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Membership Moments

Pansies, roses, carnations, nasturtiums, gladiolas , daisies (that is a flowery Language) Thank you to all the angels who have helped with kitchen clean-up in the past at our Wednesday night meals. It is also a pay-it-forward thank you for all of you who will be stepping into the garden now.

Do you remember when you filled in your "Time and Talent" sheet that there was a section for each of the ministries with places for you to check the spots where you can share your talents with the work of ACC ? Our Wednesday night meals are just one of the opportunities that we as members and friends have a chance to get to know each other on a more individual basis. There is no better way to do that than by standing side by side over a sink of dirty dishes seeing who can wash dishes faster than Dollene or speed racing the drying and putting away of those sparkling clean dishes. Surprisingly, some of my most laughter filled moments have been spent during the kitchen clean-up situation!

HELP! While this can be and has been one of our most fun times, three Wednesday night meals a month followed immediately with either elder, cabinet, or board meetings has left some of the same people (Sandra Gallatin and Linda Clark) coming early and staying late. Thankfully Marie and Kenneth Foster and Ruthie and George Addington can always be counted on to pitch in after we eat.

The membership Ministry wants to offer a new way for you to choose your dish of fellowship. Starting this Sunday, on the meal sign-up sheet, there will also be a place to check your willing participation in the Great Kitchen Clean-up so that no one gets voted off the island or is sent to the "have-nots" room. Remember "many hands make light work" and "God loves a cheerful giver" and so do we!

Thanks,
The Membership Ministry



Kitchen Angels

Baby Shower Time!!!

The Youth and DWM will be hosting a baby shower for David and Krista Christman October 16th at 1:00 PM. We will be serving finger foods, ex: finger sandwiches, fruit and veggie tray and we will have a cake and punch. The theme for the babies room is Winnie the Pooh and the colors are yellow and green. They have registered at Wal-Mart, Target, and Babies R Us. There may be more details to come, but as for now, mark your calendars! If you have any questions, please see Lisa Lingo or Gail Sellers.



BUDGET REPORT




Budget Needs Per Week	\$3,679.00
Received September 11, 2011	\$1,875.00
Received September 18, 2011	\$3,420.00
Received Year to Date	\$121,645.06
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$139,035.00
Income Over (Under) Expenses	(\$15,960.82)

Attendance Report

Sunday, September 11, 2011	Sunday School	56
	Worship	109
Sunday, September 18, 2011	Sunday School	53
	Worship	100
Average Year to Date	Sunday School	51
	Worship	111

September 25, 2011

Worship Leader	Lisa Lingo
Table	David Christman
Bread Elder	Sondra Williams
Wine Elder	Valerie Piercy
First Greeter	Leslie Bales
Second Greeter	Ramona Patrick
Deacon	Chelle Jacobs
Deacon	Steven Hightower
Jr. Deacon	Aaron Ipser
Acolyte	Byron Henderson
Children's Moment	Laurie Feille
Children's Church	NONE
Visitation Team	Jan Flavin & Lynda Scott
Home Communion	Valerie Piercy & Ramona Patrick



October 2, 2011

Worship Leader	David Christman
Table	Laurie Feille
Bread Elder	Lisa Lingo
Wine Elder	Nancy Robbins
First Greeter	Mike Sellers
Second Greeter	Barb Upchurch
Deacon	Gail Sellers
Deacon	Bob Upchurch
Jr. Deacon	Justin Jacobs
Acolyte	Madison Schultz
Children's Moment	Laurie Feille
Children's Church	Jennifer Pastre
Visitation Team	Mark & Susie Hiles
Home Communion	Nancy Robbins & Barb Upchurch

CROSSES FOR SALE

We have crosses made from the wood that was on the 1893 building. These are made from wood that could not be reused for the building and each one represents a little bit of our ACC history! If you would like to have one, see Scottie and for a donation of \$20.00 she will give you a cross. Funds go to the ongoing restoration.

Need some chores done in and around your home? Let our youth help you?

They are working to raise money for their mission trip and are willing and able to earn this money!

