

# *Newsletter*

## *Give Thanks* November 2016

Monthly Newsletter of  
The Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church

### Message from the Kirk - *by Dustin Sedlak*

My dear friends, I thank my God every time I think of you. It has been the greatest privilege to walk with you towards the cross these 8 years. It has been such a deep, life changing honor to have shared joys and laughs, turmoil and tragedy, grace and growth. By the grace of God, God living in us, working through us for his glory, this is the best church of which I have ever belonged.

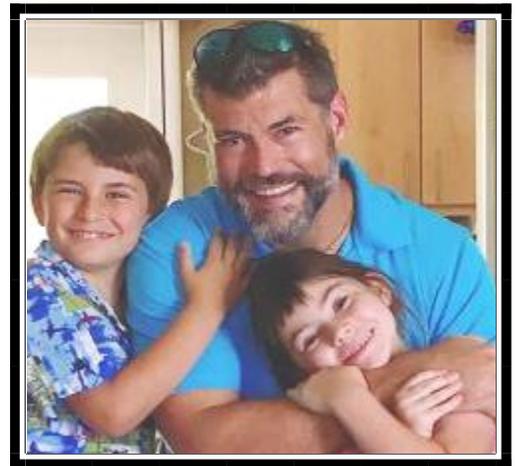
With much gratitude and my very best wish for your future, I am so very grateful for our time together. I pray for you. I pray for this church. We will meet again. Thank you so very much. Truly.

Goodbye.

Justabranh,

*Dustin*

(John 15:5)



## November Birthdays

Nov 2	Kenny Matlock	Nov 16	Bruce Stoll
Nov 7	Kenneth Arsenault	Nov 23	Shania Robinson
Nov 8	Taylor Poole	Nov 24	Dustin Sedlak
Nov 9	Janet Oechsle	Nov 24	Evie Weaver
Nov 12	Patty Ivey	Nov 26	Todd Childress
Nov 16	Ava Samess	Nov 26	Andrea Garcia

## November Anniversaries

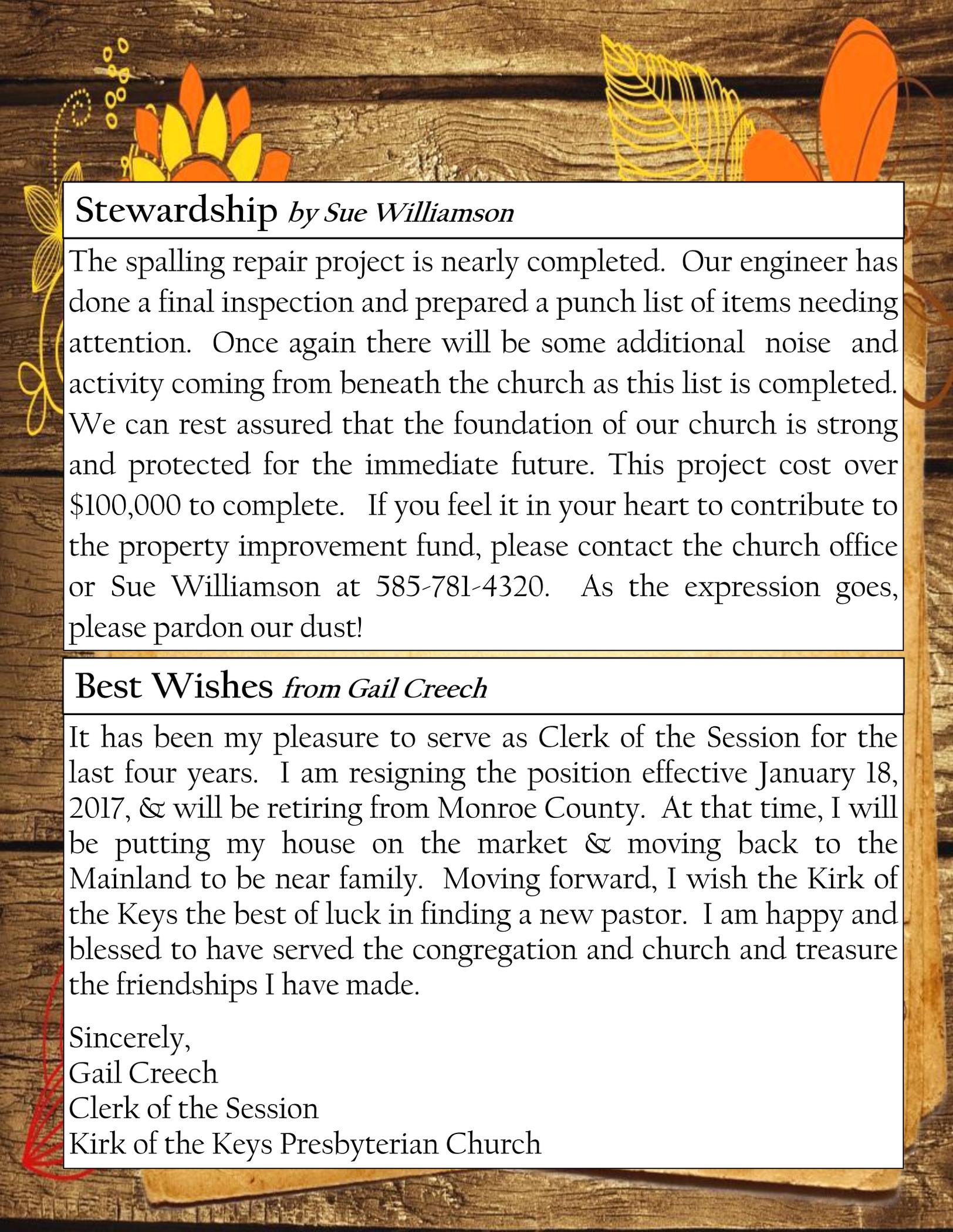
Nov 7 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth

