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When I was growing up, Thanksgiving was actually one of the few times each year we would get to see snow. We would celebrate the holiday with friends who lived at the observatory on the top of Mt. Lemmon just north of Tucson. Following the Sr. High Pancake Breakfast and Thanksgiving Service at church, my parents and I would get into the car and head from warm desert into winter wonderland. We would gather round with the Peterson family and several stray astronomy students in the dorms of Steward Observatories and celebrate with turkey and potatoes. One year we even got snowed in. But it was a chance to be surrounded by friends and feel the warmth of the season.

In some years it is easier to find something to be thankful for than in others; however, each of us has been richly blessed. The challenge is in finding time to thank God for those blessings in our lives. Now we are lucky because this month we have a built-in holiday to give us the excuse and purpose in giving thanks while surrounding ourselves with family and friends. Joining together in celebration of those blessings unites us with generation upon generation of tradition. Thanksgiving prayers were first uttered by God's people in the Old Testament and God ordained a specific sacrificial offering for thanksgiving. (Leviticus 7:12, 13, 15; 22:29, 2 Chronicles 29:31; 33, Psalms 50:23; 56:12; 116:17, Jeremiah 17:26) The Psalms are filled with many Thanksgiving devotions and Paul taught

that we are to always pray and give thanks to God in all circumstances. This November, when you are looking for good lessons to share with family or for prayers to pray during the Thanksgiving meal, look toward Scripture to guide you in inspiration and peace amid the chaos of the season.

It is interesting that during the very seasons that Christians celebrate gratitude and the birth of Christ, our lives get the busiest and we are often so overloaded with schedules, shopping lists, turkeys to deep fry, and pies to bake that we experience extreme stress and time seems to slip out of our grasp. In reality this is actually the perfect time to stop all activities and reflect intentionally upon all that God has blessed us with. Jesus promoted special times of giving thanks; in addition the teachings of Paul include turning our attitudes constantly towards gratitude. God is not the God of hustle and bustle and stressful preparations--God does desire us to quiet down and reflect. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10).

When looking for holiday devotions, try Colossians 3:6-7, or Psalm 30:11-12; 50:14; 97:12; 100:4; 105:1; 106:1; 107:1; 136:1-3, 26. Celebrate the season by preparing Thanksgiving devotions to share and praying to God with gratitude.

Pastor Sara



Sunday School News

Pastor Sara and Ellen Braatz will lead a Stewardship Sunday School class on Sunday, November 22 for our four year olds through second graders. The class will be held in the Kinderchurch room during the regular Sunday School time. This is the final week of MPC's stewardship campaign and we thought it was important that our children understand what stewardship is and how they can give their own

gifts of time and money to the church. If you have young children in this age range, take some time to talk with them about why you give to the church. Is it because you have a sense of gratitude for God's love and goodness, or a response to Bible teachings, or that you want to support the work we do at MPC? Children are great observers of their parents' actions. Model for them.

Weekenders Plan Fun Events

The Weekenders have a few events coming up, so mark your calendars! On November 21, we will be meeting at the Mom and Pop Place, 117 W Wisconsin Ave in Neenah, at 10:00 a.m. The kids can play and the parents can relax. On December 19, we will be meeting at the Marinans' house for cookie decorating and some holiday cheer. The Weekenders is a group of

parents and young children who get together on the third Saturday of each month. We invite all families to join us. Events will be listed in the *Chimes* and Sunday worship bulletins. For more information, contact the church office or Beth Podlasek, at 830-8155 or send an email to her at princesspodlasek@yahoo.com.

Parents2

We invite all young children and their parents to join our play dates, which are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. New faces are always welcome! Come when you can; leave when you must. Hope to see you soon!

Our November events are: 10th - "Pajama Party" at the Cramer house. Stories, snacks, craft. Wear your favorite PJs and bring your teddy bear!

