thankful for you all,*

*- Scott*



## MISSIONS

We began a new quarter of focused missions giving during Oct. – Dec. with the decision to support Puerto Rico hurricane relief through

the loving arms of Samaritan’s Purse. We have already sent \$708, from monies raised through the Yard Sale. On Sunday, Dec. 24, we will collect change from your World Changer Containers and combine it with our Church Tithe to send off some more money to help Puerto Ricans find hope and relief. Learn more at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

We are conducting a **survey of people’s church experience** in order to learn how we can be the best presentation of Jesus on Sunday mornings. Especially valuable are the responses of those who *don’t* attend church. If you know Islanders who don’t attend a church, would you invite them to take 3 minutes for this survey found online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G2G9RWZ> or on our website’s tab marked “Survey”. Thanks!

Finally, please continue to be aware of the Holy Spirit directing you to **identify people and situations that could use our Church’s support**, prayerfully and financially. Talk to any of the Elders if you’ve got an idea. Let’s participate with Jesus in showing people God’s amazing love!

## Thanks-Living

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.*  
*Psalm 23:6*



Wanting to mature in her spiritual life and become more thankful, Sue started what she called a Thanks-Living jar. Each evening she wrote on a small piece of paper one thing she thanked God for and dropped it in the jar. Some days she had many praises; other difficult days she struggled to find one. At the end of the year she emptied her jar and read through all of the notes. She found herself thanking God again for everything He had done. He had given simple things like a beautiful sunset or a cool evening for a walk in the park, and other times He had provided grace to handle a difficult situation or had answered a prayer.

Sue’s discovery reminded me of what the psalmist David says he experienced (Ps. 23). God refreshed him with

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“green pastures” and “quiet waters” (vv. 2–3). He gave him guidance, protection, and comfort (vv. 3–4). David concluded: “Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life” (v. 6).

I’m going to make a Thanks-Living jar this year. Maybe you’d like to as well. I think we’ll see we have many reasons to thank God—including His gifts of friends and family and His provisions for our physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. We’ll see that the goodness and love of God follow us all the days of our lives.

*Dear Lord, You bless me in more ways than I can count. Thank You for Your love for me.*

**When you think of all that’s good, give thanks to God.**

*(Taken from: Our Daily Bread, <https://odb.org/2017/01/01/thanks-living/>)*

**Pearls of Wisdom:** “Our True Identity in Christ”. We are sanctified and made acceptable in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1: 2.

- Ruth Wise

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 18 Doris Ellis
- 20 Kristy Beyer
- 29 Karin Benson
- 30 Judy Laing

*(If we don’t have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)*

**UPCOMING NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

- 5 Potluck** following worship. (Turn clocks back)
- 12 Town Hall Meeting**, following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 28 Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**

*JOIN US for*  
**FRIENDLY SMALL  
GROUP FELLOWSHIP:**



- **Tuesdays:**
  - **9:30 Discussion Group** in the Library on *God, life, and the Bible*. Current study: **Ray Vander Laan** video, touring the lands and culture of the Bible. Come experience the Living Word with us!
  - **11:15 Prayer Group** in the Pastor’s Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
  - **11:30 Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You’re invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
- **Men’s Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ **9 am**, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends! (Resumes Dec. 16)

*(If you’ve got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)*

**ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> (IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)**



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