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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

by Pastor Tom Warren



As we move into this month when we focus our attention on gratitude, let us take a moment to, as they say, 'count our blessings' as a church:

We have a beautiful and secure building, envisioned and built by the saints of a previous era, which allows us to gather and welcome the surrounding community in for various activities.

Our sanctuary is a place of peace, comfort, and inspiration, within which we gather to sing, pray, and engage with and reflect upon God's holy Word.

Our members look out for one another through prayer, cards, phone calls, and sharing joys and concerns each Sunday.

The generosity of our congregation allows us to continue in our tradition of reaching out to those who suffer, both locally and around the world.

We enjoy beautiful music each Sunday by Elisabeth Penry on our pipe organ.

As we move toward the Thanksgiving holiday and make our financial commitments to the church on Stewardship Sunday (November 14th), let us embrace this time with a level of appreciation for what we have as a church. Without our faith community - and our faith - for what would we live?

With deep gratitude for each and every member of Peace Church,
Pastor Tom

A NOTE FROM ELISABETH



Revelation 7:12: ... Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen! (NIV) Each Sunday morning immediately after the offering, we sing a doxology. It is relatively short, but expresses complete praise of the triune God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The one we sing is not the only doxology. In looking in our hymnal under Service Music on page 830, doxologies are listed as being on pages 45 -50 and then stanzas of five additional hymns. All of these directly praise God. For those who have a hymnal, or as you come into the sanctuary on Sunday, try reading these verses, but in addition...

what could be a better exercise during the Thanksgiving season than to write your own doxology?

It doesn't need to be long - a few lines. It is an expression of praise, worship, adoration, and thanks to God. It is truly "thanks - giving" unto Him. It is a way of focusing thoughts directly on Him as we observe Christ the King Sunday right before Thanksgiving on November 21st, and then move into the Advent season which begins the last Sunday of November. If you would like to share your doxology, just let me know.

I Timothy 1:17: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen (NIV)

MISSION OF THE MONTH: GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY The Honor Card

Each year, Artist William "Bill" Mangum designs and paints a wintry scene that becomes the image of the Honor Card for that year. His paintings have an underlying message of hope and support. This year's theme is "A New Way". Donors underwrite the cost of the card, so all proceeds go directly to Greensboro Urban Ministry's programs that provide emergency shelter, food, utility and rent assistance, transitional housing and case management.

The Honor Card is a marvelous way to recognize a friend or family member and at the same time, give a meaningful gift to someone in need. With a donation of \$5 or more, you receive an Honor Card that you inscribe to that individual. Recognizing them and contributing to their honor. Since its inception, more than 1,000,000 Honor Cards have been sent to a special friend or family member.

This Holiday Season stand with us to help our neighbors that are struggling, those who have faced hardships and are experiencing homelessness. The Honor Card is a great way to support the work of Greensboro Urban Ministry and share the message of need by honoring a friend or family member by purchasing a card.

GUM Honor Cards will be available in the Narthex from Sunday, November 14th until Christmas or contact Cindy Spillers at 336-852-0478.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYBLE TO
GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AND STUDY GROUP

Just around the corner is our Advent and Christmas season. Each year the United Church of Christ Still Speaking Writers Group puts out an Advent devotional book with reflections for each day of the Advent season which begins on Sunday, November 28th this year. This year's devotional – Jesus Crisis – is now available. Each devotional costs \$4.50, or a bit less if we order 15 copies or more. If you would like an Advent devotional, please let Pastor Tom (Revere...@gmail.com) know as the order will be placed in the coming few weeks. This devotional can be used for personal devotional time or with our reorganizing 'Out of the Box' group which will resume beginning on Sunday, November 28th at 9:30am in the Bertha Work Room. We will be using the Advent devotional (noted above) to focus our studies and discussions. Join us!

THE LONGEST NIGHT IN THE LONGEST YEAR

December 21st is recognized as the "longest night" of the season as the winter darkness settles in. This night is often recognized with a worship service addressing the sadness that can accompany some people during the buildup to Christmas. On Tuesday, December 21st we will have a "Longest Night" service in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. We will recognize this longest day in the context of this longest year that we have been through in 2021. Join us for this important time of worship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- November 5th – Mick McGrogan
- 7th – Trish Larimer
- 14th – Dan Smith
- 18th – Linda Fotoran
- 20th – Kentoya Savage
- 21st – Abigail Miller–Warren
& Eddie Small
- 25th – Barbara Small
- 30th – David Fesperman

UCC CUBA STUDY SEMINAR 2022

After a long and difficult year, Cuba is opening up again and it looks like the UCC Cuba Study Seminar will go in 2022. The dates for this coming trip are January 28th through February 6th. Pastor Tom and Kim Miller lead this trip each year and are excited to reconnect with our friends in Cuba! Anyone who would be interested in being part of this trip is encouraged to talk with Pastor Tom.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

- November 5–6th is the virtual UCC Southern Conference Annual Meeting.
- November 7th is daylight savings time, enjoy the extra hour of sleep!
- November 14th is Stewardship Sunday.
- November 21st is Thanksgiving Sunday.
- The Women's Fellowship is decorating the church for Advent on November 22nd at 10 AM. All are welcome to join!
- November 28th is the First Sunday in Advent.
- The Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday on the 25th and 26th of November.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is on November 14th and pledge cards have been mailed out in the past week. We are asking members to pray over their pledge commitment for 2022 and to bring your card to worship on November 14th or mail it in prior to that date so that we can develop our budget for the coming year. During the four Sundays leading up to November 14th we will be having a series of “Stewardship Moments” in preparation for the making of our pledges.

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2021

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Offerings					
4001	Pledges	9,925.00	78,975.00	107,081.00	28,106.00
4003	Loose Offerings	77.00	484.00	250.00	(234.00)
4004	Initial offerings	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
4006	Non-Pledge Offerings	1,495.00	11,853.75	37,102.00	25,248.25
4007	Sunday School	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Offerings		\$11,497.00	\$91,312.75	\$144,583.00	\$53,270.25

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
September 2021 Income Total	\$14,800.00	\$118,327.68	\$164,683.00	\$57,101.08
September Expenses Total	\$15,183.91	\$112,188.09	\$196,284.00	\$90,350.77
Income-Expenses	-\$383.91	+\$6,139.59	-\$31,601.00	

Report for the 3rd Quarter 2021

Offerings	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	
4001	Pledges	27,995.00	78,975.00	107,081.00	28,106.00
4003	Loose Offerings	111.00	484.00	250.00	(234.00)
4004	Initial offerings	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
4006	Non-Pledge Offerings	4,010.00	11,853.75	37,102.00	25,248.25
4007	Sunday School	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Offerings		\$32,116.00	\$91,312.75	\$144,583.00	\$53,270.25

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
July-September Income Total	\$39,122.78	\$118,327.68	\$164,683.00	\$57,101.08*
July-September Expenses Total	\$42,747.40	\$112,188.09	\$196,284.00	\$90,350.77
July-September Income-Expenses	-\$3,624.62	+\$6,139.59	-\$31,601.00	

BENCH DEDICATION

Two memorial benches were dedicated during worship on Sunday, October 24th in memory of Mary Anne Murray and Iris Haislip. The benches were purchased by the Women's Fellowship using memorial monies given in memory of both Mary Anne and Iris. These white benches, made from recycled plastic bottles, have been placed outside under

our main door entryway for church members and visitors alike to use. We are grateful to the Women's Fellowship and for the many financial gifts given which will keep Mary Anne and Isis' memory alive for many years to come!

