

# The Good News



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
RUNNELLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 2019 - VOLUME 234

## Bazaar & Harvest Supper



Saturday

### NOVEMBER 9

Bake Sale and Crafts

**3:00 - 7:00pm**

Shop while you wait for Dinner!

ROAST BEEF DINNER

**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Adults—\$10.00

Children (6-12)—\$5.00

Children (5 & under)—FREE

(Carry-out Available)

### **Runnells Christian Church**

309 Brown Street, Runnells, Iowa  
515-966-2587—[www.runnellsc.org](http://www.runnellsc.org)



# *Pastor Katie's Notes*

Dear Church,

It is hard to believe that the holiday season has arrived! November brings Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving brings Advent, Advent brings Christmas. I can't believe it, yet here we are.

This time of year we talk a lot about gratitude. Perhaps you even have a tradition of sharing what you are thankful for around the Thanksgiving table. Often in these moments we say thanks for The Big Things in life. "Thank you, God," we pray, "for family, for friendships, for a good and steady job, for health." It is good to be thankful for these things.

But I hope that we also take the opportunity this season to practice finding gratitude in The Little Things. "Thank you, God, my rose bush bloomed one more time before the frost." "Thank you God, for a good night's sleep." "Thank you, God, for the \$10 I found in last fall's jacket." When we pray these prayers, we find that our days become interrupted with gratitude and thankfulness becomes a habit.

And thankfulness is a habit we need. Because as the religious author Anne Lamott writes in her book *Help, Thanks, Wow*, "It is easy to thank God for life when things are going well. But life is much bigger than we give credit for, and much of the time it's harder than we would like." Chances are, there will be times in our lives when it's hard to give thanks for The Big Things: our family is grieving a loss, a friendship was broken, we lost our job, or we got sick. In these moments, we will rely on The Little Things to spark joy and bring light to our lives. And if we have cultivated a habit of gratitude, even in these times we still manage to pray an honest prayer: "Thank you, God."



*With gratitude for each of you,*

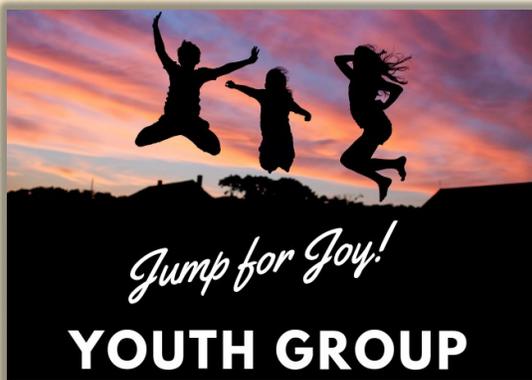
*Pastor Katie*

**Pastor Katie Russell Hainline**

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On October 6 the Youth Group went to work at Sally Hershey's house picking acorns out of her yard. We filled many buckets full! Then on October 20 we joined the congregational outing to Pumpkinville. We were thrilled that many of the youth invited friends and we were able to send 20 6th-12th graders into the corn maze!

We will meet again after worship on November 3 to collect items around town for Caring Hands. Then we will meet in the evening on November 17 for a relaxed evening at church, making items for the Outreach Auction and playing games together.

We are looking for someone to provide dinner for the Youth Group on Nov 17 and lunch on Dec 1. These are simple meals (tacos, sandwiches, pasta, etc) to feed about 15-20 people. If interested, please contact Lynn Phipps at [Lynn.phipps@southeastpolk.org](mailto:Lynn.phipps@southeastpolk.org).

