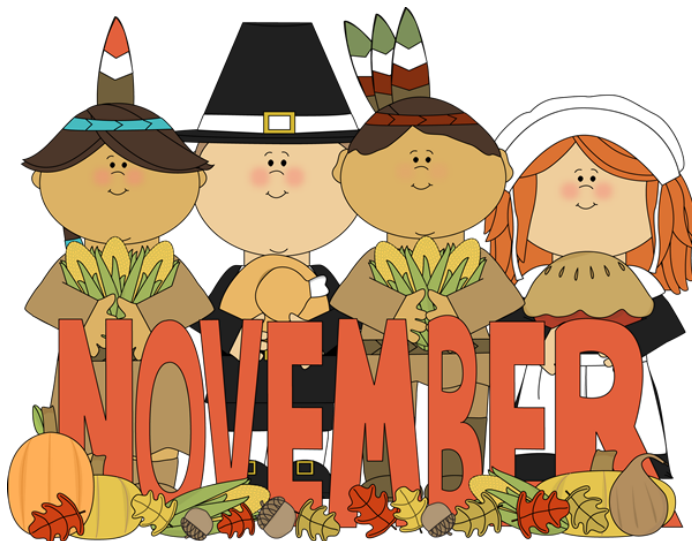


In Touch



Sharing Our Gifts

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this as Nancy and I are heading down to beach in Florida for some vacation. It has been some time since we took this trip because the place we share with some family was damaged by Hurricane Irma. Heading back there will be meaningful for us as it represents a return to a blessedly familiar place that has been part of our lives for as long as we have been married, longer for Nancy. It will also be meaningful for us because it represents a rest for us.

I feel a little bit of embarrassment in admitting that rest is a necessary part of this work that I do. That's because I enjoy being your pastor. The relationships I have as your pastor are wonderful, life-giving things for me. I never want you to feel that being your pastor is arduous or tiresome. But there are parts of this work that, in order to continue doing things to the best of my abilities, require a respite. I hope you understand that and know that I am very thankful for the vacation you afford me.

When I return I will be refreshed and looking forward to the things we have planned for November and thereafter Advent, my favorite time of the year!

God bless, take care,
and see you soon!

-Joe





THANK YOU!

I would like to apologize for my delayed thank you for my scholarship fund. First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke Rapids has always been a rock I can stand on. I would like to thank you all for your kind support and love for the past 18 years. I used the scholarship fund to help pay my tuition for my first semester of college, at State.

Thank you again for everything!

Mary Braswell Kiger

FPC Lunch Bunch at TEXAS STEAKHOUSE

On November 28th!

Please join us for a Dutch treat lunch, at 12:00 Noon, each month as we fellowship together! Everyone is welcome!



Our Preschool is in need of a record player!



If you happen to have one stuck away somewhere that works and you would like to donate it please call Susan Gaylor at 678-4228.



JOIN US FOR A



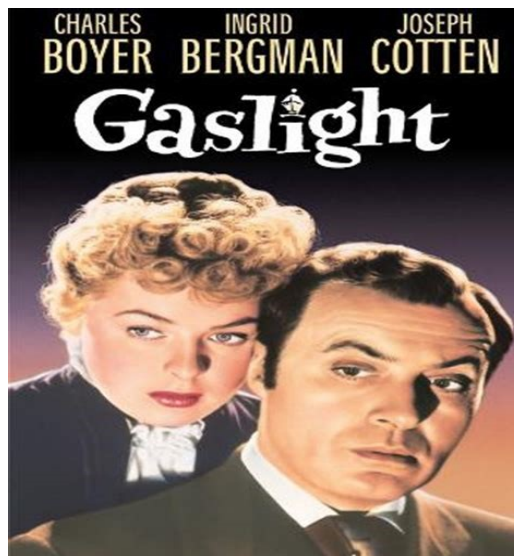
ON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

At 7:00 pm

In the Loy Building

MOVIE SHOWING IS....



Drinks and popcorn will be provided!

Hope to see you at the movies!

Thanks to all who participated in **CONSECRATION SUNDAY!**

Breakfast was delicious and the stewardship message from our guest minister, Rev. Randy Hall, was great!

If you were unable to attend you will be receiving information on pledging to the church in the mail soon. You can also come by the office on Wednesday or Thursday to fill out a pledge card.



A few questions and answers to think about:

What is Consecration Sunday?

Consecration Sunday asks people to grow spiritually by giving a percentage of their income to the Lord's work through their congregation. Consecration Sunday helps us refocus our thinking from "how much is necessary to support the budget" to "what percentage of our income is God calling us to give?"

Why do we take this approach to stewardship?

