Faith's Blessings

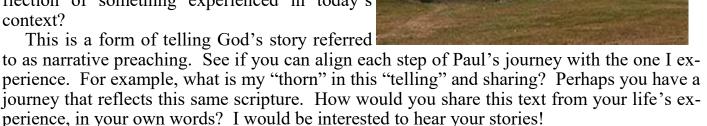
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(814) 483-3097 Pastor Kathy

November 2019

Putting scripture into context....

I invite you to read Paul's letter and then read the letter according to my personal perspective... can you "see" God's word come to life as a reflection of something experienced in today's context?



From the Second Epistle from Paul to the Corinthians, Paul writes:

"It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong."

A Hike in the Woods - 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 – From My Life's Experience in loving memory of my father, Jim Davis....

When I was growing up, my family would go camping at a state park called Prince Gallitzin located in the forested hills along the Allegheny Plateau in Cambria County; about a two-hour drive from our home in Latrobe. Prince Gallitzin was our annual summer destination. For one week ... every year, we would canoe, fish, and swim in the cool, tranquil waters of its man-made lake and crane our necks as we looked with wide-eyed wonder at the night sky, endlessly deep in every direction, lit only by the moon and the twinkling stars that pierced its vast inky darkness.

As a family, we would hike the windy trails that interlaced the forest of towering pine, maple, and oak trees. My mother would spray us down mercilessly with bug repellant, the citronella aroma a warning to any and all mosquitos within a 50-mile range while my father unpacked what he called the "real necessity" of hiking —an old army canteen, its green fabric tattered by time. "It's all we need" he would say, filling it with water until it bubbled out over the top and screwing on the old metal cap so tight that Hercules himself would have had to strain his muscles to open it.

Not one to boast, I believe my dad had a way of making each hike an adventure in learning about God's creation. He taught us about the trees, the insects, the creatures that called the woods home and, yes, survival tactics. An MP and paratrooper in the army stationed at the Berlin Wall in Germany, Dad was an encyclopedia of knowledge. He was eager to share and instill what he had gleaned while serving, and his repertoire of stories, well, the ones he could repeat for young ears to hear, seemed endless.

On one such occasion, we set out in the early morning when the white mist of the fog still kissed the lake and the crisp morning air mingled with the smoke from the previous night's campfire. Dad had picked out a trail the night before; I had hiked a longer trail one other year, a trail that led to a mountaintop view of this forested paradise. We won't have time for that trail today, he said, but this one will be good practice.

We stepped on to the windy trail with an enthusiastic stride. My dad led the way, the army canteen swaying back and forth like a pendulum from his broad shoulders. The air smacked of moss and pine and a woodpecker in the distance tapped out a Morse code warning that humans had entered the wooded domain. The sound of our footsteps was all that punctuated our thoughts as we breathed in the heady scents and feasted on the panoramic scene set before our eyes.

As one might expect, a hike in the woods with a child or a teenager, let alone four of them, is bound to experience a few hitches along the way – mud puddles to span, pebbles in shoes that felt like boulders, and dagger-like briars that stuck to clothing, hair, and skin. My dad listened to our list of complaints while exuding patience and words of encouragement.

I can still hear his voice echoing back to the ranks, sometimes singing the words to the Ballad of the Green Beret, his favorite tune, and saying "it will put hair on your chest", "it's mind over matter", and "where there's a will there's a way!" Well, I wasn't sure I wanted to have hair on my chest, I didn't know what my mind had to do with anything when it was all about the rock in my shoe, and I wondered how "a will" would be of any use in the middle of the woods – wasn't that something you needed before you died? Although these words of encouragement were confusing, they did the trick, and the troops marched on.

We stopped three times along the way, admiring the sights and smells that studded the journey. Dad handed the canteen to my twin brother who took this task very seriously, he had plans to join the Air Force after high school...He gave us each a "swig" of its cool, thirst-quenching treasure, saying "just enough to wet your whistle, that's all you need".

This also gave me a chance to try to empty the contents of my sneaker from the pebble that reminded me it was there with each and every step. By the third stop, the pebble had become a mechanism of torture and a master of hide and seek. Try as I might, no matter how hard I shook my shoe, the pebble of pain remained.

"Let's keep moving Kathy"... "it will make you stronger". Yet another one of my dad's motivational remedies...I could not fathom how pain in any way, shape or form would make me stronger – wouldn't it do the opposite? "You can do it", he said, as he stretched out his hand, helping me to my feet. "Here, take a sip". He offered me the canteen and I savored the wet relief as it trickled down my throat.

