Pastor Jenny’s Ponderings: Give Thanks!

As I begin writing this article, I’m sitting in my office after a prayer service we held in our Great Hall. From my office, through the cracked-open door that separates the office suite hallway from the Great Hall, I can hear the remaining guests sharing stories with the family as they linger…all of them holding onto a night of giving thanks for their departed loved one. I will go back out there in a few minutes to offer my own final words of “good night” before the family heads home for the evening; for now, it’s a blessing to hear the muffled conversation from a distance – a blessing to know McCabe was and is a place of warmth and joy even in the midst of death and grief.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we may have already celebrated All Saints in worship November 1st and 2nd. By the time you receive this newsletter, you will likely also receive in the mail a postcard informing you of our Fall Stewardship time. Though there will not be a specific preaching or worship emphasis on Stewardship (save for our Consecration weekend November 22nd and 23rd), this month will truly be a time of giving thanks to God for all we have been given in this life. Our sermon series on The Ten Commandments will continue the first three weekends of November, but, in addition to that, it is so fitting that our time of overall focus on Stewardship will have been kicked-off with All Saints – a time of giving thanks to God for the saints in our lives, the beloved departed who have gone on into eternity before us.

I hope you will be in worship with us as often as possible throughout November as we explore God's law and God's grace through the Ten Commandments. I also hope you will be with us because each week of November, we'll have in the bulletin a brief testimonial from a McCabe person, couple, or family. In these testimonials, the writers will be sharing a bit of the story behind why they choose to give back to God through McCabe. I'm so excited to read what these folks will be writing and I trust their words will inspire each of us to grow in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure…and that, through our worship and study, we will be ever more thankful for all of God's many gifts.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Jenny Hallenbeck
Greetings McCabe friends,

I do hope you have been enjoying our “summer” in autumn. The beauty of the season has been a breathtaking treat! God is good!!

Unfortunately, I have to ask you to UNMARK your calendars! The flu shot clinics that are scheduled for November 9th and 10th are cancelled due to a vaccine production issue. Sanford Health Systems has so graciously provided the parish nurses with flu vaccine each year but this year we will not receive our supply due to a production issue. I apologize for this inconvenience.

Please contact your personal physician, pharmacy or City Nursing to receive your vaccine. Continue to use good hand washing skills and really try to keep your hands away from your face to reduce the risk of getting the flu.

If you have questions regarding the flu vaccine or other concerns, please contact me through the church office at 255-1160.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving! Let us be thankful for our many blessings and be a blessing to all.

God bless,

Nurse Jane

P.S. Most of us don’t realize how much we have to be thankful for until we have to pay taxes on it!

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Upper Room Devotional

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
   - 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

My friend told me about an incident from her youth. One day someone brought her a piece of beautiful material from abroad — at a time when a shortage in our country made it impossible to find such cloth for sale. My friend immediately sewed herself a fashionable dress. But she was reluctant to wear it because she felt that such a dress would make her stand out too much. Time passed. She moved the dress from shelf to shelf but never wore it. Hidden from people’s eyes for many years, it never served its owner.

This story reminded me of the biblical parable about the talents. One man’s talent was not put to good use and brought no benefit to its owner. (See Matt. 25:14-30.)

The same is true of our talents, gifts, and potential. If we save up our talents and put them away for future possibilities, they are useless — however precious and valuable they may be. Instead, when we use our talents, God multiplies their benefit — to us and to those we seek to serve.

Irina Ivanova (Pskov, Russia)

Thought for the Day:
Our talents are meant to be used to serve our neighbors.

Prayer: Dear Lord, you have generously blessed each of us with a special gift or talent. Help us to put our talents to use in serving you and the world. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those seeking ways to serve.

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Thank You, McCabe

Thank you to McCabe’s J.A.M. for your generous donation of activity bags to the Children’s Hospital to help make the kid’s stay a little better!

Sanford Children’s Hospital

Thank you for your contribution to the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House. Through your generosity, we are committed to providing essential services to those who need a warm meal, comfortable bed or hot shower.

Jaclyn Bugbee, Executive Director

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Servant Opportunities

Current servant lists are posted every week on the wall next to room E-7 (Serving Ministries office - Mid Level of the education wing, across the hall from the Family Ministries office.) If the list you are looking for is not there, leave a note or contact Jan Joersz, 255-1160 or joersz@mccabeumc.com, and let her know where you would like to serve. Ushers and Greeters are always needed each month. Come check it out!
In celebration of the birth of Jesus, please help J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) kids collect items for babies in need.

We are collecting:

- baby food, diapers, wipes, washcloths, shampoo, clothing, pacifiers, rattles, formula, bottles, etc.

Shop as a family and bring these items to the collection box in the Great Hall by December 7.

Items will be donated to Community Action.

