

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

November 24, 2024

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### THE HAND

By David A. Sargent

When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas' picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas' drawing was simply this: a hand.

A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by the image. "I think it must be the hand of God who brings us food," said one student. "A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys." "It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us."

"I think it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them," said Lavinia who was always so serious.

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, "Yours teacher." Then Mrs. Klein remembered that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time. She often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas!

Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving, to realize "it's not the material things given unto us, but the small ways we give something to others."

From the hand of God comes every good and perfect gift (James 1:17)

**Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth! Psa. 46:10**

## Pray for the sick:

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:** Terry Hastings, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Michelle Tucker, Charles Fooks, Goldie Weldon, Pat Tucker, Donna Sponseller.

On-going personal Bible studies

World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Cameroon

"Celebrate Recovery"

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Dale and Maddy

Latin American Missions

Parents to be: Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.

Wendy Bowman, surgery Dec. 16th

Our Country and world leaders

Thea's brother, Leland Vickers-loss of eyesight due to macular degeneration

Lanny, pray for improved vision from eye surgery

Eleanor; pulled muscle and broken pelvis: Polaris, Rm 212, 21 W. Clarke Ave, Suite 1050, Milford, DE 19963

Cheyenne Mathis; headaches caused by a cyst  
Lauren Hudson in the passing of her father

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** each Monday evening from 6-8 in the FLC.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**— Ladies' Bible study at Cathy's each Fri. morning. Coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**KID'S GAME NIGHT** 2nd Tuesdays, ages 7+. Dinner, devo, activities, games for the kids.

**THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP** Nov. 24th.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tea and Ornament Exchange, Dec. 14 at 12:00 pm, Cypress Creek Venue, 8982 Morning Glory Farms Rd., Laurel. RSVP to Julie by Dec. 8th at 302-841-0274.

**TITUS 2 DISCIPLESHIP** for adult women Dec. 2 from 6-8 pm at Cathy's. See Maria, Taylor or Courtney if you have questions.

**LAUREL PARADE** Dec. 6. We will have a float and offer hot choc./cookies on Nelson's front porch.

### **MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture; 11/24-Lanny; 12/1-Danny Prayer; 11/24-Christian; 12/1-Vinny Table; 11/24-Daniel; 12/1-David Song Leader; 11/24-Troy; 12/1-Christian Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-Nov. Shawn-Dec.

## Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:  
[www.laurelcoc.org](http://www.laurelcoc.org))

Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday:

Women's Zoom Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's prayer (Shawn's) 7:15 a.m.

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

Friday ladies' study at Cathy's 10:30 a.m.

1st Sat. men's breakfast 8:30

We invite you to attend any of our service times, and we look forward to welcoming you, and pray that you might find a home here with us in Laurel and with God in heaven as His child.

If you need Media help — connections, addresses, or general questions contact: Don Trader or Julio Brennick

## WHO WE ARE

The body of Christ in Laurel, Delaware is a family of believers knit together in love (Colossians 2:2), striving to serve God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and carrying the gospel to the lost (Matthew 28:18). We are an autonomous body with Christ only as our head, and elders shepherding the flock of God (Acts 20:28).

We have been entrusted with the gospel (I Thessalonians 2:4) and so it is that we speak. The congregation seeks to uphold the doctrine and practice of the first century church using the only true standard, the Bible, as our guide (2 Peter 1:3). It is our prayer that all would come to a knowledge of the truth and partake in that divine fellowship in the body of Christ, being immersed for the remission of sins, and beginning life anew with Christ as Lord (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1). Our plea is that we might be one in Christ, and serve the Lord faithfully unto death to receive our crown (Revelation 2:10).