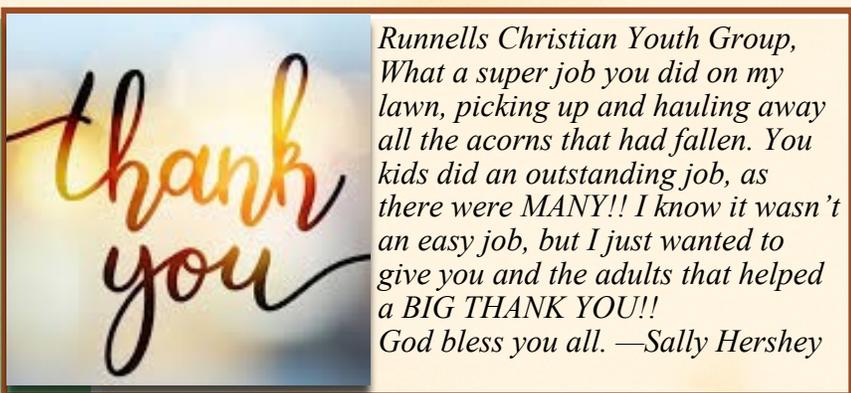
## Refundable Cans/Bottles

**\*\*Please separate your GLASS from plastic and aluminum cans and bottles!**

You may drop off your refundable cans and bottles in our permanent enclosure on the SE corner of the church. Please put them in "tied up" plastic bags as they will be open to the weather.



[This is a fundraiser for our Youth Groups and they Thank You!]



*Runnells Christian Youth Group,  
What a super job you did on my lawn, picking up and hauling away all the acorns that had fallen. You kids did an outstanding job, as there were MANY!! I know it wasn't an easy job, but I just wanted to give you and the adults that helped a BIG THANK YOU!!  
God bless you all. —Sally Hershey*

### Youth Group Can/Bottle Drive Thank You!

Your donations totaled \$204.  
Thanks to Bob Miller and the Aukes/Funk family for getting the cans to the Redemption Center.  
*Thanks for helping our Youth!*

# THANK YOU

Dear Runnells Christian Church,  
Thank you so much for the thoughtful Pastor Appreciation Gift Basket. Jake and I love going out to eat together and trying new restaurants, so we are excited to use the gift cards. I especially appreciated all of your notes and cards—it really touched me to read your kind words. I am so grateful God called us together.—Pastor Katie

Dear Church Family,  
Your support these past several months means more than you'll ever know. Marti felt the love from every text and every prayer. Thank you ALL who helped in anyway to make the celebration of Marti's life so perfect. Special thanks to Pastor Katie for being our spiritual leader.  
Love—Bill, Tyler and Cara

Dear Pastor Katie and Runnells Church family,  
I cannot express my gratefulness for all of your support this past year. The love you showed Marti and her family will forever be cherished in our hearts. From your visits, food, emails, text messages and most importantly your prayers! Marti felt loved by you all! We (her family) felt your love, too! Marti will continue to live on through all of those she touched—I'm looking forward to the day we will be reunited. Love—Terrie and family



*With Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy*

*Our prayers & Christian sympathy go out to the family & friends of:*

**Marti Ingle**

who passed away on October 12

**Ethel Harmison**

who passed away on October 19

**John Hershey**

who passed away on October 21

*May God's peace comfort you in the time of your loss.*

**All Military Personnel  
and Veterans**

**Jim Adams**

**John Bowers**

**Theo Bullington**

**John Danks**

**Jodi & Kelly Dirks family**

**Greg Frye--(nephew of Colleen  
& Jim Adkins)**

**Jeanne Ann**

**Sharon Kline**

**Shannon Lane-St.Pierre's  
father**

**Jennifer Lessard**

**Mark Maschen**

**Dale Miller**

**Wanda Mitchell**

**Lauri Nelson**

**Doug Redhead**

**Eldon Root**

*(Celina Buck's father)*

**Donny Sanford**

**Betsy Simonsen**

**Stan Simonsen**

**Marlene & Dick Smith**

*(friends of Jane Charls)*

**Jay Wilson**

## Prayer Concerns



Valley View Village:

**Jeanne Vermie**

2555 Guthrie Ave.

Bldg. C

Des Moines, IA 50317



**Jerry Adams**

13118 N 73rd Plaza

Omaha, NE 68422

**Prairie Vista Village**

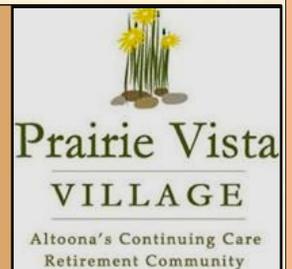
2785 1st Avenue South  
Altoona, IA 50009

**Dorothy Bowers—#231**

**Bill Henry—#122**

**Doris Miller—#237**

**Nancy Moore—#242**



## Home Communion

Our elders are taking Communion once a month to those who are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitalized. If you are not receiving Communion or know of someone who would like Communion brought to them, please contact our elder chair, Katie Temple at 515.966.2580.



