



The Messenger

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.
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MONTH - FOR NEXT
MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

It is hard for me to believe that another year is almost over. Every year seems to go by faster and faster. I want to share a few random thoughts with you in this newsletter.

We will be soon celebrating Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the one day that's purely American. Thanksgiving goes back nearly 400 years. In 1621, the Pilgrims thanked God and feasted on wild turkey and Indian corn. Their celebration began with full hearts and ended with full stomachs.

As a nation and as individuals we have so much to be thankful for: our families, our church, our friends, our health and our freedoms. These freedoms have come to us at a terrific cost since the founding of our nation.

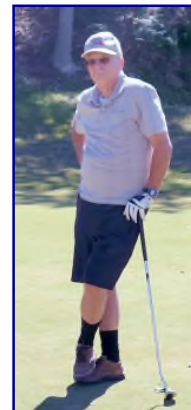
The blessing of living in a free nation, the blessings of health, home, and family should lead us to say thanks every day. I know you can list many things in your life that you are thankful for every day. It is important that as a nation we pause to recognize from whom our blessings come, so enjoy the national holiday of Thanksgiving and remember to give thanks to God Almighty.

I also want to publicly thank Letta for the wonderful time we had last Sunday at our church golf outing. Letta made all the arrangements, provided the prizes, and the refreshments at the club. The day was enjoyed by all. Thanks Letta for a job well done.

The session is just beginning the process of finding a new pastor for our congregation. I promised them that I would not leave until they found the right person. I hope this can be done by 1 July 2019. The process of finding a replacement will be very deliberate and done prayerfully. We will keep you updated regularly as the process moves forward.

Many people have asked me why I am leaving. I want to assure you that it is not

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am

Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays

Choir Practice on Wednesdays at 5:30

- Nov. 4 - **Worship with Communion**
- Daylight Savings Ends / **Fall Back**
- Nov. 22 - **Thanksgiving with Families**
- Nov. 25 - **Social (Soup & Chili)**
plus **Hanging of the Greens**

NOVEMBER 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Yoga 10:30		
Fall Back		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
Veterans Day		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		
		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Thanksgiving		
Social/Hanging of Greens		Yoga 1 PM	Choir 5:30	Yoga 10:30		

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about my health, or issues in the church. It just feels like this is the right time. I am getting tired, and just feel that I cannot give you 100% of what you deserve in a Pastor. I have always believed if I cannot give 100% no matter what others may think, I need to stop. So that is why I came to this decision.

Finally, on the last Sunday of November we will decorate our Church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will do this right after church and it won't take long when we all participate. Bring your favorite soup or chili and enjoy the fellowship, as we prepare the church to celebrate the nativity of our Lord.



Have a Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless You. **Carl**

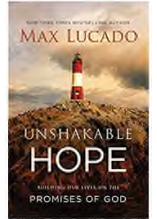
A Special Visit of Ann Fabre's mother, Mary Jean Boston, on Oct. 28, 2018



Adult Sunday School

We continue in Max Lucado's newest book, Unshakable Hope along with it's DVD. During November we will read and discuss chapters eleven, twelve, nine, and thirteen.

Join us at 9:00 as we continue this study in the adult classroom. Books are available, along with coffee and cookies. Come and enjoy this time together as disciples of Jesus.



Only two new books were referenced by Shirley in October:

- 1- Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading by Eugene H. Peterson
- 2- Following Jesus by N.T. Wright from Pat Hart

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

	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 4	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 11	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 18	Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 25
1st Reading	Ruth 1:1-18	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	1 Samuel 1:4-20	2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 146	Psalm 127	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 132:1-12, 13-18
2nd Reading	Hebrews 9:11-14	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37

November Birthdays

- Pat Hart 2
- James Ray Ervi III 3
- Renita Menghert 4
- Pastor Carl Thompson 14
- Rip Van Winkle 16
- Annie Pekin 20
- Mike Hart 28

About our Members

Carol Booher has been alternating between S&W ICU and Continuing Care Hospital. Right now she is in the CCH. The dosage of the special drug that has improved her heart efficiency and wellbeing had to be increased. There are still concerns including the kidneys that need to be addressed. Please pray for healing and strength.

Linda Lloyd continues enduring significant back/hip pain. Please pray for treatment, and more good days than bad days.

Anita Johnson has been feeling poorly and doctor visits indicate some potentially serious issues. Please keep Anita and Ellen in your prayers.

Martha Harper is under Hospice Care. She is comfortable at home with Robert and Barbara, her children. Please pray for her continued comfort, but also her children who provide much care.