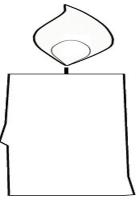
Even though the pebble persisted to assault the tender underside of my foot, buoyed by my father's strength and the gift poured out from the canteen, I gained a sense of determination and kept on walking.

My dad was strong and I was very proud of him. Occasionally we would lose our way that day but he would always get us back on track. I trusted my dad to get us home.

Pastor Kathy

Festival of All Saint's

The congregation will observe All Saint's Sunday, November 3rd. In our worship, we will give thanks and remember those who have fought the good fight of faith and who are now members of the Church Triumphant. In our liturgy, we will specifically name these members of Faith Lutheran as candles are lit and the bell is rung; William Trent, James Fieg, Mabel Revello, Jackie Kimmel, Robert Will and Bob Powell.





"Getting to Know You"

As the new pastor, I am looking to get to know you, each of you! As a pastoral leader there are many things I want you to know, and some things I urgently *need* you to know, which I communicate and convey through sermons, announcements, worship bulletins and newsletters so that you can receive the messages I want you to hear....but I also want to know....I want to listen...I want to hear. I am not an expert on all that is, was and will be... but I am hoping that you will share with me so that I may support and encourage YOU.

I want to get to know your faith stories. I want to hear about your work, your retirement, your studies, your grandchildren, your families, your partners, your pets, your hobbies. I also want to listen to your concerns and your questions. I want to know what programs might interest you, your children, your families. I want to know what challenges you might be facing. I want to know how I can pray for you.

I want to build a relationship with you as a partner in ministry – serving Christ, the congregation and the community – a partnership of trust that nurtures faith using the gifts God has given us in caring for our community here at Faith and beyond.

I would like to "get to know you" in a visit to your home – at your convenience, or by appointment here at the church office – whatever you are most comfortable with. I would also like to meet with our ministry teams - WELCA, social ministry, property, mission, assisting ministers, worship committee, etc. – taking time from a meeting to share the joys, the challenges, and the blessings of these ministries.

I ask that you prayerfully consider this ongoing invitation to get together. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience or you may contact me by phone and/ or email.

I look forward to "getting to know YOU!"

In grace and peace, Pastor Kathy

Just a reminder ... there are still spaces to sign-up for our "get together!"



During the month of October we lifted the following persons in prayer:

Family and friends of Rev. Diable and Bill Trent; Shirley Trent, Betty Simmons, Jacob Craig, Ed Betta, Janine Doman, infant son of Abby Null, Cliff Spangler, Roger Saylor, Pat Stouffer, Ellen Maust, David Faht, Ron Fitzpatrick, Karen Schmidt, Jerry Walker

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church general office number (814) 443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery.

Thank you, Pastor Kathy

November 2nd Offering

The 2nd offering, to be collected November 10 has been designated for Operation Christmas Child postage costs.

Your support of this outreach program is appreciated!

WELCA

WELCA is collecting empty Pringle potato chip cans for use in a military mailing to those in the congregation who are active duty. If you eat Pringles, save the cans and give them to a WELCA member.

We Need Your Information

The office is reminding all committees that you need to be working on a summary of what you have been busy doing during 2018.

This information is published in the newsletter for December so everyone can read it prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Deadline to submit this information is **Nov. 3** ... thanks in advance!

Relay for Life Election Meals

Tuesday, November 5 Relay for Life will be selling sandwiches, soup and baked goods during Election Day.

Stop by for lunch (even if this isn't your polling place) and then take some home-baked goodies home!

Thank you for supporting their fund raising efforts.

WE GIVE THANKS TO...

- Our youth in action Taco 'Bout Awesome group who gathered and lifted the roof with laughter while they learned and worked on a service project.
- Our in-house "DJs", Carl and Allen for spinning tunes for Music Night!
- Rick for putting a shine on our floors!
- Camp Sequanota for lending Faith its portable prayer labyrinth for Sabbath The Women's Book Club.
- Caring Workers for baking cookies for our Music Night, our Pet Blessing and more!
- All who supported the Chicken BBQ's in exceeding our goal, raising \$1,148 to benefit the Somerset County Lutheran Church's mobile ministry initiative "Grace Delivered".
- Our Church Council members as they prepare for the annual congregational meeting and all that entails.
- Our Treasurer, Chris Brant, for giving of his time and talents in drafting and preparing the church budget.
- Our Worship Team for its diligence in selecting hymns and assistance with worship planning.