In an effort to keep our prayer concerns current, names will remain on the list for four weeks. At that time names will be removed unless you have called the office to ask that a name remain on the list and give an update on the person's well-being.  
Thanks for your help!



# Fifth Sunday Service Project

On September 29, during worship, RCC assembled 100 school kits as part of a service project through Christian World Services. The school kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. Thank you to everyone who helped by donating or by assembling kits.



# CARING HANDS HUNGER RUN 5K SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

Eight Runnells Christian Church members participated in the 2019 Hunger Run and Tug of War. Church members pictured are: Zach Funk, Joseph Martin and Nicklas Martin.

Not pictures are Sheila Aukes, Dave Funk, Amelia Funk, Dale Martin & Susan Martin.



## BOOK GROUP NEWS

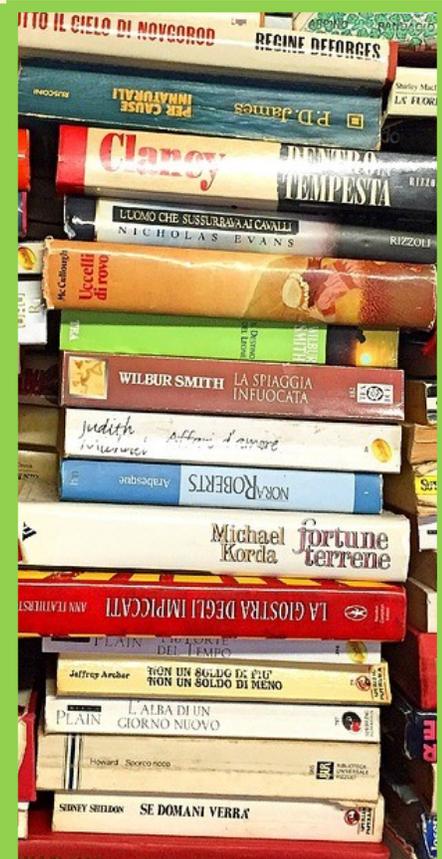
Wed, November 20 at 7:00 pm

### The Mistletoe Secret by Richard Paul Evans

Thinking no one is reading, a blogger who calls herself LBH writes about her most personal feelings, especially her overwhelming loneliness. She goes from day to day showing a brave face to the world while inside she longs to know how it would feel if one person cared about her.

Alex Bartlett cares. He's reading her posts in Daytona Beach, Florida. Nursing his own broken heart and trust issues, he finds himself falling for this sensitive, vulnerable woman whose feelings mirror his own. Following a trail of clues LBH has inadvertently revealed, he discovers that she lives in the small town of Midway, Utah. He makes his way there just after Thanksgiving, determined to find LBH. Maybe she's a Lisa, Lori, or a Luanne. Instead, he finds a woman named Aria, a waitress at the Mistletoe Diner, who encourages Alex in his search while serving his pie along with some much-needed sympathy and companionship.

Alex finally finds his LBH, a woman who is as beautiful and kind as he imagined she would be. How can he tell her that he knows her secret? What's holding him back? Could it be his feelings for Aria? —Amazon



# Welcome Our New Member



On Friday, October 4, 2018, our congregation was blessed in receiving **Lynda Luebker** as a new member. Lynda made her confession of faith and was baptized. We are so happy to welcome her as a member of our church family.

## Noisy Offering Report

Our September noisy offering, \$217.55, was sent to our Christian Camp & Conference Center. October noisy offering, \$213.79, will go to Caring Hands. November donations will go toward S.E.P. student lunch accounts.  
*Thank you for your support!*



**Please  
remember the  
Food Pantry  
this month!**

## Mountain Top Ministries, Haiti

In September of this year Katie Temple served at Mountain Top Ministries in Haiti. **Don't miss Katie's presentation to the church, during worship on November 17.**

Here's an update from the Mountain Top Ministries Facebook page:  
Over \$3000 has been raised and that money is already making a significant difference! Thank you! It is a massive undertaking to reinforce the side of a mountain wall...please please consider helping with a donation that will make travel easier and the roads more permanent for the locals, the students, the teachers, the patients who walk to the clinic, and for the team members. See Mountain Top Ministries facebook page for where to donate! [#MTMHaiti](#)



In the picture on the left, they are tossing rocks up to build the wall. The second picture shows the enormity of the project—the wall is half done.

