

Corner Comments



WARD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To Be Thoughtful

"What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs." -Luke 12:3

This Bible verse always gives me chills! It's interesting that I happen to stumble upon this verse on Halloween Night. Makes it even sound spookier! And on top of that, the days are getting shorter and the darkness seems to be coming sooner. So, I figured, why not use this verse for our newsletter! Why not? It's not necessarily a verse about repentance, vengeance, or a warning. But the verse is about each and everyone of us being thoughtful and caring and transparent. I remember when I was younger and my parents would order me to clean my room, I would do so. Yet, I found ways to cut corners. Instead of neatly folding my clothes and putting it in the drawers, I'd just jam them in the drawers. Whatever was on the carpet floor I'd just throw it in my closet or under the bed. Whatever was on my desk I'd just shovel it in any desk drawer, and I'd be done cleaning my room in 10 minutes. I was lazy and never thought about what a clean room should not just look like, but feel like. I figured my parents would just look in my room, and simply browse and tell me my room is clean. And they would do that. But because I never properly cleaned my room, I always lose something important. And in order to find it, I'd have to rip everything out of the closet and dump every drawer onto the floor, and usually the only thing I'd find is frustration.

The feeling of actually cleaning your room is a sense of accomplishment and successfulness. Having things perfectly folded, well organized, dusted, vacuumed, and made, makes you feel good because it's honest, and something that you did! Jesus, in this verse is not only asking us to be honest in our everyday life, but to also be thoughtful. When you do not do things the correct way, you can find trouble, you will find stress and frustration, and often times feeling lost. I know that how I felt when I cut corners in cleaning my room. And even though my parents had no idea that I was cutting corners, I knew it and it felt horrible, that I not just cheat on my parent's expectation,

but also I realized cutting corners just cause more issues the next day and the next.

Do things the right way, the honest way. Be thoughtful and transparent. The way people see you, let it be the same that people in your family see you. If you are forgiving with people in your workplace, or hanging out with friends, or even strangers you meet while running errands, be forgiving with your parents, children, and even the family pet. Likewise, if you are kind at home, be kind when you exit your front door in the morning.

Now Jesus did not tell us in this verse that if we are always honest, we will be rewarded. No, Jesus is telling us if you are thoughtful during the day and night, and if you say the truth in closed doors or on the roof, you will feel better. You will have no burdens to carry. You will feel confident, accomplished, and successful. I like that, I like feeling that way, so let's all give it a try, see if that changes our mood for the better!

God bless,
Brian



Advent



This year the season of Advent will begin on December 1. Our youth and little ones will be participating in the lighting of the Advent candle each of the four Sundays during Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Hanging of the Greens



On Sunday, December 1, we will be having a Hanging of the Greens service at 10:45 a.m. Along with this special service we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season.

Christmas Families



Once again Catholic Charities has asked us to sponsor three families for Christmas.

Distribution of family cards will be on Sunday, November 24. Your gifts and donations are due Sunday, December 15. Direct questions to Judy Pursley, 942-0204.

Christmas Dinner

It is that time of year, mark December 8 at 5:00 pm for the Christmas dinner. It is a catered turkey dinner, so attendees don't have to bring anything. Sign up sheets will be posted very soon, everyone is asked to sign up early so a count can be provided to the caterer! There will be entertainment by the Sunday school following the dinner.



Christmas Caroling



CAROLING

Please come join us for Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 15 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We have rented transportation. Everyone is invited. We will sound like a chorus of angels! The kids can bring a friend or the

adults can bring grandkids. We need you to sign up by December 2 so we have the transportation we need. After caroling we will return to the church for pizza.

Poinsettias

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas Eve. You may order poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones by filling out the order form enclosed in the bulletin. Your order may be dropped in the offering plate. The cost of a poinsettia is \$7.00. The last day to order poinsettias is December 8. Checks may be made out to Ward Ave. Presbyterian Church.



Christmas Eve Service

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion at a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00 PM. A nursery will be provided.



Coffee Hours



There will be a coffee hour on Sunday, January 12th.

There will also be a big coffee hour on Sunday, February 9th after the installation of new Deacons and Elders

Souper Bowl - February 2



Once again it is time for the Super Bowl, so for our version of Souper Bowl, we ask that everyone bring a food item & place in the container in support of your

team...whichever team that may be! This will kick-off our February Mission Project...Altoona Food Bank.

Mission Project for February

Altoona Food Bank provides emergency 3 day food assistance to families in-need. Please drop off at the church a non-perishable food items during the month of February. Some items: canned soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned pasta, cereal, or applesauce.



There will be containers for the items in the rear of the sanctuary & in the Sunday School area.

Congregational Meeting

The 114th Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Ward Ave. Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, January 19, 2020, after the morning worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report for 2019, the proposed budget for 2020 and the slate of officers for the coming year will be presented to the congregation at that time.

Soup and Bread Night

Join us on February 23 at 5:00pm for a delicious night of soup, bread, and desserts! We will have people make some delicious soups and Rev. Choi is going to make the world best chili ever (his claim)! All are welcome to join us!



and family members, celebrate an anniversary or birthday or announce a birth or other joyous event.

Offering Envelopes

2020 offerings envelopes are available in the rear of the sanctuary. The per capita for each member for 2020 is \$ 37.75.

Lenten communion Breakfast



Please plan to come and celebrate our Lenten Communion Breakfast on Saturday, February 29, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with a communion service followed by a wonderful breakfast. Everything will be provided so you just need to show up and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheets are in the rear of the sanctuary and downstairs.

Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2020 is now posted in the foyer. The cost for flowers is \$30.00 each week. When paying for the flowers, please indicate on your check or envelope that it is for the Flower Fund. Checks should be made out to Ward Ave. Presbyterian Church. Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor loved ones