Contact David for scheduling.
817/437-7296 or
drchristman1@yahoo.com



DIVERSITY IS GOOD

Rev. Laurie P. Feille, Sr. Minister

One of the topics that ministers avoid discussing at church is politics. At Disciples of Christ churches we have every political party and non-party represented in our pews every Sunday so there is not a unified understanding of any policy or “hot button” issue. So why in the world are we studying Religion and Politics at our Body and Soul Study on Wednesday evenings? I believe that the church is a place that we can begin to have civil and respectful conversations regarding policies, candidates, political platforms and the “hot button” issues in our world today.

Many times when discussions turn to politics we discount anyone who doesn’t believe the way we believe. Politicians find ways to demonize their opponent and we jump on that bandwagon. We attack candidates on a personal level instead of looking at their policies and discerning if their policies are sound. For these reasons and many others we have lost the ability to hold serious conversations and we no longer listen to an opposing view to try to better understand our neighbor.

We will always be a church filled with diverse viewpoints. My prayer and my hope is that as we study and pray together that we will begin to listen to each other. I also pray that we will be a people who won’t participate in the demonizing of any candidate or politician. Although we may not agree with someone’s policies, that in itself does not make the person a bad person. Remember that the people with whom we may not agree are also God’s children. God created a world filled with a diversity of creatures and humans. Let us learn to be thankful for that diversity and live out the grace, love and mercy that we find at the Table. Much love and peace, Laurie

Costa Rica Mission Trip

This past Wednesday evening Fred Curry, Director of Rice and Beans Ministries, met with members of Rush Creek Christian Church. They discussed the joint Mission Trip between Azle CC and Rush Creek to Costa Rica, June 30-July 7, 2012. Those that attended the meeting are very excited about the Mission Trip! Jan Flavin will be coordinating the trip (airline tickets, insurance, etc.) for Azle CC. Jennifer Ipser has agreed to be one of the leaders of the trip. It is very important that we begin to know an approximate number of people who will be going on the trip. **Our week will not be reserved until we send in a deposit.** All ages are encouraged to participate in this trip! Please see Laurie for registration forms.



The Outreach Ministry is still Collecting Peanut Butter & Jelly for “Inasmuch” Food Pantry and coats and blankets for Union Gospel Mission and the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

What wonderful music we enjoyed on Sunday, Sept 18! Thank you to Kate, Gini and the choir for blessing us with the joy of music and song.

Blessings to you all,
Mark and Susie Hiles



As all of you are aware, our annual charity golf tournament is coming up October 1st and we need to provide breakfast for the golfers and workers as we have done in the past. I am asking for your assistance in this endeavor in one of three ways:

1. Give money to purchase donuts, muffins, juice, fruit
2. Provide donuts, muffins, juice or fruit
3. Help transporting and setting up the food items that morning at the golf course



If there is any way you could please help for this very worthy cause, please contact me by phone at 817/220-4140 or see me Wednesday evening at the meal. This needs to be finalized Wednesday, so please let me know what you would like to do to help for our annual charity fund raiser.

Thank you and God Bless, Ramona

Interim Search Committee

At a called Board meeting on Sunday, September 11, the board approved the formation of an Interim Minister Search Committee. As provided in the Azle Christian Church Constitution, a committee of seven persons was approved as follows:

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| Mark Hiles | Lisa Lingo |
| Nancy Robbins | Rick Seeds |
| Mike Sellers | Eddie Weger |
| Helen Womack | |

It is anticipated that an Interim Minister would be called for a period of about six to twelve months. Upon filling the Interim Minister position, a Permanent Minister Search Committee will be formed that will be composed of different members than the Interim Minister Search Committee.

Please keep this process in your prayers as we go through this time of transition.

Rick Seeds
Board Chair

Door Prizes and Goody Bag Donations Needed



October 1 is the date for the fundraiser this year. We need door prizes to give to all golfers. A door prize can be a new item of value that a golfer would want to take home with them or take home to their spouse. We also will need items to go in the 150 goody bags for the golfers. Candy, pencils, business advertising items, etc. make great items for the bags.

Thanks for you prayers, contributions, and help;
Rick Seeds

Hey Everyone,

I hope everything is going well for all of you. Krista and I have been really blessed this past week. We had our 21-week sonogram and doctor appointment on Thursday and our little one is healthy and beautiful. If you would like to see pictures I am sure my wife will have them on her at all times until the baby's born. Thank you for all your prayers and for celebrating this wonderful period in our lives with us.



