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**November 2022**

**PASTOR PARK'S CORNER**

**Worship Service**  
Every Sunday 9:00 am  
**Sunday school**  
For all ages  
10:00 am

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**Living a Christian Life Filled with Thankfulness**

On our spiritual journey as Christians, two of the most beautiful words people can use are "thank you." Giving thanks is the basis of faith, especially for Christians who live in God's salvation and love.

Giving thanks is one of the virtues that human beings should be constantly aware of in our lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Living with gratitude is the life that God wants from Christians.

Something to pay attention to here is that gratitude should be expressed to others. In Chinese, the word "gratitude" is a combination of "gam"(感) meaning "feeling" and "sa"(謝), meaning "compensate." In other words, gratitude is an outward expression of the feelings of thanks that you feel in your heart. In English, this is also called thanks giving. "Thanks" means gratitude and "giving" means passing on to someone else. Therefore, thanks giving is an expression of gratitude you feel in your heart and give to another person.

I always have a hymn in my head at this time of year. The hymn is "When Upon Life's Billows You are Tempest Tossed." The refrain of the hymn has the following lyrics:

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

As Christians we need to express our feelings of thanks to God. Although we do not deserve to have many blessings and grace, God gives us many blessings and grace because God loves us. I hope you count the blessings that God gave you this year and you live a life filled with thankfulness as a Christian, Happy Thanksgiving!

## The Mission of Easton Place UMC

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Gather in a safe, nurturing Christ-centered way in worship, meetings, and small groups as we...Grow in relationship with Christ; and Go into the world, to share the love of Christ with others.

**As members of the Easton Place UMC,  
we vow to faithfully participate  
in its ministries**

### EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED

November 2	1:00 pm	EPWU General
November 9	6:30 pm	Deborah Circle
November 10	1:00 pm	Easton Service Grp
November 11	1:00 pm	Esther Circle
November 16	1:00 pm	Mary Circle
November 23	7:00 pm	EPWU Board

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

November 8 8:00 am

### Mission Report

The year 2022 is flying by BUT the Missions Committee is staying busy in 2022. This year is shaping up to be an exciting year for missions! The Drive thru Food Pantry will continue. We are continuing passing out food! **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**, at the church. **PLEASE**, as a congregation, let people know we are there! We are looking for opportunities to help and serve others this year. We are

partnered with Hy-Vee for donations. Every Monday the donations are picked up at their contribution centers. This food is very appreciated and helpful for feeding the drive-thru pantry families, and also our **congregation. Downstairs on the "Free/Bread" table** there will be different items. The boxes or cans might be bent or torn but are still very usable. All are welcome to come down and see what is there. Take what you need or want. The next one will be **November 19, 2022**, from **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**. It has also been brought to our attention that there are people in our church that do not have enough to eat. If those names could be shared with the mission committee, we would really like to help them out. **Please**, if you can provide nonperishable food items or donate money, we would really appreciate it! (Please **mark your donations as Food Drive.**)

**Our Community Meal it is on the Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 – 6:30 pm.** We will have a meal prepared for the rest of 2022, so the next meal is – **November 17, 2022.** A big thank you to everyone who helps, prays, and supports this mission! (If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Janice Hoffman. Or if you want to donate money, please **mark it as Community Meal.** We really appreciate your prayers and help!)

The Mission Committee is keeping busy, we continue to do every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Community Meal and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Drive Thru Food Pantry. We advertise this on our sign and on Facebook and the Church's website (most month's.) In July we were able to help Hope Ministries out with 30lbs of hamburger. God is so good!

This Fall we will do a few school and health kits for the Ingathering (we have cut back, as the postage for each kit supplied has gone up). But we are always looking for missions and organizations we can help out.

