



The Breath

Priest Lake Presbyterian Church
"Take the Breath to Spread the Word"

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I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. *Ephesians 1:16*

In almost every letter he wrote, Paul let the readers know that he was thankful for them and that he thanked God for their presence in his life. He was aware that everyday there were challenges to the people of God. The world called out with noisy voices for them to despair- to give up hope or to put their faith in human intelligence and persuasive, charming

leaders. Paul was grateful for friends who refused to give up, refused to back down, refused to silently give a nod to injustice or evil. He recognized people who blessed God with their joyful, gentle and courageous choices for his Kingdom. He wanted to let them know that he saw their faith. Paul saw them remaining faithful in spite of everything the world threw at them. He wanted them to feel affirmed because *we all need to know when we are going in the right direction*. No matter how independent, strong and resourceful a person (maybe you?) may seem, people still appreciate true encouragement.

Who do you know who needs to be encouraged? Whose faith and determination for good has encouraged you? Perhaps this month we could be encouragers of one another. You PLPC folks encouraged me so much with your cards and notes for pastor appreciation. Let's expand the "THANKS" and see if you might try thanking someone every day, or at least once a week from now through thanksgiving. Instead of just saying, "I appreciate you," try being as specific as you can. Say what has helped or inspired you. Has it been someone's smile, their leadership, their quiet service behind the scenes, their kindness? Has someone's prayer or their voice in choir lifted your heart? Consider it a spiritual offering to God as you thank someone in the name of Christ. Then notice how they react and how you feel as you live into being a person of thanks....giving.

I am grateful for you and thank my God for all of you!
Pastor Cindy



Dear PLPC sisters and brothers,

Thank you so much for your lovely surprise on Sunday morning! I feel blessed to serve as your pastor and I am growing in my love for you every day. You are such a generous and encouraging congregation. I loved all my cards, plant and flowers. May you be blessed as you have blessed me. In Christ, Cindy



The **2018 Stewardship Campaign** is well under way, and as of Sunday, October 29th we are more than halfway to our number of giving units, woo hoo! We set a goal of 31 units pledging for the coming year, and are currently at 16.

The Budget for 2018 is \$205,485.60 and the 16 units pledging make up about 36% of the monies needed for PLPC to continue to operate as we have in the past.

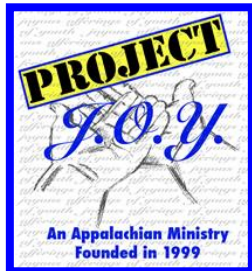
You can see that we have a way to go as far as the money end of things. I have a saying that I use often with my outside salesmen at work, "Pennies add up to Dollars". Each pledge is important in helping us reach our goal, and fund our church. Please prayerfully consider what you will be able to contribute financially to PLPC in 2018.

Additionally, for those of you who have turned in your time and talent sheets, I thank you. We all have God given gifts which we are called to share with others.

Stewardship Sunday is November 12th, and it would be awesome to have reached our goals on or before that special day. If you need an additional pledge card, please contact the office.

Thank you.

Donna Nock
Finance Elder



Our 19th year of traveling to Harlan, Kentucky for **Project J.O.Y.** is now in the books! Despite the rain and cold on Saturday morning, countless warm hearts (from our crew and the people we serve) came together to make this year one of our best yet. We are still tallying the final numbers, but we know that many souls were served and will continue to be served by the schools and counselors with whom we partner. Look for additional information in next month's newsletter, as well as updates this week on our Facebook page (Project J.O.Y. of Tennessee). The pictures tell their own stories, and you might even catch a glimpse of Pastor Cindy maneuvering a two-wheeler to move boxes! Thank you for your continued support of our mission to feed the minds, bodies, and souls of Harlan, Kentucky!

Worship Leader	Greet	Usher	Communion
November 5 – Kathy Ware	Leesa Fields & Valerie Barton Kathy Ware serves choir	Florence Nkosi & Mike Howard	Prep communion: Jon Loudermilk Clean-up – Valerie Barton
November 12 – Frank Horton	Cat & Laura Bradford	Phil Hereford & Terry Culp	
November 19 – Crystal Caviness	Chad Barton & Fred Dahlman	Dave & Tess Smith	
November 26 – Mike Howard	Dyeann Hildebrand & Megan Sadler	Jonathan and Mariah Schwartz	

If you are unable to serve in the capacity of preparing Communion, greeters, ushers, servers, cleanup or worship leader, please see Jon Loudermilk or you may contact him at 615-714-8751 or by email JonLoudermilk@tds.net. If you would like to be included in our rotation, please speak to Jon.



