



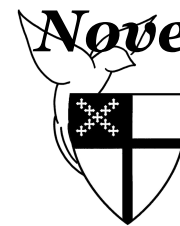
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November 2011

November at St. John the Baptist Stewardship Month



Tuesday, November 1, 2011

All Saints' Day - Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM

November 6, 2011

All Saints' Sunday –

Holy Eucharist 8 AM

Holy Eucharist and Baptism 10 AM

*On All Saints Day, we celebrate our Communion of Saints
throughout the generations, on earth and in heaven.*

November 23, 2011

Festival Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist with the Chancel Choir
6:30 PM

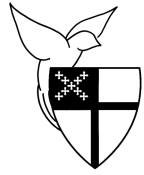
November 24, 2011

(Church Family Care Thanksgiving (for those who don't have family)

Service and Dinner

12 noon to 2:00 PM





Brothers and Sisters in the
Community of Christ,

We had announced earlier that Alan Glover was our interim music director. He is now our permanent music director. Please give him your prayers and support. Even more so, if you like to lift up songs of praise to the Lord, our choir will be more than happy to have you in its membership. The choir meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Alan will welcome you with open arms (and voice).

We are also blessed that Colin Smith is now the new leader of our Altar Guild ministry. This ministry is vital to making our worship spiritually successful. Please consider serving our church in this ministry. Please call the church office and let us know that you wish to serve in this ministry.

Speaking of ministries, we will shortly be announcing the formation of a Men's Ministry at St. John the Baptist. A group of fellows have been meeting, praying and discerning its formation. When we announce the commencement of the ministry, I hope all the guys in our church, of all ages, will join in fellowship, prayer and service in our new men's ministry. Other ministries, in the planning stage, that will soon be in action are a facilities and property management ministry; outreach ministry; and hospitality ministry. Our vestry is also considering forming a land use task force to examine our facilities and property with an eye toward how God's property may be best used, now and in the future, to promote, enhance and develop our ministries for the Kingdom's work.

Please give our Daughters of the King your prayers for a successful and spirit-filled fall retreat. It will take place in Prescott on October 22. There has been information available for the retreat in our Sunday bulletins, and a mission moment was delivered at our Sunday services on October 9. All women are welcome to the retreat. If you wish to have any further information, please call the church office.

On October 30, our Sunday School leaders are inviting one and all to come and experience a Godly Play classroom session. If you have ever wondered what our children learn, what our classrooms look like, and what Godly Play really is, come join us after the 10:00 a.m. service on October 30. Peggy Diaz, Kelly Sikes

or Penny Free will be glad to answer any questions you have either leading up to, or on October 30.

We wish to have a Thanksgiving service and dinner for those who do not have anyone with whom to share the holiday. It will be from noon to about 2:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving day. The service will be short so as to leave lots of time for food and fellowship. We need folks to help with make this happen. If you wish to help with the planning for this day of true service, please call me at the church office.

Clearly, the Spirit of the Lord is here at our church. The blessing of the Lord is here. One can feel it in the atmosphere. The presence of the Lord is here!

Your brother in Christ,

Bruce A. Jackson

MILITARY PERSONNEL



1st Lt. Claudia Alday; PFC Charles Barker, Sgt. Lisa Beckett, Cpt. John M. Bergener; Cpl. Jeffrey Bolland, Paul Brezinski, Lt. Col. Stephen Brown, SSgt. John Burgess, SPC. Adam Chase, Sgt. Sean Cook, SPC Andrew C. Diaz, A1C Mary Ellen Ellis; Sgt. Daniel Franklin, 2nd Lt. Nathan Franklin, LCPL Ryan Gardner; PFC Christopher Gates; MA1 Bernadette M. Gaul, Dr. Tim Goodrich, Cpl. Michael Jacobs, Matthew Lees; Brian Long; LCPL Michael Matter; PFC James McElligott; SPC Brett McGillen, Lt. Col. Laurence W.G. McSheffrey, Lt. Col. Marion Moxley, Lt. Col. William Moxley, 2nd Lt. Evan Munson, Maj. Kim Nail, SSgt. Benjamin Nelson, LCpl. Nicholas Drew Michael Nobel; Brian Ragsdale, Chris Ragsdale, Nicholas Ragsdale, Maj. Steven Santamaria, PFC Michael Shoemaker; Sgt. Tim Stoner, PFC Bradley Spencer; Sgt. Jon Michael Stresing, P3 D. J. Tussing, Christopher VanSteeter, Sgt. Gerad Voltmer, Josh.

