Saint Peter's News





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Church Staff

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(704)637-1425

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<u>Custodian:</u> Betty and Ronnie Pierce

COUNCIL 2024

Council President- Dr. Alan King

Council Vice-President- Marty Puckett

Treasurer- Ken Kluttz

Council Secretary- Jamie Lyerly

Outreach- Glenda Vickers

Indoor Property-Larry Nesbitt

Outdoor Property- Andy Cornelison

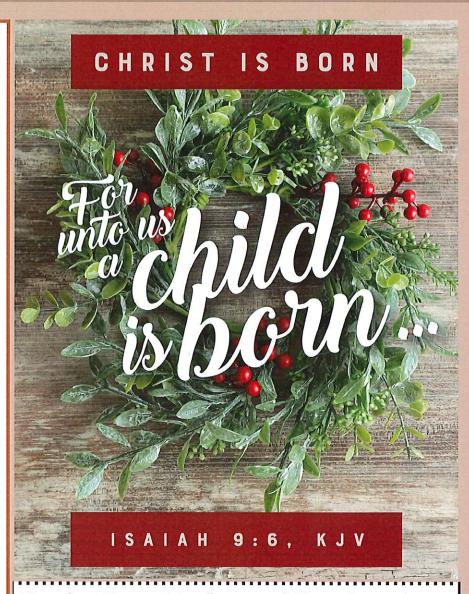
Christian Education- Ellen Troutman

Cemetery- Vic Cozart

Youth- Jan McCulloh

Care for Congregation- Mysti Harris Dean





Nursing Home Members and Homebound

Junior Lyerly-1435 Sides Rd. Salisbury, NC 28146
Sue Misenheimer-Trinity Oaks (306-A) 728 Klumac Rd. Salisbury, NC 28144
Judy Peeler- Trinity Oaks (#231C) 728 Klumac Rd. Salisbury, NC 28144
Marcia Ritchie-1226 Stonewyck Dr. Salisbury, NC 28146
Marlene Shue-6325 Hwy. 152 East, Rockwell, NC 28138
Brenda H. Trexler-Brookdale Senior Living (Room # 28)
2201 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28147
Linda Cooper-1340 St. Peter's Church Rd. Gold Hill, NC 28071

Nancy Blackwelder & Debbi Duke 959 Flannery Place NW Concord, NC 28027

Lynn DeBerry- 3665 St. Peter's Church Rd. Salisbury, NC 28146



Welcome to the Waiting Room!!! Normally when I enter a waiting room it usually isn't for a happy occasion. Doctor's offices, dentist office, hospitals...unless you are waiting for the birth of a baby...are all places where anxiety and fear are at their highest. Waiting in these spaces is difficult because of the fear of the unknown.

The unknown. At the beginning of each day, we walk into the unknown. We might think we have our day planned out, but all it takes is one phone call or email to change our perception of how the day should have gone.

Advent is kind of that way. We think all we are doing is waiting for the long-awaited birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. But that event has already happened...almost two thousand years ago.

Advent is a season of hoping, waiting, yearning, and preparing, but for what or whom and how? The word "advent" is from the Latin adventus; it means "arrival" or an awaited coming. It is a season of big promises. We wonder, "Will God keep the ancient promises or has God forgotten us?"

During the four weeks leading up to Christmas, the future and the past mingle together as we celebrate the Christ who came and is yet to come. Memories, inherited through scripture and tradition, are sparked in order to feed tomorrow's hope. The Spirit nudges the discovery, "If God came once, maybe God will really come again."

Advent is a season largely forgotten by our culture of immediate gratification and I want it now attitude. Likewise, we have forgotten what it means to wait well. In all of this waiting, God is creating desire within us. And we trust it's worth the wait! Along the way, there are a few things for which we are not yet ready, because when God comes close it is almost always accompanied by surprise or scandal.

For the four Sundays of Advent, we will be doing something...as John Cleese from Monty Python's Flying Circus would say..."And now for something completely different!"

We will take time to experience waiting. Each Sunday we will begin worship in the waiting room of our narthex. Worship will look and feel just a little bit different...possibly causing anxiety, feelings of being uncomfortable, and maybe even fear.

