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Second Congregational UCC / First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace.

NOVEMBER 2017

A WORD FROM REVEREND REBECCA

A free gym membership!? Who doesn't want that? (Don't answer that question!) On Tuesdays and Thursdays in November we will be opening our gym to lunchtime walkers. The weather is starting to turn and those who pounded the pavement during the nice summer months are now sitting at their desks googling "walking desk." It is a thing, but it's much more realistic to walk in our gym. A kick-off event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7. Come welcome or come walk!

Why do this? It is obvious to me that the gym was put there for the community to use. In our expanded mission statement, we talk about wanting to make the walls permeable to our neighborhood. In order to do that we have to invite folks in! This is our gift to the community and we do not expect anything in return, but who knows, if our welcomers invite walkers to worship, they might come! As we are in the midst of Stewardship season, this is good stewardship of our resources.

Let us all treat our bodies as temples of the Lord and encourage our neighbors do the same.

Peace,
Rebecca

SPEED DATING JOHN (OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN)

Is it okay to speed date a gospel author? Perhaps a fair question, but we're in good company since a rabbi designed speed dating. We will be using New Testament scholar and retired Anglican bishop NT Wright's John Study Guide to jump start our discussion on the most spiritual of the gospels. The faithful and those full of doubt are welcome. Contact Andy Newgren (andy.newgren@secondfirst.org) with any questions.

Wednesdays beginning November 1st 6:30pm in the Fourth Floor Chapel. November 1st, 8th, 29th, and Dec 6th.



All of our brokenness covered in God's grace. We made this cross in worship on October 15.



Tito Cevallos and son, Tito Jr., serenade a blessed audience at the Celebration of Hispanic Heritage.



Picking Apples for CROP Walk



Louisa Chidylo, great granddaughter of Barbara Gambino was baptized on October 8.



Court Street United Methodist and SecondFirst Church came together to have an awesome night of Nerf Wars!



SecondFirst Church again raised the most money. Our walkers are pictured sporting the t-shirts designed by our own Madeline Archer.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Remembering Our Loved Ones- November 5
Our annual All Saints, Remembering Our Loved Ones is Sunday November 5.Please join us as we remember and celebrate the lives of those we have lost this past year.

Peanut Brittle Parties - November 13 and 16, 9:00 am
Gordon Circle will be hosting two peanut brittle parties in November. We invite all those who are willing and able to join us in the Church kitchen.

Gordon Circle Meeting - November 16, 12 pm
Following the peanut brittle party on November 16, we have a business meeting of the Circle. Approximate time to begin will be noon on November 16. Further details will be forthcoming! Questions? Contact: Joyce Poguejlpogue@comcast.net

Pilgrim Sunday Potluck Dinner - November 19
Join the congregation for Sunday dinner as we celebrate the season and holiday. The Fellowship Ministry Team asked that you bring a dish for the buffet table. The church is providing turkey, dressing and beverages. Also, silverware and place settings will be provided. Contact: Dave Noel dav_noel@comcast.net

Soup Kitchen - November 25
Share your Thanksgiving joy by joining the Soup Kitchen Ministry Team on Saturday, Nov 25! Marge Maynard will be working through a turkey-induced haze to organize a tasty lunch for our neighborhood friends. If you can be there, let her know by email (mtm.home@me.com) or phone (815-980-5304). We will gather at 10 am and finish up by 1:30 pm. Bring a friend!



KFACT THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed snack items for the KFACT snack closet! We filled the snack closet and then some. These girls who deserve a bit of pampering and may need the food can now help themselves to fun snacks. Thank you, church!

OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING EXPLAINED

By Marge Maynard, Chair, Mission Ministry Team
Perhaps you have noticed that it seems the Mission Team is always asking for support of one thing or another. It’s true! Perhaps you think you are required to contribute to every project. Not true! The Mission Team offers multiple giving opportunities in the hope that each person finds one (or two) projects that speak to their heart and that they choose to throw their support behind. We hope also to have a mix of types of support from money to clothing to snacks to food pantry items to your valuable time.

