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# *Pastor's Letter*

Dear Friends,

I have heard a lot of people say recently, "I will be glad when 2020 is over." Unfortunately, I think many people are holding on to the illusion that the ball will drop in an empty Time's Square and magically 2021 will be better. I have something more credible to hold on to—Gratitude. Diane Butler Bass is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors. She wrote: "Gratefulness enables us to overcome fear, deal with anxiety, and process grief. It isn't phony cheerfulness or positive thinking - instead gratitude invites us to consider the gift of every moment, an especially powerful practice in times of despair."

Fear, anxiety and grief are at all-time highs as a deadly virus sweeps through communities and overwhelms hospital capacity. Despair is settling in like a thick fog as people realize that the holidays will be very different unless they are willing to accept significant health risks. The last time I felt this way about the holidays was 2006 when I was facing Thanksgiving and Christmas without Susan. I learned an important lesson that year. It is always better to focus on what we have than to focus on what has been taken away. Gratitude is the best way I know to deal with loss. 2020 has

dealt us a lot of loss. So today I am issuing the "2020 Gratitude Challenge." For the month of November every time you think of something that has been taken away this year (family celebrations, holiday traditions, work, in-person worship) every time you think of something you don't have or can't do, think of someone or something that brings you joy or leads to gratefulness.

As few weeks ago I said in a sermon that the only way we get through this global threat is by staying grounded and grateful. The 2020 Gratitude Challenge will help us remain grounded and grateful. "Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices..." takes on new meaning this year as we lean on our faith to fight despair.

Faithfully,

*Tim*



# *Fall Congregational Meeting*

A Congregational Meeting will be in November with voting from November 15 through November 22nd

In keeping with the Consistory's decision that it is not safe to meet in person for worship, the Consistory has also decided that we can not meet in person for our Constitutionally required Fall Congregational Meeting.

## AGENDA:

- Nominating Committee and vote
- Approval of a budget for 2021

## MEETING PROCEDURE

In early November our members will be mailed a proposed budget, an explanation of the budget changes, a Nominating Committee report, and a ballot to record your vote. You are asked to return your ballot to the church either through the mail, dropping it off at the church during regular office hours, or you can email a scan of your ballot or a photo of your ballot to [marty@trinitychurchquincy.com](mailto:marty@trinitychurchquincy.com) Voting takes place between November 15th and November 22nd. There will not be a sign in for this Congregational meeting. The number of ballots returned will be used to establish a quorum.

There is **drive-through Communion on November 22nd** and you are welcome to return your ballot then as well.



# *Consistory Report*

## **Operational updates and additional information:**

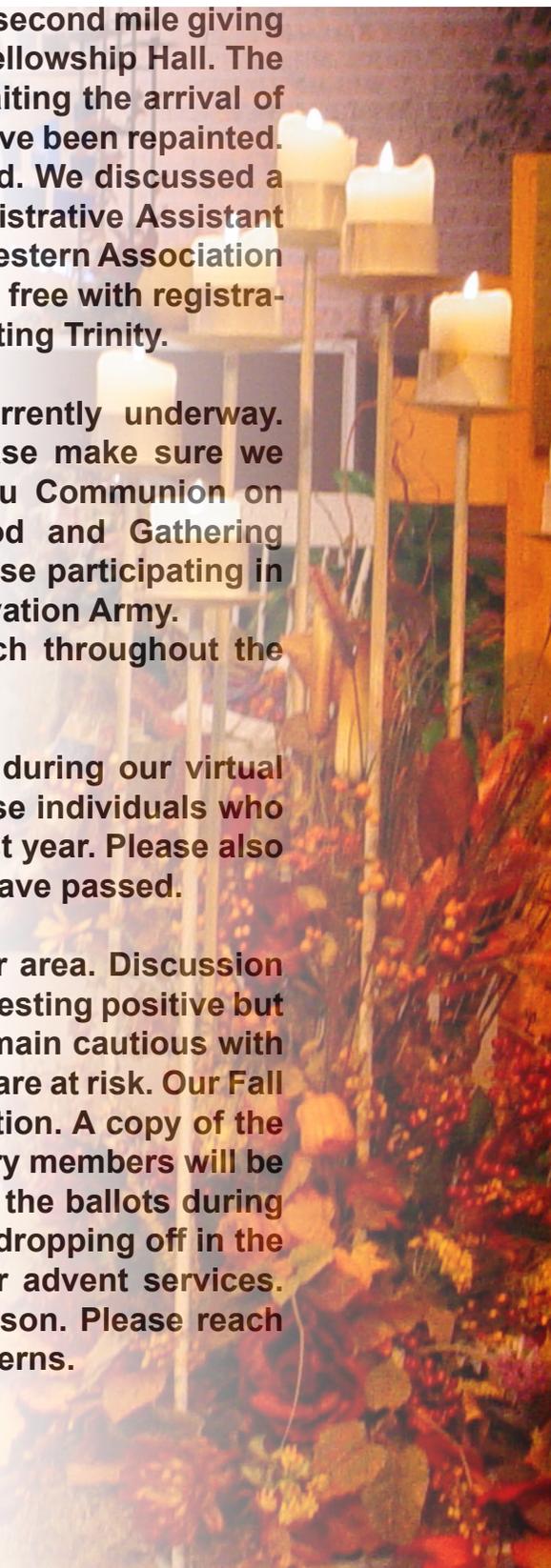
**We voted to replenish the matching funds for our second mile giving initiative. Repair was made to the roof over the Fellowship Hall. The upgrade to the sanctuary video and audio is awaiting the arrival of the cameras. The yellow lines in the parking lot have been repainted. Many thanks to Steve Hagood and Joyce Schrand. We discussed a plan for when to begin the search for an Administrative Assistant due to Marty's retirement at the end of January. Western Association Meeting is being held virtually on October 24. It is free with registration. Rev. White and Julie Glover will be representing Trinity.**

