
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

October 2018

TURKEY AND OYSTER DINNER

Our annual Turkey and Oyster dinner will be held on Saturday, October 27th, beginning at 3:30 pm. As usual, we will need to have items donated in advance and people to help on both the 26th for preparing food and the 27th for cooking, serving and clean up. A donation sign-up sheet will be available at church each Sunday until October 21st.

CHURCH YARD/BAKE SALE

Once again this year the Yard/Bake sale was a great success, generating approximately \$1,750 in net proceeds. We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this worthwhile event.

ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY

The annual Harvest Party will be held on Friday, October 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Sunday School building. There will be games, refreshments, including a hot dog roast and a hayride. Please invite a friend and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. It would be helpful for Jeanie to know how many will be attending, so please let her know your plans. If you would like to help, or have any questions, please contact Jeanie Spaid. We look forward to seeing you there.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 4 - DWAIN AND JANET FRIES ANNIVERSARY

OCT 6 - CHASE ALAN BRILL'S 9TH BIRTHDAY

OCT 7 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCT 10 - GRACE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY

OCT 12 - HARVEST PARTY 6:30 PM (SEE ARTICLE)

OCT 14 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

OCT 15 - LUCY ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY

OCT 17 - OWEN GAVER BRILL'S 4TH BIRTHDAY

OCT 21 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

OCT 22 - SUZANNE REID'S BIRTHDAY

OCT 27 - ANNUAL TURKEY & OYSTER DINNER

3:30 PM (SEE ARTICLE)

OCT 28 - TOM & NANCY PUGH'S ANNIVERSARY

ABIGAIL SMITH'S BIRTHDAY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Sunday School will once again be collecting shoe box gifts in association with Samaritans Purse. These gifts are distributed to children in need in this country as well as remote areas around the world. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. For more information contact Harry Spaid.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

A Whale of a Contradiction

OK I admit it, there is no cable television at my house. No satellite either. That means no Nascar, no all-day sports; I don't get the "happy" channel. (That's what my wife calls HGTV). And, if that isn't enough, we don't get Phineas and Ferb either. I know you must think that's shocking. Of course, this doesn't stop me from getting my fill of cable TV whenever the opportunity arises, like vacation. I do like "Deadliest Catch".

One of the shows is "Whale Wars". Now I am no expert on the exact premise of the show but this is my impression. 1) There are various ships in international waters hunting and killing whales. As far as I can tell they are doing this within the current legal guidelines. 2) Along with these ships is another ship whose purpose is to make it difficult (if not impossible) for the whaling ships to actually kill whales.

Two questions. First, if the whaling ships are acting illegally, then shouldn't legal action be effective in stopping their illegal behavior? (or am I being too naïve?) Second, if the whaling ships are acting legally, then shouldn't action be brought against those attacking them?

Imagine if you will, a ship out to protect crabs in the Bering Sea. They could have their own show called "Crustacean Conflicts". It could bring a whole new aspect to "Deadliest Catch". I can't help but think that the whaling ships seem docile compared to the reaction one might expect the crew of a Crab-boat to have.

It's funny (not really) how humans elevate some parts of creation over others. What is it that makes whales more important than crabs? Is it looks? Maybe it's simply the number of crabs available. When supply goes up value does tend to go down!

Maybe that's why humans are also losing their value, and losing their dignity; there are just too many of us.

But, the dignity that every member of the human race has is based not on quantity but on quality. Not just any quality either but the quality of "being created in the image and likeness of God." If our culture had a perspective that elevated the created dignity of mankind (instead of the created dignity of whales) we would have completely different shows. Shows that support saving human lives. One might be called "The fight for the fetus". The show itself would profile the struggle against the rising number of unborn children murdered each year in America.

The truth is we should not want to overfish whales or crabs. But before that can happen we will first have to recapture human value, which humans in society should have already.

When I am on vacation for a week and I am able to watch cable to my heart's content. It takes less than a week to have my 'fill'.

~ Mike