Neighborhood Numbers

6 people for showers

6 people with clothing help

1 person with diapers

1 bus ticket home

1 Water Bill

Turkey Time
Each year our church is asked to cook and debone turkeys for the Thanksgiving celebration held at Court Street United Methodist Church. If you’d like to help, we need electric roasters by Sunday, November 12; however you can start bringing them now. We would return them Monday afternoon, November 20. Make sure your roaster is labeled. We will debone turkeys in the church kitchen starting at 9:00 am on Monday, November 20. Contact: Katy Paterson 815-914-3002 or patersons@juno.com

Be on the Lookout for Welcome Walkers - November
Tuesdays & Thursdays in November from 11-1pm. Inviting walkers within the area to come and walk on their lunch hour. We need at least two volunteers to staff this event. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

25th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk - December 1, 10:00 am
Mark your calendars for Friday, December 1. Elegant homemade cookies, frozen casseroles, and the world famous peanut brittle will be available to purchase. Come hungry for a warm lunch. The Church Street String Band will provide entertainment. Doors open at 10:00 am close 1:30 pm. Contact: Mary Young 815-877-8113



Caring for Creation
Interested in making the world a greener place? Join our new green team! Starting in January 2018, our committee will meet monthly to plan and participate in environmentally friendly activities that help make our homes, church building and neighborhoods more earth-friendly. Interested? Contact Linda Mohaupt: 815-509-5853

THANK YOU MINISTRY TEAM AND SECONDFIRST CHURCH

SecondFirst Church sponsored fifty KFACT girls to attend the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC) National College Fair in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, October 14, where they interacted with over 400 hundred colleges, universities and trade schools from all 50 states. KFACT took disadvantaged at-risk youth from Rockford to this event who wouldn’t otherwise have the opportunity. Thank you, Mission Ministry Team and SecondFirst Church!



NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 28 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

The September meeting began by approving the August minutes and presenting the church report. The treasurer stated that we are over budget primarily due to an expensive repair to the sanctuary air conditioner system. She also remarked that the budget planning process for 2018 has been started. The chair of the trustees added that the Trustees Ministry Team is looking at repairs for the parking lot.

In new business, Becky Erbe updated the team on the Just Breathe 815 partnership. Using our gym, they will host a homeless teen drop-in center four days a week. The organization also just received a donation of two sets of washer/ dryers which will be housed at our church. The washer and dryers will allow the homeless teens to have clean clothes. Next, DVT presented a draft of the strategic plan for feedback. Further discussion about this strategic plan will take place at the October meeting. The Stewardship Committee then talked about the stewardship campaign for the fall. It will run from October 22 to November 19 and culminate with the Pilgrim Potluck. Finally, Governing Council voted to change the date for both the Budget Meeting and the Annual Meeting for 2018. The Budget Meeting will be held February 11, 2018 after church and the Annual Meeting will be held April 29, 2018 after church.In unfinished business, the group reviewed the Sundae Sunday event. In addition, Pastor Rebecca reminded the ministry teams to turn in their team mission statements. The next meeting of Governing Council will be Thursday, November 16 at 5:30 in the 4thfloor meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MINISTRY TEAM SPOTLIGHT: DISCERNMENT AND VISION MINISTRY TEAM