*Celebrate!*

## A Fond Farewell *from Jenn Mixon-Eick*

From a time of fervent prayer and a thankful heart, I am starting a new chapter in my life. I am leaving my position as office administrator following the Christmas holiday. My family loves this church and will still be involved in worship for as long as God allows. There is a season for everything & my family desires that we all take this season to listen and trust in God's perfect plan.

"THE TWO HARDEST THINGS TO SAY IN LIFE ARE **HELLO** FOR THE FIRST TIME AND **GODDBYE** FOR THE LAST."



## Stewardship *by Sue Williamson*

The spalling repair project is nearly completed. Our engineer has done a final inspection and prepared a punch list of items needing attention. Once again there will be some additional noise and activity coming from beneath the church as this list is completed. We can rest assured that the foundation of our church is strong and protected for the immediate future. This project cost over \$100,000 to complete. If you feel it in your heart to contribute to the property improvement fund, please contact the church office or Sue Williamson at 585-781-4320. As the expression goes, please pardon our dust!

## Best Wishes *from Gail Creech*

It has been my pleasure to serve as Clerk of the Session for the last four years. I am resigning the position effective January 18, 2017, & will be retiring from Monroe County. At that time, I will be putting my house on the market & moving back to the Mainland to be near family. Moving forward, I wish the Kirk of the Keys the best of luck in finding a new pastor. I am happy and blessed to have served the congregation and church and treasure the friendships I have made.

Sincerely,  
Gail Creech  
Clerk of the Session  
Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church

# Christian Education Update *by Clara Werner*

## Happy Halloween Happenings with the Christian Ed Team

What fun we had decorating and getting ready for the swarms of bees, beauties and beasts who would be roaming the streets behind the airport. We handed out toys and trinkets, yummy candy donated by our fabulous congregation and flashlights so that we could let our "light shine for Jesus". The fellowship was so great that the rain did not dampen our Spirits one bit! The flashlights were such a hit that kids came back to get flashlights for their parents and children were taking their flashlights to school the next day. We decided that the left over flashlights will be put into the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

I did reflect on the evening after all the lights were out and ghosts & goblins were put to bed and my feet were up on the coffee table that it would be my last Halloween behind the airport. I am assured however that Jesus' light never goes out and hopefully the new tradition of the Kirk Christian Education Team being part of a wonderful Halloween tradition will continue.



## No Goodbyes Allowed *by Gail Creech*

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with this wonderful man, Dustin Sedlak, for the past 4 years as Clerk of the Session. His humbleness, his wisdom & his strong faith in the Lord has been an inspiration to me and I am lucky to have known him in this capacity & as a dear friend. Dustin has been a positive influence in so many people's lives mine being one of them. I now have a much closer relationship with the Lord because of him & the fact that his messages are so real. Dustin, you are going to be missed every day of my life and I simply refuse to say good bye rather I will say "See you again very soon"! You are loved!



## Upcoming Events

The Kirk of the Keys will be partnering with the United Methodist Church in Marathon to bring a Thanksgiving Community Potluck on Sunday, November 27th at 12:15PM. The community as well as all other area churches will be invited to attend. The Methodist Church will be providing the turkeys and hams for this luncheon potluck. We will be providing the side dishes and desserts.

If your last name begins with the letter A - M: Please provide a side of either a vegetable, salad, bread or casserole dish.

If your last name begins with the letter N - Z: Please provide a dessert and/or drink.

Thank you! We look forward to gathering with you all on the 27th!

**G I V E  
T H A N K S**

# Community Church Potluck

Sunday, November 27th at 12:15PM

Thank you to the  
Methodist Church for  
providing the turkey  
and ham!

Come & gather together as  
a unified body of believers  
to share a meal prepared  
with love!

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# “Dustin’s Farewell” Pictures!



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Creating Fully Committed  
Followers of Christ  
in Our Community

*I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in  
Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way*

*1 Corinthians 1:4-5 CrossMap*

