

Davenport First Presbyterian Church

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TEDBITS

Pastor Ted Broadway

Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner giving us a wonderful opportunity to stop and remember that all we enjoy in this life. Our food, our homes, our plenty—all are gifts of God to us. This attitude of gratitude is reflected in the Thanksgiving quotes included at the end of this article. All that God allows us to use and enjoy were His long before we came to this earth and will be here long after we are gone. Our God is so gracious to us.

Our forebears, in their wisdom, established a day for expressing our gratitude to God for His providence. We are invited to join with our Christian people to worship our God and thank Him for all of His gifts. There will be a Thanksgiving service at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 on November 21. Father Pat MacMahon will speak and we will have the privilege of thanking God together. There will also be a chance to share a little of our prosperity with those in our county who are facing difficult times by giving to the Davenport Ministerial Alliance Fund which cares for local people in need. What an opportunity to help develop in ourselves grateful hearts. Mark your calendars.

Advent starts on November 28 this month. This is a marvelous time of preparation for a spiritual Christmas as we prepare hearts and minds for the coming of the one and only Savior of the world in the person of Jesus. It is a great time to get to the center of the reason for the season, to see the heart of Christmas.

This Advent, we will work our way through a devotional booklet centered on the theme of the Jesse Tree. The Tree of Jesse refers to a passage in the Book of Isaiah which describes the descent of the Messiah from a man named Jesse of Bethlehem, who was the father of David, the King of Israel.

Isaiah, 11:1

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The branch from Jesse's ancestors, from Jesse's "roots," leads to the Messiah, the Savior, Jesus Christ. In the New Testament, the lineage of Jesus is traced by two of the Gospel writers, Matthew and Luke. Luke describes the generations of Christ in Chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, beginning with Jesus himself and tracing backwards through his "earthly father" Joseph all the way to Adam. Matthew's Gospel opens with these words, *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.* With this beginning Matthew makes clear Jesus' whole lineage: He is of God's chosen people by His descent from Abraham, and He is the "shoot of Jesse" by His descent from Jesse's son, King David. Jesus is the long awaited Messiah.

The Jesse Tree is a vehicle to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament through symbols placed on its branches, and to connect the Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. The Branch is a biblical sign of newness out of discouragement, which became a way to talk about the expected Messiah (for example, Jeremiah 23:5). It is therefore a fitting symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the revelation of the grace and faithfulness of God.

As with every Advent, there will be special music and special touches to our worship. Bring friends and family. There will be devotional booklets available for home Advent worship.

We will be looking forward to Christmas Eve and the beginning of the Christmas season. This year the Christmas Eve theme will be *The Voices of Christmas*. Several characters from the biblical accounts of Jesus' coming in the flesh at His nativity—Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, the innkeeper, Herod and the Magi—each tell a bit of the Christmas story. In between we will sing or hear the singing of special seasonal music. It will be a candlelight service and a special time of worship. We need the talents of our church family to make this happen. We would love to have people who would enjoy reading a short character sketch of the above mentioned (and several other) characters. Memorizing a few lines is preferred but not necessarily required. Minimal costuming is needed. We are also inviting people with musical talent to employ their gifts for worship on Christmas Eve.

Put Jesus in the center of your Thanksgiving and Christ in the center of Christmas.

Soli Deo Gratia

THANKSGIVING QUOTES

There is no such thing as gratitude unexpressed. If it is unexpressed, it is plain, old-fashioned ingratitude.
~Robert Brault

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"
~William A. Ward

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.
~H.U. Westermayer

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.
~G.B. Stern

When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?
~G.K. Chesterton

I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.
~G.K. Chesterton

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get.
~Frank A. Clark

The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!
~Henry Ward Beecher

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.
~Epictetus

Gratitude is the best attitude.
~Author Unknown

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.
~Thornton Wilder

Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all.
~William Faulkner

Davenport First Presbyterian Church

SESSION MINUTES

October 7, 2010

Approval Pending

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, WA, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2010, in the church library.

