

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Confirmation 5:00 p.m., Youth Gathering at 5:30 p.m. & Parent mtg in Blue Rapids. Marysville Active Shooter Training	5	6	7 Blue Rapids coffee hour at 9:00 a.m., Session meeting 2:30 pm & Blue Rapids Trustee's meeting at 7:00 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Washington Community Thanksgiving worship at 7:00 pm & Frankfort Koinonia meal	19	20 Washington's Homestead Bingo	21	22 	23	24
25 Blue Rapids Trimming of Greens AND Marysville Hanging of Ornaments	26	27	28 Bible Study in Marysville at 12 noon & Marysville Session mtg at 7 pm	29	30	December 2 at 10am joint Confirmation Worship Service in Blue Rapids

Worship Notes for November 2018

- 4 **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Frankfort: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Marysville: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Blue Rapids: CLP Gary Phillips
Washington: CLP Gary Phillips
- 11 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Frankfort: ALP Alice King
Marysville: ALP Alice King
Blue Rapids: CLP Gary Phillips
Washington: CLP Gary Phillips
- 18 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Frankfort: CLP Gary Phillips
Marysville: CLP Gary Phillips
Blue Rapids: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Washington: Rev. Shannon Borgman
- 25 **Christ the King/Reign of Christ**
Frankfort:
Marysville: Pat Breeding
Blue Rapids: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Washington: Rev. Shannon Borgman

Birthdays/Anniversaries for November

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| 1 Frances Ahlvers | 19 Nicole Kothare |
| 5 Wayne & Peggy Link | 19 Erick Hofmann |
| 5 Mike Feldhausen | 22 Steve Voet |
| 7 Bryan Smith | 23 Marilyn Sweet |
| 9 Mary Ann Spunaugle | 23 Vernita Peeks |
| 10 David & Shana Murk | 27 Carla Wolfe |
| 11 Janelle Price | 27 Susan Keesecker |
| 15 Mary Kay Sherlock | 29 Laura Vista |
| 16 Peggy Sprouse | 30 Greg Marples |



May God grant you joy and blessings on your special day!



Gary has completed 6 weeks of Confirmation class at the Blue Rapids church. Our young adults that were in attendance were: Delana Murk, Maecyn Gunn, Macy Wilcox, Kadin Claycamp, Trayton Claycamp, Cody Metz and Reanna Rencin. We will be Confirming our youth in one joint service on December 2nd in Blue Rapids at 10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP HOURS
Blue Rapids 9 a.m.
Frankfort 9 a.m.
Marysville 10:30 a.m.
Washington 11:00 a.m.

<u>USHERS</u>	<u>Blue Rapids</u>
November	Larry Claycamp
<u>USHERS</u>	<u>Marysville</u>
November	Jana Allen
<u>USHERS</u>	<u>Frankfort</u>
<u>USHERS</u>	<u>Washington</u>
November 4	Christy Metz
November 11	Bob & Dee King
November 18	Jake Pannbacker
November 25	Jake Pannbacker

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Frankfort, November 18	
Marysville, November 18	Russ & Lona Dittmar
Blue Rapids, November 11	Jerry Pope
Washington, November 11	



Joys and Concerns

- Prayers for Parker Price as he continues his battle with cancer.
- Prayers for the family of Keith Sprouse. Keith passed away on October 17th.
- Prayers for Libby Price-Obley for health concerns.
- Prayers for Dorothy Joy Smith as she continues to heal.
- Traveling prayers for families over the Holidays.

- The Presbytery of Northern Kansas sent a mission team to Galveston Texas following Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey.
- Prayers for our Confirmation students as they get examined by our Sessions, to prepare for Confirmation Sunday.

Blue Rapids Session meeting notes from September 13th

- The budget committee will present next year's budget in the November Session meeting.
- Trimming of the greens is set for Sunday, November 25th
- Congregationa meeting on budget, pastor's comp package and to elect elders-trustee's will be in December's meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the membership list.
- The 5 young adults that took Confirmation class will meet with the Session at the next meeting.
- It was moved and seconded to have Christmas eve services.
- The next Session meeting is November 7th at 2:30p.m.

Marysville Session meeting notes from September 13th

- Reviewed the Manual of Operations Policy, Sexual Misconduct Policy and Child & Youth Protection Policy
- Discussed a sign on the outside of the church
- Discussed a sign on the inside of the church naming our worship leaders
- Communion will be served on the 3rd Sunday of each month
- Confirmation for Reanna Rencin
- Reviewed bylaws.
- Adding more hymnals (tabled until next month)
- Christmas Eve service will be at 8:00 p.m.
- The organ was checked on October 10th
- An Active Shooter Training will be held on November 4th following services, presented by Todd Ackerman.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

What a blessing it has been to be here! Adam and I keep getting asked if we have settled in. Truthfully we’ve had so much fun getting out into the communities there are still piles of stuff around the house waiting to be put away. It’s a slow process of unpacking and deciding and settling in. But the piles have been worth it, because each unattended pile has meant time around the table getting to spend time in community with you.

The table calls us together as a family. It invites us into community with one another and enables us to relax. So far I have played dominos, I have shared a cup of coffee, I have listened to your stories, I have waited for bread to rise, rested after a good run, planned new ministry experiments, enjoyed meals, participated in meetings and found myself welcomed. The table has been a great place to find myself in this ministry.

The table is such a sacred space, and beautiful image of what it means to be in fellowship with one another. To begin my ministry at Presby Fest was fabulous. It felt like family coming home for the holidays, and I was excited to be invited. There is a sacredness in gathering around the table.