24th - Building for Kids

Senior High Fellowship

November 8 - Pancake Breakfast

November 14 - Housing Partnership, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & Babysitting for the "young-adult" Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

November 15 - 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Rebuilding Together: this is a new project in the Fox Valley that serves to prepare youth with the construction tools and knowledge necessary to be able to go on successful mission projects locally and

globally. This first meeting will focus on an introduction to basic tools and safety. See Pastor Sara for the details.

November 22 - Bowling! Meet at the church for dinner at 6:00 p.m. We will then carpool to Super Bowl. Bring \$15 to cover shoe rental, lane use, and whatever snacks you would like.

Daylight Savings Ends

Don't forget! Daylight Saving ends on Sunday, November 1st. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

Pancake Breakfast

The Senior High Youth will be preparing breakfast on Sunday, November 8th. Plan to join us between services for pancakes and sausages. Help us raise money for work trips. The cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for kids with a maximum of \$12.00 for a family.



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DATE CHANGE! Because we will all be together for fall camp, we are postponing FISH by one week. On November 8th, from 1:00 – 4:00

p.m., we will be focusing on mission. Meet here at MPC at 1:00 p.m., and we will travel together to Rebuilding Together.

Congregational Survey Results Available

Several copies of the Congregational Survey Results, which summarize the survey that was taken this past spring, are now available in the

church library. If you are unable to get to the library, please call the church office at 734-1787 to receive a copy for your perusal.

November 2009 Mission Mail Call

We receive information every week on organizations we support and other giving opportunities. If you want to learn more about what the Presbyterian Church is doing with the Mission dollars we send to the Presbytery and National church each year, we receive newsletters from these organizations also. Contact Tom Neal or the church office.

1. Community Clothes Closet Fall newsletter
2. Information on Christmas Joy Offering beneficiaries
3. Thank-you note from the Salvation Army (posted on the bulletin board)
4. COTS, Inc. October newsletter
5. AIDS Resource of Wisconsin Fall 2009 newsletter
6. Presbyterian World Mission giving opportunities
7. Presbyterian Peacemaking Program "Peacenotes"
8. NAMI Fox Valley newsletter
9. Warming Shelter newsletter
10. Harbor House newsletter
11. Bread for the World newsletter

Year-End Giving Reminder

Please remember...contributions for the year 2009 must be given to the church by December 31, 2009 or mailed in an envelope postmarked by December 31, 2009.

Monies received after the start of 2010 cannot be attributed to the 2009 year.

Adopt-a-Family Efforts Begin!



MPC will be spreading joy again this year by working with the Salvation Army in its annual Adopt-a-Family program. The Salvation Army provides us with a list of area families that they have identified as being able to use some help with gift and grocery buying during the Christmas season. Members and friends of MPC can then select a specific person and sign up to buy that person a gift. Donations are also welcome to put toward the purchase of grocery cards for the families. The sign-up forms will be

available starting Sunday, November 22. Gifts will need to be returned to MPC by December 13. Contact Beth Podlasek at 830-8155 or the church office for more details.

Thank you,
The Adopt-A-Family Team
Linda Keller, Betty Lockhart, Cori Marinan,
Liz Pierce, Beth Podlasek, Pat Spindler,
Kelly Truettner, and Michelle Werner

Advent Event on November 29th

Families, mark your calendars for our annual Advent Event, which will be held Sunday, November 29th between services in fellowship hall. This event will kick off the advent season at MPC. All ages are invited to pick up an advent calendar or devotional booklet, make some craft

projects and decorate cookies. The junior and senior high classes will make Chrismons to decorate the large tree in the sanctuary. See you there!

News of Our Members and Friends

We are saddened to report that our church family has experienced several losses over the past month. On September 24, we lost a kind and gentle soul in our midst with the passing of Walter Schmidt. A celebration of his life was held the following week, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Ruth, and their family, including Barry and Becky O'Connor, their sons and grandsons. We send our many condolences to the Tim and Tracey Hornung family, as Tim's mother passed away after a lengthy illness, to Shirley Pues, whose 95-year-old mother passed away in York, New York, and to Don Cone, whose grandmother passed away. Our many prayers go out to Kimberly Lewis, the daughter of Richard and Lynette Lewis, who was

severely injured in a tragic ATV accident in Iron Mountain, Michigan. We ask that our church family keep the entire Lewis family in our hearts, as Richard and Lynette's grandson and Kimberly's nephew, Cameron, died in the accident. May God be with them all during this time of deep sorrow.