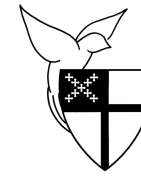
Staff Sergeant Ahmed Kousay Altaie
captured October 2006 (Iraq)
SPC E4 Bowe Robert Bergdahl
captured June 2009 (Afghanistan)

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**Newsletter articles for the December issue of The Preparer
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November starts off on a very high note --- the Feast of All Saints, November 1. We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Tuesday, November 1, with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. We will also be celebrating All Saints' Sunday on November 6.

All Saints' is important because it celebrates our togetherness in the body of Christ. Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism we are joined together in Christ's Body as saints with all the other saints in all generations. It is that "mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people" mentioned in the post-communion prayer [*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 339]. It is a celebration of the Church as the body of Christ -- the communion of saints.

Because it is a celebration of God's family, it is one of the days that is important and designated by the Church as a time especially appropriate for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. All Saints' Sunday will be an occasion for us to administer Baptism and for all of us to renew our Baptismal promises.

There are other days that are also designated by the Prayer Book for the administration of Holy Baptism because of their special association with the sacrament. The other days include Easter Eve (the traditional time for Baptism), the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord right after Epiphany in January, Pentecost, and when the Bishop is present for an official Visitation.

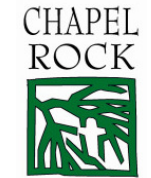
It is important that when a person, adult or child, is born anew into the body of Christ through Holy Baptism that the body be gathered to welcome and celebrate. Not only do we welcome and celebrate the birth of a new member, but we also promise as a Christian Community "to support these persons in their life in Christ." [*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 303]

As much as possible, we endeavor to administer Holy Baptism on those occasions, mentioned above, that are especially significant to Holy Baptism. Holy Baptism is never a private affair. It is a celebration of the body of Christ gathered together.

On All Saints, we celebrate the fact that we are gathered together with "Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven....."

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Frank H. Clark



Christmas in the Pines at Chapel Rock

Chapel Rock, the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in Prescott, invites everyone to "Christmas in the Pines," an Advent retreat for individuals and families scheduled for December 2-4, 2011.

Both adults and children will enjoy learning new ways to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth among the pines and boulders of Chapel Rock. There will also be time devoted to relaxation and fellowship. On Saturday night, we will trek to downtown Prescott to take part in the Courthouse Lighting festivities. From local school children singing carols on the Courthouse steps to the retelling of the Christmas story, it is a scene right out of a Frank Capra movie. The grand finale takes place when all of the lights come on at once, heralding the beginning of the holiday season in "Arizona's Christmas City!"

Both hotel style and bunk house lodgings are available, and special rates are in effect so that as many folks can come as possible. Registration materials, including descriptions of the lodging options and fees are available on the Chapel Rock website, www.chapelrock.net. All lodging will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Please join us to make this a new holiday tradition in your family! You can call Chapel Rock toll free at 877-445-3499 for more information.

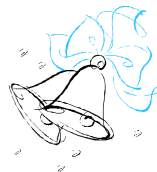
November Birthdays



- 1 Lois Snider
- 3 Elizabeth Dugan, Jim Whitelaw
- 4 John Phillips
- 5 Loni Sipes
- 6 Morgan Ambrose
- 9 Jim Lusson
- 12 Wanda Nelson
- 13 Fran Godwin
- 14 Alexis Bolwar, Kristin Weiler
- 15 Max Templin
- 17 Marjorie Thompson, Jackie Luptowski
- 18 Shane Dobson, David Wright
- 19 Sandy Basche
- 21 Phyllis Brown
- 22 Ryan Sikes
- 23 Bonita Lilly
- 24 Rosemary Sanders
- 25 Gordon Sanders
- 26 George Santamaria, Bev Neller
- 27 Gabbi Lyman
- 28 Robb Homokay, Bill Huntenburg

November Anniversaries

- 5 Mike and Nancy Young
- 10 Robb and Marj Homokay
- 11 Derek and Shelli Romero
- 12 Hal and Marylu Nolde
- 18 Donald and Lois Snider
- 24 Don and Charlotte Abram
David and Sarah Clinkenbeard
- 26 Bob and Sandy Clingenpeel
- 29 David and Dianna Last



**“God gave you a gift of
86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to
say thank you?”**

-- William A. Ward

News from the Food Pantry

Thanksgiving is almost upon us and this year we will again do Thanksgiving food baskets (yes, we missed last year). Of course, the help of the congregation is needed to accomplish this. A sign-up sheet (for those needing food boxes) is available in the church office; we hope to be able to assist 10 families this year.