**Stewardship drive for pledges for 2021 is currently underway. Pledges are still outstanding for many, so please make sure we have yours. We are planning another drive thru Communion on November 22nd in combination with our Food and Gathering Drive. We will collect grocery donations from those participating in Communion and they will be delivered to the Salvation Army. Groceries can also be dropped off at the church throughout the week.**

**Totenfest will be held virtually on October 25th during our virtual service. This is the opportunity to remember those individuals who have passed from our congregation within the last year. Please also remember to reach out to families of those who have passed.**

**We discussed the current COVID situation in our area. Discussion centered around the rising number of both those testing positive but also those hospitalized within our county. We remain cautious with the thought of those within our congregation that are at risk. Our Fall Congregational meeting was a topic of conversation. A copy of the proposed budget and ballots to vote for consistory members will be mailed out. We are asking for members to return the ballots during the week of November 15-22 either by mail or by dropping off in the church office. We are looking at options for our advent services. More will be decided as we near the holiday season. Please reach out to your consistory members if you have concerns.**

**Prayerfully,  
Lila Warning Consistory President**



# *Fall Food Ingathering*

Sunday, November 22nd

The annual Thanksgiving food ingathering for the Salvation Army food pantry will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020. There is drive through communion on that day and we will be accepting your food donations when you come for communion.

We will NOT hand out grocery bags this year. However, the following items are those that the Salvation Army food pantry need most as they serve the Quincy community.

Canned meats/stews	Rice/Pasta	Cereal
Cake Mix	Pudding	Jell-O
Canned fruits/vegetables	Peanut Butter/Jelly	
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Dish soap/Bath Soap/Shampoo	
Macaroni & Cheese	Deodorant	
Paper Products (toilet paper; paper towels; Kleenex)	Tooth paste	

Those who depend on the food pantries are grateful for our weekly collection of food. Just as we will all spend more on food for thanksgiving, our faith invites us to give so that those who have less can enjoy the blessings of life. The COVID crisis has caused food pantries to see increased demand from families who have either gotten sick or been quarantined and lost income.





## *Fall Worship Series*

# *Community Spread*

God's COVID Mitigation Plans

As a deadly virus surges across the globe we will focus on spreading the values of our faith to lessen the impact of the Corona virus.