The Discernment and Vision Ministry Team (a/k/a “DVT”) is your mid and long-term planning team. One of our jobs is to think about where we want the Church to be in the future and how we are going to get there. We can’t spend money, and we can’t create programs. We listen you, take your ideas and use those ideas to create goals or plans that fit your needs and the needs of the church. Then we work with the other committees, the governing council and all of you to see if those ideas are viable and, finally, if you say “OK”, we turn these goals over to the committees, with their approval, and the Church for implementation. For instance, our Church’s mission statement: “Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God’s grace” was the result of such collaboration. With your help, we are now working on long range goals. Earlier this year, we had a brainstorming meeting in which committee chairs and other members of the Church provided ideas on what they wanted our Church to look like in the future. DVT has taken those ideas and tried to reduce them into a series of goals to provide common direction as to the growth of our Church. Next month, we will be bringing you these goals to get your input and direction. In addition, we are asking the various committees to review these goals to see if they fit into the vision of each committee. Through this collaborative process, we hope the Church, with God’s grace, can agree on specific tangible goals for the next 2 to 5 years. Additionally, DVT has the fun job of listening to and working with any Church members who may have an idea. Together, we may be able to turn your idea into reality. So, if you have a suggestion or idea, please let us know. We would love to hear them. The best way is to submit them through the Church Office, or you can email me, Bob Canfield, at Canfilaw@SBCGlobal.net. Or you can just call me at (815) 968-7200. Thank you and have a great and wonderful day.

Please join DVT on Sunday, November 5 and Sunday November 12 in coffee to help craft the church’s future endeavors.

STRONGHOLD CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER FALL CLEAN-UP RECAP

Several members of the church assisted in building and landscape maintenance on Oct. 21 at the center. In addition, we observed the soffit, flashing and painting completed on Brubaker Center in September by Richard Lierman, Peter Joachim, Dick Larson and Tim Carter. Saturday was a great day to enhance Stronghold and appreciate the work tasks completed by the church. Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center is owned and operated by the Blackhawk Presbytery and Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill Centers are owned and operated by the Illinois Conference of the U.C.C. The programs and service at these facilities enhance the ministry of the church.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 Prime Time 10:00 AM -Staff Meeting 12:00 PM – JD NIC 5:00 PM – Membership Ministry Team 5:30 PM – Dinner 5:30 PM - Tower Ringers 6:30 PM – Movie- Song of Bernadette 6:30 PM – Adult Education 6:30 PM – Martin Ringers 6:30 PM – Youth Group	6:30 PM – Youth Group
Thursday, November 2, 2017 9:30 AM - Carillons 9:30 AM - Deaconesses 9:30 AM – Free Showers 11:00 AM – Welcome Walkers 6:00 PM – Pop-Up dinner 6:00 PM - Bellcanto 7:00 PM – Choir rehearsal	Thursday, November 9, 2017 8:30 AM – Set up Carillons 9:30 AM - Carillons 9:30 AM- Free Showers 11:00 AM – Welcome Walkers 6:00 PM – Bellcanto 7:00 PM - Choir
Friday,November 3, 2017	Friday,November 10, 2017 1:00 PM - Horizons
Saturday,November 4, 2017 10:00 AM - Bridge Clinic	Saturday, November 11, 2017 10:00 AM - Bridge Clinic
Sunday, November 5, 2017 Communion Remembering Loved Ones 9:00 AM – Koffee Klass 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fellowship Hour and Town Hall Meeting 11:15 AM – Fair For All Shop	Sunday, November 12, 2017 9:00 AM – Koffee Klass 9:20 AM – Wee Worship 9:20 AM – Teen Worship 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fellowship Hour with Town Hall Meeting 11:15 AM – Fair For All Shop 11:15 AM - Music Ministry Team
Monday, November 6, 2017 9:30 AM – Free Showers 6:00 PM – Fellowship Planning Meeting	Monday, November 13, 2017 9:00 AM – Peanut Brittle Party 9:30 AM – Free Showers 5:00 PM – Deacons Ministry Team
Tuesday November 7, 2017 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 9:30 AM – Executive Meeting 11:00 AM - Welcome Walkers 6:00 PM – Adult Ed	Tuesday November 14, 2017 8:00 AM – Men’s Fellowship 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 9:30 AM – Presbytery at Stronghold 6:00 PM – DVT
Wednesday, November 8 Prime Time 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 AM - Trustees 5:30 PM – Dinner 5:30 PM - Tower Ringers 6:30 PM – Movie- Song of Bernadette 6:30 PM – Adult Education 6:30 PM – Martin Ringers	Wednesday, November 15 Prime Time 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - Foundation 5:30 PM – Dinner 5:30 PM - Tower Ringers 6:30 PM – Adult Education 6:30 PM – Martin Ringers 6:30 PM – Youth Group
	Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:00 AM – Peanut Brittle Party 9:30 AM - Carillons 9:30 AM- Free Showers 11:00 AM – Welcome Walkers 5:30 PM – Governing Council 6:00 PM – ARC Open Gym 6:00 PM – Bellcanto 7:00 PM - Choir

