



CBC Courier

Pastor's Pen

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Dear CBC Family,

I revisit the year of 1777. It was then, on November 1st that the first Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued by the Continental Congress authored by Samuel Adams. He wrote, "'Forasmuch as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to him for benefits received...together with penitent confession of their sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor; and their humble and earnest supplications that it may please God through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance...it is therefore recommended...to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feeling of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor...acknowledging with gratitude their obligations to Him for benefits received...To prosper the means of religion, for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost'."

As I hear these words I immediately think of the many blessings I have in my life. As you read them may you feel as grateful. As a country, each November we celebrate Thanksgiving as a national holiday to offer our gratitude and appreciation for God's blessings. How wonderful that our forefathers thought to set aside a special day to offer thanks for what God has bestowed on us as individuals and a nation. How I wish we could extend that 'holiday' in one great global day of thanksgiving uniting all of God's people across the world. What's more, imagine what our world would be like if all people, each day, were constant in offering thanks to the One who supplies us with life. Surely we can make this a daily occurrence within our church family.

I would like to share a passage from an amazing book, "Amish Grace." As many of you know, this book, now a movie, details the awful tragedy of the Nickel Mines Amish School shooting and the story of forgiveness in a world where revenge and violence reign. It is more than simply forgiving. It is thanksgiving for God's blessings and how we should live our lives daily. This quote stems from an interview with the shooter's mother with how she feels about her son since the tragedy. "A piece of advice from a counselor was so helpful to me...the counselor asked me, "How old was your son?" I said, "He was thirty-three years old." And she said, "From what I'm hearing from you, he

was a wonderful son.” “I said, “Yes, he was an absolutely wonderful son. We never knew that our son was suffering. We never knew he was angry after losing his first child; I never knew he was angry with God.” Then the counselor said, “What happened that day was a tiny slice of your son’s life. When your mind goes there, take it back to the thirty-three years of wonderful memories that you have.”

Is it possible, I wonder, if we all took a piece of this advice when struggling with difficulties to find solace in remembering all the good times, the many blessings, the wonderful grace of God in our lives and then offer thanksgiving to the Lord who gave us life and created all the beauty that surrounds us. Instead of looking at the negatives in our lives and complaining, let us look at the positives and give thanks. There does not seem a better time than now!

Ephesians 5:19, 20 “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Kurt

CBC’s Adopted Child

As a church we have adopted Ruth Nyumah. She is from Monrovia, Africa. Ruth was born on 10/3/1999 and is in the 9th grade.

Here are some of her favorite things:

Favorite Activity: Kickball
Favorite Subject: Reading
Favorite Food: Beans & Rice
Career Wish: Nurse

Ruth lives with her parents, her parents both do not have stable jobs. The mother had a teaching job, but soon lost her position. They are very poor and struggle daily to support and care for Ruth. If you wish to send Ruth a special gift, please mail your check to ICN, P.O. Box 7695, Covington, WA 98042. School Needs: \$25.00, Shoes \$25.00.

If you wish to write to Ruth, here are some guidelines and ideas. Please write about things Ruth will understand, such as family, pets, hobbies and sports. Also please encourage Ruth to further her studies. PLEASE DO NOT ASK IF THERE IS ANYTHING SHE NEEDS. Send photos of yourself, your family, your pets and your surroundings. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS, E-MAIL OR PHONE NUMBER. If anyone is interested in adopting or you have questions about ICN, please contact Jennie Windham, Sponsorship Director at jennie@icnchildren.net or call (253)632-8181.

Warm Coats, Warm Hearts Coat Drive

Join CBC in collecting coats, scarves, mittens/gloves and hats for members of our community. The deadline for donations is Friday, November 4th. You can drop off donations Monday – Thursday between 9 a.m. to noon. Please use the side door (*church office*). If you or anyone you know are in need of winter items you can come to CBC on Saturday, November 5th between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to pick up the items needed. Our mission at CBC is to help you and your family have a warm winter. For questions, please contact Jean Britton 401-423-0470.

Communion Sunday Collection

For our communion collection, Sunday, November 6th we will be collecting items to send to our military during the month of November.

Suggested items are:

- Paperback books
- White socks
- Shower body gel
- Loufa/net shower scrubbies
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Tylenol/ibuprofen
- Throat lozenges/cough drops
- Snacks, including protein bars & candy
- Chef Boyardee pop-top cans of high protein meals
- Healthy Choice pop-top cans of high protein meals

Islanders Helping Islanders

Come to a fundraiser concert given by local musicians to benefit Haitian victims of Hurricane Matthew.

When: **4:00 p.m. Sunday November 6th, 2016**

Where: **Central Baptist Church 99 Narragansett Avenue,
Jamestown RI**

Who: **Accidental Sisters** directed by Julie Andrews
Central Baptist Church Choir directed by Norm Newberry
Matt and Judy Bolles and Cheryl Grelle
Ten Cent Deposit

Deeply moved by the recent devastation in Haiti, these musicians are creating an opportunity for our community to raise money for the desperate people whose homes have once again been washed away and livelihoods erased by a natural disaster. Many have also lost loved ones. Come together with us in music to lend Haitians a hand! Your gift will go to the Haiti victims of Hurricane Matthew. ***(Please make checks payable to the concert host, Central Baptist Church, with "Haiti" on the memo line.)***

Harvest Luncheon

On Sunday, November 13th CBC will fill your spirit at worship and stomach following the service during our time of fellowship. Please join us for a luncheon with Turkey and all the fixings following our service. There is a signup sheet in Clark Hall so we have a head count and if you would like to bring a dish or dessert. Any questions please contact Pam Bush @595-0228 or Jenn Satherlie McBride @ 860-805-4250.