The act of discerning God's will in our giving can be educational and transformational. We have an opportunity to learn that all we have is from God, and we return to God in our giving, thereby extending Christ's transforming love to others.

What is Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is a transformational way of living, understanding that God is the source of all life, and that we are entrusted as stewards of God's world. It rests on the belief that an abundant and generous God provides us with all that we truly need.

Why is my Estimate of Giving important to our church?

Your signature on an Estimate of Giving card allows the church to meet its financial obligations to carry out our mission.

How much should I pledge?

That is between you and God! Scripture calls for 10% of your time, treasure, and talents in support of the church. That is called tithing. Many have made a commitment to work toward tithing by starting with a percentage they felt manageable, and increasing it annually. These annual steps forward are a huge part of our escape from the confines of finances, and toward the focus on God.

May I make my pledge payment directly from my bank, electronically?

Yes, and please do! Many set up automatic payments from their bank account directly to the church. Ask for help from your bank if you don't know how to arrange this. It is a real time saver!

What does my pledge pay for?

Just about everything the church does. But before the church spends any of the money you pledge, the session makes sure that 10 per cent of all expected receipts are devoted to a combination of local and international outreach ministries. It also pays for salaries of the pastor and church staff. It keeps the church buildings maintained and operating. It pays for educational opportunities for youth and adults. Your pledge is a statement of your faith. The session of the church is mindful of this and does its best to approve a budget which puts the money you entrust to the church to the purpose that best befits God's will.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Worldwide Concerns

- *SYRIA and YEMEN civil war
- * SOMALIA, drought, famine, anarchy
- * EGYPT and LIBYA political unrest
- *ISRAEL,GAZA, PALESTINE, peaceful coexistence
- * IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, security
- *USA, war in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan
- *NIGERIA the approximately 100 abducted Chibok school girls
- *Syrian refugees
- *Ukrainian people victimized by foreign aggression
- *Survivors, families and friends of all types of violence
- *The people of the Democratic Republic of Congo as they struggle with an Ebola outbreak
- *Families separated at the Southern Border
- *Those affected by the fires in California
- *Those affected by floods in Wisconsin and Hawaii
- *Victims and relief workers involved with Hurricane Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut and the Earthquake/Tsunami in Indonesia



SPECIAL PRAYERS

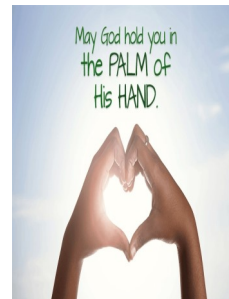
We pray for the Children of Clara Hearne and Aurelian Spring Schools and our ministry to them.

We pray for Stanley White and Littleton Churches during their uncertain times of not having a pastor.

We pray that Carter Roux will be kept safe while teaching in South Korea.

Jeff and Diana Dillard

Rev. Kadade from Frontier Fellowship and the Evangelical Church in Niger for needed wells and new church planting evangelists.



On-Going Care

Harry Bright
Bobbie Bright
Sandy Sandoval
ALL people who provide on-going care

Healing Friends & Families of the Church

Priscilla Ricks
Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels
Sheryl and Wayne O'Neil
Kevin and Michael
Ken and Holly Phipps & family
Ara Griffin
David and LaNae Grimes
Sandra Stephenson
Bill Howell
Sally Ray Warren
Mary Francis Fisher
Doug Hayes
Harrison West, son of Kent and Carol West
Bev Hummel
Ellen Burnett
Tina Carr
Jolene Dendler
Susan Horrell



*Our Christian sympathy is extended
to the family of Susan Gaylor
on the unexpected death of her
brother Billy.*



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT,
NOVEMBER 3RD!**

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:30 am Religion Study—Loy Bldg.

7:00 pm Religion Study—Parlor

7:00 pm Evening Circle—Loy Bldg.

Lesson #3 Leader-Phyllis Hayes; Hostess-Susan Barmer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm Witness Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:30 am Morning Circle *Please note TIME change*

Lesson #3—Alice Ricks

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:30 pm Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:30 am Religion Study—Loy Bldg.

6:00 pm Finance & Personnel

7:00 pm Religion Study—Loy Bldg.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 pm Movie Night—Loy Bldg.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 pm Choir

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

6:00 pm Session

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship (Communion)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:00 Noon Lunch Bunch @ Texas Steakhouse

6:30 pm Choir

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER ...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 am Christmas Brunch & Program

11:00 am Worship (Rev. Carl Parsons)



WITNESS NEWS

As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, we need not to forget the thousands of people in our state that were affected by Hurricane Florence and Michael. The Witness Committee has sent \$300 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The Session has agreed to have a special offering for anyone who would like to give personally. Offering date to be announced.

