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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Who's Your Real Boss?"

Work Is Your Ministry"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

The Horwats

Worship II

The Seavers

Nursery

Worship I: Trevor Hempfling
& Karen Munko

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II:

Mary Stevenson
& Paula Lesney

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Shannon Hartman

Worship II:

Barbara Carson &
Bill Brannon

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 115
Worship II 111
Total Attendance 226

Offering

General - \$5708.11
Designated - \$1373.45
Total \$7081.56

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Marcella Patterson,
350 W. Airport Rd., Butler, PA
16001

My son, do not forget
my teaching, but keep
my commands in your
heart, for they will pro-
long your life many
years and bring you
prosperity.
Proverbs 3:1-2

ON GIVING THANKS

The English colonists, those whom we call Pilgrims, included days of giving thanks in their calendar because of a deep conviction toward God and His Divine Providence. These were not normally days of feasting, rather of fasting and prayer.

In that first year of their settling of this land, the Pilgrims had built seven houses, a common meeting place and three storehouses. They had much for which to be thankful after barely surviving the first winter, and if it were not for the knowledge and help of the Wampanoag, they would not have made it. In 1621 the Pilgrims joined together to give thanks. They invited the Massosoit and the Wampanoag to join them.

The food feast would have been different from what we enjoy. There was probably no turkey. Mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce were yet to be invented! In Plimoth Bay, ducks were plentiful as well as seafood. The Wampanoag would have provided venison. In addition things

such as corn, cabbage, onions, and squash would have been enjoyed.

We continue to give thanks and as the Pilgrims did, we too, do so with deep conviction toward God and His Divine Providence. Let us meditate upon His love, His grace and His mercy taking us where we need to be - in His Presence. As you celebrate, make sure that the most important item on the menu is the giving of thanks to Almighty God.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:4-7



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME AND GIVE THANKS!

Any of our Church family that has no one to share Thanksgiving with this Thursday, is invited to join us for this holiday! Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Dining Room. Just let us know by tomorrow, if you are coming and bring your appetite on Thanksgiving Day. To RSVP or if you have any questions, call Cissy & Scott at 724-283-6689 or Dale and Jim at 724-282-0647.

A DEEP WELL OF HOPE

For those dealing with cancer.

People dealing with cancer, cancer survivors, and their family members are invited to an Encouragement Lunch November 25th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Dining Room.

"So that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7

SR. CITIZEN TRIP TO KRAYNAKS Tomorrow Morning



Senior Citizens planning to go to Kraynaks will meet at the church parking lot tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. We will take a bus to Kraynaks to see their display of Christmas trees.

Two wheel chairs are available for anyone not able to walk through the store. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before returning. If you would like to join us for a great outing and enjoyable fellowship, call Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472 or Mary Stevenson at 724-283-4812 TODAY. Be sure to tell them if you need transportation.

37 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

**Only 15 Days Left to Order
Your Poinsettias**



It is our tradition to give you an opportunity to order poinsettias to beautify our Church during the Christmas services and for you to take home to beautify your homes or to bless a friend or shut-in. There are several selections of colors and two different sizes. See the attached order form.

If you wish to order, please complete the form and place it in the offering by December 2nd with your payment. If you have any questions or need to phone in your order, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22 AND 23 FOR THANKSGIVING**

Questions At the Crossroads of Life, Part 3 of 3

We will conclude our examination of two probing questions that Jesus asked His disciples and in turn asks each of us. The questions are, "Who do you say I am?" and "Do you love me?" Our most recent study has been of the second question, "Do you love me?"

We have dug deep into a post-resurrection scene of Jesus' life with His disciples where He has met 7 of them who had returned to Galilee and Lake Genesaret following His crucifixion. They had fished all night yet caught no fish. Early in the morning Jesus appeared on the shore and told them where to cast the net – and the disciples could not pull the net into the boat as it was so full of fish – 153 in all. Once on shore, the disciples shared the breakfast that Jesus has prepared.

NOW to the intensity of the scene – remember that two Greek words will become significant here – they are agapao and phileo – agapao is translated love and means a deep, abiding love which takes action toward the benefit of the beloved, one in which emotion is not the prime motivator whereas phileo is translated love and carries the meaning of a tender affection, a good friendship that cherishes the relation-

ship more than the purpose behind the relationship.