Although September is a normal month for our youth group, I have a lot of announcements for the future:

CYF Day at TCU is scheduled for October 22nd. There will be campus tours of TCU at 10:30am and 10:45am. There is a welcome program and door prize drawing at 11:30am and a pregame worship will be from 11:45am-12:30pm. Kickoff for the game is at 1:00pm at the stadium. There will be a "Fifth Quarter" party at University Christian Church after the game (\$5 at the door). Tickets are \$9 and include all pre-game events. If any high school youth want to attend, please let me know soon because I have to order the tickets.

Retreat forms are here! The TBA Chi Rho Fall Retreat is scheduled for November 4-6th 2011. The theme for the retreat is Sacraments: Expressions of Faith. Our keynoter is Rev. Chris Wilson from Rush Creek Christian Church. All forms for the retreat need to be filled out and turned in to me by Sunday, October 16th. The TBA CYF Fall Retreat is scheduled for November 18-20th 2011. The theme for the retreat is Identity as Disciples of Christ. Your Keynoter is Rev. Katie Hayes from Northwest Christian Church in Arlington. All forms for the retreat need to be filled out and turned in to me by November 1, 2011. The cost for both retreats is \$90. These retreats are going to be a lot of fun so come by my office, grab a form and fill it out.

Our Halloween Lock-in for JYF-CYF (4th-12th grades) will be on Saturday, October 29th- Sunday, October 31st from 6pm-9am. Save the date on your calendars people. Also, we will need some more sponsors for that evening because it will be a larger lock-in, so if you are interested (or even if you aren't) give me a call and volunteer.

Just a reminder to our parents, youth, and youth planning team- our yahoo groups for the youth and the youth parents are up and running. All you have to do is go to groups.yahoo.com and then search for Azle Christian Church Youth and/or Azle Christian Church parents and then request to join.

I think that's all I know for right now. If you think about it, I would appreciate your prayers on Wednesday the 28th of September (a week from Wednesday) at 2:30pm because I will be having my final ordination interview. Thank you for all of your prayers and for the wonderful chance to serve this church and our great bunch of youth.

David Christman





OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ACC Golf Tournament  ■ Kate Nelson ♥ Chad & Amy Weger
2 Reconciliation Offering 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth ■ Eileen Tidwell	3 PDO Newsletter Deadline Noon 6:00 pm Pack 243 Meeting 7:00 pm Handbells ■ Arlene Moon	4	5 PDO 9:30 am Prayer Group 5:45 pm Body & Soul 6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Elders ■ Linda McCreary	6 Azle Chamber Ambassadors ■ Laurie Feille	7 9:00 am Line Dancers	8 ■ Ken Gardom
9 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth ■ Bob Upchurch ♥ David & Carolyn	10 PDO 7:00 pm Handbells	11 6:30 pm Girl Scouts ■ Patsy Clay	12 PDO 9:30 am Prayer Group 5:45 pm Body & Soul 6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Cabinet ■ Chris Saurenmann ■ Carole Cudd	13 9:30 am Quilters 6:15 pm Follow Thru	14 9:00 am Line Dancers ♥ Mike & Gail Sellers	15 Workday & Christmas Planning 8:00 am  ■ John Williams
16 Stewardship Campaign 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Christman Baby Shower ■ Barbara Upchurch	17 PDO Newsletter Deadline Noon 5:30 pm PDO Advisory Board 7:00 pm Handbells ■ Pete Tamez	18 ■ Jana Howell	19 PDO 9:30 am Prayer Group 5:45 pm Body & Soul 6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Board ■ Kerri Taylor	20	21 9:00 am Line Dancers	22 TCU CYF Day
23 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Chili Cook-Off 4:00 pm Youth	24 PDO 6:00 pm Pack 243 Meeting 7:00 pm Handbells	25 6:30 pm Girl Scouts ■ Tricia Lingo	26 PDO 9:30 am Prayer Group 5:45 pm Body & Soul 6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm DWM	27	28 9:00 am Line Dancers	29 Youth Lock-In  Bales Reunion 11:00-2:00 pm ■ Helen Trammell ■ John Holmes
30 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth ■ Paul Reed	31 PDO Newsletter Deadline Noon 6:00 pm Pack 243 Meeting 7:00 pm Handbells ■ Ruthie Addington		♥ Anniversary ■ Birthday	If you have an anniversary or birthday that isn't on this calendar, please let the office know.		

