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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

PASTOR BRITTANY SCARINGELLO

Happy November to everyone! Things have continued to ramp up since summer in terms of things to do with the church. Starting in November we will start a Bible study on Wednesday evenings once a month on the book of Job. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know so I can run off enough copies of our supplemental material. First meeting will be November 29th at 6PM.



As you are looking at your calendars and to do lists, consider helping out with one of our many ministries. There is something for everyone! We have a youth group, confirmation class, Sunday school, bible study, friendship guild, potlucks/game nights, as well as so many community activities. With all those options, please also make sure you are spending time in prayer with God and time with scripture.

I also want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who sent cards, notes, or said a kind word to me for Pastor's Appreciation Month, I am deeply blessed by this congregation. Have a wonderful month!

Blessings,

Pastor Brittany

Upcoming Events:

- All Saints' Day—November 1, 2023
- Daylight Savings Time ends—November 5, 2023
- Church Board Meeting —Wednesday, November 8 @6:30 pm
- Youth Group—Friday, November 10, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Veteran's Day— Saturday, November 11, 2023
- Friendship Guild Meeting—November 11, 2023 @ 10:00 am
- Fall Hayride and Hot Dog Roast at the Wares —Saturday, November 11 @ 4:00 pm
- Annual Congregational Budget Meeting — Sunday, November 12 following worship service
- Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 23, 2023
- Christ the King Sunday— November 26, 2023
- Hanging of the Greens—Sunday, November 26, 2023 following worship service.
- Confirmation Class, Sunday, November 26, 2023 —6:00 pm
- Bible Study (Job) —Wednesday, November 29, 2023@ 6:00 pm
- Community Thanksgiving Service—To be announced



President, Diane Zell, called the meeting to order on Oct.14th, 2023 with 6 Ladies Friendship Guild members present. Judy Crockett read the Oct.14th devotion from "Our Daily Bread" & its accompanying Scripture lesson from the Gospel of John 14: 25 - 41. Treasurer, Charlene Rumley, stated the bank balance as of Oct.1st was \$4,114.70. She also sent 2 Get Well Cards since September's meeting. Secretary, Chris Rauch, read the minutes from September. They were approved as amended. There was no Church Board Report available as Denise Hampton was not present. Under Old Business Diane read a letter from both the Emmaus Home & the Convoy of Hope, thanking the Friendship Guild for its financial support in 2022.

Under New Business it was agreed, after some discussion, that the Friendship Guild would once again make monetary donations to the Billings R - IV school to use for a family in need, as well as to the Ministerial Alliance to help with emergency needs of Billings residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Treasurer, Chris Rauch

November 5, 2023



Budget Meeting

The Annual St. Peter's Congregational Budget Approval Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023 after church services.



You're Invited to....

Help prepare the church sanctuary for the Advent Season!

Hanging of the Greens will be after worship service on November 26, 2023.



Hayride and Hot Dog Roast! November 11, 2023

4:00 p.m. at Petal Junction

Alan/Pat Ware's- 4908 Zoller Road

Hot dogs, drinks and s'mores provided.

Bring a dish to share and invite your friends and family!



Friendship Guild

Next meeting:

November 11, 2023

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

All Ladies are invited to join us!

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2023

CASH ON HAND SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 \$ 78,385.47

RECEIPTS:	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Exp.	890.00	790.00	430.00	1,350.00	3,460.00
OCWM		40.00			40.00
Loose	53.00	20.00	42.00	5.00	120.00
Little Food Pantry	100.00				100.00
School Meal Debt	300.00				300.00
Paw Packs		250.00			250.00
TOTALS	<u>1,343.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>472.00</u>	<u>1,355.00</u>	4,270.00
 RENTAL INCOME					1,450.00
RENT OFFICE					400.00
INTEREST INCOME					<u>48.81</u>
 TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS					 \$ 84,554.28

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC
ACTUAL ANALYSIS
2023**

	<u>ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL DISBURSE- MENTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>
JANUARY	6,935	10,034
FEBRUARY	7,276	6,621
MARCH	4,879	6,713
APRIL	5,622	14,429
MAY	4,825	4,497
JUNE	4,583	6,291
JULY	4,987	7,200
AUGUST	3,967	4,165
SEPTEMBER	5,478	7,679
 YTD	 <u>48,552</u>	 <u>67,629</u>
DIFFERENCE =		(19,077)



MISSION UPDATE FROM PAUL/JEN SHAEFER

Dear friends and family,
Thank you for praying for all of us over these past few months! It has been a wild ride with challenging times and we have several ongoing prayer requests.