We find Peter before the Lord and the 6 other disciples when Jesus asks a series of three questions to Peter and he answers. Here's how it flows:

1. Jesus – "Do you love (agapao) me more than these?" Peter – "Yes Lord, You know I love (phileo) you."

2. Jesus – "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (agapao) me?" Peter – "Yes, Lord: you know that I love (phileo) you."

3. Jesus – "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (PHILEO) me?" Peter – "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (phileo) you. "

You see Peter wasn't really answering the question Jesus asked. Jesus asked if he loved Him with a deep, abiding, obedient, self-sacrificing love. Peter answered that he had an emotional (I do not want to lose you) attachment for Jesus. Ultimately, Jesus asked – so do you (even) love me with that kind of love? That is why Peter was grieved.

You must remember that Peter had previously told Jesus that he was committed to Him more than any other person. He

was so sure of his love that he told Jesus he would never deny his love – but the same night denied **three times** that he even knew Him! **Three times** Jesus probed and **three times** stated to Peter that he was still usable in His kingdom by telling him to proceed with "feeding His flock."

Some lessons for us:

Maybe when Jesus does not fulfill our expectations, we too have a tendency to go back to the way we used to live and do the things we used to do!

Maybe when we think we would never turn our back on Jesus that in certain circumstances we just might!

Maybe our commitment isn't so much greater than everyone else's.

Maybe what we think is agapao is really phileo!

Maybe we think we are unusable, but Jesus knows we are usable!

Get real, Get humble – Get real humble and get back to serving God according to His desires.

Love ya,

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YOUTH CORNER

Calling all volunteer adults and youth interested in helping with the renovation of the Youth House! Helping hands are needed Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (not Thanksgiving).

Wednesday, November 28th is the deadline for all youth submitting names for the Youth House. A special prize will be given to the person that names the house and wins the most votes! A ballot box can be found in the kitchen of the Youth House.

The Sr. High Youth will be offering FREE BABYSITTING at the Church for parents who would like to do a little Christmas shopping on Saturday, December 8th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Dinner (hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and juice) and snacks will be provided. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center if you are interested, or call Donna McIntyre at 724-234-4100 or Fi Saeler at 724-283-7535.

The Sr. High Youth are planning a trip to the Creation Museum Friday, December 28th–Saturday, December 29th. A sign-up sheet will be at the Youth House for interested youth and their families. Someone will be in contact with you to provide more information when we have the details.

Calendar November 18th–24th

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
<u>Mon</u>	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Senior Trip to Krainaks Praise Team Practice <u>One Small Child Rehearsal</u>
<u>Tues</u>	10:00 a.m.–12 Noon 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	BBI Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	Noon 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner
<u>Fri</u>		Gift Wrapping for Habitat for Humanity

CALLING ALL GIFT WRAPPERS!!!

Volunteers Needed - Habitat for Humanity

The Butler Habitat for Humanity annual "Gift Wrapping" fundraiser at the Clearview Mall is this Friday, November 23rd through December 24th from 10 a.m.–9:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call Barb Sarvey at 724-282-0473.

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Golden Compass-Not So Golden!

"The Golden Compass", is the first of a new fantasy movie trilogy to be released to theaters soon. This is not another "Narnia" or "Lord of the Rings". It promotes a dark and evil world, destroying any kind of "god". The author, Philip Pullman stands in opposition to C.S. Lewis and Tolkien, as well as the God whom they, and we believe. Peter Hitchens says that Pullman tries to replace "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" with rebel angels, friendly demons, and witches who are not wicked, but good. He depicts priests as evil and murderous, drunk and probably perverted, and the Church as a conspiracy against happiness and kindness. You can find Peter Hitchens at <http://www.lewrockwell.com/spectator/pec11.html> or look up Philip Pullman on [Wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org) to find out for yourself.

BIG MAC VS. BIG 10

A Kelton research study found 80% of Americans knew "two all-beef patties" were among the ingredients of a Big Mac, while just 60% could identify "Thou shalt not kill" as one of the Ten Commandments. Just 34% recognized "Remember the Sabbath" and 29% recognized "Do not make any false idols" as commandments.

THANK YOU

Doug and Janet Rodgers & Family express their thanks to North Street Christian Church for expressions of sympathy and kindness upon the passing of Doug's mother, Mary