Friday,November 17, 2017 No Scheduled Activities	Friday,November 24, 2017 Office Closed
Saturday,November 18, 2017 10:00 AM - Bridge Clinic	Saturday,November 25, 2017 10:00 AM - Bridge Clinic 10:00 AM – Soup Kitchen
Sunday, November 19, 2017 9:00 AM – Koffee Klass 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Pilgrim Potluck 11:15 AM – Fair For All Shop	Sunday, November 26, 2017 9:00 AM – Koffee Klass 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM – Fair For All Shop
Monday, November 20, 2017 9:00 AM – Cooking and deboning turkey 9:30 AM – Free Showers 5:30 PM – Love Rockford Meeting-dining room	Monday, November 27, 2017 9:30 AM – Free Showers
Tuesday November 21, 2017 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 11:00 AM – Welcome Walkers 5:30 PM - Mission Ministry Team	Tuesday November 28, 2017 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 11:00 AM – Welcome Walkers
Wednesday, November 22, 2017 No Prime Time 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting	Wednesday, November 29, 2017 No Prime Time 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting
Thursday, November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Office Closed	Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:00 AM – Welcome Walkers

SAVE THE DATES

Nov 2 - Pop Up Dinner 6:00 pm	deboning turkeys
Nov 2 - Welcome Walkers in gym Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00-1:00	Nov 25 - Soup Kitchen 10:00 am
Nov 5 - Remembering Loved Ones Sunday	Dec 1 - Cookie Walk 11:00
Nov 5 and 12 - Strategic Planning with DVT in Coffee Hour	Dec 9 - Christmas Vibrations Concert
Nov 13 - Peanut Brittle Party 9:00 am	Dec 13 - Christmas Party 6:00 pm
Nov 16 - Peanut Brittle Party 9:00 am	Dec 17 - Wassail Sunday
Nov 17 - Transit Rec Night 6:00 pm	Dec 24 - 10:00 am Contemplative Prayer Service -- kids to participate in Worship Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm
Nov 19 - Pilgrim Potluck after Church	Jan 5 - Snow Camp
Nov 20 - Cooking and	Jan 21 - Celebrate 5 year Anniversary Merge of SecondFirst Church

"COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" AT SECONDFIRST

by Julie Cook Ramirez, Director of Handbell Ministries

The comforts of hearth and home take on heightened importance at Christmastime. Sadly, many in our community don’t have a home in which to welcome family or simply escape the harsh winter weather. For nearly 20 years, Carpenter’s Place has responded to that need by serving Rockford’s homeless adults. In addition to providing them a safe place to enjoy a much-needed meal, shower, and change of clothes, Carpenter’s Place gives these individuals the support they need to get their lives back on track through employment training, mental health services, and an array of housing arrangements.

Please join us on Saturday, December 9 at 4:00 pm as we present “Home For Christmas: A Concert for Carpenter’s Place.” Our five handbell ensembles will perform a variety of fun, festive, and moving selections, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, while honoring Carpenter’s Place and raising funds for their critical mission. After the concert, we will gather in the dining room for a time of food and fellowship, as we share a delicious meal with our friends and neighbors. Admission is free, so save the date and come home for Christmas.Contact:julie.cookramirez@secondfirst.org

PEANUTS IN TRAINING

Bell-ringing is a long-standing tradition at SecondFirst. For decades, children have been introduced to the joy of making music with handbells and chimes at a very young age. This year, Sarah is launching a new program for those in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Peanuts-in-Training will serve as an introduction to the basics of bell-ringing, such as how to hold and ring a chime without dropping it. If you are interested in having your little ones participate, please let Sarah know. Contact:sarah.hallberg@comcast.net or 815-978-7040



