



Church of the Savior

Messenger



Tuesday, November 5, 2002

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Deadline for items: Friday, November 15, 2002

Pastor's Letter

On Sunday, we will honor the men and women who serve our nation with courage and dignity. While looking for resources for worship I came across the following, *A Flag of Rags*, by, John McCain. I wanted to share it with you as we remember the sacrifices made so that we may remain, "One nation under God."

In the final years of our imprisonment, the North Vietnamese moved us from small cells with one or two prisoners to large rooms with as many as 30-40 men to a room. We preferred this situation for the companionship and strength we could draw from our fellow prisoners. In addition to moving us to new quarters, our captors also let us receive packages and letters from home.

Many men received word from their families for the first time in several years. The improved conditions were a result of public pressure put on the North Vietnamese by the American public.

In our cell was one Navy officer, Lt. Commander Mike Christian. Over a period of time Mike had gathered bits and pieces of red and white cloth from various packages. Using a piece of bamboo he had fashioned into a needle, Mike sewed a United States flag on the inside of his shirt, one of the blue pajama tops we all wore.

Every night in our cell, Mike would put his shirt on the wall, and we would say the pledge of allegiance. I know that the pledge of allegiance may not be the most important aspect of our day now, but I can tell you that at the time it was the most important aspect of our lives.

This had been going on for some time until one of the guards came in as we were reciting our pledge. They ripped the flag off the wall and dragged Mike out. He was beaten for several hours and then thrown back into the cell.

Later that night, as we were settling down to sleep on the concrete slabs that were our beds, I looked over to the spot where the guards had thrown Mike. There, under the solitary light bulb hanging from the ceiling, I saw Mike. Still bloody and his face swollen beyond recognition, Mike was gathering bits and pieces of cloth together. He was sewing a new American flag.

Join us this Sunday as we honor those who serve to keep our country free.

Pastor Thea

In Our Prayers

Helen Lanius Will Kamp Tim Kate JonEvah Murray
Laurence Wellons John Robinson Charlene Ledbetter Leona Kamp

If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please contact the church office.

DEB'S PAGE

Youth Truth

He who began a good work in you will see it through!

You guys can count on the Lord to be your steady and constant guide!

Saturday, November 16 Youth "Christian Band Night" in Activity Center

Sunday, November 17 Michael W. Smith concert 6 p.m.

at the Ford Center - \$25. Details later.

Sunday, November 24 Youth and Parents Thanksgiving time together at church 5 – 7 p.m. Deb's cooking dinner at church and we're gonna have some awesome family time to celebrate Thanksgiving.

The "Group"

Grow in Grace and Love!

I'm looking forward to our time together November 17th. So...plan on going to Michael W. Smith...a wonderful evening of worship.

Joyful Noises

I am so proud and so happy each Sunday to direct you. You guys always rise to the occasion. We have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas ahead. More than anything, I appreciate your diligence, your time, and your talent. Thank you always, Deb.

Kids Korner

Hi you wonderful people! Our hayride and carnival were fun and now you can look forward to Christmas event. Remember each day to love the Lord with all your heart and to enjoy being God's kids. I love you! Deb.

NEEDED

Children's Moments

Please help our children during worship. Sign up for Children's Moments. We need volunteers December 1st, 22nd, and 29th. Pastor Thea has ideals and information. Please call Mary Webster at 728-0520 for questions.

COOKS NEEDED

Mobile Meals request: 4th Thursday of each month. Will consider Monday cooks also. Help us keep this Mission service going.

Old Working Computers

The Child Care Center is in need of old working computers that are new enough to run children's software. Please contact Rachel Brand, Deb Roberts, or Paula Pons if you have one to donate. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help assist in answering the church office phones from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. when the church secretary is out of the office. Please call and leave your name with Karleta.

PUM Santa Store

Beginning Sunday, November 3, the Santa Store box for Presbyterian Urban Mission will be at the back of the sanctuary for the following items: Stuffed animals is not a need for us this year.

<i>New toys, ages 4-12 (Please no war toy)</i>	<i>Teen gift items</i>	<i>Mom and Dad gifts</i>
<i>Story books</i>	Hats, socks, gloves, mittens (any size)	
Crayons and coloring books	<i>Barbie dolls</i>	<i>Legos, trucks</i>
<i>Stocking stuffer items</i>	<i>Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls</i>	
<i>Christmas decorations (new/good used)</i>	<i>Board games</i>	<i>Money to buy toys.</i>

WHAT'S GOING ON

Child and Parenting Specialist to Speak

Thursday, November 7, 2002, 7:00 pm, Diana Anderson-Goetz, Certified Child and Parenting Specialist will speak at a program on parenting in a scary world. Free childcare and free pizza (6:15 pm) will be provided. This program is open to the community--childcare providers, CCC parents, grandparents and all those who wonder how to address the things we are seeing in the news!

Advent Event and More

Advent is almost upon us. We will again have the Advent Event. This will be on December 1st. Rev. Thea is having a Hanging of the Greens during the Worship Service. We will have the Annual Meeting and then a potluck is to follow. We will then have the Advent Event. This will hopefully start around 3 p.m. Earlier if things are short in the meeting. I would like each Commission to pick a craft and take care of the supplies and the teaching of that craft at the Advent Event. We will decorate the tree and sing carols. The caroling will begin at 4:30. This is a family affair and we always have a great time. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Please call Mary Webster at 728-0520 with any questions or problems. Also, you may e-mail at Dmldwebs@aol.com Sign up sheets for the potluck and crafts are coming Let's remember the reason for the Season.

Yours in Christ
Mary Webster

CONGRATULATIONS!

Announcing the Birth of James Carson Horsburgh
Born October 29, 2002, 7 pounds 14 ounces
Proud parents: Abby Whiting-Horsburgh and Jim Horsburgh
Proud grandparents: Margo and George Whiting

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