

Our Vision is to be Christ to each other and our community— doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.

Staff Celebration, Sunday, November 10

Angie Quinn has been part of our Fernwood Family for 20 years. She celebrated her 20th anniversary with us on November 1st. Angie has been the face of Fernwood to many people for much of this time, greeting them when they come into the office, answering the phones, meeting them for various reasons. Angie has seen us through many staff changes, remaining a stable factor in the office. She has always been professional in her duties, completing her job responsibilities with a cheerful attitude. We will be celebrating with Angie on November 10 during the worship service with a reception immediately following the service. There will be a place for cards and well wishes as we recognize Angie for her service.

Sabrina, Personnel Chair



Events to Remember for November

Sunday, November 10

12-3pm - Child Safety Session led by Dr. Jay Kieve in the Dining Room

2-4 pm – Bowling - Star Lanes Bowling

Tuesday, November 26

6:30pm - Community Thanksgiving Service held at Central United Methodist Church
233 North Church Street, Spartanburg

November Birthdays

- 1 - Lorena Mitchell
- 2 - Drew Patton
- 3 - Brianna Sailem
- 6 - Ethan Lyles
- 6 - Don Yates
- 7 - Susan Todd
- 15 - Mason Harris
- 18 - Lisa Emerson
- 22 - Carlson Perrenoud
- 23 - Suzanne Brown
- 23 - Donna Robinson
- 26 - Randy Perrenoud
- 29 - Bill Fields

November Anniversaries

Matt and Clare Johnson
November 5, 2005

Robert and Joan Hendrix
November 15, 1975

Gene and Judy Moyer
November 20, 1971

Alan and Mary Beth Lyles
November 25, 1989

Bill and Pat Fields
November 26, 1959



From the Pastor's Desk

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. It's one of the few holidays that has mostly resisted the commercialization of celebrations like Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. It isn't about buying a lot of stuff. It's about being thankful for what we already have. Maybe

that's why stores go straight from their Halloween decorations to Christmas decorations. Thanksgiving is harder to monetize.

As people who are thankful to God for all we have, it's our responsibility to care for those who don't have enough. So, I'm thankful for the opportunities we have at Fernwood to think about, and act upon, the issue of poverty right here in Spartanburg. Many of you serve faithfully and regularly at the Soup Kitchen. If you haven't volunteered on a Sunday morning, it's a great way to get involved and help those who are food insecure this holiday season. We also have an opportunity to donate coats and other cold weather items for our neighbors who will be cold this winter without adequate clothing.

In addition to those hands on actions, I am leading a study on Thursday mornings on Jeremy Everett's book, *I Was Hungry*. This book encourages us to look past the things that divide us so we might unite around making sure people have enough to eat. It encourages us to address the immediate needs of hunger (feeding people), as well as dealing with systemic hunger issues (why are there so many hungry people in the world's richest country?). I hope you will join us in the Bridal Parlor on Thursdays at 10:30AM this month to discuss these important topics.

One movement that is already underway in our city is the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty. Many of you attended a gathering on this topic last spring and a concert last week that collected donations for this important work. I am serving as one of their Community Advisors. A recent publication from this group lays out the stark reality of child poverty in our area:

- 45.7% of children in this city live in poverty
- Blacks are three times as likely to live in poverty as whites
- The wage gap for black and Latina women shows they are paid less than 57 cents for every dollar paid to their white counterparts
- The life expectancy of a child born two miles northwest of Main Street is 17 years less than a child born two miles southeast of Main Street

As you can see from these numbers, racism, poverty, and hunger go hand in hand. The Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty has bold goals:

"As congregations, we resolve to take sustained, bold action to transform Spartanburg fully into God's intentions. No longer will we accept systems and structures that disadvantage people according to race, gender, and economic status.

"We further resolve to work fervently to transform the structures that perpetuate poverty and racism. We pray God will give us the strength and wisdom to fully love our neighbors as ourselves. We will seek to open our hearts to our Lord's radical love for everyone and grow our personal relationships with those from different racial and economic backgrounds than our own. We challenge other faith communities, governmental agencies, businesses, and nonprofits to the radical love and self-giving that would allow all children to thrive."

This is a bold goal and a clear vision. As you give thanks during this season, I hope you will pray about how you can become involved in the important work of making sure that no child goes hungry in this city.

Matt

FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
 OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS
 Year-To-Date October 2019

	Actual	Budget	Actual Better or (Worse) Than Budget
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$286,609	\$295,833	(\$9,224)
Use of Building Receipts	\$14,197	\$0	\$14,197
Other Income	\$36	\$0	\$36
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$300,842	\$295,833	\$5,009
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related	\$124,677	\$135,042	\$10,365
Children / Youth Ministry	\$1,501	\$2,500	\$999
Music Ministry	\$2,056	\$3,833	\$1,777
Community Ministry	\$8,753	\$17,083	\$8,330
Ministry Teams	\$4,152	\$2,834	(\$1,318)
State & World Missions	\$12,032	\$13,333	\$1,301
Operating Ministry	\$113,240	\$121,208	\$7,968
Total Operating Expenditures	\$266,411	\$295,833	\$29,422
OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
	\$34,431	\$0	\$34,431

Information from Building and Grounds

We are switching over from air conditioning to heating this week. In saying this, we suggest that you dress in layers since we will not be able to turn the air back on if the weather warms up. Thanks for understanding in this matter.



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A MISSION PROJECT

Right Here on our own Campus!

Coat and Blanket Drive!

As you buy new winter clothing, please keep our coat drive in mind and bring your used clean coats to church for our giveaways! We need more men's coats. We also need more blankets, hats, and gloves - all sizes and styles! The men appreciate work gloves for the winter too. We plan to host a giveaway here at the church in late November or early December.

Thanks - *Penny*

Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, November 20, 2019.**
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Noon.**

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue **(no exceptions)**. Thank you for your understanding!