**October 18, 2020**

II Corinthians 4:15-18 -Spread Grace

**October 25, 2020**

John 14:1-7 - Spread Comfort

**November 1, 2020**

Romans 8:24-27 -Spread Hope

**November 8, 2020**

Ephesians 4:29-32; I John 4:7-21 - Spread Kindness & Love

**November 15, 2020**

Ruth 1:15-18 - Spread Gratitude

# *Stewardship Update*

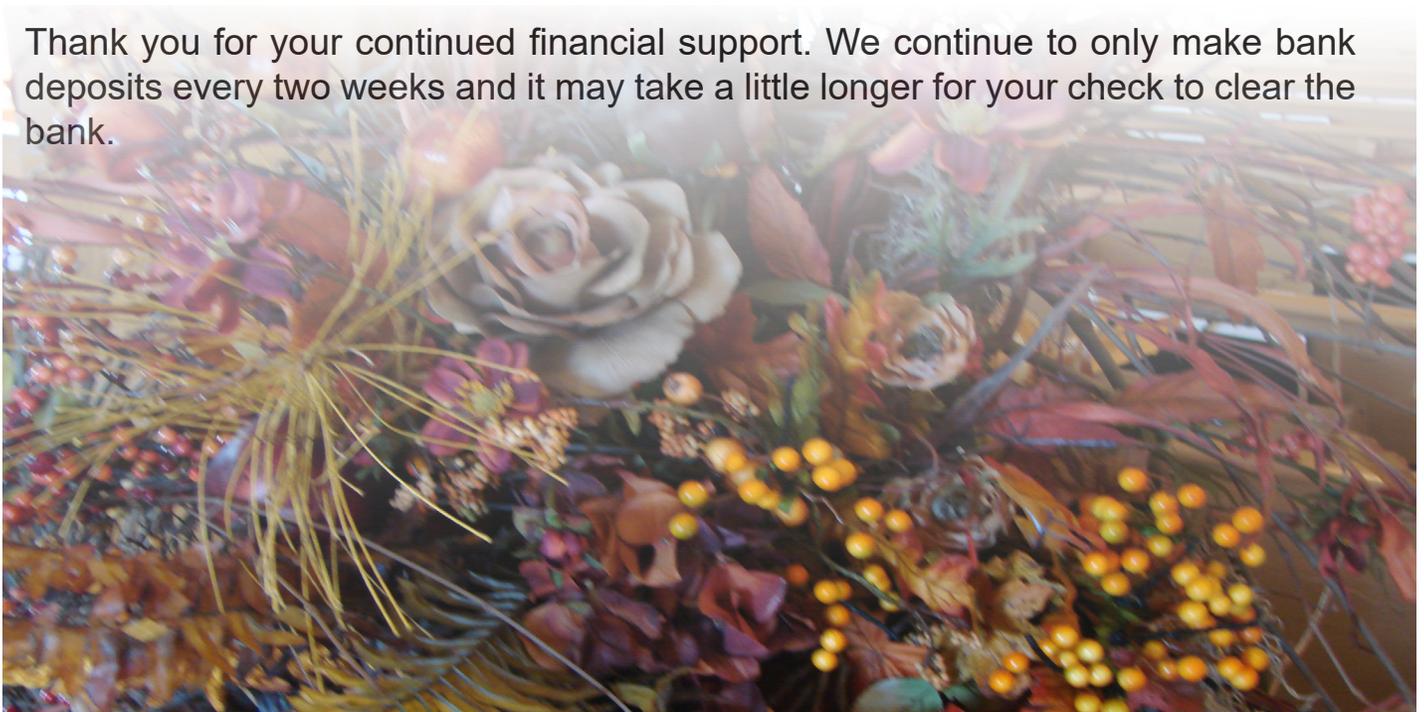
The church continues to strive to find new ways to be the church in the midst of the world's worst ongoing health crisis in over 100 years, faith is required. One day this pandemic will be over and one day it will be safe to attend worship in person again. "For such a time as this" we need to be faithful, strong, and courageous. Pledge cards have been mailed and many of you have generously responded. And the leadership of the church is grateful for your generosity.

There are also many who have not indicated their level of financial support for the coming year. Perhaps you have not ventured out or you don't have any stamps. Perhaps you are overwhelmed and not sure what happened to your pledge card. You are able to make a pledge by simply emailing Marty at [marty@trinitychurchquincy.com](mailto:marty@trinitychurchquincy.com) or calling the church office. In order for us to stay strong the church needs to remain strong. The pandemic has taught us we all need each other.

In this time when it is not safe for us to meet in person, the church continues to be supported by your gifts. Unfortunately, giving has decreased and our expenses continue to exceed income. Your support is vital to our future.

We are grateful for all who continue to mail checks, drop off gifts or use our online giving platform on the website. We are blessed to have the capability to give to the church through our website. There is a giving tab in the top right corner of the screen. Gifts can be made to general fund giving as well as memorials. Those giving options are available online through the website at <https://trinitychurchquincy.com/giving/>

Thank you for your continued financial support. We continue to only make bank deposits every two weeks and it may take a little longer for your check to clear the bank.



