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**As we express our gratitude we must
never forget that the highest
appreciation is not to utter words, but
to live by them.**

~ President John F. Kennedy



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THOUGHT FOR THMONTH— THERE IS NO ONE WHO IS
INSIGNIFICANT IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD. —ALISTAIR BEGG

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH—1 CORINTHIANS 3: 4-7

FOR WHEN ONE SAYS, “I AM OF PAUL,” AND ANOTHER, “I AM OF APOLLOS,” ARE YOU NOT CARNAL? WHO THEN IS PAUL, AND WHO IS APOLLOS, BUT MINISTERS THROUGH WHOM YOU BELIEVED, AS THE LORD GAVE TO EACH ONE? I PLANTED, APOLLOS WATERED, BUT GOD GAVE THE INCREASE. SO THEN NEITHER HE WHO PLANTS IS ANYTHING, NOR HE WHO WATERS, BUT GOD WHO GIVES THE INCREASE.

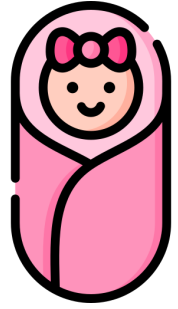
GOLDEN AGE— WE WILL BE HAVING GOLDEN AGE THE SECOND SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER —NOVEMBER 8TH AT 11:30 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. THE CHANGE IS DUE TO THE RUMMAGE SALE ON THE 15 TH. WE WILL BE JOINING THE “FRIENDS” GROUP FOR THE LUNCHEON. COME AND HAVE A TURKEY DINNER FOR \$5.00 AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

WELCOME A NEW BABY

EZEKIEL BELIZ WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 3, 2025. HE WEIGHED 8 LBS 6 OZ AND WAS 21 INCHES LONG.HIS PARENTS ARE BROOKLYN BEAL AND RUDY BELIZ. CONGRATULATIONS!

WELCOME A NEW BABY!

MORRIGAN AURELIA LARRISON WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 9, 2025. SHE WEIGHED 6 LB. 10 OZ. SHE WAS 18 INCHES LONG. THE PROUD PARENTS ARE TOM & LEA LARRISON AND THE BIG SISTER IS PERSEPHONE. THE PROUD GRANDPA IS GREG LARRISON. CONGRATULATIONS!



2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

THE END OF THE YEAR IS FAST APPROACHING AND SO IT IS TIME TO START WORKING ON THE 2026 NEWCOMB GIVING ENVELOPES. I WILL BE GETTING THEM READY FOR DISTRIBUTION BY LATE NOVEMBER. IF YOU ARE PRESENTLY USING THE ENVELOPES, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BOX FOR 2026. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE A BOX OF GIVING ENVELOPES, OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO START RECEIVING A BOX OF GIVING ENVELOPES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY NOVEMBER 16, 2025. YOU CAN CONTACT ME, JERILYN JOHNSON AT (563) 508-7042 OR rjandjer@hotmail.com



Happy Thanksgiving!

There is such comfort in having a day set aside to think about how lucky we are and all the treasures in our lives. May your Thanksgiving Day be filled with joy.





A MESSAGE FROM WAYNE KRAFT



I HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE QUAD CITIES 63rd HONOR FLIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THE NEWCOMB CHURCH MEMBERS WHO WROTE LETTERS FOR THE MAIL CALL ON THE FLIGHT HOME AND SHOWED UP TO WELCOME HOME THE VETERANS AND GUARDIANS. IT WAS DEFINITELY A SURPRISE AND EXPERIENCE I WON'T SOON FORGET. I WON'T MENTION EVERYONE BY NAME BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY AND I DON'T WANT TO INADVERTENTLY FORGET SOMEONE AND EMBARRASS MYSELF. I WILL TRY AND THANK YOU ALL IN PERSON

WE VISITED 5 MEMORIALS PLUS THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. WE HAD A VERY GOOD DAY EXCEPT FOR ABOUT THE LAST TWO HOURS WHEN THE SKIES JUST OPENED UP AND POURED. THE DAY WAS EVEN BETTER BECAUSE I HAD A TERRIFIC GUARDIAN, I HAVE STOOD IN MANY WELCOME HOME FLAG LINES BUT COMING DOWN THE AISLE ON THE OTHER SIDE AS A WELCOME HOME VETERAN IS CERTAINLY DIFFERENT. I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK MY DAUGHTER, TAMMY, FOR THE SIGN SHE MADE NOT ONLY FOR ME BUT FOR ALL THE VETERANS ON THE FLIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A SHOUT-OUT TO HY-VEE. THIS WAS THE 15TH OF 63 HONOR FLIGHTS THE GROCERY STORE SPONSORED AND PROVIDED A DINNER ON MONDAY NIGHT BEFORE WE LEFT. AS SOME OF YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW, HY-VEE HAS DONATED ITEMS FOR OUR VBS PROGRAM AS WELL AS KID'S CLUB. AGAIN, THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED, INSPIRING, AND AN AWESOME SIGHT! —————WAYNE KRAFT