MUSIC NEWS

By Paul Laprade, music director

In the past month, we have heard classical music, jazz music, and many styles of choral music in support of our liturgy. In the next few months, the diversity of sounds multiplies. Bells from many ensembles return on Oct 22nd, followed by a Sunday of music to commemorate the Reformation. Bagpipes and choir adorn our All Saints/Remembering our Loved Ones service of November 5th, and the Carillons return in the next week with percussion added to their inimitable sound. The choir sings a movement from the Messiah on Nov. 19th, and the classical guitar stylings of Julie Cook Ramirez will be heard as part of the Nov. 26thservice. December is no less diverse in its music. Dec. 3rd opens with the Sanctuary Choir singing of Daniel’s fiery furnace. The Bells present the annual Christmas Vibrations event on Saturday, Dec. 9th, and bring their music again to the Dec. 10thservice. Dec.17th, the last Sunday before Christmas, features the choir singing “Come to the Water”, as its last offering in Advent. What of Christmas? Harp and strings will join us in celebrating the Birth of Our Lord! Just as we celebrate diversity of one another, we celebrate diversity in the way we worship through music.

HASKELL ACADEMY NEEDS STEM AND READING VOLUNTEERS

Haskell is a STEM school this year, and that’s prompted the need for volunteers with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math knowledge. Our church has members with these backgrounds; so I’m asking if you’ll consider sharing your knowledge with our Haskell School children. And, as always, more volunteers to help the children with reading are most welcome & needed.

Volunteer Applications are in the church office/Mission box, or I am able to email an application to you. If some would be more comfortable meeting at church and then going to Haskell together, perhaps that can be worked out.

You can spend as little as 20 minutes a week with a child or you can spend an hour (or more), mentoring each child for 20 minutes. The program is very flexible. You’re able to select your grade preference and preferred time of day on the application. The children love having a special person in their lives who visits each week and spends time with only them, one on one! Thank you in advance for your consideration and participation in this wonderful, fulfilling opportunity. Contact: Zan Picchioni, Mission Team, zpicch@gmail.com

HASKELL ACADEMY UNIFORM UPDATE

Thanks to the Mission Ministry Team for organizing, we donated over \$1,000 in uniforms to Haskell School. 130 shirts and 59 pairs of pants means kids can concentrate on learning instead of on their clothes or lack thereof.

KOFFEE KLASS - 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

In 1517 Martin Luther famously nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the doors of All Saint’s Church in Wittenburg, Germany (spoiler alert: this may be more myth than reality), an act that would profoundly change Europe and Christianity. This year marks the 500th anniversary, and what better way to commemorate than to dig into the event itself and its lasting implications for our faith today. Come join us as we explore the origins of the Reformation and its continued impact on us today.

- Sunday, Nov 5th: Martin Luther
- Sunday, Nov 12th: John Calvin & Birth of the Reformed Tradition
- Wednesday, Nov 15th:Special Let’s All Go to the Movies: Martin Luther: Reluctant Revolutionary (PBS documentary)
- Sunday, Nov 19th: Reformation Today

All sessions except Wednesday November 15th will meet at 9am in the fourth floor chapel. Contact: andy.newgren@secondfirst.org with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED



We promise

Or maybe that should be “wee” promise. Church, our kids need us. When our children are baptized, the Pastor asks the congregation, “Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to (name) who is about to be baptized as they live and grow in Christ?”

The congregation’s response is to say together, “We promise our love, support and care.” Our kids need us to fulfill this promise.