## *Drive Through Communion November 22nd*

**November 22nd** there will be drive through communion from 9:30 to 11:00. Our Elders are encouraging you to participate in the communion liturgy online before you come to the drive through event. We ask that everyone enter through the north driveway off 24th street and depart through the Cherry Lane exit. The pastor will greet you near the west doors and you will receive communion and a prayer. Please **DO NOT** get out of your car. It is important to the health and safety of the community and church family that we adhere to these guidelines. With gratitude we will gather around the Lord's table through this drive through experience. Plans may be revised as additional information becomes available.



## *Missions Giving*

We will continue with filling our grocery cart. There is a cart by the west door for you to drop them off. Thank you for your continued participation to help give aid to those less fortunate than us. There is a big need. Please help us feed the hungry. 451 food items were given in October. Thank you!

**Neighbors in Need offering** Gift total: \$125.00 Thank you to all that gave a gift.

**Crop Walk for Hunger:** Thank you to all that walked or gave a gift.

Total for Trinity thus far: \$420.00

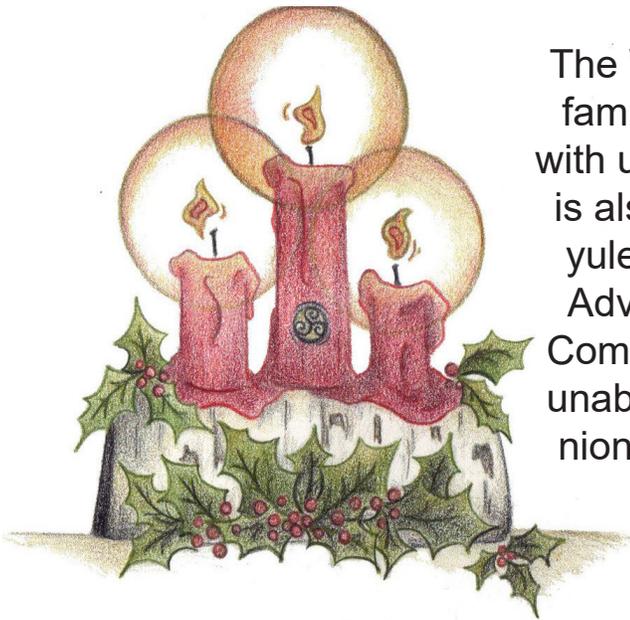
Total for all churches that participated: \$1,335.00

## *Air Conditioning Update*

Envelopes will be at the west door table or in the foyer and periodically in the Signal Light until our goal has been reached. If you are sending a gift in the mail be sure to specify Air Conditioning Fund in the memo area of your check.

Thank you! 2019 & 2020 Gifts Received: \$12,390.00

# *Advent Yule Logs for Worship*



The Worship team is making Yule Logs for families to light at home while worshipping with us online in Advent. A home devotional is also being prepared to be used with the yule Log. We will pass out these special Advent worship gifts at the drive through Communion on November 22nd. If you are unable to attend our drive through communion, please call the church office to have one delivered to your home.

## *31st Annual Service of Lessons & Carols* December 13, 2019

On December 13th our annual Service of Lessons and Carols worship service will be posted on our social media platforms. This year instrumentalist and soloists will be featured instead of our choirs. The Christmas story will be told in this beautiful holiday tradition that recalls the story of shepherds, angels, and kings who journeyed to Bethlehem to witness the birth of Jesus. Through scripture and the cherished music of the season we will celebrate Christ's birth. Our talented musicians will provide an evening of inspiration and reflection. Enjoy a delightful evening of holiday music that is sure to invoke in the Christmas spirit.



