



The Messenger

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SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD.
(NOVEMBER 2019)

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MONTH - FOR NEXT
MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson



There are a lot of events happening in the month of November. On November 5, I hope you will all go to the polls and vote for the candidates of your choice. The freedom to vote is the underpinning that holds our great nation together. We have the opportunity to select those people that we want to represent us through the elective process. We must as good citizens participate in this process. I read that only 53% of the people eligible to vote did so in the last mid-term elections.

I have a good friend who is running for office. I told him he could put one of his signs up in my yard. I asked him who else he thought were good candidates for office, and he mentioned a few other names. He said that he did not agree with these people in all their politics, and some were from a party different from him. But he said they are good people, dedicated to selfless service, and they were willing to listen and have an open conversation about the issues. He then said "I can get their signs and put them up in your yard." I believe this is the way a democracy should work.

Christians must set a good example as we go through the political process. As we go into the 2020 electoral process, pray that we will have civil political campaigns, where the good of the nation is in the forefront and not partisan politics. Jesus commanded us as Christians to pray constantly for all our worldly leaders. So, pray for all our leaders and potential leaders today and daily through 2020.

On November 11th we will celebrate Veteran's Day, a day when we honor all the women and men who served in our Armed Forces. I want to thank all of our veterans, and their families for their commitment and dedication to God and country. I thank you for your willingness to step up and serve. I thank you for the times you were willing to be separated from family and friends as you served your country. God bless you for protecting freedoms we enjoy.



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Calendar of Events

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am

Choir Practice Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Nov. 3 - End of Daylight Savings -Fall Back
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov. 24 - Chili Social after Worship and "Hanging of the Greens"
- Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
End Daylight Savings 3	4	Yoga & Elections 5	Choir 5:30 6	Yoga 10:30 7	8	9
10	Veterans Day 11	Yoga 1 PM 12	Choir 5:30 13	Yoga 10:30 14	15	16
17	18	Yoga 1 PM 19	Choir 5:30 20	Yoga 10:30 21	22	23
Greens & Social 24	25	Yoga 1 PM 26	Choir 5:30 27	28	29	30

Carl continued

On November 28th we, as a nation, celebrate Thanksgiving - a time of thanking God for the many blessing we enjoy as a nation and as individuals. We tend to take these blessings for granted. We need to thank God every day for the blessings God has provided for us, that most of the world does not enjoy. We have adequate food, shelter, medical care and political freedoms that are the envy of the world, yet we seldom pause to thank the creator for the life that we enjoy. I hope you all have a great and thankful Thanksgiving.



I am happy to announce the Rev. Molly Hatchell will be leading us in worship once a month for the next eight months. Molly is taking a preaching class that has a requirement that she preach once a month. She chose to ask our session if she could do her preaching here. The session wholeheartedly agreed. It will be a real blessing for our congregation and me.



Well, that's about it for November.

God bless you, *Carl*

Adult Study of the Covenant

The first part of the Covenant Bible Study, "Creating the Covenant" concluded on Oct. 27. We will take a one-Sunday break from Covenant on Nov. 3, when Carl will answer our questions during class time. Give Carl any question you wish to ask before Nov. 3 or bring your questions to class that Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



The following Sunday, Nov. 10, we will begin the second set of lessons in this study: "Living the Covenant." This study will emphasize the importance of living out our faith in a community of friends who love God.

It's not too late to join us in this study. There are still books available, and you are invited to come on Sunday mornings to learn about our Covenant with God and to enjoy the fellowship and coffee. Hope to see you.

- November 3 - Questions for Carl
- November 10 - Begin Episode 9-Living the Covenant

Shirley Pinkston

Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests or other circumstances)

	21st Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 3	22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 10	23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 17	24th Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 24
1st Reading	Habakkuk 1:1-4	Haggai 1:15b-2-9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 119:137-144	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21	Isa. 12 or Psalm 98	Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 46
2nd Reading	2 Thes. 1:1-4, 11-12	2 Thes. 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thes. 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43



Nov. Birthdays

Pat	Hart	2
Jim	Ervi III	3
Renita	Menghert	4
Pastor Carl	Thompson	14
Rip	Van Winkle	16
Mike	Hart	28

About our Members

Monte Shuck has completed surgery and is in rehabilitation. Pray for continued healing and no complications.

Carol Tyson had foot surgery and must continue to wear a heavy /uncomfortable boot for three weeks. Pray for healing and complete success of the surgery.

Betsy Tyson is dealing with much hip pain and is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on November 7th. Pray for a successful surgery, no complications, and rapid recovery.

Bev Jones, needs our prayers. Her only son, Ash, has a rare disease and is now in Hospice Care. Pray for the Lord's peace to be with Ash, his wife, two children, Bev, and all the family during this time of transition.

John and Carol Booher's son-in-law, Bill, has taken October off from cancer radiation and has

gained some strength and weight. On October 29th, after more scans and tests, he met with his medical team to determine the next step in dealing with his lung cancer. But, the cancer is GONE! Praise the Lord for his healing. Scans are clear. Now he will just do 6-month checks.