The church family celebrates in the marriage of Chad Schimmelpfenning, son of Bob and Jenny Schimmelpfenning, and Nicole Gettendorf, on Saturday, October 17. Our many congratulations go out to the newlyweds and their families, and wish them all the best as they embark on this new journey.

Introducing...



Rita Oestreich is a long-time Presbyterian who moved here just about a year ago from Bath, New York. Rita has had a most interesting and varied career, working as a secretary and administrative assistant for schools, a museum- even the local sheriff! She has always been active in her churches wherever she lived, and has served as an elder, Nominating Committee chair, Clerk of Session, and on the

presbytery level, served on a Committee on Ministry advising pastoral nominating committees. Her special passion, though, is Presbyterian Women. She has been serving on the national planning committee for the triennial conferences of PW for the past several years and just recently returned, inspired and energized, from this year's Gathering. Introduce yourself to Rita and get to know this active, talented new member of MPC!

Inquirer Class

If you are considering membership in Memorial Presbyterian Church, or, if you're just curious about this church, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about our people, programs, and activities. Offered once a month, the class alternates between two agendas, which together, provide a good preparation for membership. This month's class will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009, in the Parlor. Enjoy a simple meal and a

conversation about how we organize ourselves and what opportunities there are to get involved in the life and ministry of Memorial Church. This month, we will be joined by some of our Deacons and Elders. Reservations for dinner would be appreciated. Child care can be arranged, if requested ahead of time. Call the church office at 734-1787. Please indicate any food allergies. Hope to see you there!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

MPC's Fellowship Action Group is planning a night out to see Appleton East High School's production of the musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Friday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. If you would be interested in joining us, please sign up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Nancy Umland at 725-5492 or send an email to her at njumland@new.rr.com.



Celebrate the Gift

Like many of our home budgets and work budgets, over the past 6 years MPC has seen a steady increase in the cost of running the church. During this same period, our revenue from membership giving has remained fairly consistent instead of increasing from year to year.

MPC has always taken pride in the work we have done outside of the normal operations of the church – educating our youth, providing good adult education opportunities, joining in fellowship opportunities, enjoying a good music program and, having a strong commitment to mission. The result of the increase in normal operating costs, combined with revenue not increasing at the same pace, has MPC looking at a revenue deficit in 2009.

With time, this pattern has begun to affect the work that MPC can offer outside of our operating budget. The last 2 years, we have been unable to fully fund the \$30,000 Mission Reserve at the end of each calendar year because the funds were not available. We have members who are active throughout the community in many different local missions – without your financial support, we are unable to provide the internal resources to help nurture those volunteers. Our church is known throughout the community for its beautiful stained glass

windows. Without your financial commitment, we cannot make the needed repairs to the building and equipment within the building to keep it a safe and welcoming place for the community of MPC and the greater community.

... *Rising to the Challenge*

As we reflect on the commitment of our financial gifts for 2010, let's rise to the challenge of increasing our financial gifts to the church. Let's challenge ourselves to increase our giving so that we once again have the full Mission Reserve fund at the end of each calendar year.



Let's challenge ourselves to increase our giving so that our membership and the greater community can continue to enjoy the benefits of strong education, worship and music programs in this wonderful building.

On November 22 when we Celebrate the Gift, let's challenge ourselves to give back to God more of what God has given us.

~ *Stewardship Action Group* ~

MPC Church History

Calling all history buffs! We have boxes of photos, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and other materials dating back decades in the life of Memorial Church. We are looking to form a task force of 3-5 people, working at their own pace, who would be willing to sift through this

potentially historic memorabilia and organize it so it can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations. If this sounds like a project you'd be interested in, please contact Linda Boldt in the church office, 734-1787.