# *Prayer List*

**EACH DAY IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIFT UP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE** Carolyn Ellerman, Garold Schumaker, Mary Boyer, Donna Nell, Shirley Kroner, Steve Cole, Mavis VanCamp, Glen Hollyman, June Lahrman, Dick & Georgia Tournear, Baby Myles, Bill Arnold, Cathy Ussery Jim Bigelow, Marilyn Griffin, Don Tallcott, Katie Durk, Judith Stoermer, Carlene Davis, Andy Knight, Dorothy Krohn, Christian Caley, Steve Lock and Mike Jackson, Leo Henning, Beka Zwirtz, Mary Jones, Ray Southard, Steve Homan, Mildred Crane, Jimmy and Caitlin Garcia, Beth Harscher, Tim Miller, Shona Rodgers, Jim Foster, Mary Feeny, Julie McEwen, Ken Herman, Bob Standbridge, Glenn Cox, Russell Orr, Sarah Shelley, Donna Braden, Kim Meyer, Phil Worrell, Donna McClelland, Sondi Miller, Mary Dyer, Kevin Rockhold, Bill Lahrman, Conner Redington, Ron Gaus, Linda Vandiver, John Rudicil, Marty Ohnemus, Brian Cox, Dr. Kent Palmer, Marilyn VanBlair, Max Miller, Teresa Sweet, Ginny Tobin, Mike Rokita, Lisa Gengenbacher, Dave Holtschlag, Tim Axton, Jeff Bates, Imogene & J.B. Weston, Cindy Trower, Bob Bizer, Kim Stratman, Bill Gilbert, Eli Campos, Sammy Adcox, Alan & Rosemary Fries, Jimmy Steinkamp, Tim Dittmer, Alexandra & Isabelle Durk, Marcia Moss, David Travis, Lori Gordon, Lisa Wood, Briley & Grayson Zibilski, Nancy McCarty, Lori Kraus, Richard Brown, Vicki McColez, Mike & Sandy Schmid, Penny Norton, Kyle Benson, Vickie Fischer, Colin Little, Hayden Wheatley, Jan Lee Wansley, Colette Gaston, Linda Atkins, Vickie Schoffmit, Liam Combs, Steve Withers, Mary Frasch, Prudence McKenadey, Bob McCleary, Ty Sharify, Beverly Hurt, Pauline Poppe, Sydney Jean Meade, Sue Foster, Kristopher Schreacke, Hayden Pegues, Conner Smith, Shirley Martin, Gary Glover, Hannah McVeigh, Evan Mencer, Julie Hamilton, Dustin Humphrey, Carolyn Lauder, Yvonne & David Stone, Millie & Bob Meyer, Mary Loos, Ella Cain, Pauline Willbanks, Mary Chamberlain, Pat Hillerts, Kim Tryon, Carol Holbrook, Allison Weibring, Barbara Savell, Sue Mann, Edna Walker, Al Rankin, Lee Koch, Bennett Dredge, Jeremy & family, Abbie, Blaine, Jamie, Mike, Toby, Ashley, Stephanie & family, Calvin, Annie, Ella, Abbie, Rebekah, Carla, Isabella, Katie, Alisha, Tonya, Valerie, Jake, David, Leslie, Alex, Don, Amanda, Philip and the Armed Forces. Please pray for the families and friends of Alice Tournear, Jeff Glas, Connie Owens and Charlie Nell in this time of grief and those who are recipients of our Love Gift offerings.

## *Trinity Members Hospitalized in October*

Trinity members hospitalized since the October 2020 Signal Light:  
Donna Nell; Mary Boyer

# *Thanksgiving Prayer*

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the color and forms of your creation and our place within it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**your mercy endures forever.**

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill  
bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
your mercy endures forever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;  
for insight and imagination, for the skills of research  
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**your mercy endures forever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,  
and their variety and dependability;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**your mercy endures forever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities,  
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord;