RUMMAGE SALE

ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 WE WILL BE HAVING OUR RUMMAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE FROM 9 AM UNTIL 2 PM, AND A COFFEE TRUCK WILL BE IN THE PARKING LOT OUTSIDE. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING BAKED GOODS AND ITEMS TO SELL. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF BOB WHELOVE

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF NEWCOMB, THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS FOR BOB OVER THE YEARS. THANK YOU TO PASTOR KERRY JENNINGS FOR HIS VISITS TO BOB AT THE MASONIC HOME INCLUDING THE LAST ONE TO OFFER PRAYERS AS BOB WAS DYING. SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK FOR MAKING BOB'S VISITATION AND FUNERAL VERY SPECIAL: CAROL KELLY FOR ARRANGING EVERYTHING ON SHORT NOTICE AFTER JUST RETURNING FROM A FAMILY VACATION, AND THE KIND WORDS IN REMEMBERING BOB DURING THE SERVICE. LIZ MCCALLA FOR NOTIFYING EVERYONE OF HIS FUNERAL, SALLY MARSHALL AND LORI LEIPOLD FOR LEADING THE SINGING, STANLEY OSBORN FOR PROVIDING THE MUSIC AND BOB RILEY FOR ORGANIZING ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON A CD; SUE FIELDS AND ALL HER CREW FOR PROVIDING AND/OR SERVING THE FOOD AT THE LUNCH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. THIS INCLUDES: SUE & ALLEN FIELDS, MARILYN BLACK, LILAH HUGHES, MARY ANN KLING, DONNA GOYETTE, CONNIE HILSENBECK, LIZ MCCALLA, ELAINE FREVERT, DIANE MCCRERY, JERILYN JOHNSON, JOYCE MARPLE, SALLY MARSHALL, CAROL KELLY, AND SUE DOBBS. THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE. —JAN WHELOVE, AMY & ROB

KID'S CLUB

We Give Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Light a Candle for Children Prayer Vigil". Please remember, that the needs of children in our community and around the world never end and keep families and children in your daily prayers. We are also thankful Kid's Club is off to a good start and we give thanks for the dedicated helpers who make it all possible. Thank you to Sue Dobbs, Donna Goyette, Lora Gomez, Lilah Hughes, Dave Hutton, Deb Johann, Mary Ann Kling, Donna Kraft, Sandy Luse, Art Searle, Carey Smysor, Cindy Taylor, Paul Theissen, and Pastor Kerry for your dedication. We welcomed several new faces and averaged 10 kids each week in October!

Coming in November

Please call the church office with questions or to reserve your place for any of these events. Everyone is welcome to join us each week for dinner or the whole night!

November 5 – Honoring Veterans!

Anyone who has served at any time, in any branch of the armed services is invited to a program and dinner. One of Newcomb's veterans. Wayne Kraft, will share his recent Honor Flight trip to Washington. Meat loaf and fruit crisp will be served.

November 12 –Meeting Friends!

West High juniors, Ferdaws, from Tunisia, and Veearm. from Thailand, are in the country for 10 months through a scholarship program. The program's focus is to fostering cross cultural understanding, respect and relationships. Please come to learn more about the students and their cultures. Meal is soup and a taste of their countries!