But this is God's story. This is our story. Welcome to the Waiting Room! And welcome to the season of Advent!



Blessings!

Pastor Sue Lynn



'It's the thought that counts'

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you." -Luke 6:38

Why is it so hard to find that all-too-elusive "perfect gift" for the loved ones in your life? For many of us, it's because they already have everything they need and most of what they want. It sometimes feels impossible to find a gift that won't be banished to that closet for unwanted, unneeded, and unused presents -- alongside the loud ties, the strong perfumes, the unread books, and the garish sweaters. When it comes to gift-giving, it's often said, "It's the thought that counts." If that's true, why do we still put so much emphasis on the gift? This year focus on the thoughts behind your Christmas gifts. Thoughts in keeping with the season. Thoughts of meeting real needs and giving where it will be much appreciated. With so many disadvantaged people in the world, at least some of our Christmas budget would be well spent helping our needy neighbors. If you are buying for a loved one who has everything, consider instead giving a monetary donation in their honor to a worthy charity that helps the poor. Some charities, such as Heifer International and ELCA Good Gifts, let you buy a specific item – such as a goat or pig for a family, or a water well for a village – to help people in the developing world. Make the gift in your loved one's name or honor, and then describe it in a card attached to a low-cost "token" gift, such as a small box of chocolates or a bottle of wine. The better part of your gift will go to someone who truly needs it, and your loved one will share the joy of loving and helping your neighbors in need. Just remember, 'It's the thought that counts!"



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~WORSHIP ASSISTANTS~

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

Matthew 20:28

Lector

12/1- Joy King 12/8- Phyllis Trexler

12/15- Alan King

12/22- Sierra Pressley

12/29- Mark Shue

Communion Preparers

1st Sunday- Lynn DeBerry 2nd Sunday- Jan McCulloh 3rd Sunday- Sierra Pressley 4th Sunday- Linda Lambirth 5th Sunday- Rotation

Sound System

12/1 - Daryle Olive

12/8 - Shelby Barger

12/15 - Duncan White

12/22- William Barger

12/29 - Daryle Olive

Assistant Minister

12/1- Mark Shue

12/8- Marty Puckett

12/15- Jan McCulloh

12/22 - Sierra Pressley

12/29- Mark Shue

Council Members Assisting with Holy Communion

December: Ellen Troutman & Alan King

Live Stream: Nathan Pressley Powerpoint: Brian White

Ushers

Alan King, Steve Troutman, William Barger. Kent Cozart

Alan King, Frank King, Marty & Carson Puckett

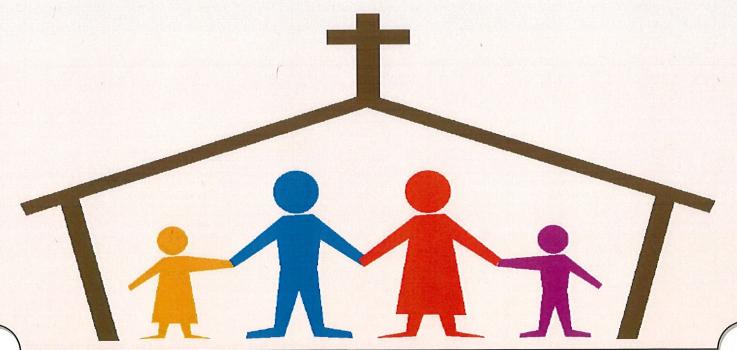
Alan King, Debbie Hill, Ernie Cooper, Ken Kluttz

Alan King, George Lentz, David & Joseph Najarian

Alan & Joy King, Bobby & Linda Lambirth

Money counters

1st Sunday- Ken & Joyce Kluttz 2nd Sunday-Jamie Lyerly & Debbie Hill 3rd Sunday-Ken & Joyce Kluttz 4th Sunday-Jamie Lyerly & Haley Lyerly If you feel called to help with one of these ministries, please contact Mark Shue, Worship and Ministry Director. Your service would be appreciated!





