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HOW CAN I SAY THANKS?

Most of us are familiar with Andraé Crouch's song "My Tribute," sometimes called "To God Be the Glory." The lyrics begin "How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?" That's a question we often ask in response to God's abundance and grace. We also ponder that question in response to the kind acts of others, loving support in grief, or help with overwhelming circumstances. Just as we might struggle to say thanks to God, our family, and our neighbor, we can be puzzled about the best ways to offer response to those leading worship.

When Amity and Linda play a rousing, spirited Offertory, I find myself led to an audible "AMEN!" Sometimes, clapping erupts from the congregation. That feels right to me, because we were, together, caught up in the spirit of their offering and we want to add our applause as a loud exclamation point!

When the acolytes enter with dignity, carrying the light of Christ into our worship space, invoking a sense of awe at the presence of the Holy One, or when families light the Advent wreath reverently, I find myself brought to a warm silence. The candlelight—the Light—has moved into my heart, and I am filled with peace. My natural response at that time is an internal "Welcome, Light of the World. Welcome." That feels right to me—a reverent response to a reverent act of worship.

When someone offering a prayer speaks the words my heart wants to speak, a whispered "Amen" leaks out as the prayer continues. It might be followed by a gentle vocalized "Amen" at the end of the prayer as well. That feels right to me, because my body—my voice—wants to respond and claim that prayer as my own.

When the sermon challenges us to get out there and BE the Church, I feel the urge to stand and say, "Yes! Listen! Go! Love! Serve!" Understanding that it would likely disrupt the flow of the service and bring attention to myself instead of the message, I choose instead to offer a clear "Amen!" in order to communicate my heartfelt agreement and endorsement.

Speaking of sermons, on those occasions when I preach, my favorite sort of response comes at the door after worship. It's not "nice sermon" or something like that (although I will gladly take that affirmation!). Instead it's a specific response to a question I asked, or a new set of questions prompted by my remarks. It could even be something as simple as "I never thought about it that way before" or "thanks for reminding us about that." Or it could be "I don't agree with your interpretation, but it did cause me to think about why I believe what I believe." Regardless of the words, it's nice to hear something that indicates the listener's involvement with the sermon, because it's not intended to be a one-way street!

So, how can we say "thanks" to those who engage us in worship? Each of us has to answer that question based on our own personalities, our traditions, and the circumstances. I simply offer you this food for thought.

Deep blessings,

Sandra

FAMILY GAME NIGHT - FEBRUARY 2

Having the winter blues? Get out of the house and have some fun at **Family Game Night, Friday, February 2, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.** Invite your friends and neighbors to join you. It will be a fun-filled night of various board games for all ages with plenty of food and drink to warm your body and soul. If you would like to help out, we are also collecting food items for *Graceworks Ministries*, and cleaning and paper products for *Safe Haven Family Shelter*. For more information email Angela Beaton at thebeatonpath@aol.com. We hope to see you here.

Outreach and Church Growth Ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

It's time to register for the next round of WNS. Details and registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center. Please register as soon as possible to help those planning dinner and classes.

Classes begin on February 7 and meet from 6:30-7:30 on most Wednesdays, specifically February 7, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18, 25.

As always, CHILDREN and YOUTH are encouraged to register for Nursery, Preschool Praise (preschool), Kids of the Kingdom (K-6th), or Youth ROCKS (7th-12th).

ADULTS have 3 great choices

Sandra Shepherd will coordinate **Aging: The Benefits and Challenges**. Are you facing an empty nest? ...caring for aging parents? ... concerned about your financial preparation for your latter years? ...transitioning to retirement? ...looking for ways to engage socially with others in your stage of life? ...noticing changes in your health? The class, open to adults of any age and stage, will focus on a different topic each week and will include informational presentations, service projects, guest speakers, and more.

Ron Medlin will lead **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**. We will read and analyze the greatest novel ever written to this point in history. TOM SAWYER is a children's book; HUCKLEBERRY is not. Renowned southern author Walker Percy once said that this novel is great because Twain tells a terrific story and gets his licks in on society. Some of those satirical licks land on the Christian religion. A foremost critic of American literature says that HUCKLEBERRY contains "God's plenty". Come and see.

Kip Rush will lead a Bible Study. Check with him for details.

VALENTINE GOODY BOXES



For the Brenthaven college students to show them that they are loved and remembered back at their home church we send shoe boxes filled with food, candy, gifts and more candy. Your help is needed in donating delicious candy and other food items you think a college student or a homebound member might like.

If you prefer, you may give monetary donations to **Cheryl Morris** in the church office to help cover needed items or postage. *Kids of the Kingdom* will do their part in packing and making Valentine cards and crafts to fill the special boxes. Suggested food or gift items include: candy, gum, breakfast/health bars, cheese/peanut butter crackers, popcorn, small packages of goldfish, cereal or mac & cheese to go, small packages of Kleenex, pencils/pens, and socks. Please place your items in the Valentine Collection Basket in the narthex no later than **Wednesday, February 7**. KOK Thanks You!

GETTING READY FOR LENT, TRIVIA STYLE!

OK, folks. Time to brush up on your Lenten info! In addition to devouring delicious pancakes on the evening of **Shrove Tuesday, February 13**, we'll feast on facts about Lent. Your Discipleship Ministry is designing a fun-filled, fact-filled game for us all to play together around the supper tables. (And if you are not a trivia buff, just be sure to sit with other folks who can help your team.) Mark the date on your calendar, because you won't want to miss it!

