

Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November 2022

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing... so that we... might live for the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:3, 12

Take a moment to complete "The Blessed Survey," using the following codes:

Overflows: God has richly supplied beyond my simple needs so that my cup overflows.

Blessed: God has provided for my needs so that I do not want for more.

Seeded: God has given me something to begin with, so that I may rely on him more.

Need: God blesses me with need so I may call on him.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Response: *We thank you, Lord.*

For the beauty and wonder of creation: earth, sky, and sea. ^R

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ. ^R

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends. ^R

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve. ^R

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play. ^R

For the brave and the courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity. ^R

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice. ^R

For the communion of saints, in all times and places. ^R

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

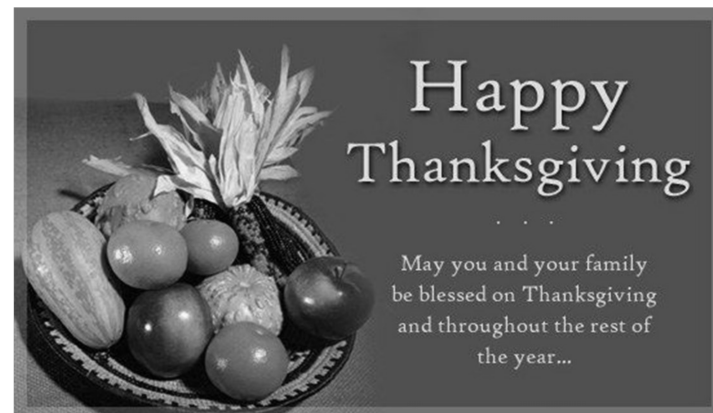
Book of Common Worship, PCUSA.

Overflows	Blessed	Seeded	Need		Overflows	Blessed	Seeded	Need	
				Clean Water					Food
				Health					Sleep / Rest
				Purpose					Security
				Family & Friends					Good Morals
				Peace					Shelter / Home
				Income					Entertainment
				Clear Mind					Clothing / Shoes
				Joy in Living					Loved by others
				Education					Know God
				Forgiveness					God's presence
				Independence					God's people
				Childhood					Five senses
				Democracy					Faithful spouse
				Music					Modern utilities
				Honor					Beauty / Art
				Long Life					Salvation

Bottom Line: *How blessed am I?*



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Join us as we worship the Lord

Worship — 10:30 a.m.
Fall/Winter Hours

For Your Information

Church Contacts

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Nancy Didway, Pastor
304.941.9659 text/call
Pastor.nancy@drydenpres.com

Pastor's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
The best way to contact Pastor Nancy remains her cell phone.

Office Administrator: Sue Barry (844-8321)

Clerk of Session: John Scott (844-9206)

Chair Deacons: Connie Walker

Church phone number: 607-844-8321

Web-site: www.drydenpres.com



We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.

**Our
Church
Mission**

Information for the
December newsletter
should be in the church
office by

Wednesday - November 16, 2022.

NEWSLETTER


A Time to Pray

Dave Gross, Christopher DuFree, Lois Waffner, sister of Phyllis Byrn, Mike and Brian Sincerbeaux, Brenda Carpenters parents Patsy and Ernie

**Prayer
Requests**


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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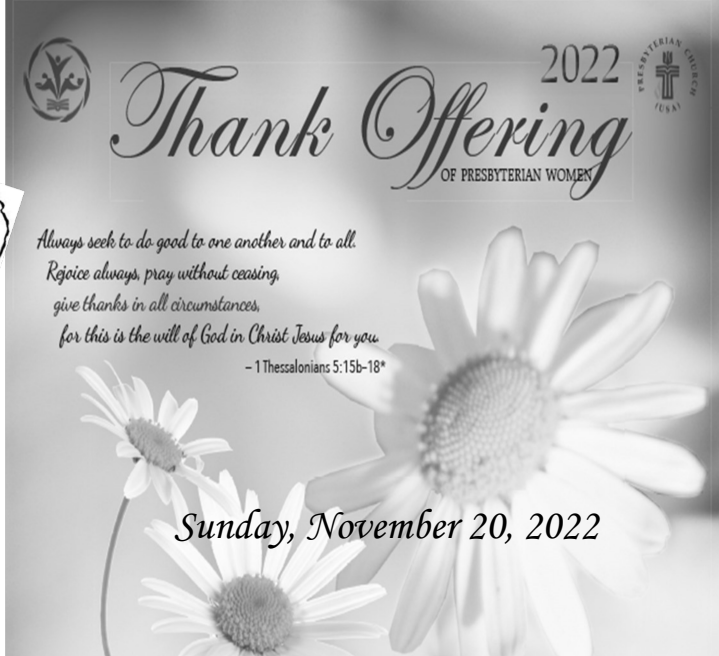
10 Words for Today's World
A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments
 Bible Discussion on Sundays at 9:30 am
 In person in library & on Zoom
 September—November 2022




2022
Thank Offering
 OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:15b-18**


Sunday, November 20, 2022



Stewardship Drive
 Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the church for 2023. Session is requesting all members to submit a pledge card by Sunday, November 13th.
THANK YOU!