**DRIVE-THRU  
FOOD PANTRY  
SATURDAY**

November 19, 2022  
1:00 - 2:00 PM

**\*\*Or until we run out of food\*\***

**Community Meal  
THURSDAY**

November 17, 2022  
5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Everyone is Welcomed



**PRAY FOR HEALING AND COMFORT**

**JOY:**

**LOST A LOVED ONE:**

**HOSPITAL:**

**RECOVERING AT HOME:**

**KEEP IN PRAYERS:** Kim Cox, Darlene McFate, Linda Moore, Garry Keeling, Bev Ellis, James Miller, Julie Marker, Rick Cochran, Jim Alton, Marlys Cruchelow

**LIVING NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED RESIDENTS:** George & Jenny Schultz (Afton IA, assisted living), Keith Blake (assisted living in group home)

**To start prayer chain:**

**Call Romona Moore 515-262-9489**

(Remember to let the office or the Rev. Ji-Tae Park know if you are in the hospital)

**Finance Report**

07/03/22 - \$1,767.68  
07/10/22 - \$1,511.31  
07/17/22 - \$ 979.80  
07/24/22 - \$3,370.00  
07/31/22 - \$2,079.42  
\$9,708.21

08/07/22 - \$3,590.14  
08/14/22 - \$2,297.49  
08/21/22 - \$1,683.44  
08/28/22 - \$1,489.33  
\$9,060.40

09/04/22 - \$3,197.35  
09/11/22 - \$1,598.69  
09/18/22 - \$1,189.23  
09/25/22 - \$1,628.00  
\$7,613.27

10/02/22 - \$2,111.69  
10/09/22 - \$3,195.27  
10/16/22 - \$1,404.21  
10/23/22 - \$1,217.00  
10/30/22 - \$4,555.35  
\$12,483.52

God is so Good! Thank you for your faithfulness! As we go through this year, a lot of work is needed on the church, and we are trying to draw in new people. But the Lord has plans for Easton Place, are we ready? As we go through these changes, let us always remember what the goal is, to always be pleasing to the Lord, and do what he desires us to do. Tithing is one of His desires, that we give back to Him with our tithes, worship, and praise. He wants us to be cheerful givers. As we continue on the journey Together, let's roll up our sleeves and

work together. We are nearing the end of 2022, please prayerfully consider your Tithes & Offerings for 2023.



**November**

Connie Bishop.	11-04
Cameron McFadden	11-04
Mary Jo Cook	11-11
Rafe McConnell	11-17
Cathy Parsons	11-25
Jakob Campbell	11-25

**HAPPENINGS-OR OTHER NOTES:**

**Oktoberfest has come and gone but there is always next year to look forward to!** The Variety Show was a huge fun for all! So much wonderful talents displayed, and all the audience really enjoyed the evening of fellowship, songs, dance, laughter, and great food! Thank you all for making this show a success!

**Potluck is back** on the calendar! Please bring an item to share and enjoy fellowship with each other! It will be **November 27, 2022** after Sunday School (11:30 am).

**MOVIE NIGHT** – It is happening on **November 19, 2022**, at 5:30 pm! Come and have fun! There will be a light meal and the movie starts at 6:00 pm.

**Trunk or Treat Night** was a lot of fun with goodies and decorations. There were approximately 14 cars that participated and around 107 kids (not counting the adults, HA).! Thank you all for making this night safe for the neighborhood!

**Congregation of Easton Place**

It has been brought to our attention that people in the congregation that are not attending, are upset about the passing of the Peace. Nobody has to hug or shake hands. We have put hand sanitizer in the pews. Please don't let this keep you from coming to church. (These bottles are to stay in the pews for people to use.)

**Worship Helpers for November**

**November 6, 2022**

**Worship Leader:** Mick McFadden  
**Liturgist:** Ellen McFadden & Sandy Mathews  
**Sound** Mike & Janice Hoffman  
**Children's Message:**  
**Ushers:** Bryan and Kay Dilks  
**Asst. Ushers:** Crystal Staton  
**Offering Counters** Bryan D and Jeannie S

**November 13, 2022**

**Worship Leader:** Romona Moore  
**Liturgist:** Ellen McFadden & Sandy Mathews  
**Sound** Dennis Bishop  
**Children's Message:**  
**Ushers:** Jessie Shawhan & Chuck Faux  
**Asst. Ushers:** Crystal Staton  
**Offering Counters** Bryan D and Diana A