**REMINDER**

# Bazaar & Harvest Supper

## Crafts and Bake Sale Items Needed!

Don't forget that the Bazaar, which consists of the Bake Sale and Craft Sale will take place in the sanctuary from 3 pm to 7 pm as part of the Harvest Supper. Please remember to bring your bake items (cookies, bars, pies, candies, breads, etc.) and your crafts **OR** bring your checkbook! Remember to come early and shop while you are waiting for dinner!

*Save the date!*

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH AUCTION!



**AUCTION!**

The Christmas Outreach Auction is **Sunday, December 8**. We count on the generosity of all our members to donate craft items, baked goods, coupons for services and from businesses. Then we count on your generosity and concern for those in need to come and bid on items. All the proceeds from this auction are used to help people in need in our local area. **Our goal is to raise at least \$5000** to help those in our community that need a helping hand.

**Tonya Boos** has graciously agreed to help in organizing this event, but it takes the work of many to ask for donations or donate hand crafted items. *Questions or items to donate?* Please call the church —966.2587. **Come join the fun!**



## Please help us Decorate!

**Saturday, November 30** starting at 9:00a.m. we will be pre-decorating the church, in preparation for the Hanging of the Greens on **Sunday, December 1**. We need lots of help—people who can climb ladders, fluff garland and who enjoy decorating. **Please come help us Saturday morning.**

## Poinsettia Order Form

In order to decorate our church for Christmas, we are offering the opportunity to order a poinsettia. Poinsettias may be dedicated **in memory of** a loved one **or in honor of** a living person. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after worship on Christmas Eve.

*Last day to Order is Sunday, December 8*

6 1/2" Poinsettia # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



Checks payable to **Runnells Christian Church** or **RCC** with **Poinsettia** written in the memo area. Along with your check, orders may be left in the church office or placed in the collection plate.



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# Runnells Christian Church

The Body of Christ:



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## Runnells Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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*(Please use P.O. Box 30 when addressing all mail to Church)*

Phone: 515-966-2587  
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pastor.krussell@gmail.com  
Website: [www.runnellsc.org](http://www.runnellsc.org)

### Church Staff:

Ministers: The Congregation  
Pastor: Rev. Katie Russell Hainline—515-669-6036  
Council Chair: Tammy Gaudette  
Church Secretaries:  
Barb Miller/Sue Howard/Deb Bracewell  
Choir Director: Mike Miller  
Children's Choir Director: Tammy Feeley  
Bell Choir Director: Sheila Aukes  
Pianist: Tammy Feeley  
Custodian: Leonard Northway  
Nursery Attendant: Ann Hammen



Address Service Requested



Has your address  
changed?



Keep us  
posted!

*(U. S. Post Office requires P.O. Box 30 on all church mail.)*

### 2019-2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tammy Gaudette—Chairperson  
Bill Ingle—Vice Chairperson  
Tiffany Phillips—Secretary  
Jack Merkle/Sherry Johnson  
—Membership Co-Coordinators  
Katie Temple—Elder Chair  
Kristin Danley-Greiner/Denise Pfister  
—Education Co-Coordinators  
Jon Gaudette  
—Finance Coordinator  
Sheila Aukes  
—Missions/Evangelism Coordinator  
Jeff Robbins/Blair Phipps  
—Property Co-Coordinators  
Marybeth Martin/Jill Simonsen  
—Worship Co-Coordinators



### Thank You for Recycling Ink and Toner Cartridges

Bring your  
empty cartridges to Church  
or  
drop them off at Staples.  
(Church acct is  
515-966-2587  
Runnells Christian Church/  
Barb)

If you donate 20 a Month  
RCC will receive \$480.00  
a year for office supplies.

### OCT 2019 COUNCIL SUMMARY

The council met on Wednesday,  
October 9, 2019.

We will be collecting socks for the  
homeless shelter this month

The youth will collect food for the food  
pantry on November 3rd

Important dates in 2019:  
Harvest supper—November 9th  
Hanging of the Greens—December 1st  
Outreach Auction—December 8th  
Christmas Caroling—December 18th at  
6:30 pm

Check your calendar for more important  
dates in October.

Next council meeting is November 13 at  
7:00pm.

All our welcome to attend the council  
meetings.

*Submitted by Tiffany Phillips*