Poinsettias are Coming

This month, you will be able to order poinsettias to be displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.



Order dates and prices are still to be determined. Last year the cost was \$6.99 per plant.

If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you!

The Flower Committee
 Joan Watros, Nancy Couch, & LeeAnn Parker

Church Fun!



Several members joined in a prayer meeting while at Treleaven Winery listening to Alan MaComber's band., The Mike Shaw Band.



Fran Sincerbeaux, a lady with a HUGE heart, decorated cupcakes with our little ones on October 9th. Thank you Fran!



Good Deeds and Meeting Needs

Kitchen Cupboard

If you know of anyone who needs help with food, let that person know about our cupboard!

There is a box marked in the entrance to the administrative wing for your generous donations.

The Kitchen Cupboard receives donations of canned goods, prepared meals, etc., while financial donations enable the purchase of other necessities: bread, milk, etc.

Thank you all who faithfully fill KC's shelves month after month.

The Clothing Shed is OPEN!

Please place donations in the following three places: In baskets in The Caring Corner of the Social Room, in the black cupboard in the rear entryway, and in the closet labelled "Clothing Shed Donations" just inside the Administrative Office bathroom.



The WEB program delivers approximately 50 bags of food to students in the Dryden School District who are food insufficient. Please donate **cereal (small boxes)** for November. There is a basket in the administrative wing that is labeled WEB for your donations. Thank you.



The Church Life Committee is seeking USHERS for Sunday morning service. If you can help out in this way, sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

It is good to sing God's praises!

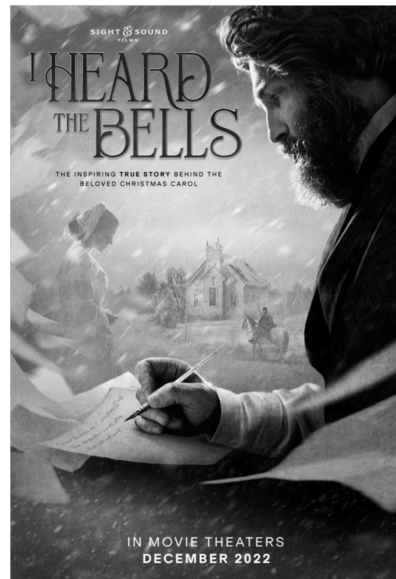
If you're getting an inner nudge to join the choir, PLEASE DO! The choir, led by Music Director Scott Miller, rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



MOVIE Night!

Plans are being made for a church outing to watch the movie “I Heard The Bells” in early December! The movie is a production of Sight and Sound. Sight & Sound® is a ministry on a mission to create spectacular entertainment experiences for the whole family. They announced expansion into feature films production, with I Heard the Bells as the first-ever theatrical release set for cinemas nationwide December 2022.

Known as America's Poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow leads an idyllic life...until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the re-sounding hope of rekindled faith.



Stay tuned for more information.

The Annual Christmas Cantata is returning

All are welcome, members of the church as well as members of the community
If you would like to sing or if you know someone who would like to sing

Contact Scott Miller
(607) 844-4039
ParkMiller1@gmail.com

Angel Tree Families

We will be adopting two or three families through the Salvation Army.

Sign up to give or fund a youth to shop for you.

Details available in mid-November



Join us Sunday, November 6th, as we remember those who have gone home to be with the Lord this past year. If you have someone to include in the memorial, please sign their name in the Memorial Book in the fellowship hall.



Christian Education

Advent DVD Bible Study

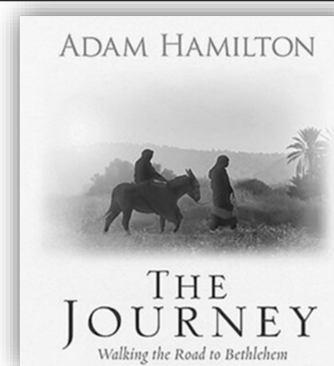
beginning November 28th / 29th

Mondays ~ 7-8 pm on Zoom only

Tuesdays ~ 11 am– 12 noon in person & on Zoom.

Optional Book \$15

Please sign up by Sunday November 13th to order books.