Julie Goggans had shoulder surgery but has had much pain develop since. Further testing suggests the necessity of further surgery on November 8th. Pray for wisdom and skill for the doctors and a good outcome for Julie.

Joyce Goza is receiving special medications and going to dialysis 3 times a week. Keep praying for Joyce.

J.R. Lett's father, Thomas Edward Lett Jr., 89, passed away on Oct. 22 in Henderson, KY. Pray for JR as he attends the services on 11/2.

Session Meeting Notes

The **Session Meeting** October 13, 2019, was after worship. New elders (Linda Lloyd and Debby Aldridge) were presented, as well as the 2020 nominating committee (Monte Shuck, Sharon VanWinkle, Debby Aldridge). Both will be presented to the congregation for a vote on October 27.

The Treasurer and all committees presented their reports, including budget information, 2020 Communion Sundays, and Fifth Sundays. The current Sunday school study will break for a Max Lucado Advent study beginning November 29. It was reported that the third quarter mission funds had been distributed. The audit will be completed October 20. A 2020 contract has been negotiated with Rev. Carl Thompson, signed, and sent to the Presbytery for approval.

Molly Hatchell will be preaching up to 8 times between now and May as one of her classes requires. An evaluation committee will be appointed.

The next Stated Session meeting will be held January 12, 2020.

A **Congregational Meeting** was held during worship on October 27, 2019.

Linda Lloyd and Debby Aldridge were elected to the Session to replace Nancy Norris and Joyce Goza. The 2020 Nominating Committee was elected with Monte Shuck, Sharon VanWinkle, and Debby Aldridge as members. A positive treasurer's report was given by John Pettijohn, including a preliminary budget for 2020. Pledge Cards for 2020 were distributed to be returned by November 30.

From *Pat Hart* - Clerk of the Session

Benevolence Committee Report

On Friday, November 22nd, Brookshire Brothers in Salado will feature KWTX's "Food for Families." All donations to this food collection will be given directly to the Heart and Hands' Pantry. Could you help at Brookshire Brothers that day by collecting donations and encouraging shoppers to support this community event? If you are interested in participating, please let Pat Rehm know soon, by emailing pacrehm2017@gmail.com or by calling 512-876-4211.



The annual Thanksgiving Community Meal presented by Heart and Hands Ministries will take place on Saturday, November 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Our Benevolence Committee and congregation have supported this event in the past, and the Session has approved our participation this year.

While Brookshire Brothers will provide the turkey and ham, all local church sponsors will bring side dishes, serve the food, and join with everyone else to enjoy Christian fellowship, as well as the meal. Our Benevolence Committee will provide sign-up sheets in the church lobby for food donations and serving shifts.



Thanks from Linda Lloyd and all the Family

As you all know, my Mother had been in Hospice for a while. She departed this earth on the 29th of September. By the grace of God, Ralph and I were able to get to Pennsylvania and spend a few hours with her before she went home to Jesus.

She only opened her eyes once, when I said that I needed to know that she knew I was there. She smiled at me; and I am confident that she heard every word I spoke to her over the course of that day and a half.

Her passing was peaceful, and I felt God's presence in the room with us every moment of that Sunday. There is not a single doubt in my mind that the Holy Spirit was in every scripture, song, and remembrance shared in those last few



hours. I am continually amazed and in awe of God's wondrous grace and the might of His hand. Praise be to the Lord God Almighty.

On behalf of my family, we would like to thank each one of you for your cards, phone calls, texts, and most of all your fervent prayers on our behalf. I know those prayers were what got me through these last few weeks of going through my Mom's possessions, helping my brother with the seemingly endless paperwork, and trying to get my Dad ready for the eventual move out of the home that he and my Mom built together so many years ago. May God richly bless each one of you.

From a Merry Heart, Linda Lloyd

2020 Pledge

Please turn in by Nov. 30 so John Pettijohn and the Finance team can put together a plan for next year - before next year!

Presbyterian Church of Salado

Pledge for 2020

As a part of my/our commitment to the Presbyterian Church of Salado and my/our belief that, "The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world,";

I/we pledge to:

_____ pray regularly

_____ attend worship regularly

_____ work in and through my/our church

_____ give \$ _____ weekly, monthly, annually
for operational expenses.

Name (s): _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please send to: Presbyterian Church of Salado
P.O. Box 865
Salado, TX 76571

Or, place in the offering plate at the church.

The session would appreciate receiving your pledge by November 30 so that the budgeting process can be completed in a timely manner.

The Pumpkin Social - October 27



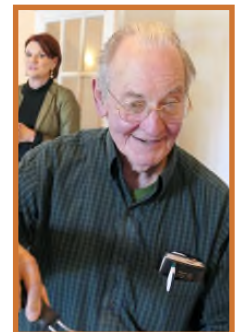
A Shirley Pumpkin and a real Pumpkin Cake



Monte's Back



The McCorts celebrate 37 Years



The Social for November will be while we are "Hanging the Greens"! Chili will be the main entrée, so eating and decorating for Christmas should be fun!