

# THE *COMMUNICATOR*

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## KEVIN'S KORNER

There's a painting called "The First Thanksgiving, 1621" by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris. It depicts an idealized image of the feast among Pilgrims and Native Americans in the Plymouth Colony. Like many other images or stories, the painting conveys a sense of how we hope things would be, without as much attention to the harsh realities of human life and behavior. In order to get a more complete picture, we sometimes have to dig deeper.

Robert Tracie McKenzie has done some of that in his book, *The First Thanksgiving*. He explores both the heroism and the weaknesses of the first American pilgrims. McKenzie writes:

There is much to admire about the "company of plain Englishmen" who disembarked from the Mayflower almost four centuries ago. They were men and women [who] exhibited enormous courage in the face of unspeakable hardship and loss. They loved their children, they loved the body of Christ, and they abandoned everything that was familiar to them to serve both... They have [given] us an invaluable Christian example of belief, action, and endurance.

But human frailty is part of the Pilgrims' story as well. They argued among themselves. They were frequently duped both by strangers and purported friends. They were ethnocentric and sometimes self-righteous. They struggled with their finances... They were frightened by wolves. They got lost in the woods... A key leader got caught by an Indian deer trap and dangled helplessly upside down... In years to come, they would have a hard time keeping a pastor...and many of their number would move away in search of larger farms, prompting William

Bradford to speak of the Plymouth church as "an ancient mother grown old and forsaken of her children."

Their flaws may shock us, but it wouldn't have shocked the Pilgrims. They seemed to glory in how God could use them despite their weakness and sinfulness. One of their key leaders (Robert Cushman) said, "Our voyage...hath been as full of crosses as ourselves have been of crookedness, but God can do much." Another leader (Edward Winslow) said, "How few, weak, and raw were we at our first beginning, and yet God preserved us." William Bradford gloried in their weaknesses, but his object in doing so is clear: "that their children may see with what difficulties their fathers wrestled in going through these things in their first beginnings; and how God brought them along, notwithstanding all their weaknesses and infirmities."

As we enter into this season of gratitude and gifts, it's important to remember not only the best of human aspirations and actions, but also the worst of the human condition, including our own brokenness, sinfulness, and weakness. When we see ourselves, and those who've come before us, more honestly and clearly, we may also be able to see the mercy, love, and faithfulness of God that has redeemed us, upheld us, and brought us through. And for that, more than anything, we give thanks.

Faithfully,

Pastor Kevin

# FROM THE COMMUNICATOR STAFF

By Jenny Boswell, editor and administration assistant

The Deacon of the Month for November is Ken Heinbuch.

On Sunday, November 3, 2019 Daylight Savings Time comes to an end at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. YUPPY! We get one more hour of sleep! Boo! It will be dark earlier.



Veterans Day is Monday, November 11. A day set aside to honor those who served this country. Veterans Day was originally called "Armistice Day" celebrating the close of World War I. The name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 to broaden the significance of the day. In Canada, this is known as Remembrance Day.



Thursday, November 28 is Thanksgiving Day. The Day Care Center will be closed on Thursday and opened on Friday. The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday.



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

The Deacon of the Month for December is Geri Webb.

December 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the day in our history when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, leading us into World War II.

Winter begins on December 21.

Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 22.

On Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve.) we will have our annual Christmas Eve dinner and service. The dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's not let the hustle and bustle of the holiday season cause us to lose sight of this...Jesus is the reason for the season.

**MAY YOU AND YOURS HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**



The January issue of the COMMUNICATOR will only be the pastor's letter. With this issue will also have the Birthdays and Anniversaries, Upcoming Events and the Calendar.

The articles for the February issue will be due the first Sunday in January. (January 5)

The rest of the year's COMMUNICATOR will be bimonthly; March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, November/December.

## HELP NEEDED

I will need someone to help me with the newsletter. Someone to help announce, collect, and organize items for the communicator. Also I would like someone to write a monthly column.

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**I would like to thank Cathy Stouffer for her page in the newsletter.**



# NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE DAY CARE CENTER

By Amy Shumpert; Day Care Center Assistant Director

Meet the staff of Grace Baptist Day Care Center! Incorporated into our Open House in September, we have introduced our staff in person and through an "Out of this World" bulletin board display. This bulletin board will remain on display for church members and visitors to observe. If you visit the church during Day Care hours, please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself. We were SUPER excited to have a very special visitor in October to culminate our Fire Safety and Prevention units. Flash Max, a live firefighter super hero, came to the center for a presentation and gifted us several copies of his autographed storybook!

November and December are months of celebration! The celebration of Thanksgiving will allow the children to read and learn about history. After studying the history of the Pilgrims and Native Americans, we will dress like them and share in a Thanksgiving Feast together. The children will have a first-hand experience preparing/cooking the traditional Thanksgiving foods.

Even before the Thanksgiving holiday, we will honor our Veterans on Veteran's Day. Grace Baptist will be closed on Monday, November 11. We are very blessed to have many military children/families currently in our center. Today and every day, we say "THANK YOU!"