Present to make a quorum

Moderator: Rev. Ted Broadway; **Clerk:** Sandy Buchanan; **Deacon Representative:** Stacie Moses, **Elders:** Lorie Klahn, Sharon Thompson, Marshall Thompson, Chris Clayton and Bryan Teel.

Absent

Elders: Jim Linstrum, Tina West and Carolyn Moldrem and **Treasurer:** Shelly Johnston.

The meeting was opened in prayer at 7:10 PM.

Deacons Report: Presented by Stacie Moses.

- Dinners are being coordinated for the Pitman family to help with Janet's illness.
- There will be a Pounding Party after church on October 10 to honor the marriage of Chris and Corinne Clayton. Everyone is to bring 1 lb. of something.
- There will be a Deacons meeting on October 14.
- November 14 there will be a congregational potluck.
- Deacons will now be helping with communion.

Approval of Minutes: Session unanimously approved the minutes of September 9, 2010 and September 27, 2010 with a few corrections.

Financial Report: Marshall gave the financial report provided by Shelly. Beginning balance for August 1, 2010 was

\$3,575.84. The budget committee will be meeting to prepare the 2011 budget. Difficulties meeting this year's budget were discussed.

Clerks Report: Home Communion was provided for Vera Sautter. The wedding of Chris Clayton and Corinne Brown was held on September 9, 2010. Baptism for Cindy Deppner Rushton was held on September 20, 2010. Sandy reported that no one to date has been found for the clerk position.

Baptisms: 1

Deaths: 0

New Members: 0

Membership transfer/removed: 0

Communion: 70

Home Communion: 1

Weddings: 1

Session Action and Business:

- Session voted unanimously for Tina West and Sandy Buchanan to serve on the Nominating Committee. They will co-chair this committee.
- Session voted unanimously to grant the request of Sharon Nighswonger to use the church on December 10 and 11 for an all night sleepover for Girl Scouts.
- Session voted to unanimously to allow Sherrill Hansen to use the fellowship hall for a PEO meeting on October 14. A suggested donation of \$25 will be asked.
- Session voted to activate the budget committee. Besides Marshall Thompson, Mike Bell, Rand Masteller, and Rod Pankey will be asked to be on the committee.
- With only a few minor corrections, Session voted to approve the draft of the Discernment Process between DFPC and Presbytery of the Inland Northwest that had been worked on in committee and presented by Lorie Klahn.
- Session voted to continue the meeting until 9:20 PM.

Pastors Report: Pastoral activities in the past month included visits (hospital and in-home); Youth Group and Youth Team Meetings; calls and meetings regarding denominational issues; Men's Breakfast meetings on Thursdays; teaching Sunday School; Mission Commission on 9/14; officiated the wedding of Chris Clayton and Corinne Brown on 9/19.

Commission Reports:

Mission-Lori reported that \$490 was raised to assist with Gama Canul's ministry in Mexico. The Mission Commission is working on an additional donation for this ministry.

Christian Education-Sharon reported that Sunday school began on September 12.

Worship-Carolyn reported that St Andrew's Day is October 24, Youth Sunday is November 21, the Christmas Cantata will be held at DFPC on December 19.

Membership: Ted reported that he plans to have a class soon.

Buildings & Grounds: Bryan reported that the fall workday after church was held. Several people have continued to help finish projects. The furnace has problems and Sturm Heating is looking into it.

Outreach: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Youth: There are approximately 20 kids in attendance now and they are studying the Purpose Drive Life.

Task Force: Lorie provided a draft proposal.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 4, 2010.

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September 9, 2010

Approval Pending

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Present to make a quorum: Moderator: Rev. Ted Broadway; **Treasurer:** Shelly Johnston; **Clerk:** Sandy Buchanan; **Deacon Representative:** Shirley Gunning; **Elders:** Lorie Klahn, Tina West, Carolyn Moldrem, Sharon Thompson, Marshal Thompson, Chris Clayton, Jim Linstrum, and Bryan Teel.

