

Cross of Christ News

A Note from Pastor Sherry November 2009

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright,
in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor
and his righteousness endures forever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and
justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant forever;
holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good
understanding. His praise endures forever.

(Psalm 111)

Thanksgiving in the assembly, in the congregation, in the midst of those who come together to give thanks collectively to God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit...that is indeed a blessing! By now we have seen the blessing of fall; we have experienced the impressionist art made by the fallen leaves on the paths all around Northern Michigan and the vibrant colors that come with age! Now is the time for Thanksgiving..."Now, now is the time to worship him!" (Do you know that song?) And, as I write this, I am not sure when there isn't a time for thanksgiving, because even in the depths of despair we have a God who does not ask that we walk alone, but promises to be there at all times.

Giving thanks as the assembly, as those gathered in Christ, only increases our thankfulness for all that God has done, because in the midst of the assembly we also get to experience how God has

worked in the lives and through the lives of all people! And the experience of hope and love in the midst of God's people only increases the capacity of joy in our hearts...of sharing life abundant with one another! As your pastor it is a privilege to share in those stories of your faith...of sorrow and loss, of celebration and thanksgiving, all surrounded by the assembly in prayer to a God who never fails. We may not always understand what is going on, but we can be assured that we are in God's hands...and when we aren't so sure...well, there we are, in the midst of the assembly where God is present and uses the hands and hearts and minds of each in a new and different way to lift up one another in the name of Christ! That is the church at work, as Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Julie Bailey reminds me! Because of you, I feel blessed every time I visit, and mostly, every time we gather to worship together!

"Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation!" Why? Because when we gather as a family with all of our differences, all of our gifts, we are learning how to work together in a world that seeks to divide instead of gather into community. When we gather as a family, we are able to give thanks with one voice for the gathering to which we have been called...the gathering of thanks and praise (which means worship!) to God who fills us with the Spirit as we begin to respond to our vocations in life. We ARE the people of GOD! We are strong when we gather in God's name. Let us come together with thanksgiving then, and let us be vulnerable enough to listen to one another without judgment AND vulnerable enough to share our story of "God with us" with one another.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Sherry

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WANTED!

THANKSGIVING BAGS

Thanksgiving bags will soon be available to fill. The list of needed items will be attached to each bag. The filled bags will be delivered during the week of Thanksgiving; we need them returned to the church by Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Contact: Cheryl Morford 347-0653



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We are looking for homemade baked goods that can be frozen (cookies, banana bread, etc.) to be used as a back up for Emergency Sunday Fellowship coffee hour. If you have time to bake an extra tray, place the goodies into a ziplock bag and label it Sunday Fellowship and just slip them into the freezer in the Lower fellowship area. *We are also seeking communion bread bakers.*

PREPARE NOW FOR THE COOKIE WALK—BAKE 6 DOZ AND FREEZE!

MEMORIALS

Are you looking for a way to honor or remember someone? At Cross of Christ you can give an honorarium or a memorial. When you do, the name is calligraphied in our Memorial book which you can see as you enter the sanctuary. The memorials and honorariums are non-restricted and help us grow in many ways. There are envelopes found on the memorial book or you can contact the office for more.

Do you check your e-mail on a regular basis? Could you spare a few minutes to place a phone call? If you said yes to both, we need your assistance. Our congregation members without e-mail need someone to call them when prayer requests are sent out. If you are willing to place a phone call, drop a note in the SECRETARY box to let Tricia know.

Give me an S!

Give me an O!

Give me a U!

Give me a P!

Put it together: SOUP!

Bring in Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry.

COLLECTION REMINDERS: We are collecting the following items:

- Campbells UPCs/Lids for assisting Shepherd's Ministries— can in foyer
- Pop can tabs for assisting the McDonald House—in Campbells can
- Oleson's receipts for Pastor's Discretionary Fund—in Campbells can
- Returnable cans and bottles for the Youth—plastic can in foyer
- Used household batteries for recycling— designated cans at soup collection point
- Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry— wooden container near entrance way
- Frequent Diner Reward Cards from Bob-In, J.W. Filmore, etc.—secretary box
- old cell phones (functional or not) - bag at soup collection point

THANK YOU!

