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## Musings on Gratitude

In the prologue to her delightful book, *Grateful*, author Diana Butler Bass shares the amusing story of opening a greeting card with the word “Grateful” on the front. Inside were written the words, “Thank you for the lovely thank-you note!”

“Now what?” thought Bass. “Do you send a thank-you note for the thank-you note received for sending a thank-you note? This could go on forever!” Such are the conundrums in the cultured world of gratitude. How much is enough? What is appropriate? Where does it begin? And where does it end?

Many of us can remember the struggle we faced upon high school graduation, or some other occasion, to write meaningful words to express our thanks for gifts received. We may have even stalled, moaned, or groaned when pressed by a parent to get those “thank-you” cards done! You don’t want to be the one whose expression of “thanks” arrives so late the recipient no longer remembers the gift!

Author Scott Cormode, says, gratitude “is about choosing what to remember and when to remember.” He goes on to suggest that it is “about what we notice, or decide deserves our attention,” and that it’s a choice “to notice abundance and not scarcity.” Cormode is writing from a perspective of “gratitude” as a spiritual practice, and he suggests the practice “is not complete until it becomes generosity.” These are interesting thoughts – thoughtful thoughts on a thought worthy topic.

We are quickly coming upon the Thanksgiving season, when thoughts often turn toward gratitude and that for which we give thanks. Taking a cue from the above guidelines, I want to express some of my thanksgivings to the FBC faith community. I am thankful:

- You called me as your pastor in November of 2007. (Happy 14th Anniversary!)
- For Zoom Bible studies, Neighborhood Visits, Outdoor Worship services, in-person (masked and unmasked) worship, online worship, drive-by showers and recognitions, porch drops and many other creative means of connection, worship and service during the pandemic.
- For the faithfulness of the congregation in its participation, service, and giving.
- For Children’s Moments, 5K’s, the Seeds Garden, VBS, Men of Faith, new Women’s Bible Study, fist bumps, handshakes and hugs (every once in a while!).
- For our FBC Staff, Church Council, Ministry Team members, faithful volunteers, new members and participants, and familiar friends.
- For bike rides, long walks, time in my garden and other expressions of renewal.
- For my bride of 37 years, our growing family, and the FBC family of faith.
- That God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

With Gratitude – Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

# ORDINARY TIME

MAY 23RD - NOVEMBER 21ST

## *Stewardship and The Teaching Church*

At our last Quarterly Business meeting Pastor Dan mentioned that we would soon be participating in what's known among American Baptist Churches as the "Teaching Church Initiative." Well, the time has come!

Since our last Newsletter, Pastor Reilly and I have begun our studies with our respective seminaries, Northern and Fuller, and while I can't speak for Pastor Reilly, I'd like to express our gratitude for your encouragement and assistance in this endeavor.

Seminary was an important question during my interview process, and since graduating from Indiana Wesleyan, my desire for further theological education has only grown. Now, as a Master of Divinity student, I am already seeing the dividends this Initiative pays to us as a church. While we haven't had many chances for specific conversations yet, I want you to know that the way I see ministry playing out right now is already transforming because of my studies. Specifically, as we've sat around the table during staff meetings discussing what each of us are learning, I've realize that your generosity alone is what makes our conversations possible. And now, as we begin this new series emphasizing stewardship, I want to commend you for creating a culture of stewardship that provides the means for education which benefits me, Pastor Reilly, you, and, Lord willing, our community. Peace.

- Pastor Daniel



# Around The Church

## All Saints Sunday

We will observe All Saints Sunday on Nov. 7, remembering those of our faith community who have passed away over the past 12 months. Worship will include the Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale group. (see below)

## All Saint's Day Choral Guest!

This year's All Saint's Day celebration will be featuring the alma mater choir of Worship Pastor Daniel Kane! The Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale will be joining us for worship on Sunday, November 7, followed by a concert during our Second Hour. We will not be hosting a meal with the Chorale due to health guidelines, and housing will not be necessary, but we will be providing a meal for the road as well as a love offering to thank them for leading us in worship. You won't want to miss this! The IWU Chorale is under the direction of Master Davy Chinn and has performed in locations such as: St. Peter's Basilica, The National Cathedral, and The Crystal Palace.

## Second Hour Opportunities Continue

- The Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) Class meets in Fellowship Hall using The Journeys quarterly curriculum.
- The Small Group Discussion Class meets in the Chapel
- The Youth Class meets in the Youth Room (lower level)

## Men of Faith study on the Minor Prophets Continues . . . .

The Men of Faith study of The Minor Prophets will continue through November & December (No meeting on Nov. 26). This group meets on Fridays in the Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m.

## Women's Bible Study on Faith Symbols Continues . . . .

Meeting Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., this study continues until Nov. 18, and is open to all women of the church and beyond.