Ladies' Breakfast

Ladies Breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 9 a.m. at Slice of Heaven. All CBC ladies welcome!

CBC Forum & Special Guest

On November 20th, Tom Wiles, executive minister for the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island will be our special guest. Tom will share the pulpit with Rev. Kurt and lead a forum during fellowship talking about *American Baptist Faith*. He welcomes all questions.

Wreath Making Greens

We are in need of berries and greens bushes, such as white pine, cedar, cedar with the blue berries, boxwood, juniper, winterberry or any other type of greens that could be used to make the Christmas wreaths. Please contact Jill Dolce 842-9661 or Dave Dolce 374-2858.

Christmas Wreath Decorating

We are looking for volunteers to help make wreaths on November 27th at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (basement). Supplies will be on hand, but if you have sheers to cut greens, please bring them. If you have any questions, please contact Jill or Dave Dolce.

Advent Offering Folders

Another way to make a special donation to CBC is by using an Advent folder. The folders have spaces for inserting quarters throughout the Advent season, as well as a pocket for currency or checks. Advent begins on November 27th. They will be available in the church parlor on Sunday, November 27th.

Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 3 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

As our annual Christmas Fair draws closer, here are some ways you may lend a hand:

Gift Baskets

Sign up to donate items for a theme gift basket. Baskets and their contents will be due on Sunday, November 20.

Baked Goodies

Sign up to bake goods for our bake table. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church parlor.

Silent Auction

Donate a service (i.e., babysitting, tutoring, cooking) for the fair's silent auction. Gift cards/certificates and items such as jewelry, pieces of art, and collectibles also are welcome contributions for the auction.

Christmas Items

Donate holiday items—ornaments, candles, decorations, etc.—for the fair's Christmas table. A basket is available in the church parlor.

Fair Volunteers

Plan to work during the fair. We will need as many volunteers as possible--especially volunteers who are able to arrive in time to set up, work throughout the fair, and help with cleanup. We also will need volunteers to help during the week of the fair.

Poinsettia Orders

Orders for Christmas poinsettias for our sanctuary are being accepted. The plants will be available in red, white, and pink for \$16 each. You may designate the poinsettia(s) you order in memory or honor of a person or event. The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 11. Order forms are available in the church parlor.

Bible Study

Come join us for Bible/Adult Study on Mondays at 10 a.m. We will be reading "*The Cup of Our Life*" by Joyce Rupp. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and it's many blessings. You may purchase the book from the church for \$12.99.

CBC Walking Party

Please join us as we walk to up-beat music in Clarke Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00a.m. to approximately 8:45a.m. We do a warm-up, walk a couple miles, do a cool down, then a few floor exercises to tone arms, legs, abs, chest and back. We are a fun bunch! Collectively, we've walked thousands of miles together! Please join us! Questions? Contact MariBeth Traer or Kathy Merrill.

Request Hymns

If anyone would like to request a hymn or hymns to be used for Sunday worship, please fill out the form and drop it in the box in the church parlor.

Special Thanks

A big thank you to Nancy Lush, Karen Lemke and Marilyn Rodriguez for teaching Sunday School for the whole month of October!! Your energy and faithfulness are very much appreciated!!!!

Loving Sunday School Teachers Wanted!

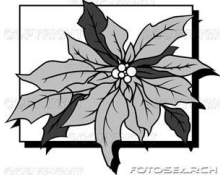
We are still seeking teachers for subsequent months of the church year, asking for a pair of people to sign up for a month of Sundays. If you want to make a commitment to just a few Sundays, please let us know because there is always a need for substitute teachers, due to illness or other reasons. Please see Kathy Merrill or Elizabeth Richter.

Free CBC Gym Membership!

CBC has its own gymnasium with aerobics, strength training and stretching programs. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8a.m.-9a.m. in Clarke Hall. Membership is FREE! Join the dozens who have tried it and are healthier today because of it! Also, seeking gym program facilitator for evening classes. Please see MariBeth Traer or Kathy Merrill.

Within Our Church family

Change of Address;
Noel Brakenhoff
35 Knowles Ct. #202
Jamestown, RI 02835



Poinsettia Order Form

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

The poinsettias will be provided by The Secret Garden. They will be available in red, white, and pink and will cost \$16 per plant. Please make checks payable to Central Baptist Church. (Payment must be included with this order form.)

Include in the Christmas insert as:

(Choose *one*) ___ In memory of *or* ___ In honor of

Given by _____

Color ___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, December 11.

Please place your order form and payment in the box in the parlor, or mail them to the church office at P.O. Box 295, Jamestown, RI 02835-0295.

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