Jen and Sarah made it back safely to the States in August for Sarah to start her senior year of high school, and get ready for other major family events. Paul stayed on in Ghana for another 6 weeks to

teach another 3-week course in linguistics and translation, and then planned to get back to Safaliba typesetting but got sick.

SICKNESS AND OTHER CHALLENGES

Right after Paul finished teaching the course (Sept), he came down with typhoid. Instead of heading back out to Bole to work on typesetting with the translation team, he had to stay in Tamale, trying to rest between visits to the lab and doctor, and taking several rounds of antibiotics. The last week of his time in Ghana, he was well enough to make a two day trip out to Bole (with driving help from our old friend Amoro), to close up the house and tie up a few work-related matters before flying back to the US on the 25th of September. But he was still taking his last round (4th) of antibiotics his first week back, on into October, and his second week back, he was getting over a respiratory infection he must have caught on the trip

back. We thank God he is much better now and seems to be completely over the typhoid, though he still becomes quite tired at unexpected times.

Paul has also had a serious upper back and shoulder pain which started in early July when he was spending so much time on the computer on the typesetting work on Matthew, but it had mostly gone away after the three weeks of teaching in Tamale. But after he started getting over the typhoid and started working on the computer again, it came back with a vengeance. Since being back in the US, he has been to a chiropractor as well as his regular doctor, who referred him to an occupational therapist. Please pray for this ap-

pointment with the occupational therapist, that they will give good advice for what to do next, because Paul has been unable to type or work on the computer for more than a few minutes without the pain, which has prevented him from getting back to the typesetting. Even doing the necessary, basic correspondence and communication with the team in Ghana causes significant discomfort and the pain affects his sleep. So pray for complete healing for Paul so we can resume our typesetting tasks.

We also had a computer problem while Paul was sick in Ghana- Wycliffe updated their email system security so the email program we use to send out our prayer updates would no longer work on our

old laptop, which Paul is still using, hoping to finish the Safaliba typesetting before moving all our work files and programs to the new computer. We did get a new laptop this spring, and had installed some of the translation software which Jen used successfully this summer in checking and editing some of the Safaliba translation work. But at the time the email stopped working, Jen and the new laptop had gone back to the US for Sarah to start school, while Paul was still in Ghana. Recently, Paul was able to get the Wycliffe email working on the new laptop, and yesterday he was able to finish setting it up with our address lists to send out prayer updates. We are thankful the change-over went more quickly than in the past.



Meeting Paul at the airport at the end of September.



Micah and Sam



The three week Linguistics-Translation workshop that Paul taught

COURSE #5 FOR GHANAIAN CONSULTANTS-IN-TRAINING: LINGUISTICS, EXEGESIS, AND TRANSLATION

Every language can say anything a person can imagine - but the vocabulary and grammar that are used is radically different from one language to another. Bible translators have to understand this very well, or they can get stumped and frustrated trying to replicate the grammar of English, and then they often misunderstand and mis-communicate the meaning.

In this course (the 5th of a series that GILLBT [Wycliffe Ghana] asked Paul to teach), Paul reviewed some basics of language structure and tied it closely to "exegesis" - working out what a passage of Scripture actually means. The course went well, with a total of 8 Ghanaian translation consultants-in-training (CITs), and 4 new students from Nigeria who had asked to join the course.

The first two weeks, Paul reviewed grammar topics using illustrations from the Ika language spoken by the

Nigerian students. This helped them to understand grammar and syntax terms and concepts. Grammar differences are at the heart of most translation problems, so Ika was a great example because it was not only different from English but also different from many Ghanaian languages. For example, unlike English and most Ghanaian languages, Ika **nouns** don't have singular and plural forms. When it comes to **adjectives**, Ika is like Ghanaian languages in having very few of them; but most Ghanaian languages use **verbs** to express the "adjectival" ideas in English and other European languages, while Ika mostly uses a special kind of **clause** instead, so it is different from both English and most Ghanaian languages.