Family Christian Ed is looking for Sunday School helpers. We have two classrooms of children each week, pre-K through first grade and second - fifth grade. We have teachers for most but not all classes through the end of November. We are looking to add a helper in each of the Sunday School rooms. It’s not too difficult, just be an extra set of nurturing hands. You can do this once or twice a year or more often if you desire. We would love to introduce you to our Sunday School program as a helper, with no pressure to teach. It’s fun and wild but it would be so much better if you joined us! Please contact Karen Olson (kolson128@gmail.com) or Dyan Lofgren (dyan.lofgren@secondfirst.org) if you can help. Fulfill that promise!

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES - NOVEMBER 1 & 8

Our first film for November is ‘The Song of Bernadette,’ hosted by Becky Erbe. The movie is about the true life story of Bernadette Soubirous, who sees the Virgin Mary in the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes France. The film was nominated for 12 Academy Awards, with Jennifer Jones winning Best Actress for her portrayal of Bernadette. The film runs on November 1 and November 8.Please join us to watch this truly inspiring film.

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE YMCA



FROM THE MODERATOR, SARAH REINOLD

Every time I saw it, I felt guilty; the zebra-striped snowsuit I bought for my son. The snowsuit that he wore just one time before he outgrew it! It was so warm, so soft, so ideal for our Midwest winters. Yet, for whatever reason we didn’t use the snowsuit that winter and it had been sitting in our closet ever since. When I read the announcement that Koats for Kids was again accepting gently-used donations, I knew this was the place for the zebra snowsuit. Now some other child will benefit from the warm item that our family can no longer use. After dropping the item into the barrel, my guilt was alleviated. It occurred to me that our church gives all of us many opportunities to use what God has given us. Physical, mental, and spiritual God-given gifts are all needed to make SecondFirst the church that it is!



TRANSIT TAKES ON LASER QUEST!

Join us for a Transit Youth Group Rec Night on Friday, November 17 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm! We will be meeting at Laser Quest at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be served and three games of laser tag will be played. Bring your friends! The cost of this Rec Night is \$5 per student. Spots are limited and will be reserved upon payment. Please Contact:courtney.jonsson@secondfirst.org to reserve your spot.

A LITTLE BIT FROM BECKY E.

In October, SecondFirst sent home a woman to Mississippi. She was in a very abusive life-threatening situation. After conferring with the staff of the Jubilee center, a bus ticket was purchased. SecondFirst paid for ¾ of the ticket and One Body Collaborative helped with ¼ of the ticket. She is safe back home with family. We are so fortunate that our church is able to help people like this woman. We are also fortunate to be working with our neighbors like the Jubilee Center and One Body Collaborative (Formerly Love Inc).

HASKELL ACADEMY BOOT DRIVE

We will again accept donations for our annual Snow Boot Drive benefitting Haskell Academy. Karen Olson does a masterful job ordering and storing the boots in preparation for the Boot Day when kids and boots are joined together. But she needs our money to pay the bill! Write Haskell Boots on the memo line of your check or speak with Nancy Yoeckel if you want to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continuing support of this much appreciated program. Questions? Ask Karen Olson or Marge Maynard

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY: THE WAY OF JESUS

by Dave Jones, Chair, Stewardship Committee

Our Journey to Generosity has begun. That’s not quite right. Actually you are asked to continue your journey; for it is your generosity has that has contributed to years of successful ministry in our community. Because of it our congregation is growing as an effective witness to Jesus Christ.

God has done, and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us at SecondFirst Church – things that matter in our community!

We mailed you a presentation of our church in action. It included a list of activities directed by our Ministry Teams and pie charts that display this year’s budget in percentages. We also enclosed this year’s pledge card for your consideration hoping you are able to increase your estimate of giving for 2018 allowing our congregation to maintain exciting programs made possible by having increased our church staff. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the church office.

So far you have heard

- a Stewardship Moment from Kris Harden
- a Mission Partner presentation by Shamika Williams of KFACT.
- and our children have heard described two elements of stewardship.

More is to come.

Please plan to be with us for Commitment Sunday on November 19. Not only will we offer our estimates of giving for next year, but we will join together in our annual Pilgrim Potluck to celebrate the abundance of our lives thanks to God’s loving care in Jesus, the Christ.