The meeting was opened in prayer at 7:00 PM.

Deacons Report: Presented by Shirley Gunning.

- Dinners are being coordinated for the Pitman family to help with Janet's illness.
- October 3 there will be a congregational potluck.
- There will be a Pounding Party after church on October 10 to honor the marriage of Chris and Corinne Clayton. Everyone is to bring 1 lb. of something.

Approval of Minutes: Session unanimously approved the minutes of August 5, 2010 and June 3, 2010.

Financial Report: Shelly reported that there was \$6,000 transferred from the Scudder fund to cover expenses.

Clerks Report: Sandy reported that she wrote a letter to Sheryl Kinder-Pyle on August 5. Session requested another letter be sent to Sheryl Kinder-Pyle explaining that more time is needed before the Session can make a commitment regarding a

discernment process due to confusion. Sandy reported that she plans to resign from the clerk position, but will continue through December of 2010.

Clerks Report:

Baptisms: 0

Deaths: 0

New Members: 0

Membership transfer/removed: 0

Communion: 72

Home Communion: 2

Weddings: 0

Session Action and Business:

- Session **voted** unanimously for Carolyn to serve as an alternate to Presbytery. She will join Lorie and Jim in Lewiston for the September 18 meeting.
- Session **voted** unanimously to grant Sharon Nighswonger's request to use the church on the first and third Wednesdays of every month for Girl Scouts.
- Session **voted** to approve a special offering for missionary Gama Canul, should it work out that he is able to visit around Labor Day.
- Session **voted** to continue the meeting until 9:55 PM.

Pastors Report: Pastoral activities in the past month included visits (hospital and in-home); counseling; pre-marital counseling; Youth Team meetings August 9 and 25, PINW Mission Committee meeting on August 31; Holly Starr Concert with youth on August 27; meeting with Cathy Goodrich scheduled for Sept. 2 to discuss denominational issues; Task Force meeting on Sept. 7; and home communions.

Commission Reports:

Mission-Lorie reported that missionary Gama Canul will be preaching on September 12. There will be a love offering to assist with his ministry.

Christian Education-Sharon reported that Sunday school begins on September 12.

Worship- Carolyn reported that the Sawyers will be donating communion bread for area churches. Choir will start for fall.

Membership: No report

Buildings & Grounds: Bryan reported that he is arranging for the carpets to be cleaned. October 3 will be the fall workday after church.

Outreach: No report.

Personnel: Laura Ensor and April Carothers will be providing nursery services. Email security between the pastor and church secretary will soon be resolved.

Youth: Chris reported that there are 17 kids attending youth group.

Task Force: Lorie gave a report on the meeting that was held with a group from Presbytery on August 30, 2010. The meeting with Cathy Goodrich from the Yellowstone Presbytery on Thursday, September 2 was also discussed. After a lengthy discussion, Session agreed to proceed as follows:

Notify the Presbytery that Session would like to poll the congregation before agreeing to enter a discernment process. Lorie, Sandy, and Jim agreed to work on a point and counter point presentation that reviews the research that the Task Force has gathered as well as other pertinent information that is concise for members to review. It was agreed that a panel discussion for members to ask questions would be helpful as well as a congregational meeting.

It was agreed that a poll by mail would be the best way to conduct the poll and that it should be anonymous.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 7, 2010.

**Let Us Gather
Together to Give Thanks
to Our LORD
Community
Thanksgiving Service**



4 o'clock in the afternoon
Sunday, November 21

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church

CHURCH WORK UPDATE: Jim Linstrum spearheaded the effort, and with the help of Pastor Ted and Roger Bond and the Masteller's backhoe, the **old playground and fence** is gone!

Don Schultz chipped away at **the front railing** during the week and several others helped on Sunday to mask and prime and start the first coat of white paint. Don finished the job singlehandedly and is now working to repair a men's room fixture.