▷ From Paula Funk of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay

“On behalf of our staff, our volunteers, and especially our families, I thank you for allowing us the use of your sanctuary and narthex for our Annual Memorial Service [held Sept. 27]. We received many comments that ‘it was a great location—a very pretty church.’ We greatly appreciate your generosity.

▷ From Betty Palm, who received a Prayer Blanket following her recent knee surgery

“Dear Church Family, What a wonderful soft, warm, fuzzy blanket! Your prayers and good wishes do so much to cheer me and speed my recovery! You are such a blessing to me.”

▷ Kris Olsen shares the following information as received from the Shepherds Ministry (the organization we collect Campbell’s UPCs for that assists individuals with developmental disabilities)

“Recently Shepherds has acquired two new staff computers through the Campbell’s Labels for Education Program. This program has been a blessing for Shepherds through the years as it has provided transportation and needed equipment. We would like to again thank many of you who have contributed by sending us your labels.”

NOTHERN MICHIGAN SUMMIT AGAINST ABUSE AND ASSULT

There is a two-day conference being held Nov. 13-14, Friday and Saturday, 9-4 p.m. at Charlevoix Reformed Church located at 100 Oak St. (just south of the municipal golf course off US 31). \$20/pre-register (by Oct. 30th) or \$25/door. Space is limited! Concession Lunches will be available on location.

Associated events:

Friday Evening Special Presentation 6p-8 p.m. featuring Victor Vieth “Unto the Third Generation” Charlevoix High School Auditorium, free admission and open to the public

Saturday Evening Community Worship and Healing Service:

6-8 p.m. Charlevoix Reformed Church, free admission and open to the public

(Flyer on the bulletin board; photocopy registration form as needed)

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Petoskey area Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month, 7—8:30 p.m., 1 Hiland Drive
(meetings are free and open—see their newsletter on bulletin board for more info)

The Compassionate Friends is an international nonprofit, self-help support organization which offers friendship, understanding, and hope to families who are grieving the death of a child. The Mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

Council News:

Look on the bulletin board for meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER AT 7 PM

Council members are asked to contact the church office if they cannot attend in order to be excused. You can reach us at 347-5448 or at crossofc@sbcglobal.net. The congregation is invited to attend the council meetings each month. The sessions are open and we welcome visitors. If you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Bryan Young at 439-9237.

Council Members—area code 231

Term Expires Jan 2010:

Trudy Day 348-5834
Marilynn Smith 622-4833
Bill Yingling 525-8950

Term Expires Jan 2011:

Jim Armstrong 347-1784
Vicki Morgan 548-5091
Joe Palm 347-2827

Term Expires Jan 2012:

Marla Hofmann 347-5073
Ernst Rusche 347-2108
Bryan Young 439-9237

OFFICE NEWS



Pastor Sherry will be leading a retreat at Michi-Lu-Ca on November 4-7. If there is an emergency, please contact the church office at 347-5448 or Tricia Rodgers, our church secretary, at 347-4287.

Church office related items (newsletter/bulletin submissions, returned forms, re-usable bulletins, etc.) should be placed into one of the following mailboxes: **Bulletin Submissions**, **Newsletter Submissions**, or **Secretary**. They are all located on the bottom level of the mailboxes for your convenience. Remember, just to the left of the **Secretary** mailbox there are paper and pencils for notes to be written, etc. Remember something on a Sunday that is business related and you need the church office to know about it? Write the note, put it in the **Secretary** mailbox and rest assured, Tricia will get it the next time she is in to work.

Pastor Sherry attends Pericope Study on Tuesdays. She will be in Traverse City from 7 a.m. and return to Petoskey around 1 p.m. You can email (cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message (347-5448) with the secretary, Tricia Rodgers, should you need to reach Pastor or conduct church business.

Secretary Hours:

Monday, Tuesday 9—noon
Thursday, Friday 9—11 a.m.

