

Our JOYFUL Noise

First Presbyterian Church of Britton's Newsletter

Grace From One Another

From Your Pastors' Desk

In Japanese culture it is impolite to pour your own tea. In other words, when you are out to eat or visiting someone's home, you should always wait for the person to pour your tea, and you should pour your companion's tea. You have to sit there and wait to be asked, "Do you want tea?" You cannot just pick up the tea and pour your own cup—that is very rude. To us Westerners this may feel awkward and overly formal, but we believe it points to a much deeper truth: we cannot do this alone. We are dependent on the grace of another.

The fact that we are dependent on others can indeed be an uncomfortable feeling. We would much rather pour our own tea and get on with it. Yet, in our lives of faith we know we don't just arrive on our own accord. We need the help of others to get where we are going. We need people to share scripture with us, to teach us, to show us what it is to walk in faith. And more broadly, we need God's Spirit to work in the world so that we are brought to faith and grow in faith. Faith is not just something we grab for ourselves, it is a gift given by a family of God's faithful. Perhaps we would prefer to just grab and go but that is not how God designed God's Kingdom—faith is a gift.

In this way, the church happens through people pouring grace and love into one another. The church isn't, and should never be, about us as pastor's doing all the work and everyone else receiving it. And it isn't about the Session, or just a few leaders doing all the work. The church is only the church when

Preaching Schedule

November 5, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep
- 1 Kings 19:1-18
- Communion

November 12, 2017

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
- Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

November 19, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep
- Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

November 26, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep
- Isaiah 9:1-7
- Decorate the church after worship

everyone comes together and shares their gifts, time, and resources. The church grows when we show up for one another, when we encourage one another, and when we share our opinions to strengthen our community.



Our youth enjoyed their meal together during our Stewardship Sunday on October 22nd.

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Some of us might want to push the organization forward-- to just grab and go as it were, but the church needs a team effort. Yet, also on the other side of things, people might want to just do what they are told and follow along, but the church needs our voice and effort.

As your pastors, as we enter this Thanksgiving season, we are eternally grateful for the grace you have poured into the church and us. We as pastors didn't make the church go, we all did it together. We are grateful for the time and opinions our church officers have given to guide our future. We are grateful for the Trustees who made a space for us to worship and live. We are grateful for those who prayed for the church and it's members. And we are grateful for the many ways you have strengthened this community and us when we needed it, with your words of encouragement and service.

We have both done our best to try to fill your cups with all the knowledge and care we have to offer. But, all the while you were filling our cups with joy, love and faith in a way that we could never do ourselves. Thank you. To God be the Glory.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Bala & Pastor Cheryl Khyllap

A Special Offering On November 19th

The Session, in consultation with the Faith and Practice committee, has decided to receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the hurricane victims. We will collect this offering during worship on November 19th.

As we are grateful for the many blessings of our lives during Thanksgiving, we remember our brothers and sisters who are struggling and trying to rebuild their lives once again.

Keep in Your Prayers...

- Kevin C Jones as he undergoes chemo treatment
- Royalene Jahnig as she recovers from her heart problem
- Avett Wigdahl as he continue to receive cancer treatment
- Kris Turnam (Lynn Eberhart's sister) as she deals with her health problem
- Linda VanderVorst-O'Gara (Eileen Besse's daughter) as she struggles with glaucoma
- Lilian Boyko (daughter of Jim and Jennifer Boyko) as she receives treatment from her recent accident.



Pictured Left: McKenna Carlson and Erika Symens helping with the communion liturgy on World Communion Sunday, October 1st.



Pictured Right: Youth Group helping hand out candy to area youth at our local Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 28th.

Get Involved

By Stephanie Brandt

Since the doors opened November 24, 1997, the food pantry has served thousands of county and surrounding residents of all ages. Every week, on Friday and Saturday, various volunteers are available at the Marshall County Food pantry. The pantry provides food and other basic necessities to families that would otherwise be unable to purchase at a store. Anywhere from 10-15 families and/or individuals are served each day the pantry is open. Special boxes are given out at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Prior to school opening each year, school supplies are made available to the kids. An annual winter coat drive opens to the public each fall, too. This community has continued to provide so much to the pantry, and donations are always welcome. At times the shelves may become nearly empty, but no one is ever turned away as contributions seem to be available when needed. Donations to the food pantry are welcome, whether in the form of financial means, food, coats, Christmas gifts, or as a volunteer. Real people benefit from the pantry. Former Pastor Tieszen has been quoted as saying, "The Lord will provide, and He does." The Marshall County community and surrounding area seems to pull together when needed and asked to help at the Pantry.

Pastor's Hours:
Tuesday 9:00 am-noon
Wednesday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am-noon

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Bulletin announcements due to secretary by 9am on Thursday.
We also welcome you to submit newsletter articles. Please submit any articles to the pastors by the third Wednesday of each month.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at the Britton United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 19th @ 7:00pm

Pictured right and below: The church had a joyful commitment Sunday celebration with a potluck dinner on October 22nd.



Decorate for Christmas
Please mark your calendar to help decorate the church November 26th after worship.



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