(If there is anyone listed on our prayer list, that needs to be removed, please call the church office. Thank you! 704-279-5054)

Disciples at St. Peter's:

Marlene Shue, Nancy Monroe, John Trexler, Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jerry Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Kathy Brown, Debbi Duke, Nancy Blackwelder, Lynn DeBerry, Marcia Ritchie, Daniel Troutman (active duty) and the family and friends of Ann Trexler Rozmaryn.

Friends of St. Peter's Family:

Chris Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Gary Lyerly, Jerry (Marcia Ritchie's brother), Annette McKinney, Pat Ridenhour, Vicki Brawley (Cancer, friend of Joy King), Ruth Small (cancer, Debbie Hill's Aunt), Jeff Grosky (cancer, Brian White's cousin-in-law), and Susan Loflin.



12/1– John Trexler

12/2- Alan Boyd, Mary Miller

12/4- Jerry Sides, Jenny Blume, Haley Lyerly

12/6– Andy Cornelison, Shawn Lambirth

12/7- Jean Holshouser

12/8- Ella Blackwell

12/9- Kaleigh Troutman

12/10- Short Lyerly, Emma Cornelison

12/12- Jasmine Cooper

12/13 – Matt Cline, Syann Cooper, Holly Tomlinson Thomas Tomlinson

12/19- Delaney Nance

6- M/M Don Kluttz

12/20- David Najarian

12/21- Kaley Cornelison, Trinity McCulloh

12/22- Tim Ames

12/25- William Barger

12/27 – Harley Jo Reed

12/28 – Bobby Lambirth

12/31- Autumn Peeler



Daniel Troutman (Active Duty) Emma Blackwell (West Point) Bryan Smart (Army)



15- M/M Daryle Olive

27– M/M Ernie Cooper

31- M/M Jake Trexler

St. Peter's Giving and attendance

Total given for November 2024: \$10,971.45

Monthly requirement: \$16,103.80 Deficit for November 2024: \$213.93

Avg. attendance for November 2024: 61





Rowan Helping Ministries & Outreach Ministries:

We had a total of 22 clients and 278 lbs. donated from Morgan Elementary for the month of November. We were a;sp able to distribute 22 turkeys. December pantry dates are December 14th and 21st from 9:00am to 10:30am. If you would like to help with this ministry contact Debbie Hill or sign up in the Narthex. Thank you for those who helped to distribute the food on these Saturdays.



Items donated from Morgan Elemenatry.

L to R:

Jan McCulloh. Lorrie Olive, Alan King, Debbie & Kenneth Hill, Mary Bea, Stephanie and Graham Pless.

Food Pantry Needs are: soup, crackers, peanut butter, food storage bags, dish soap, laundry detergent, spaghetti sauce, taco kits, dry milk, fruit juice, canned fruit, and canned meat. These items can be placed in the Narthex.

The Women of the Church served a dinner of soup,, fruit cups and rolls at Jeannie's Kitchen on November 26th. We were able to serve between 65-70 people. Thanks for all who contributed and volunteered.



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels provides meals for those who cannot prepare meals for themselves. It is also a ministry that our church volunteers with delivering meals. All you need transportation, a willing heart, warm smile and a kind word. Please contact George Lentz if you would like to help with this ministry. Volunteers are needed



The Lutheran Men in Mission:

The Lutheran Men in Mission meets the third Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. All men are welcome to join this ministry.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, LTAR FLOWERS there is a calendar, by the church office to sign up. Please contact Lorrie Olive for additional questions and to get the vases for the altar.



Luther Studies 101:

Christian Ed. Wil be hosting a study for those who would like a refresher on Catechism or to learn what it is like to be a Lutheran. The event will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday, at 9:30 am, of each month, through December. Coffee and pastries are provided.



Door Bell Sign

There is a sign that will direct you to the door bell if you need to enter the church during office hours. Doors are kept locked for safety purposes. Please ring the bell and someone will let you in. Thank you to Andy Cornelison for hanging the sign.