CPWM SOCK PROJECT

CPWM will be stuffing socks for our homeless friends at our meeting on Tuesday, February 27. We will supply the socks. We are asking for your help in donating individual packages of food such as peanut butter or cheese crackers, cereal bars, nuts, trail mix, dried fruit, first aid supplies, or personal hygiene items.

A box is for your donations is in the narthex.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT YOUTH AND KOK DATES

Here are some important dates for 2018:

- Wed., February 7: WNY and KOK begin
- Sun., February 25: Youth Sunday
- Sun., April 1: Easter Service and Egg Hunt
- Sun., April 8: Children's Sunday
- Sun., May 6: High School Graduate Recognition
- Sun., June 3-8: Synodic Camp
- Sun., June 10-14: Vacation Bible School
(Volunteer now with Ms. Cheryl!)
- Sun., June 24-29: CPYC
- Sun. - Fri., July 1-6: Youth ROCKS Mission Trip
- Sun., July 8-13: Jr. High Camp
- Fri. - Sat., July 13-14: Children's Fest at Bethel U.
- Sun., July 15-20: Junior Camp
- Sun., August 5: Sunday School Promotion

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Gwen Keiser, Vicki Scott (*sister of Stan Wooten*)



Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

Members

Greg Allen, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge & Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Joe Johnson, Giff Jordon, Robert Lipe, Hardy Moyers, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Deborah Rolman, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Blaze Wattenbarger

Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Dzurisin*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Scott Bowker, Bowles Family (*friends of Angie Johnson*), Houston Brown (*friend of Rush family*), Penny Bucher (*sister-in-law of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy Carson (*friend of Miah Faircloth*), Betty Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Meg Fugatt (*daughter of Ron & Ann White*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett Shaw*), Frank Gillespie (*step-father of Russ Deaton*), Tommy Graves (*son of Paul & Madge Graves*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Peggy Howell (*neighbor of Brenthaven Church*), Alyssa Huggins (*former member*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), Betty McCaskill (*friend of Ann White*), Marisa Morgan and Family (*friend of Heather and Ian MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), Doug Phelps, Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Rev. John Smith, Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cindy Underwood (*friend of Jan Davidson*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother ofCarolynn Hallbright*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Hoyt Wooten (*uncle of Stan Wooten*)

Family of William Blair (*great uncle of Joe Malloy*)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne Ghianni*)
Janiece Redmon

In Memory of Delores Pelc (*mother of Jane Allen*)
Janiece Redmon

In Memory of Lucy Simmons
Joan Bledsoe

In Memory of Dot Slagle
Joan Bledsoe
Kimberly Crowe
Mark & Nancy Humphrey

STEP UP LOCK-IN



Step UP kids **Anna Grace Wooten, Josh Malloy, Rachel Scott, James Scott** and **Michael Beaton** enjoy a night out bowling with friends and Youth ROCK members. A lock in at the church followed. Rumor has it that Ms. Cheryl and Ean were still playing games with the kids till 4 am!

BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

Due to the weather and road conditions the January BookEnd BookClub meeting has been rescheduled for **Thursday, February 1 at 9:30 am** in the Adult Library.

The selection to be discussed will be ***The Secret Keeper*** by Kate Morton.

WNS MEAL PLANS

Wednesday Night Special has a catered supper that begins at **5:45 pm**. Cost: Adult \$7, Child \$5, with a Family Max \$25. To Go reservations are available.

Planning on joining us for supper? There are two meal plan options. You may choose either Standing or Week by Week Reservations.

Standing Reservation. To change or cancel the reservation you must contact the church by 10:00 am on Monday.

Week by Week Reservation. If you would like to eat supper contact the church office before 10:00 am on Monday. There will be sign up sheet available in the church office each Sunday.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 28** 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
TBA Youth Service Project
5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- Jan 29** 10:00 am Young @ Heart
- Jan 31** 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Feb 1** 9:30 am BookEnd BookClub
11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
6:00 pm Warming Shelter
- Feb 2** 6:00 pm Family Game Night
- Feb 3** 8:30 am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
- Feb 4** 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Member Care Ministry Meeting
12:00 pm Ch. Growth/Outreach Ministry Mtg.
4:00 pm Youth ROCKS Super Bowl Party

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 21, 2017
Sunday School 87 Worship 154

SERVING WEEK OF JANUARY 28

- Acolytes:* Sarah Beaton, Grady Deaton
- Lector:* Bart King
- Greeters:* Christi and Josh Peppers
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)
Betsy Canupp, Joan Bledsoe (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen,
Ted Brothers, John Edwards,
Otis Hallbright, Trent Johnson
Frank Scott, Lori Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Megan Gregali, Lorri Jean Pulley
- Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 28 (Green)*
John 3:1-21; Psalm 139:13-18

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 21

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 350.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	6,814.51
Weekly Need	10,772.37
Received for Year-to-Date	30,078.80
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	28,300.70
Difference	1,778.10
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	480,439.86

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

- Kip J. Rush**, Pastor
- Sandra Shepherd**, Associate Pastor of Christian Discipleship
- Cheryl Morris**, Children’s Ministry
- Ean Taylor**, Youth Director
- Linda Pulley**, Director of Music
- Amity Marsh**, Organist
- Penni Reitmeyer**, Office Administrator

Session - The Elders

<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Barry Campbell	Russ Deaton	Otis Hallbright
Bill Dobbins	Chris Fleming	Angie Johnson
Jennie Ford	Renee McCulley	Joe Malloy
Julie Murphy	Julie Travis	Jan Marshall