In the second and third weeks the topic moved into "exegesis". Bible translation is challenging, but it is very

important to know what the source text (the Bible) actually says, before you can be sure how well you translated it. The work of "exegesis" uses many of the same linguistics ideas (grammar, vocabulary, how meanings are put together in a text) that are used in translation work. Paul's aim was to help the students tie all this together, so what they've learned in their schooling in Biblical studies (which they are doing at seminaries in Ghana and elsewhere) can fit well with the translation skills from Paul's courses.

This course was the last one of the series that GILLBT had asked Paul to teach, but last December the GILLBT Director asked Paul to continue to be available to train and mentor Ghanaian translation consultants for the next several years.

So while Paul was recovering from typhoid and "resting" in Tamale after the course, he

wrote up summary reports on five of GILLBT's consultants-in-training (Nicholas, Jean, Rockson, Rose, and Lambert), along with plans for how they can get hands-on practice doing supervised consultant-checks during the next two years, as a final step before they can be recommended for official translation-consultant certification. Please keep each of them (Rose, Nicholas, Rockson, Jean and Lambert) in your prayers as they continue to grow and develop into translation consultants who can help the work of Bible translation in Ghana and nearby countries. (Update: while writing this letter, we just found out that GILLBT has gotten funding for these plans to go forward. That means two more years of monitoring and reporting, and some more teaching - which is good news, but pray for how to plan our time and responsibilities while we (and Nicholas) continue to try to wind up the Safaliba typesetting work at the same time.)

SAFALIBA TRANSLATION AND LITERACY WORK

Translation: It's been 6 years since Pastor Sammy completed his Bible-school diploma and Nicholas recommended him to join the Safaliba translation team. He's really proven himself as a Bible translator, and as they plan towards completing the Old Testament, he will be a key person for that job. To prepare for that, he has begun a two-year seminary program to finish a degree in theology. Pray for the money

needed for tuition, books, and travel.

Literacy and Education Outreach: Since he finished his Diploma in Information Technology several years ago, Mumuni has not only kept the Safaliba translators' laptops running and repaired, and printed literacy books when needed, but also began a program of teaching computer skills to Safaliba young people in Mandari. For the

past 3 years he's been teaching computer skills and programming in the Mandari junior high schools each week - this opens doors for the students to get more schooling and employment, and is also a strong Christian witness. We've been hoping to start this program in Gbenfu as well. In September Mumuni said some of those he's trained in Mandari do some of his teaching there which frees

him up to travel to Gbenfu to start teaching there too. But for this, he needs a motorcycle. Please pray for the needed funds.



SCHAEFER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

It has been a busy summer and fall. It was wonderful starting out the summer with Micah and Josiah back in Ghana for several weeks. The time together went by fast, with the boys making plans for the rest of the summer (mostly work) and the fall (mostly school).

After the boys came back to

Missouri in June, Micah and his fiancée, Sam, got engaged, and began planning for a small, private, family ceremony this fall. And they are planning towards a general reception this December after the fall school semester wraps up. We thank God for Micah and Sam and this new beginning!

So the end of the summer was a whirlwind of preparation to get everyone ready for the new school semester and plan for the wedding. But everyone got through the challenging first few weeks and settled down into the semester routine again: Sarah has begun her senior year of high school, Josiah is a sophomore

at JBU, while Micah (who finished his associate's degree in May) transferred to Missouri State and started his first semester there towards completing his bachelor's degree. And Caleb continues to work at both Ozarks Technical Community College and Walmart.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

--We thank God that Paul was able to get our Wycliffe email up and running again (after not working for about six weeks), so we could send out this update.

--We are also thankful the 3-week linguistics-translation course went well, with 19 participants from Ghana and Nigeria.

--Paul was able to finish his reports on the consultants-in-training after this 5th course, and we are thankful the administration and their donors were pleased with the results.

--We give great thanks for safe travels for all of us: Jen and Sarah's trip back to the US, as well as down to JBU to send Josiah back to school, and Paul's trip out to Bole and

then back to the US.

--Also we're thankful Jen was able to hit the ground running so as to get everyone ready for the new school year, do much of the wedding planning, and hold down the fort while Paul was in Ghana.

--The kids are all very busy but doing well with school and work and all.

--And we give great thanks that Micah got engaged over the summer and married earlier this month.

--We are also very thankful that Paul is feeling better and (apart from tiredness) doesn't seem to have any lasting effects from the typhoid.