New Prayer Requests

David Christman, Ordination interview 9/28
 Debbie Barnes, Anne Cummings's sister-in-law, at the passing of her step-father
 Krista Christman's co-worker

Frankie & Nancy Robbins & family at the passing of Rick Robbins
 Edward Berry, Anne Cummings's uncle, recovering from surgery

Billy Wayne Holmes
 Floyd Slaton, grandpa of a friend of Jana Howell, stroke

On-going Prayers Requested

Debt Reduction Campaign
 Linda McCreary, surgery 9/29
 Brock Powell
 Dale Hovland
 Kelly Ross & family
 Betty Jones
 All impacted by fires
 Gale Cook
 Matthew Lewis
 Sandra Bishnoi
 Family & friends of Bob Dolman
 Ana Wilson
 Nan Daniels
 Austin Woolsey
 Jerry Clay
 Sheila Richards
 *Lucille Koepp
 *Leah Vann

Barbara Whaley
 Catherine Bell,
 Anna Lee Caudry
 Russell Stephens's wife
 Parents Day Out Ministry
 Katie Carlson
 Charla
 Kid's Hope USA mentors, prayer partners, students and teachers at Silver Creek Elementary
 Jerry Snipes
 Connie Conway
 DeeDee Kepple
 *Marie Sutton
 *Norma Scott
 *Ricky Stults

Shae Poe
 Stacey & John Ragsdale
 Gloria Harrison, surgery 9/28
 Ross Dunn
 McKayla
 Shannon Nettles
 Student at Krista Christman's school whose house burned down
 Claudia Draper
 Donna Grogan
 Frankie Robbins
 All who are suffering from extreme heat
 Rain
 *Russell Eagleton
 *Patsy Clay
 *Pauline Cowan
 *Jack Cowan
 *Lodema Botts

<p>Notice: We will list family and friends for one month, unless notified otherwise. If you feel they should be listed longer than that, please let us know.</p>	<p>Serving in the military: Ryan Stults' friend, Sam Hollis, Afghanistan; Chad Tidwell, San Antonio; Spruill's grandson, David Collins, San Diego; Brandon Carroll, Persian Gulf Iraq; Matt Huddleston, Korea; Jonathan Hendricks, Afghanistan; Jared Curry, Afghanistan</p>
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Menu for September 21 & 28 served 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 21

REGULAR ENTREE: Chicken Wellington w/ Béchamel Sauce

VEGETARIAN ENTREE: Fresh Summer Casserole
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Succotash (corn & lima beans)
 Green Bean Salad
 Rolls

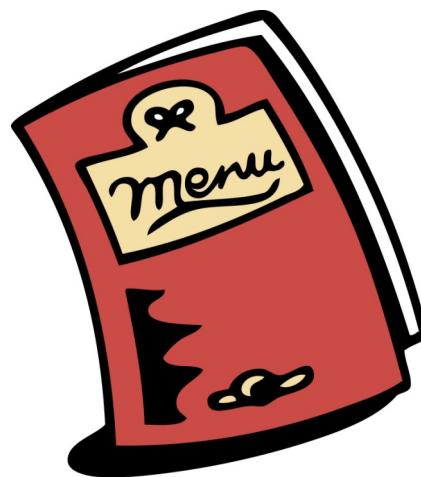
DESSERTS: Blackberry Cobbler
 Bread Pudding


SEPTEMBER 28

REGULAR ENTREE: Meatloaf

VEGETARIAN ENTREE: Vegetable "Meatloaf"
 Potatoes
 Corn
 Salad
 Rolls

DESSERTS: Banana Pudding
 Yellow Cake w/ chocolate frosting
 Chocolate Cake w/ chocolate frosting



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 Community

*"We are a Christian community that loves
 God and our neighbor, where everyone is
 welcome at Christ's table. God accepts you
 just as you are and so do we."*

Lectionary 09.25.11

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Lectionary 10.2.11

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9,
 12-20**

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46