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New Basel Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2021**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever been robbed? Has anyone ever stolen stuff from you?

Some years ago, Angie and I had a storage unit, where we kept stuff that we didn't have room for in our little apartment. Oddly enough, the people that broke in could not have cared less about the Christmas and Easter decorations we had stashed there, but they did like my lawn mower, the power tools, and all the camping equipment. If something like this has happened to you, then you can relate to how we felt, but it doesn't take a lot of imagination to guess, even if you've never been robbed. We were angry at the robbers, angry at ourselves for not buying a better lock, and relieved that the unit was away from our home. More than these, though, we were fearful that they had taken something personal, and we felt violated because these people had gone through all kinds of private things that were not meant to be seen by strangers. And we felt frustrated because the police couldn't seem to find any leads about who did this. Imagine how you would feel, standing there looking at all your stuff, the personal stuff you don't want anyone handling, thrown all over the place, and watching the cops combing through it looking for fingerprints.

Now imagine a slightly different story. Imagine you have a storage unit full of stuff, but the stuff there isn't yours. It's stuff you stole; illegal things. Things you're not supposed to have. Now imagine being forced to stand there and watch as the cops cut the lock off. Imagine that feeling, knowing you're busted but not being able to do anything about it. You want to fight, but you can't. You want to run, but you can't. Finally, the cops cut the lock and throw open the door, but to your complete astonishment, the room is empty! Not only is it empty, but it's been swept totally clean! It looks brand new! Now how would you feel? Elated, amazed, confused? Curious about how this happened? All of the above?

In the first chapter of John, we read how Jesus came to a guy named John the Baptist, and when he saw Jesus, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) The reason he called Jesus a lamb was because lambs were used in the Temple, in a ritual symbolizing the forgiveness of sins. Sin was symbolically transferred to the animal, which was then killed, recognizing the cause-and-effect relationship between sin and death. What John meant was that Jesus takes away our sin, and when the door hiding our wrongdoings is thrown open, we find it empty and swept, looking brand new.

As Christians, we all experience this wonder through our faith in Jesus Christ. And the response we should have can also be found in John 1, as the first disciples began to bring people to meet Jesus. Our response to the incredible forgiveness we have received should be to bring people to Christ through the Bible and the Church, so that others can experience the same thing!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

# **New Basel Church Council**

Monday September 13, 2021

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

## **Present:**

**Elders:** Nicole Shrack, Pam O'Neal

**Deacons:** Francis Anderson

**Trustees:** Dwight Kamm, Austin Murphy, Gary Foltz

Pastor Jamie opened with prayer.

## **Minutes:**

Pam O'Neal made a motion to pass the minutes. Gary Foltz seconded the motion.

## **Communications:**

Salvation Army asking for donations

Ashby House asking for donations

Village Manor Newsletter

## **Reports:**

### **Committee Reports:**

### **Financial Secretary and Treasurer:**

Pam O'Neal gave the Financial Secretary's report for August

Pam O'Neal gave the Treasurer's report for August.

### **Pastor's Reports:**

See attached report from Pastor Jamie

## **Elders:**

Pam O'Neal reported that 31 people took communion on Sunday September 5th.

## **Deacons:**

None

## **Trustee:**

Austin Murphy reported fixing a screen on the window of the Parsonage.

## **Sunday School:**

Jessica Murphy represented the Sunday classes as Superintendent.

Jessica reported the following:

An email poll was sent to all that are involved in New Basel Sunday school. The poll was to continue our Christmas Program with the kids on Christmas Eve or to move the Kids Christmas Program to another date. The majority on the poll voted to move the Kids Christmas Program to another date. Christmas program tentative dates December 12<sup>th</sup> or December 19<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve service will still be on Christmas Eve just not with the kids program.

November 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Hanging of the Greens. Since there is no longer a Women's Fellowship Committee to create the program, the Sunday school teachers will use a previous one.

Council agreed to move the Kids Christmas Program to another date and still have a regular Christmas Eve service with the kids singing a song during offering.

### **Old Business:**

Date for Harvest Home – will be October 24<sup>th</sup>; Potluck meal to follow after service. Pastor Jamie has booked a guest speaker for Harvest Home.