Treasurer Report

OPERATING INCOME

Income during September 2017	\$10,989.17
Expenses during September 2017	\$17,170.43
Net Operating Income for September 2017	-\$6,181.26
Year to Date Income Received through 9/30/17	\$122,573.51
Year to Date Expenses through 9/30/17	\$133,626.15
Net Operating Income through 9/30/17	-\$11,052.64

ACCOUNTS BALANCES:

Money in Checking at 9/30/17		\$45,666.52
General Funds	-\$11,079.75	
Missions Funds	\$3,361.84	
Designated Accounts	\$53,384.43	
Money in Savings at 9/30/17		\$27,983.84
A/C Fund	\$4,400.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$5,545.00	
Insurance Deductible Sinking Fund	\$10,000.00	
Nazarene Donation – Designated for PNC to use for Moving Expenses for New Pastor	\$5,539.00	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,499.84	

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	2 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	3 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Revival – afternoon & evening	4 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Iglesia Revival – afternoon & evening
5 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 WALK – 5:00	6 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	7 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	8 Bible Study – 9:15 Choir Practice - 7:00	9 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	10 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Italian Feast – 6:30 pm @ PLPC	11 Veterans Day Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Rev. Richard Oyaro Wes Witten
12 Pledge Sunday Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Stated Session Meeting – following Worship Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00	13 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Rick Laney	14 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	15 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00 Margaret Newton	16 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	17 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Sarah Evans Greene	18 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Phil Hereford
19 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Thanksgiving Dinner – following Worship Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 WALK – 5:00	20 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Joey Loudermilk	21 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin Seth Sadler	22 Bible Study – 9:15 Choir Practice - 7:00 Michele Witten	23 Thanksgiving Day - office closed Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	24 Office Closed Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	25 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
26 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Church Picnic – following Worship service Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00	27 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	28 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin Henry & Susan Rowell Jon Loudermilk Judy Achieng	29 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00 John Buwalda	30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45		Notes:



Priest Lake Presbyterian Church
“A Taste of Tuscany”
Friday, November 10th 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to join us for a magical evening of great food and music. Guest Chef Jonathan Schwartz will prepare an Italian feast all from scratch. The menu features:

- Spaghetti with Homemade Marinara and Meatballs**
- Chicken Alfredo**
- Italian Creamed Spinach, Caesar Salad and Hot Bread**
- A variety of Homemade Italian Desserts**

Advance ticket purchase is required and are available for \$15 per person, \$72.00 for a table of 6, \$86.00 for a table of 7. For more info call Leesa at 615 834-6293. All Proceeds to benefits the Angaza Nuru Kenyan Mission Project.



Thanksgiving Lunch
Sunday, November 19th

The annual Thanksgiving lunch is right around the corner.

Bring your favorite covered dish to share. We'll provide ham, bread and drinks.

What a great opportunity to invite a friend to church!



Mark your Calendar!
The next "Come to the Table" will be Tuesday,
December 5th, 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome for a homemade lunch and some holiday fun. Wear your favorite holiday sweater. Enter either the ugliest or prettiest sweater contest...YOU decide.

The menu will be chicken tetrazzini, garden salad, hot bread and dessert. Invite a friend and join us. A donation of \$7.00 helps cover our costs!

WALK is thankful for fellowship, study and prayer together

WALK continues to gather women who support and care for one another as we all journey through life. We invite you to join us on Wednesdays or Sundays to experience WALK for yourself.



The Wednesday WALK group, which meets every other week from 6-7 p.m. is watching Rob Bell's NOOMA video series this Fall. The short films, which cover topics such as love, pain, grief, suffering, anger, blessings, and God's plan for our lives, always spark lively conversations! We invite you to join us for this thought-provoking series. No study materials are required. Session dates are November 1st, November 15th and November 29th.



The Sunday WALK group will meet 5-7 p.m. on alternate Sundays to study "All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians" by Kelly Minter. In the eight-part video series, you will have a chance to explore the anchoring truths of bearing treasures in jars of clay, meeting Christ through a pressing thorn, opening wide your heart in the midst of hurtful relationships, and what it means to embrace the lost and lonely as ministers of the new covenant. Because of Jesus, the old has gone, the new has come. Please consider joining us for a meaningful time of study, discussion and fellowship. The study book can be purchased at Amazon or Lifeway. Session dates are November 12th, November 19th, December 3rd and December 17th.

Feel free to drop by either WALK group at any time! The Sunday WALK group meets from 5-7 p.m.; Wednesday WALK group meets from 6-7 p.m.

WALK, in its seventh year, has grown into a supportive group of women who pray and care for one another as we each seek God's Will for our lives. For more information, contact Crystal Caviness at Crystal.caviness@gmail.com or [615.306.3401](tel:615.306.3401).



PLPC Ladies enjoy prayer and lunch together

The PLPC Ladies Retreat, held October 14th, brought together 18 church members and friends for an outing to the Scarritt Bennett Prayer Labyrinth, along with lunch at the Cafe at Thistle Farms in Nashville.

The Fall weather was perfect for a meditative stroll through the labyrinth. Following the time at Scarritt Bennett, the group traveled to the newly-remodeled Thistle Farms property for lunch and shopping.

Save the date for the next PLPC Ladies event, the annual PLPC Ladies Retreat, set for January 27th and 28th, 2018. More details will be coming soon.



Angaza Nuru Team prepares for Kenya travel

The Angaza Nuru Team has been commissioned and the airline tickets have been purchased for the next Journey to Kenya, set for January 2018.

Those going to Kenya to visit with our friends in the village of Bodoi are: Crystal Caviness, Pam Caviness, Darla Horton, Nancy Loudermilk,

Marilyn McGovern, Florence Nkosi, Elizabeth Sadler and Lisa Witten.

Please keep the eight travelers -- and the entire ministry - in your prayers as their travel dates approach.



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