**Family Link Scriptures for November**

- **Saturday, November 1**
  - Galatians 5:22-25

- **Sunday, November 2**
  - 2 Timothy 1:1-14

- **Monday, November 3**
  - Matthew 11:28-30

- **Tuesday, November 4**
  - John 19:28-30

- **Wednesday, November 5**
  - Psalm 139:5-10

- **Thursday, November 6**
  - John 14:15-31

- **Friday, November 7**
  - James 5:13-20

- **Saturday, November 8**

- **Sunday, November 9**
  - 1 Chronicles 16:28-36

- **Monday, November 10**
  - Romans 12:9-16

- **Tuesday, November 11**
  - Psalm 62:1-8

- **Wednesday, November 12**
  - 1 John 5:11-12

- **Thursday, November 13**
  - John 4:1-15

- **Friday, November 14**
  - Isaiah 55:10-13

- **Saturday, November 15**
  - Philippians 4:4-7

- **Sunday, November 16**
  - Mark 12:41-44

- **Monday, November 17**
  - Ephesians 4:25-32

- **Tuesday, November 18**
  - Mark 1:40-45

- **Wednesday, November 19**
  - Psalm 109:1-4

- **Thursday, November 20**
  - Isaiah 55:6-11

- **Friday, November 21**
  - Isaiah 43:15-21

- **Saturday, November 22**
  - Hebrews 5:7-14

- **Sunday, November 23**
  - 2 Timothy 3:10-17

- **Monday, November 24**
  - Romans 11:7-16

- **Tuesday, November 25**
  - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

- **Wednesday, November 26**
  - Matthew 9:18-26

- **Thursday, November 27**
  - Psalm 34:1-11, 17-20

- **Friday, November 28**
  - Philippians 3:10-14

- **Saturday, November 29**
  - Matthew 25:31-34

- **Sunday, November 30**
  - Jeremiah 31:31-34

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**Family Movie Night**

**FREE** drinks, popcorn, stickers, and activity sheets. Pizza $1/slice. Bring a blanket! Bring a friend!

**Sunday, November 9th**

5:00pm

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**Thank you** to all those who helped with the Heroes Unmasked fall carnival….. YOU ARE ALL HEROES!
What’s Happening?

Last month, approximately 150 activity bags were assembled by J.A.M. kids for Sanford Children’s Hospital. The bags held a variety of fun goodies including activity books, crayons, playing cards, maze games, mini beanie animals, and more. Great job!

November 30—Hanging of the Greens, 10:00am; Baby Shower Mission Collection Begins (see Family Ministry page for more information)

PreK-K students will be learning how to give our best for God through Bible stories about Daniel and Jesus.

1st-2nd grades will continue studying kings and queens of the Bible, including Hezekiah, Esther, Agrippa, and Jesus.

3rd-5th grades will wrap up their study of the book of Joshua.

4th-6th grades will be learning about David in the book of Samuel.

McCabe Children’s Christmas Program

Ages 3 years—12th Grade
December 14, 10:00 am Service

The ABCs of Christmas
Ages 3 years to 1st Grade

Just A Little Christmas
Ages 2nd-5th Grade

Jr. High-Sr. High students will serve as ushers, greeters, and special music.

Sign up sheets will go around J.A.M. classes the beginning of November. Would you like to participate?

To sign up, please contact Tina Mitchell at tmitchell@mccabeumc.com or 255-1160.

Rehearsal: December 13 at 9:00am
**Funds for Students**

Student Assistance Grants are made available to post-secondary individuals to be used in college, university, vocational or technical programs.

The Committee is now accepting applications until December 1, 2014 for the 2015 spring semester. If you wish to apply, contact the church office for an application form.

**Coffee Corner**

Fairly traded coffee, chocolate and tea purchased through Equal Exchange is one of UMW’s mission projects. Small farmers can stay on their own land and get a fairly traded price for their product, while feeding their family. The Coop processes the product, thereby keeping costs low for the farmer. You can help this mission project also by purchasing products from the coffee, tea and chocolate counter in the Great Hall. Gift baskets can be made by request. Let me know if there is anything you are interested in seeing. Contact Selma at 471-0712 to order gift baskets or for any questions.

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers:**


Abraham Haykel & family on the death of his wife, Elsie Haykel of Bismarck, October 7, 2014.


Jordan Ebel & family on the death of her grandmother, Arlene Ebel of Jamestown, ND, October 15, 2014.

Carol Guymer & family on the death of Carol’s husband, William B. Guymer, Bismarck, ND, October 25, 2014.

Fran Manolovitz & family on the death of her sister, Clara J. Rasmussen, Regan, ND, October 26, 2014.

**To Address Security & Safety Concerns**

McCabe UMC is implementing new electronic locks for both of our south entrances and for our west entrance. In the coming weeks these new locks will be fully installed and any existing keys will no longer work. The new electronic locks will help us better secure the church building throughout the week, while still allowing appropriate access for staff, members, friends, and newcomers. Those who require the ability to unlock these doors will be issued key cards in the near future. We appreciate your patience and prayers as we implement this new system. Stay tuned for more information when the new locks are up and running!

**Congratulations to:**

Erik & Anna Sjursen on the birth of their daughter, Nadia Christine, Bismarck, ND, October 9, 2014. Proud grandpa is Phil Sjursen.

**Coffee Corner**

**Precepts Bible Study**

Our last class for the season will be Thursday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. We will resume class in February, studying the book of Luke. More details in the January 2015 Newsletter.

**Hanging of the Greens Preparation**

Saturday, November 29

Preparation for the Hanging of the Greens service will be on Saturday, November 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Your help is needed to fluff garland, straighten bows, and organize decorations. Gather under the clerestory.

**Did You Know?**

The monthly Messenger along with a calendar of events is online at www.mccabeumc.com. You can also get a printed or audio copy of each week’s sermon and your daily devotional material on the church website.

Please consider receiving notices including the Messenger by email to help with ever increasing postage costs.
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Thanksgiving

Worship & Pie Social
Tuesday, November 25

Worship 7:00 p.m.
Pie Social following worship

Bring a pie to share and join in the Thanksgiving fellowship!

NOTICE:
Any items for the December newsletter need to be turned into the church office no later than Friday, November 14, 2014.