



Mayflower Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November 2022

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Congregation,

First off, big thank you to our very own 4C's Troupe, playgroup, for all their work producing the play, A Bad Vintage. Their work made for an enjoyable evening of intrigue and theater for all. And..., thank you to all those who worked hard making and serving the dinner. Not to forget the clean-up crew, little seen, but much appreciated! Folks, it was great! As a church, we count our blessings that we have a group of people who are willing to do such things. And, it is appropriate. November is the month to give thanks for all the blessings God gives us.

It is a proven fact that people who stay grateful and positive fare much better than those who focus on the negative. It's not that we ignore the negative and evil, no, we put it in it's place. How does the line in Babcock's "This Is My Father's World" go, "that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." My guess is Babcock knew a thing or two about staying positive. His full name was Maltbie Davenport Babcock. Let's just say..., a first name like Maltbie is going to build character. Makes me think of another song by Johnny Cash, A Boy Named Sue. But, what do we do with the negative? Some say it is the cost of the positive. You can't appreciate the sunshine without rain, summer without winter, and so on. I don't like that answer. We don't diminish the pain or hardship caused by the negative, but we put it in it's place.

One thing folks sometimes overlook in Jesus' parable of the sower (Matthew 13: 1-23), was the purpose of sowing the seed. God has given us this life to live, produce, and enjoy. Sometimes, we give the negative and evil in this world too much power in our life. Rest assured, what we give it, it will take.

As we worship God together as a community of faith, let us endeavor to be a church that continues to sing, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet! Praise, God! I hear that chorus in so many of your lives.

Before I close, I want to mention a few things. The Bible study is back on track. We are studying the book of Genesis. If you are not doing anything on Wednesday morning, come and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. We will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner this month. I hope you will come and enjoy. And, I appreciate and am so thankful for all you do to make our church the blessing it is. God bless.

God's peace,
Pastor Brian

Please remember to pray for... Bill & Peg Browne; Sue Unsworth; Sue Johnston; Joyce Goode's sister Garnet; Fred and Gretchen Gaumann; Connie Robbins; the men and women serving our country in the military; first responders and police officers.

New Address & Phone:

Sue Johnston will be staying with her brother and sister-in-law while she is struggling with health issues. Sue cannot talk to you on the phone, but her brother is more than happy to talk to whomever wants to call and get a message to Sue. Their phone number is 904-834-2872. If you would like to send a card to Sue in care of:

Jim & Jan Gorska
224 Hawks Harbor Rd
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

November Birthdays

09 Wilma France
21 Audrey Brown
28 Ella Davis

November Anniversaries

24 Nancy & Charlie Homadue
29 Ella & Art Davis

Church Finances: As of October 28, 2022 the church has taken in \$69,672.27 in the General Fund and have spent \$77,108.25. We have a deficit of **\$7,435.98** for the year so far. We are maintaining a balance of \$130,717.11 in all accounts (checking, CD's, and savings and money market).

Church Outreach:

In the month of October we donated \$100 to The Path. We also collected \$278 dollars for Love Worth Sharing.

Please visit our new website!

<https://www.citrus Springs congregational.org/> You can catch the latest sermon, announcements, and the latest issue of the Mayflower Messenger.

On the radio:

Check out these local radio stations for uplifting bible studies, talk radio, music, and local news from a Christ followers perspective.

91.1 FM Moody Radio
90.9 FM The Joy FM

Trustees News: The new A/C unit for the Fellowship Hall was replaced by Lynn Heating and Air recently. Thanks again for all who donated.

WANTED: A new or used vacuum cleaner for the Fellowship Hall. The one we currently have is not up to the task.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship had their latest meeting on October 27th and had a presentation from Comfort Keepers. Next meeting will be November 17th with a presentation from Citrus County Blessings. Items mentioned during the meeting were:

1. Shawl Ministry - need knitters and crocheters, see Sue Unsworth.
2. No bake sale brought in \$332.00
3. A Christmas table will be setup at the Thanksgiving dinner. Please start bringing in items you wish to donate.
4. Dec 14th is the Christmas program in Brooksville. \$59.00 per person. Sign up in the Narthex.

Thanksgiving Dinner at CCCC

Saturday November 19th at 4:00pm will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the church. There is no charge for this dinner. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Library News: Did you know we have a church library? It is at the far end of the hallway on the right. **WANTED:** Someone who would like to help take care of the library - finding a home for newly donated books, replacing returned books back onto the shelves, etc. Please see Nancy Banta.

Deacons' Corner:

Hello to everyone from the Deacon's Corner. We don't have much new news. We strive to keep in touch with our members and friends. If any of you have any suggestions or ideas, please share them with us. The holidays are rapidly coming. We will have some special music for November and December. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to do God's will for all of you and the church. Love in Christ, Carol Baadte.



Notes to the Congregation:

From Mary Prenaveau - I just want to say a big THANK YOU to all who participated in the dinner theater "A Bad Vintage". I hadn't planned on being any part of the play until my dear friend Sue Johnston took ill and asked if I could fill in for her. Well those are mighty big shoes to fill! I was so impressed with how everyone in the play took charge of learning their lines and figuring out their costumes too! CJ Messenger was such a blessing in that she not only added another character to the play (Inspector Pink) but also did most of the decorations along with her mom, Linda. And I can't forget to say thanks to Carolyn Zwaga for making our tickets and programs - all with **very** little notice. Thanks to Ray Ricca for a great meal and thanks to all that helped serve and cleanup. So much work to do and everyone pitched in and did an amazing job. Thanks again to the cast for the lovely flowers and card. God bless all of you who took part in making this possible and for those who attended.



Music Ministry: The choir is rehearsing on Fridays at 11:00am. If you like to sing and wish to lend your voice - please see Carol Baadte. Also, we are getting ready to start rehearsing for the Christmas season, so if you'd like to lend your voice for even a short time, please come and join us.



Friday Night Dinners at the Citrus Springs

VFW!! Friday dinners are from 5 PM to 6:30 PM (but I recommend you come early). The price is now **\$12.00** per person, but that includes dinner, salad or coleslaw, dessert, and free coffee. You will not leave hungry!

Nov 04	Fish Fry
Nov 11	No Dinner (see note below)
Nov 18	Pot Roast
Nov 25	No Dinner (Happy Thanksgiving)

NOTE: Brunch will be served on Sunday November 6th & 20th from 11:00am until 12:30pm and is **\$10.00** per person. All you can eat biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, desserts and various casseroles.

Nov 11 there will be a Veteran's Day Picnic at 11:11 AM. There will be sausage & peppers, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, etc. Free for all Veterans. Others \$10.00 per person. Music by DJ Sammy.



Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Psalms 26:7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving And declare all Your wonders.

Psalms 69:30 I will praise the name of God with song, And exalt Him with thanksgiving.

Psalms 77:12 I will meditate on all Your work, And on Your deeds with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

Psalms 95:2 Let's come before His presence with a song of thanksgiving, Let's shout joyfully to Him in songs with instruments.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 50:23 "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who sets his way properly I will show the salvation of God."

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is only fitting, because your faith is increasing abundantly, and the love of each and every one of you toward one another grows ever greater.