The holiday hustle and bustle begins! The children and teachers will be busy preparing Christmas gifts, baking and decorating, and practicing for our **annual Christmas program (Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.)**. **Please come and join us for a morning of fellowship and holiday entertainment!**

The true meaning of Christmas fills the air and hearts of our staff and children. Each classroom will discuss the "Christmas Story" as they share and read the Bible daily. Many of our puzzles, manipulatives, toys/games and activities in December reflect the Christmas story and its characters. They allow the children to tell and retell the wonderful news of Jesus' birth! Pastor Kevin not only teaches the children the traditional Christmas story, but also teaches the children and staff about Advent and the names/meanings of each advent candle. Children love birthday parties, cakes and candles...this is our BIGGEST birthday party of the year! **Happy Birthday Jesus!**

Grace Baptist Day Care will be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving Day. The center is also closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday. We will also be CLOSED on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever." –Psalm 118***

HOLIDAY GREETINGS & BLESSINGS FROM THE  
CHILDREN AND STAFF  
OF  
GRACE BAPTIST DAY CARE CENTER

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LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®

***"I SAW A GREAT MULTITUDE"***  
REVELATION 7:9

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of  
Prayer for International Missions  
(December 1 – December 9)

Our Church Goal Is: \$2,500

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**THE SCRIPTURES SAY...**

***About Giving Thanks***

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

***About the Birth of Jesus***

"The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'" Luke 1:35

## DEACONS' UPDATE

The Deacon Election was held on Sunday, September 29. We want to congratulate the newly elected deacons for this term:

Jerry Coombs, Ken Heinbuch, and David Stouffer

We also want to give are heartfelt thanks for the services of the ones rotated off:

James Hess, Leah Smith, and Ronnie Strickland

The current deacon list is as follows:

Jerry Coombs --	301-934-4354
Ken Heinbuch--	301-292-9061
Steve Norbrey--	301-283-3836
David Stouffer--	301-375-7148
Geri Webb--	301-375-7809

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Some time near the end of the year, I start to update the church directory with the help of the congregation. If you find an error, please let me know. **But also if you find an error, I need to know what the correct address or phone # I need to replace it with.** I will appreciate all the help I can get. Thanks.

Jenny



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

On Sunday, December 15 the Adults will have their annual Christmas Program at the Morning Worship Service.

Wednesday, December 18 will be the Day Care Center's Annual Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m. All are welcomed.

On Sunday, December 22 the Children will have their annual Christmas Program at the Morning Worship Service.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you send cards to your friends here at Grace, there is no reason to attach postage and mail them. Simply bring them to church and place them in the "mail box" set up in the foyer. Don't forget to pick up the cards addressed to you and your family.



## CHRISTMAS BOX

As in the past, there will be a box in the foyer of the church for the collection of food items for the needy families. Please bring nonperishable items such as canned or boxed items to donate.



## GRACE'S RECIPE BOX

### Dessert Coffee Mix:

*A great beverage for a cold winter day!*

Place  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup freeze-dried coffee,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cocoa in blender container. Cover and blend on high speed for 15 seconds. Stir. Cover and blend on high speed 15 seconds longer. Store in tightly covered container.

For each serving, place 2 teaspoons mix in cup. Fill with boiling water.

### Cranberry Frost

For each serving, place 1 scoop lemon, lime or orange sherbet or vanilla ice cream in tall glass. Fill with cranberry cocktail, chilled.

## MINDY'S PEACE

By Mindy Adams

**November 2019** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> we set our clocks back one hour. November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Let's not forget to pray for those who have served or are still serving our country.

### Thank You Veterans

Thank you for serving our country.  
Thank you for giving of yourselves.  
Thank you for keeping our country free.  
Thank you for keeping our country safe.  
Thank you for your sacrifice.  
Thank you for thinking of me.  
Bless you all.

God our Father please watch over the men and women who serve our country, so that we may be free to worship you.

Please watch over those who have been wounded.

Help us to help them heal.

Open their hearts and guide them so they know they are not alone.

In Jesus name I pray.

Amen

**December 2019** – Christmas is just around the corner. Decorations, lights, parties, and gifts; so much to do, so little time to do it in. I already know that the greatest gift God gave us was His Son. But did you know the second greatest gift is life itself? God gave us a purpose and a reason for being here. He loves us one and all. The time we spend with our family and friends is precious. We never know when one life will end or another will begin. Loved ones can be taken from us in a blink of an eye or a new life enters the world when least expected. So enjoy Christmas and don't forget to thank God for the greatest gift of all, Jesus. Happy Birthday Jesus.



## FAILING TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE

*An article from the Indian Head United Methodist bulletin*

### Read – 2 Samuel 11:1-17

In the Bible we learned that Esau sold his future to Jacob for a bowl of stew. His blindness to what was truly valuable caused him to lose his inheritance. Other Bible stories can teach us additional lessons about protecting our future.