New in the Library

Several books have been donated to the library recently. Several of these are books that study groups in the church have read and found helpful. Among these donated books are:

Religious Literacy - What Every American Needs to Know – and Doesn't, by Stephen Prothero. This author addresses the troubling fact that, although we claim to be a “Christian” nation, less than half of all adults can name even one of the four gospels. How did we get from being a nation where children learned to read using the Bible to being a nation where the Bible is hardly allowed in schools? And, is that a bad thing? Read this history of our illiteracy and a challenge to reexamine the original intent of the First Amendment.

The Good Book, by Peter Gomes. Written by the professor of Christian Morals at Harvard College, this book helps the reader address some of the big issues of our times- women’s rights, homophobia, materialism, creationism- with the tools of modern Biblical interpretation. Very readable and thought-provoking.

Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt – This book explores some of the differences between Presbyterians and our more evangelical, fundamental neighbors in the Midwest. Knowing what each believes and how that influences our respective missions and our religious practices is helpful in understanding the reasons behind our differences. The good news is that there is room and a need for both approaches in the Christian community.

Giving Back by Giving Blood! Prizes Galore!



It's not too late to sign up – and walk-ins are also accepted – for the Deacon Blood Drive coming up on Saturday, November 7th! Community Blood Center's bus will be in our parking lot that day 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. to give us the opportunity to help save lives in the Fox River Valley. All those who are eligible, 17 years of age and up (16 yrs. old with parent's permission), in general good health, and weighing at least 110 lbs. can help ensure an adequate, safe blood supply for our community. If you are in doubt about whether or not you're eligible, please call the Center at 738-3131. Successful blood drives are so important. In 2008, 60% of the blood collected came from donations at blood drives!

The Community Blood Center is an independent, locally focused, not-for-profit organization headquartered here in Appleton. They have been providing blood to area patients since 1955 and are committed to providing the highest quality blood products and professional blood services at the lowest practical cost to the hospitals and patients they serve. Local hospitals rely on the Community Blood Center to ensure that they receive a steady, ample supply of blood for patients in need. This year's Deacon Blood Drive will again offer a raffle for all who donate. You will have a chance to win one of four semi-valuable prizes! Please call Janie Stevenson, 734-0863, or Dan Schmitz, 733-3265, to set up your appointment for your donation and *all the cookies you can eat!*

Salvation Army Collection

The holidays are coming up, so let's not forget those who are in need of help. The Salvation Army shelves are low. *Suggestion:* when you shop for your Thanksgiving dinner, put similar

items in a bag for the Salvation Army. Also important are diapers, laundry supplies, and personal items. Our collection on November 15th will help those less fortunate.

Give a Heifer Gift this Christmas!

While we know that merchants need and hope for our buying support at the Christmas season, and especially this year, we remind ourselves that this is a spiritual time, as well as a shopping time. At Memorial over the past number of years, we have both bought and given generously through Heifer International. We will do the same this year, buying sheep, goats, chickens, trees, pigs, and, of course, a heifer for loved ones who want nothing more than to know a mother has a goat to milk, a father has a water buffalo to use to grow food for his family, a child goes to school from the sale of the wool of a sheep. We do that, every year, as we buy Heifer gifts for those we love. Plan to include some Heifer giving again this year. Look for the table in the Narthex where Heifer information will be displayed and orders taken. What a Christmas joy!



Within these Welcoming Walls



Our sanctuary and our beautiful windows provide a wonderful space for worship and welcome. The architecture, art, and furnishings speak to the beliefs and practices that this congregation holds most dear. Immediately following the postlude

of each service on Sunday, November 15th, we will be offering a 15-minute introduction to Memorial Church using our worship space as a teaching tool. Look for me, Linda Boldt, in the purple hat, following worship and find out what our walls would say if they could talk. Questions? Contact Linda Boldt in the church office, 734-1787.