Yard & Bake Sale

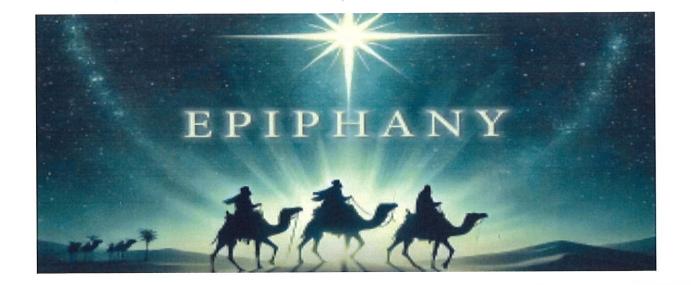
Our Yard, Bake & Silent Auction Sale was a success. We raised \$3,131.00 money for the general fund. Many thanks for those who participated and donated. It was a great day of giving and fellowship. Many thanks to George & Kathy Lentz.



Baby Shower

Please join us for a baby shower on December 14th from 2-4pm for Gladys Harwood. There is a list of items and an Amazon link in the Narthex. The Amazon link is:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/3Bf0hzC?ref_=wl_share







<u>Angel Tree</u>: There is a Salvation Army Angel Tree set up in the Narthex. If you would like to sponsor a child/family at Christmas, you may select a name to purchase Christmas gifts. Gifts must be brought in by December 4th.



RHM Client Gifts: If you would like to purchase a gift for \$20 or less for a RHM Pantry Client, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Suggested items are gloves, hats, candy, cookies, fleece throws etc.



Christmas Bags: We will have Christmas Treat bags for everyone this year after the Candle Lit Christmas Service. We are asking for donations of candy, small treats, and Christmas theme items for the bags. If you would like to make a donation to the bags, please bring enough to fill up 50 bags, label the items to designate them for the bags and place them in the Narthex by December 22nd. The Christian Ed and Youth and Family Committees will be filling these bags on December 23rd.





<u>Journey Thru Bethlehem</u>; This is a FREE outside event including a 30 minute wagon ride, Christmas carols, hot chocolate, and cookies. Which will be held on December 7th. There are 15 slots available and you can sign up in the Narthex.



Women's Fellowship: Women of all ages, please plan to join us Saturday DEC 21 in the fellowship hall from 11 - 1 for a fun Christmas themed get together. Please bring an appetizer or desert to share, and small gift (up to \$5) for a gift exchange. We will have a lot of fun, fellowship, some good food, and devotions. This will be a great time for us to have a stress free and fun event before the rush of Christmas week. Please let Ellen Troutman or Jan McCulloh know if you plan to attend. We would love to see all women there!



Longest Night Service: The Longest Night Service is a service of light and hope in a season of darkness. It is during the winter solstice which is the longest night and the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere. For many the lack of daylight intensifies suffering, depression. This service is especially for those that are suffering, in pain and not experiencing a season that is not "all is merry and bright." This service will be held December r21st at 6pm. All are welcome!



<u>Christmas Eve Candlelit Service:</u> Our Christmas Eve Candlelit Service will be held December 24h, at 7pm. All are invited.



In Memory of Rose Swicegood

- Norma Holshouser
- Mike & Julie Lippard

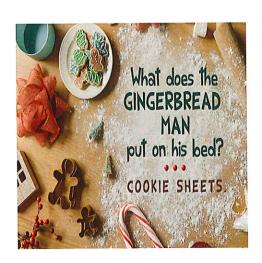


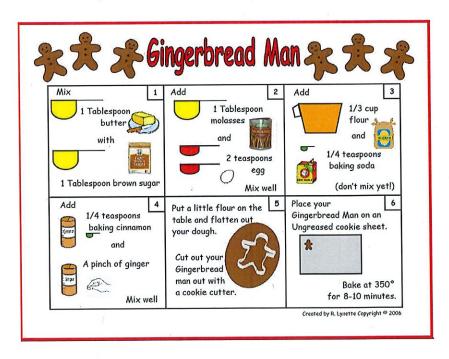
St. Peter's Family,

Goodness how did December get here so fast? Our Children have been working hard on learning all the songs for our Christmas play. This will be a wonderful day, all are welcome to join us for this wonderful Christmas play. We have also worked on ornaments and special crafts for our families. Please keep the following dates in mind.

