



October 25, 2018

Greetings friends,

One of my favorite things to do in the fall is to bake apple pies. When Max turned 4 and we were living in Florida, I made an apple pie for his birthday treat. He was never a huge cake eater, but *really* liked his mama's pie. And, being Max, appreciated that we did something just a little bit different than most to celebrate his day.

For the past 27 years this plan has taken hold and is much anticipated by my son. For his birthday, Max can expect Mom's homemade apple pie with his name cut into the top. Even when he was stationed out at Twenty Nine Palms and returning from Afghanistan right around his birthday, I baked two pies, froze them and then Mark and I drove out to California to deliver them to Max. It worked out just right - after two days of cross-country travel, the pies had thawed, but were still chilled and fresh.

This year, I've purchased a set of small pie pans so I can get Cora going on this family tradition. She is going to have her first lessons in pie crust making this weekend. Once upon a time, Max would help with peeling and cutting up apples, but had no interest in crust making. I'm going to try to get Cora going on it early, when she thinks everything that happens in a kitchen is fun. Since she is only two, it may be a while before I can turn the responsibility for her dad's birthday pie over to her. But we'll sure have fun in these early years while she is learning!

This Week at Grace – Pastor Jonathan's message this week, "A Giving Journey: Out of Slavery" is inspired by Exodus 35:4-36:7. This week our Children's Bell Choir will play *Jesus Messiah* and *Claudia Pauk* will serve as liturgist. Greeters this week are Gene Schaeffer & the Warwick family. Those serving as ushers include Nate, Malinda & Riker Warwick, Chase & Skylar Blagg. Worship begins at 9:15 with a time of snacks and coffee fellowship following. Sunday school classes meet at 10:30 - please join us!

Stewardship letters went out earlier this week. You are welcome to turn in your pledge card anytime in the next few weeks. On the 18th of November we will bless all of the pledge cards received. Thank you for being generous in your giving plan for 2019.

FYI - Bethany Life will be offering a care group for caregivers of those suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's. The group begins meeting on November 27th from 4-5:30 pm in the Bethany Manor Chapel.

Remember, the Bible study facilitated by Brian McNamara is ongoing and remains open to any adults who would like to attend. It is held in Brian's 2nd story study in their shed/barn. No bathroom facilities, but the space is warm and cozy. Bring your Bible and join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings!

The Missions meeting originally scheduled for Sunday (October 28) has been moved to Sunday, November 4th at 8:15 AM.

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 9th, from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, November 10th, from 9 AM – Noon. Those are our all-church clean-up days at Grace. As always, there will be leaves to rake and inside projects to take care of, too. Think about what tasks you'd like to help out with and bring the proper tools to accomplish your goal.

LOOKING AHEAD: You're invited to an All-Church Soup Lunch followed by game time after worship and Sunday school on **Sunday, November 11th** in Fellowship Hall. Soups, beverages and tableware will be provided. You're invited to bring salad or dessert to share. We'll enjoy a couple group games (with fabulous prizes) and then settle down to play favorite games that you bring. Please join us for a delightful time of good food, great fellowship and FUN!

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:

Denny Michel; Sara Dappen; Joan Barrett; Velda Frette; George Sellers; Pat Skowronski; Sally Donald (Judy A's sister); Joan Cooney; Karen (Mrs. Kent) Keech; Julie Jacobson; Lois Johnson; Jackie Royer (Sharla's friend); Cooper Leeman; Taylor family in Africa

News You Can Use

Sunday, October 28

9:15 AM Worship – Children's Bells play
10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Sunday school

Wednesday, October 31

7:00 PM Choir
8:00 PM Bell Choir

Thursday, November 1

7:00 PM Bible Study at McNamaras'

Sunday, November 4

8:15 AM Missions
9:15 AM Worship – Children's Bells play
10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Sunday school

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**Faithfully,
Cathy**