

North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST



Today's Events

Meeting After Church
for Winter Quarter Teachers
in Children's Church Room

Thanksgiving Dinner for the
Pantry Patrons!!
(Info on Back)

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 27 – No Services
- Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov. 29 – Office Closed
- Dec. 9 – Golden Gals
Lunch/Gift Exchange 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24 – Office Closed
- Dec. 24 – Candlelight Vigil
- Dec. 25 – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec. 31 – Office Closed

Record for 11-17-19

Bible Class.....	97
Morning Worship.....	186
Life Group.....	32
Contribution.....	\$5,464.00
Budget.....	\$6,634.62
Families served at pantry.....	115
Total people served at pantry.....	341

Birthdays

November

- 26th Leland McNabb
- 30th Alyssa Plummer

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....	Dee Plummer		
#103.....	He Has Made Me Glad		
#238.....	You Are the Song That I Sing		
.....	Salvation Belongs to Our God		
Welcome/Scripture: Isaiah 41:10	Stephen Lincoln		
Opening Prayer	Chris Taylor		
.....	Can He Still Feel the Nails		
.....	Just as I Am-I Come Broken		
#176.....	Lamb of God		
Communion Talk	Landon Geitzenauer		
Landon Geitzenauer	Roger Unruh	Danny Powers	Dennis Hartman
Jerod Burford	Brett Thornton	Kevin Hurt	Trenn Watson
.....	Dismiss Children		
#548.....	The Lily of the Valley		
#533.....	I Am a Sheep		
Sermon: Walking Through the Bible: "Esther"	Erik Granberg		
.....	Open the Eyes of My Heart		
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz		
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek		
Children's Worship	Megan Darrow		
Nursery	Patrece Allen; Charlotte Owen		
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow		
Slides	Terry Sherrill		

Sermon Scripture: Book of Esther

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon dove into the story of Esther. The book of Esther never mentions God yet invites the reader to look for God's activity which is evident throughout. We would do good to approach our lives more often with the same task, to look for God's activity.

Sermon Questions:

1. Share a time when you have been able to look back and see God working in your life?
2. How can we better tune our eyes to see him working?
3. What take aways do you find from the book of Esther?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Ken Edwards** – recovering from surgery Friday to remove thyroid cancer
- **Jo Edwards** – recovering from having 2 heart stents put in; will need 1 more soon
- **Our Vance Family & Friends**
- **Shannon Dalrymple** – her 2 best friends each found out they have stage 4 breast cancer (pantry patron)

Next Week's (12/1) Servants:

Song Leader:	Robb Mills
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Owen
Communion Talk:	Steven Lincoln
Lead Servant:	Bryce Thornton
Servers:	Carl Dowell George Gordon Hal Johnson Jim Coker Matt Nichols Mike Armour
Shepherd's Prayer:	John Wright
Sound Booth:	Dee Plummer
Slides:	Todd Anderson
Nursery Attendants:	Jacqueline Anderson Mandy Coker
Children's Worship:	Jamie Barr Cassie Barr

Debbie Nobis' New Address:

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Thank You

Thank you SO much to everyone who contributed to our "Turkey Fund" this year. We raised \$5,115.00! Our pantry ministry is such a blessing to the community. There are no other food banks, churches, or organizations where people can get a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. What may seem like such a small thing to us, makes such a difference to the patrons.

Thanksgiving Dinner Info

Tonight is the Thanksgiving Dinner we put on annually for all the pantry patrons! Cooks and set-up crew, please come at 3:00 p.m. Host/hostesses and registration people please be here by 4:45 p.m. Everyone else please come at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Roger Owen with any questions.

Ladies' Class Holiday Schedule

There will be no Ladies' Class on November 26th or December 3rd. On Tuesday, December 10th, we will have class at 10:00 a.m. followed by a planning meeting for filling Christmas socks for our elderly and shut-ins. Then on Tuesday, December 17th, we will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to fill the Christmas socks and deliver them. Everyone will then meet back at the church and go to lunch together. All ladies are welcome to participate.

Wednesday Meal Schedule

There will be no Wednesday Meal on November 27th and for the month of December due to holiday activities and schedules. Wednesday Meals will resume on January 8, 2020.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who had their picture made for the new Communication Directory! I appreciate your time, effort, and putting up with my novice photography skills. Today really is the last Sunday I will be taking pictures, per a request, so come get yours made if you have not.

Mandy Coker

Thank You

A most sincere thank you to everyone who has helped me and prayed for me. I'm moving to Quincy, Illinois to be nearer to my niece Brandi and the kids. I'll miss all of you. This will always be my home church. In Christ's name, Good bye,

Debbie Nobis

Today, I would like to share a poem with you.

I Still Matter

*“My looks are nothing special,
My face reveals my age,
My body shows some wear and tear,
And my energy's not the same.
Too often my memory fails me,
And I lose things all the time.
One minute I know what I plan to do,
And the next it slips my mind.
I try hard to avoid my mirror.
There are things I would rather not see,
And even those times when I just catch a glimpse,
I can no longer recognize me.
The things I used to do with ease
Can now cause aches and pains,
And the quality of the things I do
Will never be quite the same.
I always compare my older self
To those younger versions of me,
And I know I'm wasting too much time
Missing who I used to be.
But the thing that really makes me sad
Is despite what people see,
Underneath my tattered, worn out shell,
I'm still the same old me.
My heart can still feel endless love,
And at times it still can ache.
My heart can fill with so much joy,
And then it can suddenly break.
My soul can still feel sympathy
And longs for forgiveness and peace,
And there are times its light shines boldly through,
And times when it longs for release.
It's true, maybe now that I'm older,
Feeling lonely may be status quo,
But it also has made me more willing
To forgive and let past conflicts go.
So maybe to some I look ugly and old,
A person who barely exists.
I'm still quite aware of the beauty inside,
And my value should not be dismissed.
So although not as strong and no beauty, it's true,
I'm still here and want so much to live,
And I know that there's no one in this world quite like me,
And no one who has more to give.”*

It is an unfortunate truth that the elderly are often a neglected afterthought in the minds of people to whom they have no relation. In the Lord's church, a person can spend their entire life in service to the body only to be forgotten once they can no longer attend. The statement “out of sight, out of mind” rings over and over in my head as I compare the poem to my own life and faults. While we have an obvious obligation to nurture and encourage the elderly, we, as a whole and individually are also missing out on the wealth of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding that a full life spent in service to God can bring. **Job 12:12 says “Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?”** We have so little time to grow and make an impact that we can't neglect all the wonderful things that come from a visit to our elderly. It encourages them in the twilight of their life, and it nourishes us in the prime of ours. They might not be able to say it, either out of pride or sickness, but each one shares the same bold request: Don't forget me.

Stephen Lincoln

Poem by Pat Flemming