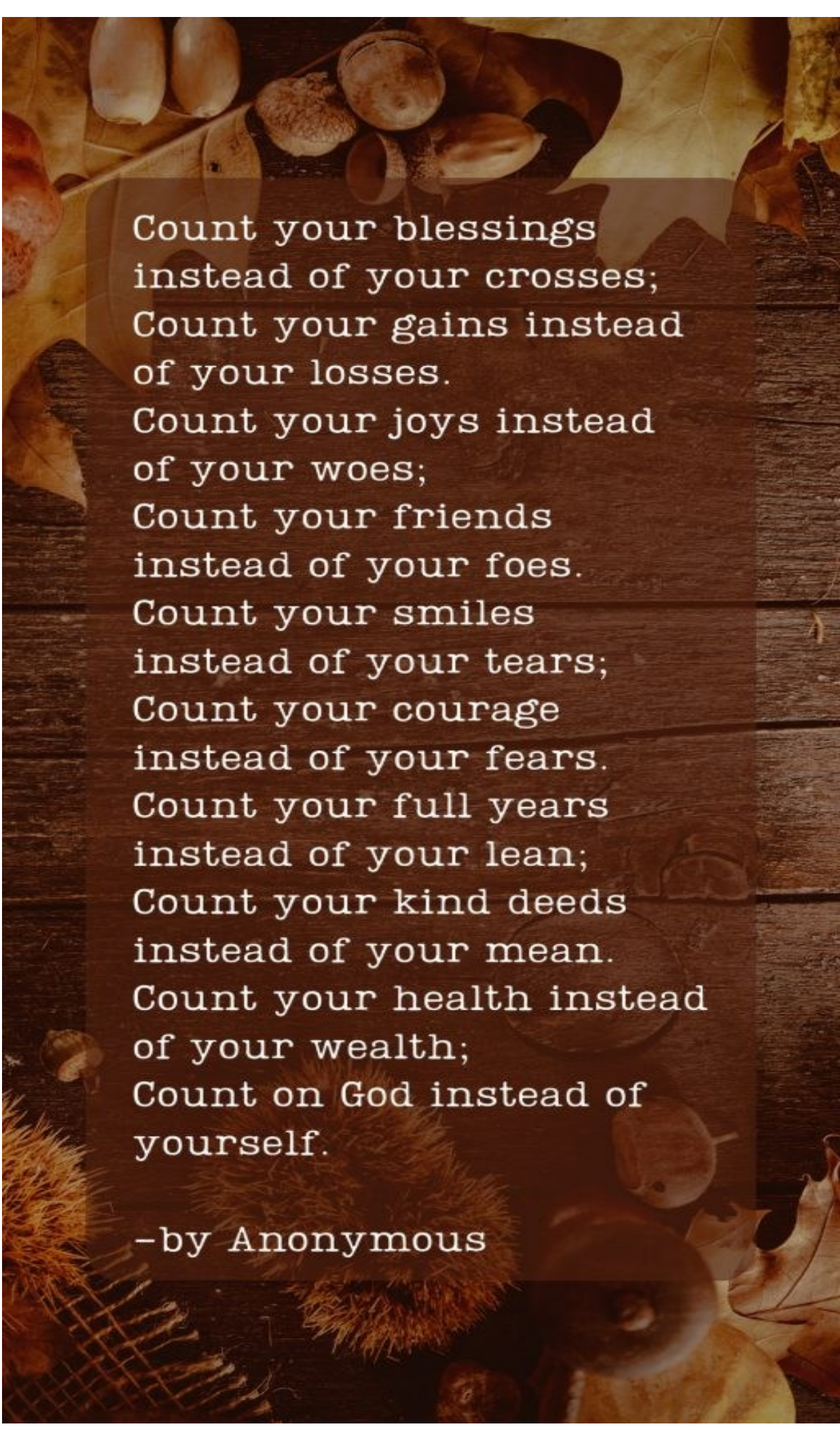
November 19 – Giving Thanks!

Join us for a Thanksgiving themed worship and activities. Turkey and all the fixins!

Angel Tree

Newcomb Church is partnering again this year with Angel Tree ministry a program of Prison Fellowship, that exemplifies the love of Christ to children who have a family member in prison. Through the Angel Tree ministry, we deliver a Christmas present, along with a message of love on behalf of the person who is incarcerated.

Beginning Sunday, November 16, those who are willing to purchase gifts, may select an "Angel Tree Tag" from the Christmas tree located in the wing. The "angel tag" will list a child's name, age and hoped for gift. Please purchase something for approximately \$25 for the child and return it wrapped with the angel attached. Those who prefer to give a monetary donation can place cash or check in the envelopes provided and return it in with the offering. A member of the Christian Fellowship committee will do the shopping for you! **Gifts should be returned to church by Wednesday, December 17th.** Contact the church office at 563 391 – 7308, if you have questions. Information about the Angel Tree, and other ministries of Prison Fellowship may be found at <https://prisonfellowship.org>



Count your blessings
instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead
of your losses.
Count your joys instead
of your woes;
Count your friends
instead of your foes.
Count your smiles
instead of your tears;
Count your courage
instead of your fears.
Count your full years
instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds
instead of your mean.
Count your health instead
of your wealth;
Count on God instead of
yourself.