--Pray for Paul's back/neck, which we think involves a

pinched nerve, and for his upcoming appointment with the occupational therapist.

--Please pray for the Safaliba team: Nicholas, Stanley, Elisha, Eden, and Sammy as they keep going through the translated books.

--Pray for each of the kids and all they have going: Sarah in her senior year of high school, Josiah in his sophomore year at JBU, Micah in his junior year (but first semester at MSU and newly married), and Caleb as he works two jobs and balances relationships.

--Please keep each of the Ghanaian consultants-in-training (Rose, Nicholas, Rockson, Jean and Lambert) in your prayers as they continue to

grow and develop into translation consultants who can help the work of Bible translation in Ghana and nearby countries.

--Pray for complete healing for Paul so we can resume typesetting very soon.

--Pray for funds for Pastor Sammy to finish his Theology degree to help prepare him for further Safaliba OT translation.

--Pray for funds for a motorcycle for Mumuni to be able to start the computer training for the school children of Gbenfu (like what he's done in Mandari)

Thanks for all your prayers for each of us, the team, and the work. We greatly appreciate you all!

Serving together,

Paul and Jen Schaefer
Caleb, Micah, Josiah and Sarah



Paul sending the Nigerian Consultants-in-Training to the Tamale airport after the workshop.



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 -9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship -Daylight Sav- ings time Ends	6	7	8 -6:30 pm Church Board Meeting	9	10 -6-8:00 pm Youth Group	11 -10:00am Friendship Guild -4:00 pm Fall Hayride and Potluck at the Ware's.
12 -9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship -Budget Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 -9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship	20	21	22	23  Happy Thanksgiving Let us give thanks!	24 Newsletter Deadline	25
26 -9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship* -6:00 pm Confirmation Class	27	28	29 -6:00 pm Job Bible Study	30		

* Hanging of the Greens will be after worship on November 26, 2023.

Bounty of Thanks

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.



And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

A Powerful Witness

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop and martyr in the early years of Christianity, well known for his extensive writing about Christ and the church. On his journey to martyrdom in the early second century, he wrote letters to the Christian communities of the time that are still instructive today.

On November 1 we celebrate All Saints' Day, remembering all who have died in faith, as well as particular models of strong faith whom the church has named "saints." Especially inspiring — and challenging — are these words of Ignatius, written near the end of his life: "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."



November Lectionary				
Season after Pentecost Year A	First reading and Psalm	Alternate First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 1, 2023	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22		1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 5, 2023	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Thanksgiving Day, USA November 23, 2023	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65		2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
Reign of Christ November 26, 2023	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 11-01 Keely McCroskey
- 11-06 Dave Robinson
- 11-07 Bobbi Rauch
- 11-10 Sherry Coker
- 11-10 John Wagemann
- 11-15 Judy Crockett
- 11-17 Mia Hope Hatten
- 11-17 Erna Lou Kastendieck
- 11-19 Norma Wagemann
- 11-21 Mary Beyer
- 11-23 Melissa Jones
- 11-25 Charles Wallace
- 11-28 Debbie Wagemann

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- 11/26 Curtis/Paula McCroskey



December Newsletter Articles
Due on Friday, November 24, 2023
Send to Mary Kastendieck
Email: marykasten@gmail.com
Call or text: 913-594-2484

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Nursing Home Care:

Judy Rauch

Health & Wellness:

Larry Mathews, Steve Netzer, Jean Ann/Jenise Huffman, Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Jeannette Wilson (Friend of Cindy Wagemann), Dwight Worstenholm (Chris Rauch's brother), Ann Staiger (Hearing), Shirley Snyder (Luella Thomas's Friend-cancer), Brandy Richter, Rebecca Davis, Mike Rauch, Mary Steinmann, Jennifer Williams, Alicia Verch, Jessie Verch, Mary Beyer, Jami Stocker, Norma Wagemann, Johnnie Shoemate, Sonya Sears, Marcus Moore, Carol Forester, Bruce Baker, Denise Hampton, Michelle Lam, Bill Noonan, the Middle East, and all those dealing with illnesses.



Food Pantry Needs

Please consider bringing items for the Little Food Pantry to help our neighbors. Canned food, shelf stable food, and toiletries welcome!

Thank you!

"Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way."

—Native American saying



November 2023						
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