**November 20, 2022**

**Worship Leader:** Romona Moore  
**Liturgist:** Jeannie Staton & Connie Bishop  
**Sound** Dennis Bishop  
**Children's Message:**  
**Ushers:** Jessie Shawhan & Chuck Faux  
**Asst. Ushers:** Crystal Staton  
**Offering Counters** Bryan D and Bruce T

**November 27, 2022**

**Worship Leader:** Mick McFadden  
**Liturgist:** Jeannie Staton & Connie Bishop  
**Sound:** Mike and Janice Hoffman  
**Children's Message:**  
**Ushers:** Charlene Montgomery  
**Asst. Ushers :** Crystal Staton  
**Offering Counters:** Bryan D & Sandy M

**Lectionary Scriptures for November**  
**Personal Devotions and Study**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> –**  
**All Saints Day**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149 or Psalm 150  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

**November 6th -**  
**22nd Sunday After Pentecost**  
**All Saints Sunday**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38  
(Color: Green)

**November 13th -**  
**23rd Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday**

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12  
or  
Psalm 118  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19  
(Color: Green)

**November 20th -**  
**24th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Christ the King/Reign of Christ**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43  
(Color: White or Gold)

**November 24<sup>th</sup> –**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 100  
Philippians 4:4-9  
John 6:25-35

**November 27th -**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Beginning Lectionary Year A**

**UM Student Day**  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44  
(Color: Purple or Blue)

**Circle Reports November**

**EPWU General**

EPWU General met on October 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Esther Circle was our host. Romona opened with Devotions and Prayer. The Secretary and Treasurer minutes from September 2022 were read and accepted. Circle reports were given which consists of where they are meeting and who is hosting for the month. Social concerns were to be praying for all those in the path of the 2 hurricanes moving in to the US. We discussed the Baked Potato Bar. We are going to join the Breakfast fund raiser with Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 9<sup>th</sup>. CWU are meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Easton Place UMC. We closed the meeting at 1:32 pm and turned it over to Esther Circle for their Program. The gave clues to us about which woman of the Bible (and dressed up like women in the Bible) they were and we had to guess. It was a lot of fun. Refreshments were grapes, olives, orange slices, apple slices, etc.

## **Deborah Circle**

Deborah Circle met on 10/12/2022, at 6:30 pm at the church. Jeannie was very nice to let Connie start the meeting with her play that she wrote concerning how a lady should dress and act in serving and loving God. Romona, Diana, Midge did a wonderful job of acting. Telling Connie, it isn't what you wear that serves God, it is what is in your heart of worship and to dress modestly. Jeanne opened the meeting with devotions from The Upper Room, Philippians 4:4-9. Jessica and Robert Bishop (Connie's Son and Daughter-in-law) cooked the most fabulous supper of roasted pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans (we are Methodist after all, HA!) and corn! Shelby Cook introduce her bakery, Smiling Kitty by serving wonderful cookies! Everything was so delicious! The secretary's minutes were read and the treasurer's ' report was given. Both were approved. Mary Jo read a thank you card she received from the NIC Unit for babies' families to be more comfortable with snack, and lots of other items. We prayed over the Least Coin offering. Old Business: 28 people attended the Baked Potato Bar and made approximately \$146.00 – the Pancake Breakfast made around \$104.00. New Business: Cavatelli Supper will be 11/11/2022. Mary Circle will host General on 11/2/2022, at 1:00 pm. Next Deborah meeting will be on 11/9/2022 and it will not be a meal as we are fasting that night. Because we will bring in nonperishable food items for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Romona made a motion for \$50.00 to go to the Thanksgiving Baskets and Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> it. But Janice corrected the motion to increase to \$80.00 and Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Both motions passed. Connie will collect names to have for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We elected

new officers and hostess for the 2023 year. Connie made the motion to put Darlene McFate and Lora Christian as Honorary Members. Sue B 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it passed. Charlene made the motion to adjourned and May Jo 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

## **Easton Service Group**

Easton Service Group met on October 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Applebee's for lunch. The four of us in attendance had a great time fellowshiping and enjoying delicious food in a lovely atmosphere. It was so nice, and our waiter even joined in on our prayer. We are looking forward to Cathy being our hostess next month and hearing all about her travels. Please feel free to come join us.