Hands and Feet of God

Joan Johanson, facilitator for our Healthy Congregations workshops, says that by focusing on our strengths, rather than our weaknesses, we focus on the future and foster a confident, caring spirit within the church. One of our strengths must surely be the Moving Forward Task Force, who, though they thought they'd be done with their work ten months ago, have continued to work tirelessly on behalf of this congregation. Their decision to bring these workshops to Memorial has been a true blessing. Those who have attended have learned a lot about themselves, about the place we find ourselves, about the need to thoughtfully address the issues facing us while still being respectful and gentle with one another, and much more. The five ministries teams have graciously pitched in to help and have provided a meal as well as child care.

If you haven't had a chance to attend these workshops, there's still time. On Sunday, November 1st, the workshop will be held from 12:00 noon – 2:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 15th, our last workshop session will be held from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. You need not have been at the earlier sessions to participate in these remaining sessions. Additionally, a copy of the participant handbook is available in the church library.

To the ministry teams and especially to the Moving Forward Task Force, we say thank you for your continued and faithful service to the health and future of Memorial Presbyterian Church. We give thanks that you are the Hands and Feet of God.

Fellowship Dinner for Parents of Young Children

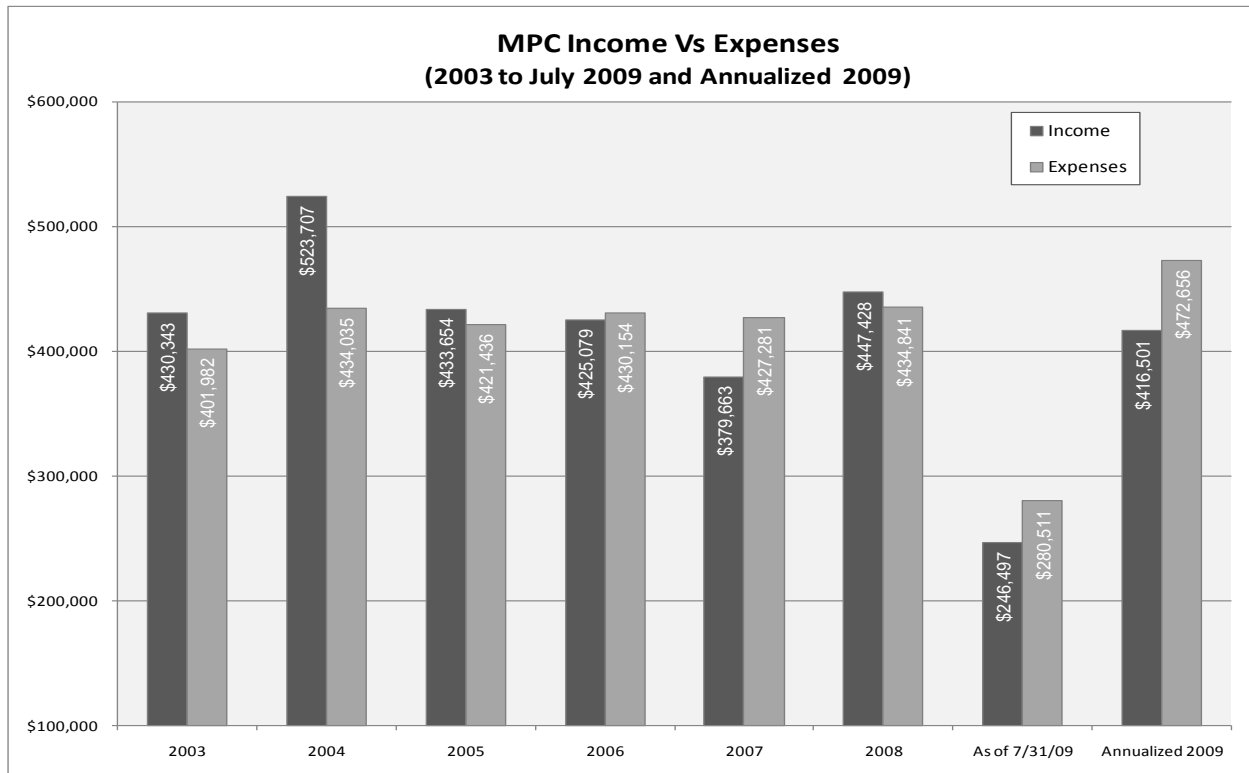
It's not too late to sign up!!! On Saturday, November 14, we'll be meeting at church at 5:30 p.m. for an adults-only potluck! We have babysitters arranged, so you don't have to call around to find someone who's available! The parents can gather and enjoy great food and