We give Thanks to God – for all these gifts – shared in serving Christ and community in community with one another.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be packed on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1 pm. You are invited to join us.

If you can't make it that afternoon, stop by the fellowship hall and take a look at everything you have provided for these boxes.

We can't say "Thank You" enough for the help the congregation has given us in making it possible to provide these shoeboxes of gifts to children who otherwise would possibly never experience the joy of receiving a gift.



November 2019

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| 3 All Saint's | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am | Committee Night 7 pm | NO Women's Book Club | Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Worship 9 am with Veteran Recognition 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am Pack OCC shoeboxes 1 pm | WELCA 7 pm | Women's Book Club 6:30 pm | Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm | Council 7 pm | | |
| 17 Thankoffering Sunday Worship 9 am Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes SCS 10:30 am | 18 | Women's Book Club 6:30 pm | Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Christ the King | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Worship 9 am; Anointing for Healing SCS 10:30 am Youth in Action 4-6 pm "Share a Pizza of You!" | | NO Women's Book Club | Caring Workers 10 am Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7 pm | HAPPY THANKSGIVING | | |



Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands In Fellowship and Fun

"SHARE A PIZZA YOU!"

Our Monthly Gathering continues

Sunday, November 24th 4-6 pm

CHILDREN & YOUTH OF ALL AGES and FRIENDS

Dec. 11

8 yrs.

WE AREN'T BEING CHEESY WHEN WE SAY

"YOU are an important "PIZZ-A" the puzzle!"

Join us for pizza themed learning, games and fellowship – oh, and pizza, of course!

RSVP Sign-up Sheet in Lobby or call Church Office at 814-443-3179

December Anniversaries

George, Jr. & Ediht Lensbouer

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| George & A | Ardelle Mason | Dec. 13 | 44 yrs. | |
| | December | r Birthdays | | |
| Mary Ann Long | Dec. 2 | Macie Shepley | Dec. 18 | |
| Debbie Heiple | Dec. 5 | Richard Golby | Dec. 19 | |
| Mike Lensbouer | Dec. 5 | Karina Lee | Dec. 21 | |
| Andy Maust | Dec. 6 | Bob Duppstadt,Jr. | Dec. 20 | |
| Brenda Walker | Dec. 6 | Katelyn Smeak | Dec. 20 | |
| Elaine Hillegas | Dec.7 | Mark Cober | Dec. 22 | |
| Jeff Snyder | Dec. 9 | Jen Ohler | Dec. 22 | |
| Loni Nist | Dec. 10 | Don Weyant | Dec. 22 | |
| Jan Fochtman | Dec. 11 | Josh Walker | Dec. 26 | |
| Cheryl Cramer | Dec. 14 | Becky Heiple | Dec. 27 | |
| Adam Latuch | Dec. 15 | Bob Swank | Dec. 27 | |
| Steven Latuch | Dec. 15 | Gannon Shepley | Dec. 28 | |
| Lakin Friedline | Dec. 17 | Brexton Weyant | Dec. 28 | |
| Ben Domer | Dec. 18 | Halley Friedline | Dec. 30 | |
| Brittany Flick | Dec. 18 | Clair Weyant | Dec. 30 | |
| Anna Lane | Dec. 18 | Gracelyn Friedline | Dec. 31 | |
| James Ream | Dec. 18 | Roger Saylor | Dec. 31 | |