Some weeds got pulled, some leaves got raked; the manse lawns and front strips got fertilized. The wallpaper was re-glued. Pastor Ted cleaned the rain gutters and power washed the manse in August.

DOWNSTAIRS LADIES ROOM: The toilet seat was installed & the wall was washed down, repaired and prepped for painting.
DOWNSTAIRS MENS ROOM: The exhaust fan was installed.

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON! Mark your calendar for these festive events:

Sunday, November 21 **Decorate for Advent after Church Thanksgiving Service @ 4 PM**

Sunday, November 28 **Hometown Christmas**

Thursday, December 2 through Sunday, December 5
A Christmas Carol, community theatre

Sunday, December 5
Messiah Sing-a-long @ 4 PM
First Presbyterian Church, Spokane
(318 S. Cedar)

Thursday, December 9
Davenport High School Winter Concert

Friday, December 10 @ 8 PM
Saturday, December 11 @ 3 & 7 PM
Whitworth Christmas Festival Concerts
Tickets \$18 on sale November 1

Sunday, December 12 @ 4 PM
Sarah Jane Music Recital

Monday, December 13
Elementary School Winter Concert

Sunday, December 19 **Christmas Cantata & Swing Choir Holiday Concert/Dinner**

Tuesday, December 21 **Christian Heritage School Christmas Program @ 1 PM and 7 PM**

Friday, December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Sunday, December 26 **Sunday School St. Nicolas Festivities**

CONGREGATIONAL/PASTORAL REVIEW: Personnel Chair, Jim Linstrum, has generated a survey. He requests that **every member and active participant complete this survey for the purpose of affirming and strengthening the pastor and the congregation in their relationship and ministry.** There are copies available in the Narthex (youth and adults are invited to respond). In an effort to save paper, the survey has been emailed to the email addresses available to Jim. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please notify the office. Surveys are due December 5.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR LIBERTY PARK MINISTRY: Liberty Park has been called our Presbytery's "best kept secret." Liberty Park serves approximately 75 children and families each day through quality education, child care, and family services. One of their fundamental principles as an organization is to help families help themselves. It's a vital outreach ministry in a high need area, to a vulnerable community. Benefit Dinner is slated for Friday, December 10, 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church just before the Whitworth University Christmas Choir Concert.

For dinner reservations: Call Marianne Fraise 509-466-2555. The cost is \$25.00 per person. (Tables for eight are available by reservation.) For concert tickets: Call Dick Barney 509-467-9397 or purchase them on line with a credit card at www.whitworth.edu/musictickets. The cost of the choir tickets is \$18.00, discount for seniors and students \$15.00.

If you are not able to attend the dinner, but still are interested in supporting this ministry, you can send in your tax deductible donation to: Liberty Park, 1417 E. Hartson Ave., Spokane, WA 99202-3338.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Support the church! We cannot light or heat the church or pay the pastor without your support! New boxes of offering envelopes are available for your use and are located on all the Narthex tables. These envelopes are not date specific so they may be used for weekly, monthly or periodic giving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN FULL SWING! Join in every Sunday for Sunday School! Classes for all ages! Adults at 8:45 AM: Children at 9:00 AM. Nursery Care provided.

FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT: A Taco Feed, prepared and served by some of our youth, is scheduled for Sunday, November 14 after church. Come enjoy a lunch of tacos and such. Brittany West and Hannah Bayles are spearheading the effort to raise funds necessary to bring evangelist/motivational speaker, Bob Lenz, and music artist, Holly Starr, to Davenport and Reardan on March 9, 2011.

DECORATE FOR ADVENT: Please plan to stay a while after church on Sunday, November 21, to help set up the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. From hauling boxes in from storage and setting up the tree to fluffing bows and hanging decorations—there's a job for everyone! Meet in the chancel area at about 11 AM for assignments. Many hands make light the work!

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS: We hope you will rally to support this event. Please make room in your calendar to attend—even just for the Christmas caroling and to see the lighting of the community gazebo. The date selected is Sunday, November 28 with festivities starting at around 4:30 PM.