**your mercy endures forever.**

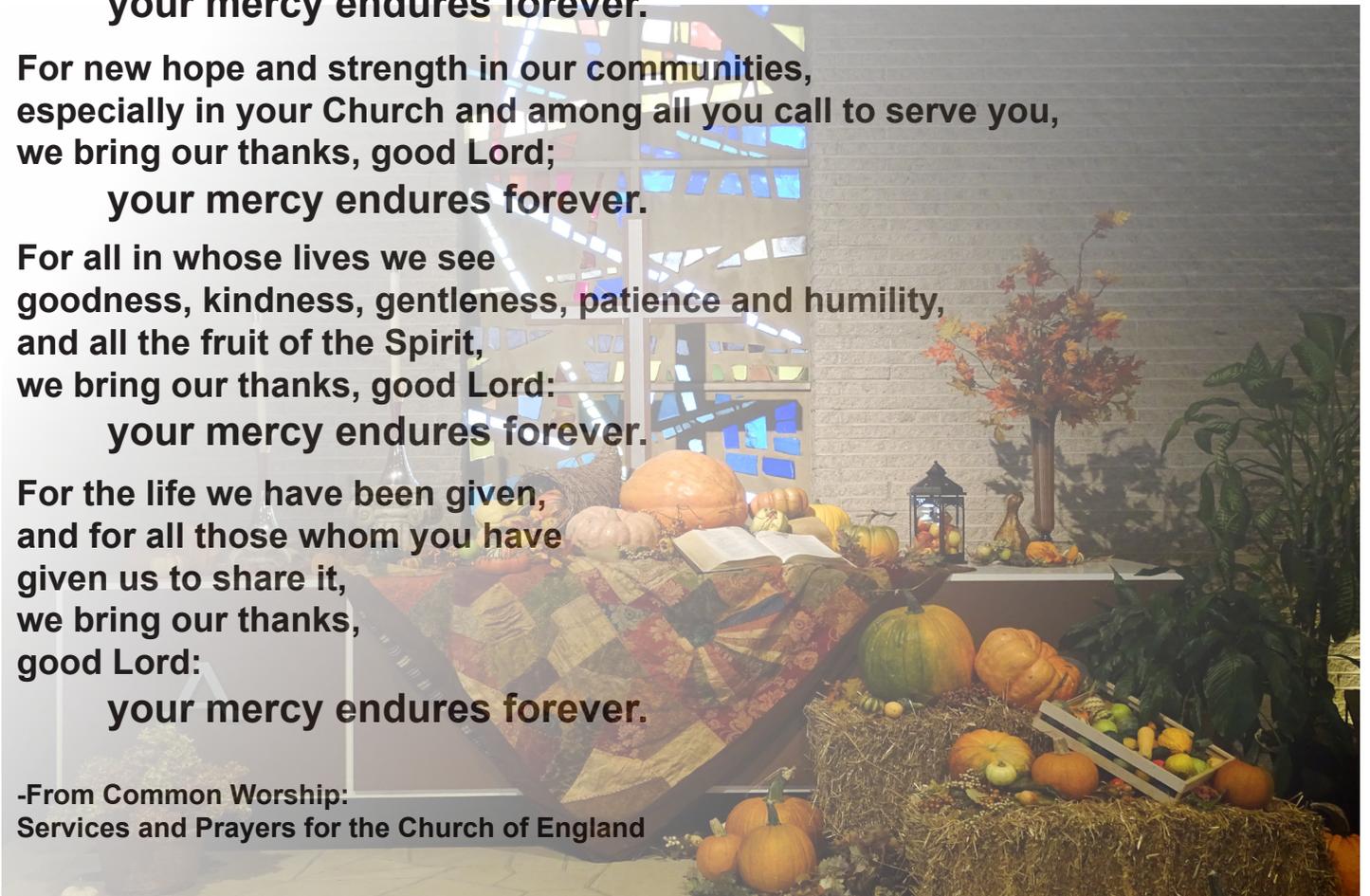
For all in whose lives we see  
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,  
and all the fruit of the Spirit,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**your mercy endures forever.**

For the life we have been given,  
and for all those whom you have  
given us to share it,  
we bring our thanks,  
good Lord:

**your mercy endures forever.**

-From Common Worship:  
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## *November Birthdays*

1	Jennifer Spohr Randy Miller	15	Danielle McPartlin Jamie Petri
2	Kevin Kleemeyer Mary Miller		Evelyn Garrett
3	JoAnn Kirlin Dean Bauch	17	Randi Killday Makenzy Barnes
4	Karla Fesler Peggy Schoenekase	19	Jennifer Meyer Tracy Stoermer
5	Sharon Bigelow Ian Graham	20	Marilyn Griffin
	Kelley Giesing	21	Donna Nell
6	Shelley Bentley Nelson K. Smith	22	Tim Meyer
7	Richard Tournear	23	Jeff Gardner Phyllis Bracey
9	Elizabeth Michalek		Lori Ward
10	J. R. Deeter Kelsey Reed	26	Linda Rudicil
11	Jacob Moore	28	Adam Gault Adam Moore
14	Gary Arp Bobette Leonard Marie Smith Garrett Ruffin Betsy Powell Vivienne Ellis	29	Evelyn Proctor
		30	Martin Fleer Christy Klaus



## *November Anniversaries*

9	David & Barbara Aeschliman
10	Lee & Leah Wuestenfeld
23	Scott & Denise Moore
24	Richard & Susan Hild, Jr.
29	Brad & Becky Mellon

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