Bev Jones' son, **Ashley**, has a rare liver condition and cancer. Ash has tolerated chemo and some other meds well so far. His friends sent him and son, Jack, to Los Angeles to visit Mark (older step brother) and attend the 4th World Series game between LA and Boston.



Session Meeting - Oct. 14, 2018

Devotion by John Booher
All Session Members were present.

- ◆ Pastor Carl announced his plans to retire July 1 next year. A Pastor Search Committee was formed with the following members: Randy Kemp, Joyce Goza, Nancy Norris, Pete Stebbins and Carl Menyhert.
- ◆ Randy Kemp and Pat Rehm will accompany Pastor Carl to Presbytery meeting in Dallas on December 1.
- ◆ Pastor Carl is to be interviewed for an upcoming issue of Presbyterian Missions and Presbyterian Outlook Magazines. The article will feature our church's commitment to 25% + Benevolence giving.
- ◆ Hanging of the Greens will be November 25, with soup/chili menu.
- ◆ Gini Norris-Lane is scheduled to fill the pulpit our last 5th Sunday Service on December 30.
- ◆ The target date for power washing the steeple will be the first weekend in November.



- ◆ Benevolence distributed \$4000 this quarter.
- ◆ A special thank you to Pete for the tremendous amount of time he spends on communication for the Church. And the Session just asked him to publish an updated Church Directory with a target for completion "prior to year end."

THE HOME PLACE

For some reason, I've been thinking about my Grandma quite a bit recently. Her name was Valdie. So unusual. She said her mom got the name from a book, and I have never known anyone else with that name.

Valdie was raised on a farm in Nineveh, a small country community about 20 miles from Washington, Pennsylvania, where we lived. She was the only girl in the family.

She had three brothers, Arteamus, Leo, who died young, of scarlet fever, and Alva. By the time I came along, her parents were also deceased.

Though she lived in the city, Grandma was always a country girl at heart. She never forgot her roots.



Most Saturdays, my Grandad, Swart, would drive us to Nineveh to visit Alva and his wife Nell. "Alvie," as we called him, lived on the farm where Grandma was born and raised. She always called it "*the home place*."

As a child, that phrase really had no significance for me. It wasn't until I was grown, a young woman in a foreign country, far away from my own home and family, that I realized what "*the home place*" really meant to my Grandma.

And now, when I think of Heaven, and of "going home," I think of it as my "*home place*," the place where I will one day be reunited with all the ones I have loved and lost, with Jesus, who gave his very life for me, and with God, the one who loves me unconditionally.



From a Merry ♥ Linda Lloyd

“Enjoy the Trip” from Joyce Goza

‘Someday’ Poem Inspires Man

Ann Landers – Dec. 3, 1987 - Temple Daily Telegram

Dear Ann Landers: In July of 1985, my wife was diagnosed as having terminal cancer. Shortly afterward, your column on "The Station" by R.J. Hastings appeared in News-day.

For years, we had talked of "someday" going to Paris, a city I fell in love with as a GI. The day after I read the poem, I realized that it was time to pull into the "station."

As soon as the doctor OK'd the trip, we went to Paris and had the most beautiful vacation of our 43 years. My lovely wife passed away a year and half after the diagnosis.

I have since taken the liberty of passing copies of that column to friends. One purchased his "some day" car, another went on a long delayed trip. But "The Station" can also mean visiting a sick friend — and that "some day" should be now.

There is so much hurt in looking back and remembering those things we intended to do and didn't.

Thank you, Ann Landers, for Paris

- Irv Gajntan, Plainview, N.Y.

Der Irv: You were dear to let me know what "The Station" meant to your life. Here it is for all the others who haven't as yet learned that lesson:

The Station

By Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train.. Out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children

waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering — waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm 18." "When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage!" "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go bare-foot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

Green Chili Dip - Recipe (From Laquita Arner)

- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup mayo
- 1/2 onion chopped
- 2 cans chopped green chilies
- Garlic (I used 1/2 teaspoon diced)
- Mix well--top with grated Parmesan cheese.
- Cook 30 mins. at 350.

My family likes jalapeño peppers, so we add 2 or more chopped into the mix. I did not add those for the church. Really good with jalapeños! LA

A Favorite at
the Sandwich,
Chip and Dip
Social



Sandwich Social & Golf Outing- October 28, 2018



Four Scramble Teams Compete



Chine Ray
Julie Groggans
Mike Thompson
Jane Wilmer
Letta Meinen



John Pettijohn
Bob Todd
Mike McKowen
Mary Ann McKowen



J.R Lett
Ralph Castor
Bob Kerr
Nate Kerr



Randy Kemp
Carl Thompson
Sara Pettijohn
Lily Kerr