



November 2024

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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The Session

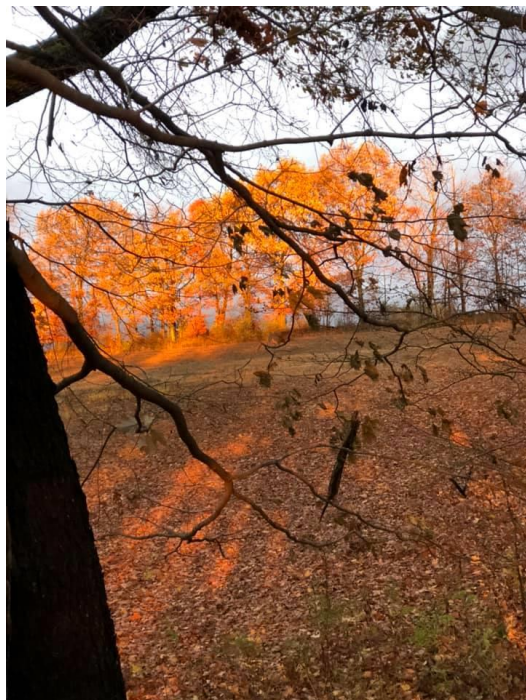
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BRILLIANCE of the SUN/SON

As I stood in my open tree stand with the last few moments of daylight fading away, I got a glimpse of this amazing site. There were clouds in the sky; but just for a few split seconds the sun broke through in this brilliant ball of flame. As you do while hunting, I continued to survey the land all around me. As I turned behind me, I was astonished at the brilliance of the leaves with the sun so brightly shining on them. What was extra special was most all the leaves had fallen off the trees. So it was amazing to see the few that were remaining lit up as if on fire.



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Just as astonishing, is Jesus the Son of God and Son of man. As we survey our lives and come to the realization that by inviting him in, his brilliance of life eternal and life in abundance on this earth can fill us to full and overflowing.

Have you invited Jesus into your life? If not, why and would you like to? If you want to discuss further, drop me an email at gapministriespa@gmail.com. I would be glad to speak with you!

There is a glory and beauty of the sun, another glory of the moon, and yet another [distinctive] glory of the stars; and one star differs from another in glory and brilliance. --1 Corinthians 15:41

His brilliance is like light; rays are flashing from His hand. This is where His power is hidden. --Habakkuk 3:4

[#abundantlivingatfulldraw](#) [pics by me-JG]

Article written by
Pastor Jackie Greene
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***This article comes from Pastor Greene's Facebook page **Abundant Living at Full Draw**.
If you would like to read more of her posts, visit and like her page on Facebook.*

NOVEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

November 3, 2024

“Argumenting Families”

Based on Mark 3:31-35

Rev. Howard Greenfield

The Lord's Supper will be served

November 17, 2024

Denny Weaver

November 24, 2024

Randy Stear

November 10, 2024

Pastor Jackie Greene



Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.

As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..." Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



Active Member...

The Book of Order states, "An active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship.

Only active members are eligible to hold a church officer position or to vote in congregational meetings.

An in-active member of a particular church is one who does not participate in the church's work and worship."

Our Presbyterian Church of Marion has determined that an active member is one who:

- 1) Takes part in the worship of the church and/or church-organized study of the Scriptures at least four times a year.
- 2) Supports the work of the church through the giving of time, talents or money.



We are the Church....and the Church needs You!

We need people with different talents and skills to do small but important tasks. You do not need to be an elder or deacon to help on the following committees.

R&S works to do the upkeep and maintenance both inside and outside.

The mission group selects, plans and organizes the various mission projects that the church supports throughout the year.

The outreach group plans fellowship events like the Ladies' tea and Fall Fest and needs people who like to coordinate gatherings.

The worship committee plans for Advent, Lent and regular services.

If you are interested in helping with either the physical work or planning programs and worship, please speak with an elder. We would be happy to have your assistance.



Operation Christmas Child

A reminder that if you picked up a shoebox to fill, all boxes, along with \$10 for shipping, are due **this Sunday, November 3rd**.



Deacon's Social on November 3rd ...

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 3rd as the Deacons host their fall social. Come enjoy some goodies and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you want to get in the Christmas Spirit, you can help us back up our church shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.



Help us pack the church shoeboxes...The items collected through the summer months will be assembled and boxes packed during the **November 3rd social**.

Daylight Savings Time ends....Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night, November 2nd. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



November Mission Outreach...

During the month of November the mission committee will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the Rochester Mills Food Pantry.

Donations can be dropped off at the mission table in the Narthex.



Decorating the Church for Christmas... Following worship on **November 24th**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas and could use some help. We invite you to stay for a lite lunch and then we will be decorating.

With many hands it will take little time, plus it really is a time of fellowship and fun.



Advent Study....

We will be offering an Advent study. It is a four session video study that will be held each Sunday in Advent beginning on December 1st. We will be meeting in the sanctuary beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is a study guide book that goes along with the study that we need to order before we begin. If you would like to join us for this study, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Listed below is information regarding our Advent study.

***Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado**

In the *Because of Bethlehem* video Bible study bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado guides you through the Advent season to its source at an unassuming stable in Bethlehem...

No one expected the Messiah to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger is the message.

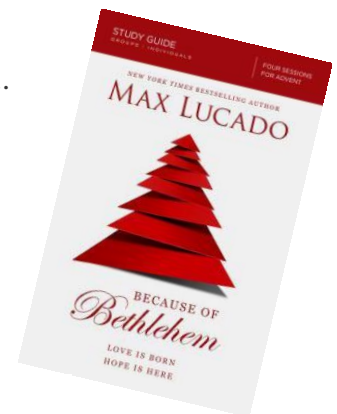
- Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it's like to be human.
- Because of Bethlehem, when we talk to him about tough times, he understands. He's been there. He's been here.
- Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record...just grace.

In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, this 4-session Bible study with Max will:

- **Revive your wonder** that the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us.
- **Rekindle your connection** to the Christ of Christmas who offers lasting hope.
- **Help you lay down your endless Christmas to-do list** and receive what Jesus has already done.
- **Heal your heartache** by embracing the God who is always near you, always for you, and always in you.

For some, Christmas is a time of excitement, celebration, and family, while for others it is a time of loneliness, grief, and loss. No matter what this season holds for you, the promise of Christmas will bring you a lifetime of hope.

The *Because of Bethlehem* Study Guide includes video notes and discussion questions, Bible exploration, an individual application activity, and an Advent practice to complete between meetings.



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

Rose Haven, Kathy Mabon,
Beacon Ridge, Joan Marshall

Homebound Folks:

Russ Olson

Active Military Service:

Louis Good & Brianna Fulmer

PNC Committee:

Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Heather Hood

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Linda Glasser

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Lynette Clawson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Olivia Vehovic
8 Jim Sisitki
9 Barb Hood
Betty Zele
10 Noah Chichy
12 Chris Repine
13 Andrew Hood
15 Sarah Moore
18 Terry Zele
21 Patty Harkleroad



22 Scott Adamson
26 Michele Shick
29 Alice Biss
Gary Olson Jr.
30 Hadlynn Brown

Milestone Anniversary

11-4 Fred & Beth Turner - 35th