If Presby Fest was the holiday gathering, each Sunday following is the everyday meal shared at home. Every week we gather to worship, and listen to God’s call. The meal may look different, the ministry will vary but each of our churches have a table faith to invite others to. As we grow in our faith I invite you to consider what it means to find your faith at the table.

At the table we find ourselves at home. Comfortable, safe, secure, the table is the place where we know that we are part of a community. It’s a place like none other, where we know that we are always welcome, where everyday life unfolds.

At the table we can be real. My father loves to say “where two or more are gathered together, someone spills their milk” and with four kids a lot of milk was spilt over the years. But that’s what the table is for. Our faith is meant to be lived out by ordinary clumsy people who often struggle. We aren’t perfect, we are real people who are just trying to make our way through life.

At the table we can be intentional. Conversation can be purposeful. The table is the space where we can inquire about our day, share our concerns, ask questions, debate, and open up our lives. We can take the time to ask about another’s day, to inquire about our needs and serve one another with open hearts.

At the table we belong. More exciting than any other promise is God’s promise that we are Children of God. Claimed and named God’s children, it doesn’t matter where we come from, or where we are going. We are, and always will belong to God.

Finally remember that we sit at God’s table. Through God and with God we engage in our faith together. So pray for one another, for the tables that we each set and always make space for God at the table.

Blessings
Pastor Shannon Borgman

Pastor Shannon and her Husband Adam will be traveling to Oregon for her parent’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. She will be gone after Blue Rapids Session on November 7th-November 14th. If you need Pastoral Care during this time please contact Pastor Gary.

Pastor Gary and his wife Sharon will be traveling Thanksgiving weekend to see family. If you need pastoral care over the Holiday please contact Pastor Shannon.

Gluten Free and the Kitchen Table

Many of you know that I am gluten free. It's not something I have control over. I have Celiac, a disease that makes it difficult to ingest wheat, barley, or rye. Gluten makes me very sick, which is why I have to be careful. So I thought I would share a few tips.

1. I am unable to eat Gluten. Anything with wheat, barley or rye is off limits. But no need to feel sorry for me. I love meat, potatoes, corn, dairy, rice, beans, most chocolate, coffee, tea, wine, juice. I've never been a picky eater. If in doubt just ask.
2. I can touch gluten. Getting sick has to do with ingesting it. Cross contamination is one of the biggest challenges. Using the same pan for pancakes as you do eggs will make me sick. That said, Adam isn't limited and we have gluten in the house. I just make sure I wipe the counters with a clean cloth before preparing food at home. So long as the crumbs are gone I am fine.
3. A good conversation, a night of games or a cup of tea/coffee are as beautiful to me as a plate of food. If you want to invite me to visit and feel unsure about food these are great alternatives.
4. I might choose not to eat. Sometimes I feel sick. When that happens I tend to stick to food I've made. If you offer me something to eat and I decline I might just be feeling unwell and need to give my system time to rest. I am always happy with a cup of coffee or tea.
5. Adam loves brownies. If I can't eat it Adam can.

If you would like to know more, or have more questions I am always willing to talk. Pastor Shannon

OTPM

Confirmation: November 4th at 5:00pm confirmation students will gather at Blue Rapids United Presbyterian to finish planning the confirmation service. Come with ideas about what you want to do.

OTPM Youth Taco Night: November 4th @ 5:30pm. Calling all youth! Whether you are in confirmation or not you are invited to a youth gathering just for you. Join us at Blue Rapids United Presbyterian Church for a special youth taco party. Bring your friends and your energy. We will play games, enjoy food, and take a moment to share our faith together.

Youth Planning Meeting: If you have a passion to see our youth loved and cared for you are invited to join us on November 4th at 5:30 pm at Blue Rapids Church. We will hang out with the students for a part of the night. During dinner you are invited around the table to talk about upcoming youth activities.

Confirmation Sunday: OTMP is excited to celebrate with seven new confirmands as they affirm their baptismal promise and claim their faith as their own. On December 2nd at 10am we will be hosting a joint Confirmation Worship Service. After worship you are invited to stay for a community potluck celebration. What better way to welcome our youth than with potluck dishes baked with love. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.

OTPM Christmas Party! Christmas is coming and plans are being made to host a special night of food, fellowship and Bunch. It's never too early to mark December 16th at 6pm for this event. Look for details about this in the December newsletter.

First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort

First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort will host their monthly Koinonia meal on November 18th. You are invited to join in this potluck meal and share in community with the congregation.

December 8th at 5:30pm is a special Christmas Koinonia meal at Frankfort Presbyterian. Contact Dennis Ahlvers at 785-564-0523 or ahlvers@ksu.edu.

First United Presbyterian Church in Washington

First United Presbyterian Church in Washington is excited to invite you a community Thanksgiving Service. We will gather on November 18th at 7pm for an ecumenical worship service. This is a fun family friendly worship event for the whole community.

United Presbyterian in Blue Rapids

Coffee Hour, every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in Faith Hall

Hanging of the Greens on November 25th

Memorial Presbyterian in Marysville

Advent Bible Study: Wednesday's at noon
Christmas is my favorite season in the church. The decorations, the lights and the classic holiday cheer. It's also a very busy season and at times it can be hard to find time to breath. You are invited to breath during this season with a special Advent Bible Study. Starting November 28th Maryswill Memorial Presbyterian Church will host an Advent Bible study with Pastor Shannon. Every Wednesday at noon you are invited to bring your lunch and spend time in God's word. This Bible study is open to everyone.



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Thank you to everyone who helped make the Marysville Potato Bake this year a success! There are so many jobs that each of you do to help with this special day and the church couldn't do it without you. We especially want to thank Sandy Keller, who was our leader/organizer for this big event.

