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## PRAYER CALENDAR NOVEMBER

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Charles Brockington  | Woody Catto         |
| 2 Carol Catto          | David Clarke        |
| 3 Geoff Connolly       | Maxime Derenoncourt |
| 4 Katie Derononcourt   | Kayden Derenoncourt |
| 5 Steve Dewey          | Sara Dewey          |
| 6 Paul DiCicco         | Lois DiCicco        |
| 7 Karen Donley         | Keith Effinger      |
| 8 Karen Effinger       | Sharon Emery        |
| 9 Maryanne Faulkner    | Anna Fetter         |
| 10 Elaine Flora        | Dick Foster         |
| 11 Dee Foster          | Jeanne Gaertner     |
| 12 Cindy Gallagher     | Sally Gibney        |
| 13 Evelyn Glenn        | Jim Griffies        |
| 14 Laura Griffies      | Barbara Grossmiller |
| 15 Sandy Guirate       | Ruth Haley          |
| 16 Rosemary Hargreaves | Joe Hauptmann       |
| 17 Linda Hauptmann     | Fred Hauser         |
| 18 Heddy Hauser        | Frank Hawthorne     |
| 19 Mary Hawthorne      | Jr. Hernandez       |
| 20 Bev Hernandez       | Nancy Joret         |
| 21 Steve Joret         | Susan Joret         |
| 22 Robert Kerr         | Estelle Knafle      |
| 23 Bill Kronmiller     | Peggy Kronmiller    |
| 24 Michael Lafferty    | Cheryl Lafferty     |
| 25 Jeff Landwehr       | Dawn Landwehr       |
| 26 Eileen Lanzetta     | Jennifer Lanzetta   |
| 27 Matthew Lanzetta    | Emily Lanzetta      |
| 28 Tom Litterer        | Joy Lorah           |
| 29 Michelle Mai        | Georgeann Mai       |
| 30 Jacob Mai           | Julian Manzoor      |

## RHAWNHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 2015**

**THE  
VISITOR**

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Meeting will begin during Worship and will continue in Foster Hall over lunch. Bring a lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. The business of the meeting will be the election of Elders and Deacons and the 2016 Nominating Committee. We will also present the 2016 Church Budgets. Meeting materials will be available today in the Narthex following Worship.

### FISH BOX COLLECTION

Pick up a fish box and put it in a prominent place in your home and then collect your loose change and even bills through the next month. This is a special collection to fight world hunger through two great organizations: World vision and One Great Hour of Sharing. We will divide the money 50/50 between these two. Boxes are due back on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. This is a great ministry that spreads the joy of Christmas to children living in poverty around the world, and it's a way to proclaim the Good News of Jesus! Filled boxes are due back on November 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to collecting shoeboxes this year, we will be a Collection Center, which means other churches from the around the city will be bringing their shoeboxes here and then we will take them to the main distribution center in Malvern. Joy Lorah is coordinator for this and needs some volunteers to help with sorting, counting and boxing us the shoeboxes. If you would be interested in volunteering in some way, please see Joy.

### BAZAAR NEWS

Don't forget our Annual Holiday Bazaar is being held this Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 pm.

### PASTOR'S PAGE

Here are a few reflections on my just completed sermon series on the book of Daniel.

I turned to this book this summer seeking guidance on how to live in exile. Increasingly, Christians who hold to the teachings of the Bible, especially over moral issues, find themselves on the fringes of our society. Where once the Bible held sway in our public life, it does no longer. How do we live into this new reality, this new moral environment in which we find ourselves? Daniel has provided some direction, since it is itself a book about living in exile.

**Stay Faithful, not Angry.** Daniel and his friends were taken forcibly into exile. Their home country was destroyed by Babylon. They lived among people who worshipped other gods. They were persecuted for their faith, Daniel being thrown to the lions for praying to God, and his three friends thrown into a furnace for refusing to bow down to an image. Yet we do not read of them ranting against others. They do not rebel against the authorities. There is no anger or hostility. They simply remain faithful. So we, while remaining faithful to what we know to be true, must reject anger and hostility toward those who believe differently. Our anger does not accomplish the things of God (James 1:20). But our faithfulness to him does.

**Be Willing to Suffer.** Part of not fitting in is being persecuted. That which is different is what is attacked. As our society continues to evolve morally, we can expect that pressure on Christians who see the Bible as the authority in matters of belief will increase. Don't be surprised; be willing to suffer if that is the price of being faithful to God. Daniel and his friends certainly were.

**We are on the Winning Side.** The repeating theme of Daniel is that God is still God, even here in the place of exile, and that His kingdom will come in time. We are on the winning side! We have even more reason than Daniel to know that because we know that Jesus has defeated death and sin in his crucifixion and resurrection. Yes, evil is still powerful. But only for a time. Yes, the world drifts in godlessness. But not forever. For one day Jesus will return, and the kingdom will come in all its fullness. Nothing can change that. Resurrection and eternal life are the final words.

*Pastor Keith*



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

4	Kim Stokes	10	Jennifer Lanzetta
6	Jesse Barlow	15	Steve Jorett
7	Rosemary Hargreaves	20	Fred Hauser
8	Sally Gibney	24	Carol Catto

## RHAWNURST TURNING POINT

Turning Point is in full swing this fall, working with 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth in a variety of ways. This fall our schedule includes: Homework Help and Drop-In 3 days a week, Hoffman Art Classes including Drama, Pastels, and a Mime/Liturgical Dance Class, and Weekend Programming including a trip to the Zoo, Service Saturdays with NORC, movie days, helping with Redemption's Fall Community Day, and more.

**Looking for ways to help?** We are currently in need of additional volunteers, as well as soda, water and fruit juice for the Center. To help with any of these needs, or with any questions, please contact Director Cheryl Lafferty for more information: 267-601-5147 or [RhawnhurstTurningPoint@yahoo.com](mailto:RhawnhurstTurningPoint@yahoo.com).

You're invited to...

“A Night at the Museum”

with Rhawnhurst Turning Point

Saturday, December 5, 2015 \* 6:00-8:00 pm

at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, 7701 Loretto Ave

Please join us for a night celebrating the youth and mission of Rhawnhurst Turning Point!

While sampling homemade hors d'oeuvres, you can view student artwork in our Hoffman Art Gallery, enjoy performances by our Drama and Mime Classes, hear from our students, staff and Board members, and experience first-hand the excitement of Turning Point.

There will also be an opportunity for you to partner with us in this mission by making a donation to help support the programs of Rhawnhurst Turning Point.

We hope you can join us for this exciting evening!  
Please RSVP by November 25th by emailing Cheryl at  
[RhawnhurstTurningPoint@yahoo.com](mailto:RhawnhurstTurningPoint@yahoo.com)