Pastor's office hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9—noon **and by appointment (347-5448)**

Submission Deadlines:

- *Newsletter: Hard copy submissions:* 10th of prior month
- *Newsletter: Electronic submissions: (disk or email):* 15th of prior month
- *Bulletin Announcements:* 11 am Monday before
- *Web Page:* 1 week in advance of desired publish date.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Contact: Marla Hofmann 347-5073

WORSHIP AND MUSIC will meet in the upper fellowship level on Monday, November 2 to discuss December and January worship plans. Come and join us and share your ideas and suggestions as we grow in Christ!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST ALL SAINTS DAY There will be a candle lighting in remembrance of all the saints who have died before us. There will be a place to write down names of those who have died as you enter the sanctuary. And there will be a time to remember our loved ones who have died before us. The candle lighting will take place at both services, 8:30 and 11 am.

“Authentic worship is the weaving of God’s story with our story. The weekly gathering for worship is the foundation of Christian community. Worship is a living encounter with God and God’s vision for the world. To experience God is to worship God. God is always present in worship, willing to engage us in body, mind, and spirit. How present are we to God? When we encounter and engage God in worship, we open ourselves up to the transforming power of God’s love and mercy.”
Sundays and Seasons Year A 2008, p. 293.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH contact: Pastor Sherry

RSVP to events by signing up on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

- ▷ **Sunday, November 1** 7-8:30 pm at the church. We will continue with our fundraising efforts for mission trip to Alaska discussing dates for the trip provided by the church in Alaska. Also, we will prepare to take orders for Christmas cards.
- ▷ **Sunday, November 22:** 5:30-7:30 pm at the church. We will meet to deliver Thanksgiving Bags with Mrs. Morford. Dinner will be provided at the church after the bag deliveries.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH Contact: Pastor Sherry

Remember to sign up for the events on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

- ▷ **Sunday, November 1** 3:30-5 pm for leaf raking! Bring your rakes and fun clothes. Hot chocolate will be provided.
- ▷ **Tuesday, November 10** 5-7 pm meet at the church to make tie quilts for the Mary Margaret and Nehemiah house.

BIBLE STUDY Contact: Pastor Sherry

MONDY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY meets at 6 pm in the upper fellowship area for one hour.

- ▷ **November 2:** Hebrews
- ▷ **November 9:** Hebrews
- ▷ **November 16:** I Corinthians
- ▷ **November 23:** 1 Corinthians

CONFIRMATION 2009-2010 Contact: Pastor Sherry

Our Confirmation class meets at the church from 5-7 pm on the following Sundays:

- ▷ **November 1:** 10 Commandments
- ▷ **November 15:** The Apostle’s Creed and games and thanksgiving with Mentors
- ▷ **December 6:** The Apostle’s Creed
- ▷ **December 20:** Christmas Party and Bible readings with Mentors

Don’t forget, there are 20 sermon notes due by May 16th. If you forget your sermon sheets, there are more in the pamphlet holder in the narthex of the church. Please contact Pastor Sherry (crossofc@sbcglobal.net OR 347-5448) if you are unable to attend the class. Remember to bring your books and a pen or pencil!

Readings and Lessons for the month of November 2009

Nov. 1: All Saints Day Isaiah 25: 6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Nov. 8 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 15 Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 22: Christ the King Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Nov. 29 Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

STEWARDSHIP Contact: Pastor Sherry

- THANK YOU to the Browns and Weavers for sharing their time and talents with us in preparing a fabulous German Dinner for our Consecration Sunday.
- THANK YOU to the congregation who responded through time, talents and treasures as we begin to plan and map out our ministry for 2010 and beyond! You are so very gifted and generous! Thanks be to God!
- Still time to turn in your *Time and Talents and your Pledge Cards!* Never too late to do so! Remember to turn them in to our church secretary, Tricia Rodgers. She will begin making the schedule out for January in November and we need to know how you would like to serve in the name of Christ as a gift of thanksgiving!

CRAFT NIGHT: Tricia Rodgers 347-4287

ATTENTION CRAFTERS! Would you like a dedicated time to just get away from it all and create in the company of fellow crafters? Bring your latest project, whether it be quilting, scrapbooking, cross-stitch, knitting, or something else altogether, and join us on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Craft night starts at 7 p.m. Lots of tables, electric outlets, fun, giggles, and fellowship.