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

| | | | 2019 | Previous |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | | <u>September</u> | <u>Totals</u> | <u>Year</u> |
| INCOME | Current | 7,725.52 | 71,191.09 | 9,660.00 |
| | Benevolence | 1,206.00 | 9,058.48 | 874.00 |
| | Missionary Support | 115.00 | 640.00 | 80.00 |
| | Building/Maint. | 531.00 | 3,961.00 | 447.00 |
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| | Misc. In/Out | 918.00 | 9,670.12 | 575.97 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 10,495.52 | 94,520.69 | 11,636.97 |
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| | | | | 2019 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | | <u>Proposal</u> |
| Total Ministries | | 898.26 | 6,499.99 | 7,650.00 |
| Operating | | 3,411.18 | 10,029.70 | 15,000.00 |
| <u>Payroll</u> | | | | |
| | Taxes | 443.30 | 2,217.10 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Payroll | | 8,344.06 | 45,729.64 | 36,468.00 |
| <u>Outreach</u> | | | | |
| | Benevolence | 327.00 | 4,619.00 | 9,000.00 |
| | World Hunger | 5.00 | 135.00 | 0.00 |
| | Missionary Support | 65.00 | 900.00 | 2,000.00 |
| | 2nd Offering | 0.00 | 1,976.00 | 0.00 |
| | Other | 173.66 | 1,117.42 | 2,850.00 |
| | Food Pantry | 0.00 | 125.00 | 0.00 |
| | Chamber Dues | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Total Outreach | | 570.66 | 8,872.42 | 14,000.00 |
| <u>Maintenance</u> | | 1,295.48 | 20,583.36 | 19,000.00 |
| Mem. Fund Pur | ch. | 0.00 | 1,303.94 | 0.00 |
| Lighting | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Windows | | 0.00 | 5,281.44 | 11,000.00 |
| Misc. In/Out | | 13.86 | 1,521.22 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 14,533.50 | 99,821.71 | 110,118.00 |
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| <u>ASSESTS</u> | | | | |
| General Checking | | | | \$12,032.35 |
| Savings (Pastors Disc. | Fund) | | | \$1,674.89 |
| Somerset Trust CD (60 | mo.) | | | \$5,430.83 |
| Franklin Templeton Mu | itual Fund | | | \$14,734.75 |
| FNB CD (9 mo. Flex) | | | | \$3,104.50 |
| Memorial Funds | | | | \$12,693.19 |
| Camp Scholarship CD | | | | \$5,911.48 |
| Funeral Meals | | | | \$1,837.32 |
| Mission Team | | | | \$1,779.20 |

We thank those who are willing to serve for the month of November:

November 3

Altar Guild Donna & Jackie Reader Will Brant

Assisting Minister Jane Pugh Greeters Betty Simmons & Carol Schrock

Council Person Steve Will

November 10

Altar Guild Tomalee, Patti, Louise Reader Richard Walker

Assisting Minister Brock Bowers Greeters Richard & Darren Walker

November 17

Altar Guild Donna & Jackie Reader Sandy Pyle

Assisting Minister Jane Pugh Greeters Donna & Jackie Rhoads

November 24

Altar Guild Tomalee, Patti, Louise Reader Jack Loeffert

Assisting Minister Brenda Maust Greeters Jen Ohler Family

November 27

Altar Guild Donna & Jackie Reader Ryan Maust

Assisting Minister Brenda Maust Greeters Ryan Maust & Jim Rayman

Please remember that if you cannot be here and have a "job", find a replacement!



Have you ever wondered why the wise men, the magi, were searching the stars for signs of a coming king?

Who were they looking for?

Make a commitment this Christmas season to not miss out on the fun, but to make the daily holiday fun about something that truly matters.

Each Sunday during Advent, children of all ages will receive a star to decorate. For a fun advent activity in your home, centered on adoring the One who came, hide the stars in a different place around your house each day, starting December 1st – the first day of Advent (which just happens to fall on a Sunday!

Encourage your children, your grandchildren and even your significant others to find the hidden star/s (or you might designate days for each person to take a turn hiding the star/s). Once the star/s are discovered, use this time to talk about who we are waiting for—Jesus.

Teach your children and become like children yourselves and "follow the star" just as the wise men did. Talk about the journey of the wise men - I will be doing the same throughout Advent during the Children's Homilies.

Finally, as you have been waiting all month long, **on Christmas morning place one of the stars on your tree or above a manger to announce:** Jesus, born in Bethlehem, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

May you experience a taste of the awe of the Magi as they saw Jesus and then "fell down and worshiped Him" (Matthew 2:11).

Blessings this Advent Season! Pastor Kathy



"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us."

Thanksgiving is a special moment to reflect on God's abundant grace that God pours out in our lives through so many ways. Food, clothing, shelter, family, friends, forgiveness and the list goes on! Over the last several weeks we have been actively and intentionally thanking God and thanking others in our worship, in our thank you notes and responses, and in our prayers. Our children and youth monthly "Youth in Action" group has put together a special display of our "thank you's" which will be placed at the altar at our worship service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Please make this part of your Thanksgiving celebration – join us...bring your family and friends... and "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!"

May our Heavenly Father provide the fullness of His grace and joy to you and your family this Thanksgiving!