David was chosen by God to lead the nation, and for many years, he pursued the Lord's plan. However, his desire for Bathsheba led him to commit adultery with her and make arrangements for her husband to die. Because he made the choice to gratify his own wishes instead of following God's way, he fell into sin. When confronted by the prophet Nathan, David sincerely repented (2 Sam. 12:7, 13), but he and his family were deeply affected by his mistake.

Samson was another individual who knew what the Lord required but chose to disobey – like David, he gave up blessings for temporary pleasure. Losing sight of God's purpose, Samson chose instead to please his untrustworthy companion Delilah (Judg. 16:15-17). As a result, he spent his last years in disgrace.

A third example is Judas Iscariot, who wanted Jesus to establish the kingdom of God immediately. Because he valued earthly matters above spiritual ones, he rejected Jesus' teachings and tried to manipulate events to his own liking. He was convinced that he knew what was right – that he knew better than God.

To avoid the kind of mistakes these men made, we must commit to setting aside our own desires in favor of God's will. In other words, we must cherish the eternal over the temporal and be satisfied with what the Lord has planned.

*Dr. Charles Stanlev*

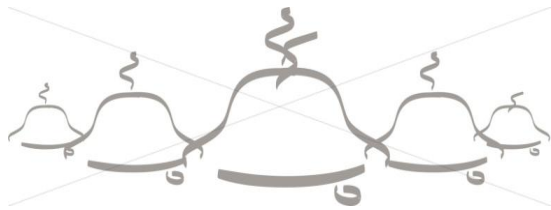
## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

### Birthdays:

Amber Burgess	11/02
Sheri Cushman	11/03
Robert Taylor	11/07
Bethany Holder	11/07
Katherine "Katie" Baldwin	11/10
Allan Pulliam	11/12
Karen Pulliam	11/15
James Hess	11/19
Darrell Linville	11/20
Ayodele Warburton	11/22

### Anniversaries:

Allan and Karen Pulliam	11/05
Ken and Dora Heinbuch	11/25



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

### Birthdays:

Keishia Fells	12/02
Ken Heinbuch	12/02
Diane Bazzle	12/04
Gerti Wood	12/09
Willis Proper Jr.	12/15
Karen Lanier	12/22
Mark Fells	12/22
Ashley Strickland	12/30
Jacob Fells	12/31

### Anniversaries:

James and Trish Sams	12/03
Lyle and Nita Elder	12/19


## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Stampin' Up
- Nov. 2 Deacons Meeting
- Nov. 3 Lord's Supper
- Nov. 3 End of Daylight Savings Time
- Nov. 5 Westside Stitchers
- Nov. 5 Girl Scouts
- Nov. 6 Bible Study
- Nov. 9 Stampin' Up
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day (Closed)
- Nov. 11 Girl Scouts
- Nov. 12 Girl Scouts
- Nov. 13 Day Care Committee Meeting
- Nov. 13 Bible Study
- Nov. 14 G.S.S.U. Meeting (Girl Scout Service Unit)
- Nov. 15 Kids Night Out Sleep Over
- Nov. 19 Girl Scouts
- Nov. 20 Bible Study
- Nov. 24 Church Council Meeting
- Nov. 25 Girl Scouts
- Nov. 26 Girl Scouts
- Nov. 27 Bible Study
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day (Closed)

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- Dec. 1 The Lord's Supper
- Dec. 3 Westside Stitchers
- Dec. 3 Girl Scouts
- Dec. 4 Business Meeting
- Dec. 7 Deacons Meeting
- Dec. 9 Girl Scouts
- Dec. 10 Girl Scouts
- Dec. 11 Bible Study
- Dec. 12 G.S.S.U. Meeting
- Dec. 14 Movie Night
- Dec. 15 Adults' Christmas Program
- Dec. 17 Westside Stitchers
- Dec. 17 Girl Scouts
- Dec. 18 Day Care Center Annual Christmas Program
- Dec. 18 Bible Study
- Dec. 22 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 23 Girl Scouts
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Dinner and Service
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 29 Church Council Meeting
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve





**SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE  
NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC  
ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.**

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

**AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE  
TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.**

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE  
NEED JESUS TO LIVE.**

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Submitted by Cathy Stouffer

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Deacon of the Month:</b> <b>Ken Heinbuch</b>					<b>1</b> 6:00pm - 9:00pm Stampin' Up	<b>2</b> 7:00am Deacons Meeting
<b>3</b> Day Light Savings Ends Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitchers  6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm Stampin' Up
<b>10</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>  6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Day Care Committee Meet.  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>14</b> 6:45pm - 9:00pm G.S.S.U. Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Kids Night Out and Sleep-over	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service 12:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving            Day</b>  <b>Closed</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> The Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitches  6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Business Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00am Deacons Meeting
<b>8</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:45pm - 9:00pm G.S.S.U. Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00pm Movie Night
<b>15</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service Adults' Christmas Program	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitches  6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>18</b> 10:00am Day Care Center Annual Christmas Program  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service Children's Christmas Program	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>24</b> 5:00pm Christmas Eve dinner  6:30pm Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service 12:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	Deacon of the Month: Geri Webb			

