

TPC monthly newsletter—NOVEMBER, 2021

Hello TPC Family!

Thanksgiving is one of my most favorite times of the year! Our family used to have a tradition of traveling from Nashville to Dallas to spend Thanksgiving with our family there. This tradition changed over



the years with the loss of loved ones and changes in life situations. Still, I have fond memories of this particular time in our life. I realize for many the holiday season is a difficult time. Not all of us have family in which to spend this time with. Others of us are burdened with dynamics out of our control. Some of us carry memories that aren't always pleasant. I have learned in life that regardless of a situation or circumstance, we can always find a reason to be thankful. I am reminded of the Scripture that tells us to: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." -I Thessalonians 5:18. This month I want to encourage us to remember we can and should give thanks! Not only is this God's will for us, but it is also good for us! So, I invite you to encourage each other, build each other up, make new memories and have a blessed season of thanksgiving. I pray God's blessings on each of us as we do so, and I look forward to being the church with you!

Pastor Roger Soli Deo gloria







NOVEMBER PRAYER MEETING

TPC will again be hosting a monthly Prayer Meeting on the first Thursday of the month under the Tent (weather permitting). All are invited to gather for this time of devotion, prayer requests and praises, and lifting prayers to God. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please reach out to James Wenzel or the church office.

SEE YOU NOVEMBER 4 @6pm

BRING SHOEBOXES by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Here are a few ways to participate:

- Pick up a Shoebox at Worship
- Pick up a Shoebox at the Church Office
- Call Kathy Westphal at 509-438-6525 or email <u>westphalslo@att.net</u> and she will deliver one to your house
- Build a box online using the following link:

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

HELP FEED A FAMILY THIS



The Deacons Offering for this year's THANKSGIVING BASKET outreach will continue through NOVEMBER 21.

Contributions can be made by check to TPC (please indicate "Deacons" on memo line) or online at *templetonpres.org/giving* and selecting the "Deacon/Thanksgiving Basket Fund".

You can also contribute your time. On **Friday, November 19,** we will be picking up turkeys and food from our suppliers and unloading items at the church. We will need help setting up tables in Butler Hall so that items can be organized for easy packing the next morning. On **Saturday, November 20,** we will need volunteers to pack the boxes for distribution starting at 8:30am.

Contact Mick Lebens at (805)674-2902 if you have any questions or are able to volunteer.

Please keep this important community outreach in your prayers.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING in JANUARY

Training for new Stephen Ministers for our Templeton Presbyterian Church community will begin this January. The 50 hours of training are given at our church and spread out over several weeks, provided by our own Stephen Leaders and Pastor Roger. Please contact Lois Ecklund, Susan Hayward, or Frank Bush to enroll in the training. A couple of church participants are waiting for you to join them for the training!



Also, as always, if you, a family member, or a friend need the support of a Stephen Minister now, contact Lois Ecklund (805-461-1470 or 408-718-8613) to discuss having a confidential Christian-based support relationship with a Stephen Minister.

VOYAGERS update

Voyagers is a Fellowship Group that has met once a month for local tours, speakers, lunches, etc. It is open to anyone of any age. Chuck and Jane Jennings have been leading the group for a number of years but now need to turn the reins over to new leadership. If anyone in the congregation is interested in either becoming a member or taking over the leadership, please contact Jane. Hopefully we can begin exploring our beautiful Central Coast again soon!

Jane Jennings - cell 559 967-4584, home phone 805 462-2016



Max Bowery named "Veteran of the Year"

TPC's own Max Bowery has been elected 2021 "Veteran of the Year" by the Atascadero Veterans Memorial Foundation Board of Directors. Max will receive the award on Thursday, November 11 at the Veterans Day service starting at 11:00am at the Atascadero Veterans Memorial (8024 Portola Rd).

Many thanks and congratulations to Max on his long military and civic service to our country!



(Left) Max ready to set sail at age 18

(Right) Back in uniform at age 93

Info and pictures provided by George Marrett



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An outdoor presentation by Templeton Presbyterian Church DECEMBER 17 @7:00PM DECEMBER 18 @7:00PM DECEMBER 19 @5:45PM / 7:00PM

Music, animals, characters, refreshments...and a baby

 Please bring own chairs and blankets for bundling up!

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Start spreading the news... *LIVING NATIVITY is back!* DECEMBER 17-19

Sign-ups are underway! Look for the clipboard at the Welcome table Sunday morning or contact Marc Ristow (805/238-9948).

COCKJES NEEDED for Living Nativity Four performances beginning Friday, December 17! All cookie deliveries to Butler Hall kitchen gratefully accepted beginning Thursday, December 16. Contact Nancy Doughty to help with baking and/or serving: 310/503-0111 happycats.njd@gmail.com

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ECHO DONATION BASKET



This month ECHO has requested sleeping bags. You can drop them off at Worship in the ECHO Basket.



A BIG, BIG <u>**THANK</u> <u>YOU</u></u> from TPC Kids for the HUGE pile of candy donated for this year's Trick-or-Treat on Main Street!</u>**

Our TPC family is the best!

Mark your calendar! TPC Kids will be presenting their Christmas program on December 12 during Sunday service. They are EXCITED to share it with you. Don't miss it!