TIME FOR CHRISTMAS EVE PLANNING! A very simple reader's theatre piece, *Christmas Reflections*, involving 14 readings is being considered. If you want to be a reader and you can speak up loud and clear, please alert Pastor Ted or Secretary Sue. **No lines to memorize.** Parts are:

- Angel Gabriel**-Jim Linstrum
- Mary**-Corinne
- Joseph**-Chris-
- Elizabeth**-Penny Pankey
- Zechariah**-Rod Pankey
- Neighbors**-Joey & Brittany West
- The Innkeeper Lady**-Darci Linstrum
- Shepherd Man & Boy**-Ted & Jon B.?
- Wiseman Gaspar**-?
- Herod**-Doug Mielke?
- Wiseman Melchior**-?
- Old Simeon**-TJ?
- Old Anna**-Tina West
- Wiseman Balthasar**-?
- A Sunday School Teacher**-Sharon T.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21: *DECORATE FOR ADVENT* after church and *COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE* at 4 PM.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28: 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT and HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS.

CALENDAR CHANGES: Youth Sunday has been postponed until Spring; an all-Sunday School Advent/Candle Lighters Training event for the children's Sunday School hour is being considered as well as a Saint Nicolas event after Christmas.



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POINSETTIAS: Please help to beautify the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas by sponsoring a poinsettia. Orders must be gathered early so we can pay for our pre-order of these brilliant plants which bring great joy throughout the season and to the shut-ins who receive the red plants in time for Christmas Eve. To place an order, please clip out the enclosed order form.

Your Name(s):

Address:

Phone: _____

I/We would like to order:

- _____ red poinsettia (MID SIZE) plant(s) at \$13.00 each for a total of \$_____.
- _____ white poinsettia (LARGE) plant(s) at \$20.00 each for a total of \$_____.
- _____ white poinsettia (ENORMOUS) plant(s) at \$30.00 each for a total of \$_____.

Please publish the following intention(s):

In Memory of

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Please return this form with your cash or check made payable to Davenport First Presbyterian Church and mark it "for Poinsettias." Our mailing address is P.O. Box 318, Davenport, WA 99122. Your form and payment may also be returned to the church office or deposited in the offertory plate. Thank you!

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NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS:

Sarina West	11-4
Kenny Goodhope	11-4
Wyatt Evers	11-6
Carlie Sorenson	11-6
Larry Doty	11-10
Justin Holderby	11-13
Katy Fisk	11-17
Caige Colbert	11-17
Ty Freeze	11-18
Debbie Hutsell	11-21
Claire Lunde	11-23
Jonathan Cruz	11-25
Jocelyn Cruz	11-27
Sam Nighswonger	11-27

NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES:

Harold & Linda Patterson	11-3
Mike & Jody Hardin	11-7
Keith & Yvonne Bailey	11-8
Ed & Shelly Johnston	11-21
Tim & Janet Pitman	11-24

NOVEMBER 7

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Remember To Fall Back!

November 14 – Taco Feed

**November 21- Decorate for Advent
COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**November 28-First Sunday of Advent
HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS**

**REMEMBER TO ORDER
YOUR POINSETTIAS!**



COMING SOON . . .

DECEMBER LAYLEADERS:

Dec. 5-Second Sunday of Advent
 WL: Heather Panke
 G: Nelson Family
 U: Nighswonger Family

Dec. 12-Third Sunday of Advent
 WL: Ernestine King
 G: Bell Family
 U: Nick & Debbie Marriott

Dec. 19-Fourth Sunday of Advent
 WL: Doug Mielke
 G: West Family
 U: Hills Family

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve
 WL: Rod Pankey
 G: Cathy Anderson
 U: Jim & Sandy Buchanan

Dec. 26
 WL: Rand Masteller
 G: Marshall & Sharon Thompson
 U: Rod & Penny Pankey