## **Esther Circle**

Esther Circle met on 10/14/2022, at 1:00 pm at the lovely home of Bob and Peggy Bishop. It was a surprise for Bob and Peggy as Kathy set it up with us but didn't tell her parents. Kathy was also surprised when we all showed up, but she forgot until she got a phone call from us. HA! There were 8 of us in attendance plus Bob and Peggy. Diana opened the meeting. We sang Happy Birthday to both Julie and Janice. Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Janice (the traveler) forgot the treasurer's stuff. Old Business: Diana paid for the juice for the breakfast on 10/9/2022 (for Esther Circle) – out of her pocket so she will not pay any dues for the month of October, nor will she turn in a bill. We made approximately \$100.00 for the Breakfast and \$140.00 for the Potato Bar. New Business: We all agreed to keep our offices for next year. Sharon kindly agreed to be our telephone caller for 2023. We also signed up for hostess for 2023. Since it is Connie's turn to hostess, she will take

December instead. Sue served us delicious zucchini brownies! We all enjoyed laughing with Bob and Peggy and grazing out at their view!

### **Mary Circle**

Mary Circle met October 19, 2022, at Easton Place in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. There were six of us in attendance and Jan Green was our hostess. Sandy led our business meeting, and we decided again this year to buy a goat and 12 chickens through Samaritan Purse. Since we don't do the boxes, we love doing our part this way. We also planned General for November 2, 2022, and we would be "thankful" if you would all come and share with us a 1:00 p.m. that day. Jan had a nice program based on the Upper Room devotion using Psalm 46:1-11, Make time to talk with God. She also treated us to delicious and cute ghosts which were quite edible and then other goodies too. It was a good meeting.

**Mark your Calendar**  
**NOVEMBER 2022**  
**Sunday School Mission:**  
**Thanksgiving Baskets**

1. 9:30 am Bible Study-Romona Moore  
2:00 pm Worship  
6:00 pm Education
2. 1:00 pm EPWU General
3. 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice  
7:00 pm NA
- 4.
5. 5:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts
6. All Saints Sunday  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**
7. 5:30 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Bible Study-Romona Moore  
7:00 pm Gary Morris Boy Scouts
8. 8:00 am United Methodist Men  
9:30 am Bible Study-Romona Moore
9. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
- 10 . 1:00 pm Easton Service Group  
7:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice  
7:00 pm NA
11. 1:00 pm Esther Circle-Romona Moore
- 12.
13. Coffee and rolls after Sunday School
14. 5:30 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Bible Study-Romona Moore

15. 9:30 am Bible Study-Romona Moore  
2:30 pm Trustees  
6:00 pm SPRC
16. 1:00 pm Mary Circle
17. 5:30-6:30 pm Community Meal  
7:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice  
7:00 pm NA
- 18.
19. 1:00-2:00 pm Drive Thru Food Pantry  
5:30-8:00 pm Movie Night/Dinner
20. :11:30 am Harvest Dinner Potluck
- 21 **8:30 am Fill Thanksgiving Baskets**  
5:30 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Bible Study-Romona Moore  
**AD COUNCIL ARTICLES ARE DUE**
22. 9:30 am Bible Study-Romona Moore  
6:00 pm Finance  
6:45 pm AD Council
- 23.
24. . **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
Office closed  
McFadden Family Fellowship Hall
- 25.
- 26.
27. United Methodist Student Sunday
- 28 5:30 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Bible Study-Romona Moore  
**THE SHEPHERD'S STAR Articles DUE**
- 29 9:30 am Bible Study-Romona Moore
30. 6:30 pm EPWU Board