Advent Worship

"In the silence of a midwinter dusk, there is far off in the deeps of it somewhere a sound so faint that for all you can tell it may be only the sound of the silence itself. You hold your breath to listen. You walk up the steps to the front door. The empty windows at either side of it tell you nothing, or almost nothing. For a second you catch a whiff of some fragrance that reminds you of a place you've never been and a time you have no words for. You are aware of the beating of your heart...The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."

Frederick Buechner, Whistling in the Dark

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. This Advent season, let your hearts be stirred in this moment as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable and look forward to, with anticipation, to the day that "he will come again."

Please mark your calendars to join us for worship with Holy Communion each Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m., beginning December 4th.



Some fun for children of all ages...

or perhaps a moment or two of Sabbath!

The Lord's Prayer Word Search

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Faith Council Minutes September 12, 2019

Council met September 12th, 2019, with five (5) members and Pastor Kathy present. Dave Miller had opening devotions.

Minutes from Council's last meeting held August 8, 2019, together with the Treasurer's Report and a breakdown of the monthly service contract fees were reviewed. Motions were made, seconded and approved for each report. Pastor Kathy provided her report and expressed thanks to all for their prayers and support as she, Allen and their family mourn the unexpected death of Allen's mom, Peg, whom many of Faith's church family met at the parsonage open house.

Committee Reports:

Finance Tally sheet reviewed.

Social Community Dinners were well received this summer; at last

dinner held the community gave thanks to all the hands that prepared the food and made them welcome – attendees stayed well beyond the normal time, even spending time talking in the

parking lot! Preparations being made for Pastor Kathy's

Installation dinner, Music Night – an evening to get together for fun and fellowship – music, dessert, and activities for children of all ages; Blessing of the Animals; and Meals on Wheels desserts.

Prepared funeral meal for family and friends of Jim Fieg.

Worship Choir practice back in swing with the addition of several new mem-

bers. New additional Assisting Minister to be added to schedule. Children and youth invited to assist with installation service. Preparing for monthly anointing for healing during worship on the last Sun-

day of each month.

Education Many new initiatives to engage adult education and faith formation

coming up to include prayer stations in back of Sanctuary; "Scrunch Time" which is intentional time spent with scripture and prayer over a light lunch or supper; and Sabbath – A Woman's Book Club. Rally

Day -10 children/youth participated overall with families reporting

how much they enjoyed it.

Youth Preparing for "Youth in Action's" first gathering in September, "Taco

'Bout Awesome"; there is a lot of excitement being expressed. The

service project from this gathering will be used as part of the

Thanksgiving Eve service. October's theme set – "Going Bananas" – all are welcome to join as the group makes the largest banana split ever seen at Faith! Confirmed youth and eligible for confirmation were invited to a Lock-In Event, on Oct. 4-5. Pastor Kathy working with four area Lutheran pastors in organizing event. Youth will gather at Farranda Farms for Corn Maze, campfire and mountain pies followed by a scavenger hunt at Christ Casebeer. Pastor Kathy will

be teaching one of the Saturday morning lessons

(Council minutes continued)

Property Lines painted in parking lot (thank you!). Dave and Carl will

look at the stove hood at parsonage following meeting. Discussed doorbell at front entrance not working; remove. Discussed the sliding door still not being sold and offering to

congregation and community for free-will donation. Discernment invited regarding hospitality as it relates to wheelchair accessibility – consider making a space or other options – noting funeral accessibility to front pews for

immediate family members and the challenges that can present themselves. Rick will be cleaning, waxing and buffing floors.

Mission Team is making plans for trip to Guatemala.

Old Business:

Chicken BBQ's for Grace Delivered mobile ministry continue; getting close to the congregational goal of \$1000. Last BBQ set for September 22nd.

New Business:

Employee Review Committee to meet.

Budget Meeting needs to be scheduled.

Reports are needed from committees in preparation for annual congregational meeting.

Signatures on accounts at First National Bank need to be updated/changed: <u>Funeral Account</u> – remove Mabel Revello; add Louise Spangler and Patti Trent.

Safe Deposit Box – remove Dave and Audrey Walker. Chris Brant,

Carl Schrock are on and Brenda Maust should be added.

Faith Lutheran accounts – remove Mabel Revello name; list Christopher Brant as Treasurer.

The above changes were reviewed; motion made, seconded and approved; included in minutes as Council's authorization to First National Bank to move forward with these changes.

Good of the Order/Adjournment:

Next meeting October 10, 2019. Patti Trent will have devotions. Motion, seconded and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Patti Trent Council Member

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Sunday Worship 9 am Sunday Church School 10:30 am