World Wide Communion Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Electrical-Parsonage & Parish Hall- Austin Murphy and Mikael Gfeller plan on running underground electrical for the AC unit in the Parish Hall.

Propane Contract- renewed this year stayed within our proposed budget for 2021

Parish Hall Air Conditioner Bids- 3 bids were presented. 2 of the quotes were very comparable to each other. Council will leave the decision up to the Trustees in who they would like to install the A/C

### **New Business:**

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented. Pam O'Neal moved we pay the bills; Austin Murphy seconded the motion.

Abilene Food Pantry- Month of October

Fall Party October 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Church Fellowship will follow after every service**

October 3rd Communion

October 11th Council meeting @ 7p.m.

October 16<sup>th</sup> Fall Party at Haynes home

October 24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Home

October 27<sup>th</sup> Echo Articles Due

### **No Other Announcements**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

New Basel's Collection Drive for the Abilene Area Food Pantry

*Donations will be received at New Basel during the month of October.  
You may place your donations on the table in the Narthex of the church.*

At this time they are especially in need of the following items:

**BAKING SUPPLIES:** Cake and muffin mixes, frosting, oil, flour, sugar

**CANNED FOODS:** Fruit, vegetables, soup, condiments, meat substitutes

**CEREAL:** Hot cereal, cold cereal, and breakfast bars

**CLEANING SUPPLIES:** laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap

**PAPER GOODS:** Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, facial tissue

**PASTAS:** Macaroni, Noodles, Spaghetti

**PERSONAL HYGIENE:** shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes,  
women's feminine products, disposable diapers, men's shaving supplies, hand and body lotions

**MEATS:** Any kind of canned meat and fish, especially tuna

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, coffee, Tea, Ramen noodles, rice, dry beans, crackers,  
juice, syrup, instant potatoes, hamburger helpers, spices, salt & pepper, jello & pudding mixes

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your checks to:

*Abilene Area Food Pantry*

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I just want to say thank you for the scholarship money and for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. This is my last semester at Kansas State as I will be graduating in December. I have accepted a position with General Mills in Kansas City and will start there in January.

Thank you,  
Parker O'Neal

I am very grateful for the scholarship that you awarded to me for my last semester at Manhattan Area Technical College. I will be graduating in December with my RN degree. It has been a long & tough road and I appreciate the thoughts and prayers you have provided for me.

Thank you again,  
Sydney Taylor



Prayer Requests

Eunice Pryor  
Elaine Bethe  
Naoma Foltz  
Harold Provance  
Wanda Murphy

Dwight Meuli  
Kelly Schrader  
Don Reiff  
Tammy Anderson  
Judy Lauer

# OCTOBER INFORMATION

## Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Murphy  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Everett  
 8<sup>th</sup> Farah Rothchild  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sterling Bonnema  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ed McAdams  
     Colton Haney  
 15<sup>th</sup> Rita Gantenbein  
 18<sup>th</sup> Blake Murphy  
 21<sup>st</sup> Deb Foltz  
     Ryan Foltz  
 26<sup>th</sup> Jane Haney  
 27<sup>th</sup> Sydney Taylor  
 30<sup>th</sup> Scarlett Murphy



## Anniverseries

6<sup>th</sup> Francis & Clema Anderson  
     Brad & Karie Anderson  
 7<sup>th</sup> Kenny & Janet Chamberlin  
 14<sup>th</sup> Gary & Deb Foltz  
 18<sup>th</sup> Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt



## Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for October

### Greeters:

### Acolytes:

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lon & Kelly Schrader	Austin Smiley
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Pam O'Neal	Farah Rothchild
17 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Gantenbein & Marcil Park	Benson Smiley
24 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Deb Foltz	Wyatt Hunnicutt
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sam & Nicole Shrack	Axie Shrack

Usher: Bob O'Neal

*Thank you to Dwight Kamm for being the September Usher!*



The church Fall Party is scheduled for Saturday October 16th, 6:00 pm at Robby and Emily Haynes home. Plans are for a bonfire and activities for the kids. Bring a dessert or snack to share as well as your lawn chair. Everyone is invited!