In the weeks to come, check your constant contact for updates on items needed. We will be looking for 10 turkeys starting November 1st. The planned distribution date for the boxes is Thursday 11/17, Monday 11/21 and Tuesday 11/22; therefore all food items need to be in the office no later than Monday, 11/14.

Some items needed:

- Stuffing
- Canned sweet potatoes/yams
- Frozen pies
- Bottles of apple juice
- Canned green beans (a few large cans from Costco/Sam's club)
- Canned corn (a few large cans from Costco/Sam's club)
- Biscuit mix
- Brownie mix
- Powdered Jell-O mix
- Gravy (cans, jars, or powdered)

For the period of January 1st thru September 30th, the Pantry has assisted 390 people with food! This number is down from last year, but there have been reduced hours due to office staffing. Without the continued support of the congregation and the Red Hats we wouldn't be able to do this. The families and individuals receiving assistance are always very grateful! Hats off to all of you! I would also like to share with you that Starshine School held a food drive in September while I was on vacation but I've been told they donated an amazing amount of food to the pantry! Thank you one and all and wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

God's Blessings,
Jeanne Waterman



2011 Operation Christmas Child is here!

And this year our youth group is hoping to gather over 100 boxes to help kids across the world- To help here is some basic info....

What?

Operation Christmas Child is a worldwide children's project of Samaritan's Purse that uses simple gift-filled shoe boxes to let hurting children know that they are loved and not forgotten.

In 2011, Operation Christmas Child will reach more than 8.5 million children.

When?

Now through Christmas 2011! Right now, kids, families, churches, scout troops, schools, civic clubs and businesses are filling their shoe boxes. In addition to collecting shoe box gifts year-round at the headquarters in Boone, N.C., Samaritan's Purse will be collecting gift-filled shoe boxes at more than 2,900 drop-off sites in all 50 states and Puerto Rico during National Collection Week, Nov. 14-21, 2011. We will be collecting at St. Johns from October 20th through November 20th.

Who?

Millions Worldwide! Generous kids, families, businesses and organizations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico and 10 additional countries will fill more than 8 million shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, family photos and notes of encouragement for needy children.

Some 140,000 volunteers in the United States, bringing the total to more than 500,000 volunteers worldwide, will then help prepare the boxes for transport to distant lands.

Where?

Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts are collected in: the United States, Canada, Australia, Austria, Finland, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Samaritan's Purse and its national partners will hand-deliver each of the 8.5 million shoe box gifts to children in more than 100 countries on six continents.

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow" their box to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out to which country they are delivered, use the EZ Give donation form found at www.samaritanaspurse.org.

How?

By land, air, sea and elephant! After they are collected at more than 2,900 drop-off locations, shoe box gifts are prepared for overseas shipment in seven major centers across the United States: Boone, N.C.; Charlotte, N.C.; Minneapolis; Atlanta; Denver; Orange County, Calif.; and Honolulu.

The shoe box gifts are then loaded onto trucks, sea containers and sometimes even the world's largest cargo planes bound for the far reaches of the earth.

Once the gifts are transported to countries around the world, Samaritan's Purse teams and partners distribute them by bus, train, helicopter, boat, elephant, mule and even dog sled.

History:

Operation Christmas Child began in the United States in 1993 with 28,000 shoe box gifts. Since then, this Samaritan's Purse project has collected and hand-delivered more than 86 million shoe box gifts to needy children in more than 130 countries, including:

- * Young earthquake and cholera victims in Haiti (2010)
- * Kids in China who were victims of the 2008 earthquake (2008 & 2009)
- * Young children in the war-torn Republic of Georgia (2008)
- * Hurting children stricken by poverty in war-ravaged Sudan (2007)
- * Children in Iraq, Lebanon and other Middle Eastern countries (2006)
- * Young survivors of the horrific tsunami in Southeast Asia (2005)
- * School children attacked by terrorists in Beslan, Russia (2004)
- * Ugandan children devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic (2002)
- * Children in Honduras and Nicaragua left homeless by Hurricane Mitch (1998)
- * War orphans in Kosovo (1999), Bosnia and Croatia (1995-1996), and Rwanda (1994)

Did You Know?

* U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have all packed Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts for children in need.

* Samaritan's Purse is working in some 100 countries providing aid to victims of war, natural disaster, famine, disease and poverty.