conversation and the kids will be served pizza and get their playtime in, too. BUT, it's not only for "parents". Any young adults are welcome to join!! RSVP to Hope Atwater by November 8. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Hope you can come!!!

Basketball League Forming

Once again it is time to pull out your sneakers, polish up on your jump shot and sign up to play on the MPC Men's Basketball team. If we can get enough men to sign up we will once again be participating in the Thursday night Church Basketball League at St. Mary's Catholic Central. The games will not start until January 7th, but we need to reserve our spot by November 20th. This is an over-30 league, but anyone 18 or over can be on the roster. The rules

do allow that only one player under 30 can be on the floor at a time. The league fee which covers the gym rental, the officials, and the scorekeepers, will be split among the participants. It will not be more than \$50 per participant. Please contact Fred Umland at 725-5492 to sign up or to get your questions answered.



SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT
Year-to-Date September 2009

	September	September	Difference	Year-to-Date through September 2009		
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	Difference
SUMMARY OF INCOME						
Contributions	\$20,070	\$33,800	(\$13,730)	\$249,642	\$304,194	(\$54,552)
Pre-paid Pledges (Received in 2008 for 2009)	\$3,911	\$3,911	(\$0)	\$35,197	\$35,199	(\$2)
Plate Offering	\$91	\$300	(\$209)	\$1,864	\$2,700	(\$836)
Youth Offering	\$2	\$25	(\$23)	\$68	\$225	(\$157)
Building Use	\$1,825	\$1,617	\$208	\$18,135	\$14,553	\$3,582
Special Offerings	\$0	\$834	(\$834)	\$5,352	\$7,506	(\$2,154)
Flowers	\$40	\$250	(\$210)	\$1,661	\$2,250	(\$589)
Fellowship Program Income	\$20	\$33	(\$13)	\$191	\$297	(\$106)
Other Operating Income	\$0	\$42	(\$42)	\$265	\$378	(\$113)
Conditional Revenue for Reserve Fund and Local & Global Mission	\$0	\$2,500	(\$2,500)	\$0	\$22,500	(\$22,500)
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,959	\$43,312	(\$17,353)	\$312,376	\$389,802	(\$77,426)
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES						
Pastor	\$7,732	\$7,936	(\$204)	\$71,221	\$71,406	(\$185)
Associate Pastor	\$5,234	\$5,328	(\$94)	\$47,659	\$47,958	(\$299)
Administrative Staff	\$8,012	\$7,209	\$803	\$62,966	\$64,875	(\$1,909)
Worship Staff and Materials	\$2,855	\$3,313	(\$458)	\$24,853	\$29,787	(\$4,934)
Office Operations	\$812	\$909	(\$97)	\$6,073	\$8,181	(\$2,108)
Property and Custodial Staff	\$5,941	\$8,658	(\$2,717)	\$78,806	\$77,934	\$872
Other Congregational Programs	\$2,368	\$1,809	\$559	\$10,804	\$16,269	(\$5,465)
Presbytery Program*	\$3,667	\$4,774	(\$1,107)	\$46,284	\$42,963	\$3,321
Mission Support	\$0	\$3,383	(\$3,383)	\$5,952	\$30,450	(\$24,498)
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,622	\$43,319	(\$6,697)	\$354,620	\$389,823	(\$35,203)
Gain or (Loss)	(\$10,663)	(\$7)	(\$10,656)	(\$42,244)	(\$21)	(\$42,223)

*Note: Per capita (under Presbytery Program) is paid once a year in March.