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**Quarterly Congregational Meeting – Set for Sunday, Nov. 21  
Immediately following worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal  
Sunday, Nov. 21  
11:30 a.m.**

(Immediately following our congregational meeting)

**Please bring a dessert to share. All other food will be provided.  
We will have a buffet line and will serve you  
following health guidelines.**

**Contact Teresa Arbuckle or Judy Rhude  
for more information.**



**Fall Grow Group Large Group Session  
Sunday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for desserts and fellowship followed by a time for discussion. If you did not participate in the book study, you may still attend to observe what others have learned and discuss takeaways for the corporate body of believers.

Begin praying about pandemic-adapted approaches to being “neighborhood missionaries.” Bring your notes from the study, including your key takeaways, what you found helpful, and what you want to implement in your own life.

See you then!

# Around The Church



 **GIRLS NIGHT**

**Friday, Nov. 5**

**5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

We will have pizza and birthday cake (for Corie) and crafts to make.

Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of the food and crafts.



**Blood Pressure Screening - Sun., Nov. 14**  
**Before & After worship in Bay 3**

**Thank you**

My words are inadequate to express my thanks to Sue and Cliff Putterill and all who worked behind the scenes to make my retirement celebration such a special occasion on August 29. I know lots of time and energy were devoted to making it a flawless event. You were gracious hosts to many guests from across the region and our wider ABC family while giving watchful attention to every detail. The flowers and decorations were beautiful, and the food was delicious while at the same time being safely and carefully served. Thanks, too, to the tech team for recording the event so I could share it later with my mom. I am grateful for the generous love gift that was provided by the Church Council and for the many cards, messages, and spoken words of congratulations offered by so many. I am so very blessed to be part of the FBC Columbus family! Thank you for all the ways you have loved, supported and encouraged me through these years as I served on your behalf in regional ministry.

With Deep Gratitude,  
Soozi Whitten Ford

# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

Nov. 7 - Tim & Paula Pickup  
Nov. 14 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed  
Nov. 21 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman  
Nov. 28 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

## Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Slatons/Susan Hoffman  
Second Sunday: Adams  
Third Sunday: Fee  
Fourth Sunday: *Open*

## Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -  
Teachers: Carol Poe / *Open*

First Sunday: *Open*  
Second Sunday: *Open*  
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley  
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones

Kids Connection -  
First Sunday: Marcia Cheek  
Second Sunday: Linda Reid  
Third Sunday: Beth Caldwell  
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

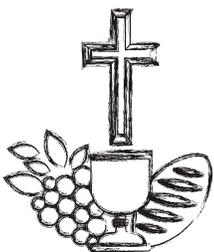
No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.



## November Coffee Fellowship (following worship) - November 28

Last names I-P are invited to bring treats to share.

# Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, November 7 - All Saints Day

For those of you who join us for worship via live stream, we invite you to have something available to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.

# November Birthdays

3. ~ Spencer Frady, Sarah Patrick  
4. ~ Teresa Arbuckle  
6. ~ Jeannette McKim  
7. ~ Kerry Brockhagen, Maggie Taylor  
8. ~ Lynne Lovelace, Alberta Ruble  
10. ~ Reagan Babb, Sharon Fulkerson  
11. ~ Sue Putterill, Nancy Williams  
12. ~ Carolyn Baker  
15. ~ Norman Curry, Faith Briggs, Bob Hoffman



16. ~ Betty Harrison  
17. ~ Martha Whedon  
18. ~ Bill Griffith  
21. ~ LuAnn Harlow, Rachel Langdon  
22. ~ Janet Bailey, Rob Lilly, Landon McIntosh  
23. ~ David Emmert  
25. ~ Dennis Adams  
27. ~ Joanne Sublette  
28. ~ Jason Vogelpohl

## The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Ramona Harlow, Beth & Dick Miller, Tim Pickup, Jon Carlstrom & all those who are homebound or in nursing care centers.

## Looking Ahead

Nov. 2 - Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Nov. 2 - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (6:30 pm)  
Nov. 5 - Girls Night In (5:30 pm)  
Nov. 7 - All Saints Sunday  
Nov. 7 - Grow Group Finale (7:00 pm)  
Nov. 9 - Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Nov. 14 - Blood Pressure Clinic (before & after worship)  
Nov. 15 - Newsletter Deadline  
Nov. 16 - Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
Nov. 21 - Quarterly Business Meeting (10:30 am)  
Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal (11:30 am)  
Nov. 25-26 - Church Office Closed -- Happy Thanksgiving!  
Nov. 28 - Coffee Fellowship (last names I-P are invited to bring snacks)

**Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am**  
**(in-person worship & Live Stream)**

**2nd Hour Learning - following worship at 10:45 am**

## Live streaming available for Sunday Services

In addition to watching our streaming service on our website, the service is also streamed to Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



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Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30  
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