The Journey by Adam Hamilton

In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ.

Live Nativity –December 3

Once again we plan to share the Christmas Story with the community for our Live Nativity on Dec. 3, 5:00 pm. If you are interested in helping with set up, unloading animals, arranging props and costumes or being a shepherd or animal “wrangler,” please contact Brenda or Dan.



There will be a Christmas Carol sing following the Christmas Story, so come and join the fun!



Mitten Tree

On November 20 we will put up the “Mitten Tree”. Your generous donation of warm hats mittens, waterproof gloves and scarves are very much appreciated. Drape your gifts on the “Mitten Tree”. We will be collecting through December 18th. Thank you for remembering those in need!



Finance and Facilities Report

All-Church Craft & Game "Tailgate" Party Saturday, November 5 ~ 2-5 pm Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!

This will be a fun filled afternoon with lots of mingling fun!

Possible activities include:

Football Game on TV in Library "Tailgate" Snacks
Two Christmas Crafts One Non-Christmas Craft One Mission Project
Three Game Tables: Bingo, Trivia Game, Card Game
Various Minute to Win It Challenges



Volunteers needed to help create the fun!
See Pastor Nancy to help out.



Operating Results...

Due to the crash of the treasurer's hard drive, data for August & September is still unavailable. She is in the process of reloading the new drive.

2023 Preliminary Budget...

A copy of the 2023 preliminary budget is included with this year's stewardship letter which you have either received or will soon. Following is a brief comparison of the major line items with 2021 actual and the 2022 budget.

	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Pledge Receipts	\$ 94,644	\$ 101,050	\$ 101,050
Non-Pledge & Plate Contributions	6,921	8,000	10,000
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	6,794	7,000	13,000
Expenses	(102,166)	(142,487)	(167,472)
To Capital, Copier & Piano/Organ Reserves	(3,600)	(3,600)	(3,600)
From Reserve to Cover Cost of Zoom Camera	1,457	-	-
Net Operating Income	\$ 4,051	\$ (30,037)	\$ (47,022)

() denotes reduction to Income.

Pledges shown in the 2023 budget column is the total of the amounts actually pledged for 2022. It will be updated after the stewardship campaign is completed. 2023 Non-Pledge and Plate contributions have been set close to the amount actually received for 12 months ended July, 2022. The increase in the Interest, Dividends & Misc. Income line for 2023 reflects planned investments of part of our cash accounts in CDs. The major change in 2022 & 2023 expenses is the arrival of our new full-time pastor in June of this year. Other significant changes as compared to 2021 are the increased costs of insurance and utilities. These were reflected in the 2022 budget however further increases are anticipated in 2023. The 2023 budget also includes small increases in our staff's payroll and changes (up & down) in several other expense line items. Any shortfall in Net Income in 2022 or 2023 will result in a draw from the Session Discretionary Reserve or other savings. If you have any questions about the budget, please call or text Ernie Walker at (607) 227-4969.

Blue Jeans Sunday...

The weather looks pretty good for Blue Jeans Sunday, October 30th. If it pours (or snows), the rain date will be the following Sunday, Nov 6th, in which case we'll try to notify you by email. Please come to Church in your "Sunday best" blue jeans. We'll enjoy fellowship during a light lunch after the morning service and then clean up the building & grounds in preparation for winter. A sign-up list for the various projects is in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a list for the lunch so we have an idea of the number to plan for. Bring rakes, tarps, blowers or whatever tools that you might need. Hopefully we will see you on the 30th but, if you are busy that day, feel free to work on your project some other day before the 30th as the village truck will be there for loading that day. **See you on the 30th!**

The Scarecrow's Prayer

by Nancy L. Didway



Precious Lord,
I lift my eyes to Thy glory – an October sky spread out like a crisp blue cotton sheet that starts and ends each day washed in rich dyes of red, orange, and purple. How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!
Who am I that I may come into Thy presence with my humble words and stuffed head? For I am but an image of a being, full of straw and fit to be burned. All that I have has come from Thy compassionate hand. Thou hast laid upon my back of rags a glorious robe of forgiveness and mercy. Without the provision of Thy rod, I cannot even stand.
Yet, by Thy grace, here I stand, ready to serve Thou, my God, in my simple way. I have no refined means or shining talents to offer to Thy kingdom. My hands cannot plow or carry or sow.
And so, give me courage, I pray dear Lord, to stand watch with a joyful heart over the golden treasure of this field which Thou hast brought forth from the very earth. May I be faithful unto Thy name in both sun and rain, darkness and light. So that by Thy hand, Thy people may be fed.
Look with mercy upon Thy servant, O Lord. Amen.