Please keep these people in your prayers.

A donation was made to the RR police department to help with the child drug abuse prevention program.

I hope you remember our visit from Donald Marsden and the Rev. Kadade from Frontier Fellowship in July. Rev. Kadade spoke of the need for clean water in Niger. The Witness Committee decided to send \$1500 to hand dig a well that will support at least ten families with clean water. This is a part of the water and sanitation development program in Niger. We think this will be done in the community of Tiberi and there is a possibility that our donation will be matched by a grant. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help the people of Niger. Thank you for the opportunity you have given our committee to make a difference.

Christmas is just around the corner and we will collect items for Christmas shoeboxes for underprivileged children in our community. A list of items needed will be posted in the next few weeks.

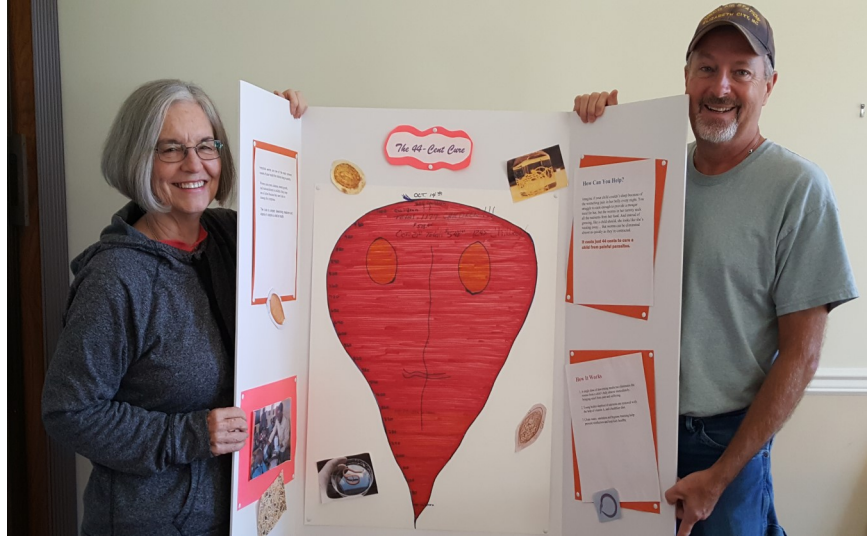
Our Book Bag Buddies program has started again at Aurelian Springs and Clara Hearne schools.

Finally after a busy month we want to thank everyone who helped to provide a meal for the RRHS football team and cheerleaders in October. We had over 70 teenagers to come and had a wonderful time! Thanks again!

Please continue to pray for us as we try to change lives in Christ's name. God bless.

Wally Spragins

PARASITE PREVENTION



(Susan Gaylor and Wally Spragins with poster of goal met; poster made by Noreen Knudson)

The 44-cent cure!

Parasites: We don't like to talk about or even think about them, but they do exist! Thousands of children around the world are infected with parasites.

Thanks to you we met and surpassed our goal of treating 1000 children within the first two Sundays of October! Donations are still coming in! We will publish a total of money and number of children treated at the end of the month.

Thank you all so much!!

GUARDIAN AD LITEM WITNESS PROJECT

**Thank you Noreen Knudson, Faye Brown, Marie Anderson,
Betty Keyes and Ellen Burnett (taking picture)!
Over 200 books were collected!**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ellis Asher Burnett was born Monday evening, October 8th, weighing 8 lbs. 2oz. and was 21 inches long with light brown hair and precious cooing!

Alison's doing well as is Cody. Perfect natural birth delivery.



Proud grandparents
are
Ed and Ellen Burnett





#DougStrong

Fundraiser for Doug Hayes' Multi-Organ Transplant

Pork Chop Plate—\$8

Cooked by Sherriff Wes Tripp and Scott Hall
(Pork Chop, Green Beans, and Potatoes)

11a - 1:30p

Friday, Nov. 2nd, 2018

At ProBuild on 10th Street

Delivery is Available for Bulk Order or Businesses

Contacts for Tickets:

Cindi 532-5509, Pam 532-0865, Phyllis 308-2300



Help us collect shoes. Funds2Orgs will pay toward Doug's Transplant Fund and donate the shoes to those in need in 3rd world countries. Any and all shoes are welcome. Bring them by when you pick up your plate.

Scan for more on
Doug's Story



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Hunter Clifton	Nov. 3
Cheryl Wingfield	Nov. 5
Judith Clary	Nov. 5
Abigail Mederos	Nov. 10
Tanya Glasgow	Nov. 11
Natalia Harris	Nov. 15
Ellen Bryant	Nov. 23
Ashley Christy	Nov. 24
Robert Keyes	Nov. 26



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