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New Basel Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Thanksgiving approaches, the nation once again braces to be regaled with children's reenactments of the story we all know so well. We see how the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians cooperated, for the benefit of everyone, but who were the Pilgrims really? How much do you know about them?

In grade school, we probably learned about them by doing the little skits that kids still sometimes do. We may also be familiar with the idea that the Pilgrims founded Congregationalism in America. But beyond that, the extent of our knowledge might be 'they wore funny black and white outfits with a big brass buckle.' If the truth were known, we would probably say that they were one of the greatest examples of Biblical Christianity the world has ever known.

The Puritan movement began in England in the midst of a colossal struggle between Catholicism and Protestantism. The whole nation had to worship as the king or queen of the day saw fit. This led to several changes of allegiance, lots of confusion, and even bloodshed. Queen Mary I, called Bloody Mary, had some 283 influential Protestants killed, most of whom were burned at the stake.

Puritans were born in this crucible, and sought to purify (hence the name) the Church of Catholic superstition. To this end, they rejected ecclesial authority, ornate church buildings, religious holidays like Christmas and Easter, and musical accompaniment. They also wanted to try a bold religious experiment, where God and Scripture ruled over every aspect of life.

With this goal in mind, 100 Pilgrims, mostly religious zealots in their 20s, set out from

Plymouth, England, and would eventually land at present day Cape Cod, Massachusetts. They established the Mayflower Compact, a governing agreement that gave rise to our present day Constitution and Congregationalism as we know it.

Pilgrims were religiously devout, to be sure. Sunday was a dedicated Sabbath, and sermons lasted 2 hours. Nothing was considered secular, as everything from worship to work to play was considered to be expressions of faith. They also valued family and education, founded such schools as Harvard, and required students there to "consider the main end of his life and studies to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life," and to read the Bible twice a day.

Despite the modern stereotypes, Puritans were not forbidden from having fun or ever smiling. In fact, the very first permanent public building erected was a brewery! It is rumored that the final details of the Mayflower Compact were hammered out because everyone agreed to remain on the Mayflower until the agreement was finished, and the ship was running out of beer. This is not to say that they got drunk every chance they got; far from it, as you would expect from a colony of devout Christians. Pilgrims also enjoyed swimming, reading, and bowling.

As Thanksgiving approaches this year, consider the Pilgrims, and the example of Christian life they bring to us. And give thanks for this great country!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jamie

Monday October 7th, 2024
Called to order at 7:05pm by President Pam O'Neal

Present

Elders: Pam O'Neal and Jen Reiff

Deacons: Judy Barten, Francis Anderson, and Jennifer Latzke

Trustees:

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion

M/S/C to approve the September minutes

Communications:

Financial Secretary: Jennifer Latzke presented report

Treasurer: Judy Barten went over September financial report

Pastor's Report:

Work Summary for 9/2- 10/6

Worship- Preached and led Sunday Worship 5 times, and at Homestead Memory Care

Administration Meetings- 1 Church Council, 1 Wedding Rehearsal

Pastoral Care- 8 Phone visits, 5 Home visits

Other- 4 Crosstalk, 2 Volunteer Reading Sessions at Rural Center Grade School

Vacation Days This month: 0, YTD 8

Professional Development Days This month 0, YTD 10, Mileage 46

Elders Report: Jen Reiff reported that 33 took communion 10/6/24

Deacons: Judy Barten reported that the Irish Den spoke at Harvest Home 9/29/24. New Basel as a mission donated \$2500 to The Irish Den and asked that \$500 of that go into their building fund.

Trustees: N/A

Old Business:

New Basel collected \$430 and 340 items for the Food Pantry in September.

Fall Workday was rescheduled

New Business:

It was M/S/C to approve and pay bills

Discussed how transfer of membership should be handled. Also discussed families that may be interested in transferring membership.

Discussed how New Basel has new families attending. Discussed placing information sheet in the bulletin for families to fill out their information: birthday, anniversaries, email, phone, etc.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

October 13th Movie Night

October 25th, Echo Articles Due

November 3rd Communion

November 4th- Church Council

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by praying the Lord’s Prayer in Unison

Jen Reiff, Secretary



Prayer Requests

Maxine Kauffman

Naoma Foltz

Dwight Meuli

Jane Haney

John Meuli

Judy Lauer

Kelly Schrader

Tony Herman

70th Anniversary

Paul and Dorothy Lehman, formerly of the Holland Community, will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary with a "come and go" on Saturday, November 30, 2024, 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. at Abilene First United Methodist Church, 601 North Cedar.

Please no gifts, cards welcome at 709 Ash, Abilene, KS, 67410
Paul & Dorothy have had a connection with folks from New Basel from youth fellowship days to the women serving lunch at their farm auction which was very much appreciated.

Parents' Night Out - On Saturday, December 7, New Basel parents will be able to drop off their kids at the church for an afternoon of fun and food, freeing up parents to get away for Christmas shopping and time together. We'll have games, snacks, crafts, and a Christmas movie. Heads up, though, we'll need to have an idea of who's coming ahead of time to make sure we have enough supplies. More details to follow in next month's newsletter, or contact Angela Bonnema.



NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

May the LORD bless you and
protect you.
May the LORD smile on you
and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show
you His favor and
give you His peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

NOVEMBER INFORMATION

Birthdays

- 4th Kenny Chamberlin
- 9th Kari Beetch
- 10th Greg Beetch
- 11th Adam Gantenbein
Scott Reiff
- 13th Larry Haugh
- 20th Kara Cromwell
- 22nd Riley Hunnicutt
- 24th Suzie Barten
- 26th Joan Reiff



Anniversary

- 11th Randy & Judy Barten
- 17th James & Jennifer Latzke



Joint Thanksgiving Worship: New Basel has much to be thankful for, including the unique and warm relationship with area churches. Each year, we are grateful for the opportunity to worship God for his faithfulness alongside people from Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian and Ebenezer Baptist Churches. This year's joint service will be held at Ebenezer Church at 7pm, so please make plans accordingly and support the relationship between these three churches.

Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for November

	<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>Acolytes:</u>
3 rd	Dwight & Marion Kamm	Owen Cromwell
10 th	Sam & Nicole Shrack	Axie and Stetson Shrack
17 th	Duane & Ila Beemer	Savannah Smiley
24 th	Bob & Pam O'Neal	Jace Latzke

November Usher: Gary Foltz

Thank you to Bob O'Neal for being the October Usher!



The Sunday School classes are again this year collecting items to fill shoeboxes for children in need all over the world and we are asking for your help. As we did last year, there will be a tote beside the table behind the sanctuary for your donations. Ideas of donation items can be found at: <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>
The youth will fill the boxes during Sunday School on November 17th. Monetary gifts are also acceptable as they will help to offset the shipping cost of these boxes.

Please contact Judy at 785-949-2832 or 785-479-0826 if you have any questions or need more information.