Schedule of Sunday Morning Volunteers - November 2009

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Reader	Prayer Card Readers	Kinderchurch Assistant	Coffee Servers	Communion Servers
1-Nov	8:45AM	Kathy & Kay Roberts	John Hill	Meeilei Chen Diane Lightfield Ken Lightfield Lynn Mulholland	Bev Hill	N/A	Lauren Tilkens	Norm & Barb Colson	Mark Spindler Ken Lightfield
	11:00AM	Pam & Richard Dodge	O. C. Boldt	Marie Desens Connie Trettin Jacob Johnson Rachel Johnson	Harriet Robson	N/A	N/A	N/A	Connie Sally Mielke O.C. Boldt Carol Knight
8-Nov	8:45AM	Pam Mompier Florence Miller	Sharon McElrath	Dave Doersch Tom McElrath Jeanne Nymoen Jane Stevenson	Joy Marie Doersch	Paula Hoglund	Morgan Manuel	Sarah Beard Jane Slater	N/A
	11:00AM	Tom & Renee Boldt and Family	Mark Smith	Mary Peterson Jerry Saxton Ann Smith Ellen Wright	Low ell Peterson	Tom Neal	N/A	N/A	N/A
15-Nov	8:45AM	John & Terri Lukashew ich & Family	Ken Opgenorth	Heidi Wallenfang Tyler Wallenfang Tim Shoaf TBD	Linda Boldt	Jim Bow man	Quinn Shaffer	Deacon-Jane Stevenson	N/A
	11:00AM	Kim & Sean Gilbride	David Mayefske	Beth Abbott- Christine Cornell Jackie Hoganson Mike Harer	Jeanne Mayefske	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A
22-Nov	8:45AM	Judy Gaines Jane Carvey	Jim Bow man	Valerie Bayer Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish Fred Umland	Nancy Umland	Jim Bow man	Julie Tilkens	Jim Podlasek Karl Ver Burg	N/A
	11:00AM	Dave & Joy Marie Doersch and Family	Tom Boldt	Les Angell Sue Neal Martha Ward Nancy Winslow	Renee Boldt	???	N/A	N/A	N/A
29-Nov	8:45AM	Ken & Diane Lightfield & Family	Mark Spindler	Laurie McCulloch Kelsey Nelson Ted Nelson Pat Spindler	Kathy Privatt	Jane Stevenson	Ryan McElhane y	Mark and Ann Smith	N/A
	11:00AM	Marie Desens Jane Slater	Sally Mielke	Amy Clark Peter Clark Bob McMahon John Mielke	Tim Shoaf	Lynne Selle	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Christmas Mission Fair on November 8th

Bring your Christmas list and your checkbook to the Senior High Pancake Breakfast on November 8. There will be many ways to spread Christmas Joy not only to the recipients of your gifts but to the people here and around the world who benefit from these special gifts.

Opportunities include:

- **Bead for Life:** beautiful jewelry made by impoverished women using gorgeous handcrafted paper beads from recycled paper. These items will only be available on November 8th. Orders after Nov. 8 can be made through the group's website.
- **Heifer Project Gifts:** Goats. Chickens. Bees. Trees. Water Buffalo. So many choices!
- **Adopt-a-Family Program:** Reach out to needy families in our community through the Salvation Army. Learn more about it. Specific sign-up will begin on Nov. 22.
- **UNICEF cards and gifts:** Help kids get the health care and education they need.
- **SERRV Handcrafts** provide a fair trade market for artisans in need, for chocolate producers using fair labor practices, and for the Women's Bean Project in the United States. There will be a preview on November 8th of the SERRV shop, which will be set up in the Library after Thanksgiving.