—by Anonymous

2025 ELDERS

Fellowship

Lilah Hughes

Education

Carol Kelly

Steve Goyette

Lilah Hughes

Worship

Lori Leipold

Pam Hoos

Business

Greg Larrison

Donna Goyette

Phil Leipold

Bill Lafrenz

2025 Deacons

Sue Dobbs

Connie

Hilsenbeck

Jerilyn Johnson

Mary Ann Kling

Sandy Luse

Art Searle

Carey Smysor

Karen Wilson

Life & Work of Our Church

Keeping in Touch

If you need to make contact with the church during the week, please call 563-391-7308 or email newcombpres@outlook.com. The office is not staffed daily, but messages and email are checked frequently. **Pastor Kerry Jennings can be reached at 563-554-4425**

If you need a ride to Sunday worship services please call the church office before Friday.

If you have concerns or questions for session, please contact Phil Leipold at 386-2782



In your prayers, please remember

Paul Thiessen Steve Goyette Ron McCalla Bill Lafrenz

Tom Crosley Craig Kling (Mary Ann Kling's son) Lisa Chaney (Steve & Donna Goyette's daughter), Mike McGuire (son of Jane Cochran)

Don Marple (Joyce Marple's son), Cheryl McGuire (Jane Cochran's daughter-in-law) Terry Woolison (Joyce Marple's son-in-law), Barb Carston, Laura & Dave Bloom (friends of Connie Hilsenbeck), Alivia Hillyer (niece of neighbor of Sally & Dave Marshall), Wanda McCartney, Carol Kelly, Kevin Kelly (Carol's husband), Carolyn Kelly (Carol's daughter), Elaine Frevert, Janis Watt, Juli Hahn, + Jim Fields (Allan Fields cousin), Merle Fisher (Joyce Marple's brother), Ken Danielsen (Jan Danielsen's husband), Diane McCrery and Bev Leipold, Craig & Merry Smith and the family of Bob Potter and the family of Randy Larrison (Greg Larrison's brother)

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

59 YEARS

GARY ENGLUND

30 YEARS

MARY ANN KLING

37 YEARS

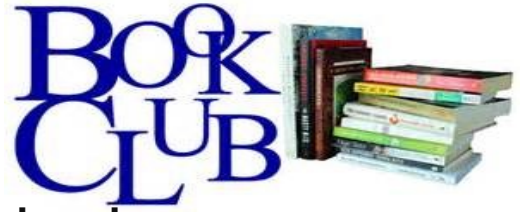
LORI LEIPOLD

27 YEARS

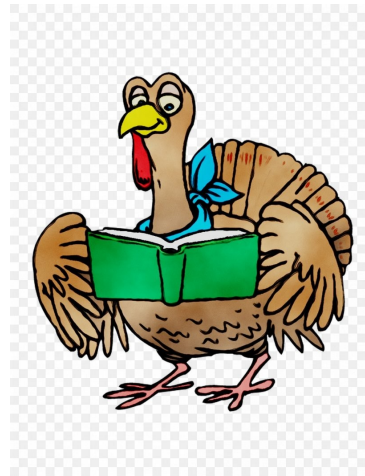
TODD NIMS



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Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov 4th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lounge area by the elevator entrance of the church. The book that will be discussed is “Cutting For Stones” by Abraham Verghese. This book starts out rather slow but keep reading! It is worth the effort! The book for December is “James” by Percival Everett. Plan to come join the group! December 2nd is the last meeting in 2025 and will also be our Christmas meeting with a movie and refreshments! A list of books for 2026 will be given out at the meeting!



Financial Snap Shot

	Sept 2025	Sept 2024	Sept Budget
Income	7,848	18,650	10,615
Expenses	12,086	9,705	13,719
Net Increase (Decrease)	(4,238)	8,945	(3,104)
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD Budget
Income	108,757	125,861	104,176
Expenses	127,059	145,204	128,881
Net Increase (Decrease)	(18,302)	(19,343)	(24,705)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOV 7—SALLY MARSHALL

NOV 10—ROGER SCHEMME

NOV 14—COURTNEY EVANS

NOV 16—LEONA KELLY

NOV 17—SUE FIELDS

NOV 17—CAROLINE KELLY

NOV 20—KAREN WILSON

NOV 22—SANDY LUSE

NOV 23—ADELINE WARD

NOV 24—THEODORE WARD

NOV 27—CYNTHIA TAYLOR



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