Please drop Tricia a line at 347-4287, 347-5448, or CofCoffice@sbcglobal.net by noon on Nov. 6th and/or Nov. 20th if you think you'll be attending.

DEBORAH CIRCLE Contact: Dolores Wehrenberg 535-2942

The ladies of Deborah Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18th at the church.

ELDERBERRIES

**PRESIDENT: Norm Cutshall
347-2575**

**SECRETARY: Cyndi Yingling
525-8950**

The annual Elderberries Thanksgiving event is taking place on Friday, Nov. 13th at 12:30 p.m. at Cross of Christ. Please RSVP to our hostess, Maggie Frederick (347-0559), by Wednesday, Nov. 11th.

All seniors are invited to join us. Call Norm Cutshall at 347-2575 to tell him you'd like to join the group.

THURSDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

Volunteer sign up sheets for the duration of the year are available on the coffee table. We are responsible for 3 Thursdays in December. Sign up if you can provide food or stay and serve. The impact you can make in the lives of others is immeasurable, despite the simplicity of the act. Contact the church office at 347-5448 or crossofc@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or wish to sign-up during the week.

VOLUNTEER/SERVER SCHEDULE

Nov. Recycling: Morgan

Dec. Recycling: Young

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
Nov. 1 8:30 AM	D. Wehrenberg	Day	M. Michelsen	S. Armstrong	Choir	Marilynn Smith	N/A	Roberts	G. Marshall	D. Meckstroth	J. Armstrong
11 AM	Sjoberg	Brown	Samantha Young	A. Young	C. Matzinger	Mike Smith	G. Drake	Sjoberg & D. Smith			
Nov. 8 8:30 AM	Bernier	B. Swender & M. Hansen	C. Swender	J. Pemberton	N/A	J. Armstrong	N/A	Rusche	Samantha Young	Morgan	Day
11 AM	M&J Smith	M&J Smith	S. Woldt	J. Young	Choir	B. Young	B. Young	Somerville & Tahtinen			
Nov. 15 8:30 AM	Day	B. Hofmann	M. Hofmann	S. Armstrong	Choir	Day	N/A	Scott	Meckstroth	B. Drake	Tahtinen
11 AM	P&N Wehrenberg	Young	Jos. Clark	H. Jaskowski	B. Young	B. Drake	G. Drake	Tollefson & P&N Wehrenberg			
Nov. 22 8:30 AM	Meyer	Meyer	D. Wehrenberg	J. Pemberton	N/A	J. Armstrong	N/A	Swender	Morgan	J. Palm	B. Pemberton
11 AM	Young	Drake	G. Drake	G. Marshall	Choir	C. Matzinger	J. Smith	Woldt & Young			
Nov. 29 10 AM	Brown	Olsen	K. Olsen	N. Morgan	R. Morford	M. Hofmann	T. Rodgers	S&M Smith & M. Hansen	Hansen	D. Rodgers	G. Drake
Dec. 6 8:30 AM	Pemberton	Rusche	Marilynn Smith	J. Pemberton	Choir	Marilynn Smith	N/A	D. Wehrenberg	G. Marshall	Rusche	B. Engel
11 AM	Cutshall	Rodgers	T. Rodgers	A. Young	C. Matzinger	Mike Smith	G. Drake	Norton & Rodgers			
Dec. 13 8:30 AM	Scott	Scott	B. Swender	S. Armstrong	N/A	J. Armstrong	N/A	Weaver	Samantha Young	Marilynn Smith	G. Engel
11 AM	Drake	Brown	C. Matzinger	J. Young	Children's Program	B. Young	B. Young	Grosvenor/O'Donnell & Frieberg			
Dec. 20 8:30 AM	Marilynn Smith	Swender	C. Swender	J. Pemberton	Choir	Day	N/A	Yingling	Meckstroth	B. Young	C. Matzinger
11 AM	Frederick	M&J Smith	J. Smith	H. Jaskowski	J. Smith	B. Drake	J. Smith	Frederick, Cutshall & Feeley			
Dec. 24 7 PM	Matzinger/Marshall	Drake	J. Pemberton	G. Marshall	Choir	Day	J. Smith/B. Young			D. Rodgers	Tahtinen
11 PM	Manges/Wilder	Meyer	D. Rodgers	S. Armstrong	Choir	Tahtinen	R. Morford				
Dec. 27 10 AM	Swender	Day	D. Wehrenberg	G. Marshall	C. Matzinger	C. Matzinger	G. Drake	G&B Engel	Morgan	J. Armstrong	D. Meckstroth

Scheduling done from Time & Talent sheets. Want to volunteer? Fill 'em out, turn 'em in!

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	PROPERTY FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTAL
OPENING BAL.	11,357.89	5,212.31	13,535.49	163,534.76	193,640.45
+ INCOME	77,181.23	15,274.24	15000.26	2,056.05	109,511.78
- EXPENSE	80,573.30	17,382.35	19583.36	531.05	118,070.06
ENDING BAL.	7,965.82	3,104.20	8952.39	165,059.76	185,082.17
2009 CHANGE	-3,392.07	-2,108.11	-4,583.10	1525.00	-8558.28
		Synod: -895.99	Mortgage: -1916.74		

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER:

1st: Zane Westbrook

4th: Jim Armstrong

4th: Teague Meckstroth

5th: Karen Hamal

7th: Kevin Jaskowski

10th: Vicki Morgan

18th: Holly Laser

19th: Mike Avery

19th: Betty Palm

20th: Brad Backus

20th: Wayne Meyer

21st: Stacey Kinney

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

- Ephesians 4:4-6

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

1st: Mike & Jean Smith

20th: Brad & Lora Backus

26th: Wayne & Priscilla Meyer

29th: Dean & Cheryl Morford

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER:

5th: Karen Kirschner

6th: Kris Nelson

10th: Amber Michelsen

18th: Brian Morgan

23rd: Grace Marshall

24th: Morgan Schanski

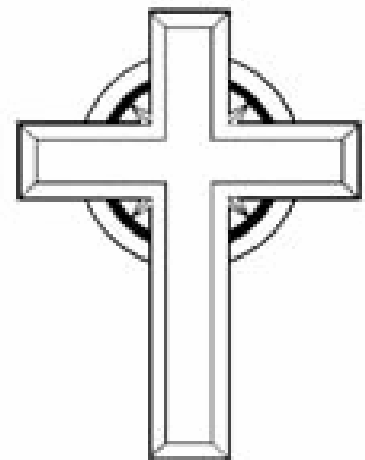
26th: Brienne Weaver

27th: Jana Tahtinen

27th: Teague Meckstroth

28th: Amy Sarki

29th: Michael Drake



November 2009

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29	30												

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 1 8:30am Holy Communion Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion Service 3:30pm Middle School 5:00pm Confirmation p.5 7:00pm Sr. High Youth p	2 10:00am Worship & Music Mtg p5 6:00pm Girl Scouts use lower level 6:00pm Bible Study p.5	3 7:00am Pastor in TC	4 12:00am Pastor on Retreat p4	5 12:00am Pastor on Retreat p4 7:00pm Choir	6 12:00am Pastor on Retreat p4 7:00pm Craft Night p. 6	7 12:00am Pastor on Retreat p4
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15 8:00am Newsletter E-submissions 8:30am Holy Communion Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion Service 5:00pm Confirmation p.5	16 6:00pm Bible Study p.5 6:00pm Orchestra 7:00pm Manna	17 7:00am Pastor in TC	18 1:00pm Deborah Circle p6	19 7:00pm Choir	20 7:00pm Craft Night p. 8	21 9:00am Recorder Society
22 8:30am Holy Communion Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion Service 5:30pm Sr High Youth p5	23 5:30pm Girl Scouts use Lower Level 6:00pm Bible Study p.5	24 7:00am Pastor in TC	25	26 8:00am OFFICE CLOSED	27 8:00am OFFICE CLOSED	28
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the grace of God
to love, lead, and
serve.*

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a combined
Dec/Jan
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Nov. 15th**

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