- December 6- Parent's night out (5:30 -8pm)
- December 12

 Christmas Play and Santa (10 am)
- December 13—January 3– No School (Christmas Break)







Josh Hastings: Josh currently works at Mean Mug on W. Innes Street. Visit and let him make a cup of Java for you. He also made the A Honor Roll at North Hill's this quarter.



Maddie Ames: Maddie is currently playing volleyball for East Rowan High School. Support her and her team by going to one of her games.

Oliver Shue: Oliver is in the marching band at Carson High School. Come out and watch him and the band at one of the Carson football games.

lan Shue: Ian attends Catawba College and performs with the Catawba singers. They typically have 4 performances a year including the Christmas Cantata. Come out to one and hear him sing.

Savana Kluttz:: Savana is playing basketball. Reach out and support her and her team.



Congratulations to Joseph Najarian

Joseph graduated from Rowan-Cabarrus with an Associate Degree in Fire Protection Technology. He currently works and volunteers at Rockwell Rural, Gold Hill Fire Departments and the Rowan County Rescue Squad.

Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward for him.

Psalms 127:3















The Meaning of Christmas Decorations

Evergreen Tree

The evergreen tree points to Heaven.

Its needles remain green all year,
a symbol of God's gift of eternal LIFE,
and a reminder of Jesus' living presence.

(1 John 5:11-12)

Stars

Star ornaments and decorations symbolize the star of Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:1-10)

Angels

Angels announced Jesus' birth to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. (Luke 1 & 2)

Lights & Candles

Jesus said He was the "Light of the world." (John 9:5)

Red Decorations

Red symbolizes God's LOVE and the love of Jesus who died for us on the cross. (Mark 8:31)

Gold Decorations

Gold symbolizes the Kingship of Jesus. (Revelations 1:5)

Gifts under Tree

Gifts remind us of the gifts of the Wise Men, and of the greatest gift of all—Jesus.

(Matthew 2:1-12)

















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Buy socks for a homeless

shelter

to your local cupcakes



buy a new 🔿 Christmas Make or

ornament

Let someone go in front of you in line

snowman Build a outof cotton balls

fire department



gingerbread Decorate a house



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tree



Watch or attend a Christmas Eve service



Nativity story

Christmas Read Your favorite Story

Christmas Deliver of your local light displays Take a car tour

cards to your neighbors

December 2024

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Saturday	7 Journey Thru Bethlehem 6:30-7:15	14 RHM Food Pantry 9-10:30 Baby Shower for Gladys Harwood 2-4 pm	21 RHM Food Pantry 9-10:30 Lutheran Women Christmas fellowship 11-1 pm Longest Night Service 6pm	28	
Friday	o	13	20	27	
Thursday	2	12	19	26	
Wednesday	4 Donations for Angel Tree Last Day	11	18	25 Christmas Happy Birthday Jesus	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24 Candlelit Christmas Service 7pm	31 New Years Eve
Monday	ST. Matthew's Women's Event 6 pm	6	16	23 Christian Ed./Youth and Family Mtg. 6:30	30
Sunday	1 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Coffee Time/ Luther Studies Poinsettia Orders Due	2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 am— Council Meeting 9:30 am—Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30 am—Worship—PSLW	3rd Sunday of Advent 8:00 am—Men's Breakfast 9:30 am-Coffee Time/ Luther Studies 10:30 am-Worship-PSLW	4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 am-Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship-PSLW	1st Sunday after Christmas 9:30 am-Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW Healing and Anointment Service

\$304,251.07

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

St Peters Lutheran Church Balance Sheet

GENERAL FUND 01, November 2024

	Current Year
** Unposted transactions have been included	d on this report **
ASSETS	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
PARK STERLING CHECKING	
General Budget	\$6,156.59
Good Neighbor Fund	368.16
Maintenance	4,378.14
Special Projects	665.97
Sunday School	3,535.43
On Site Pantry Giving	2,792.55
Mission Trip	966.86
youth K5 - 12	2,442.81
Back Pack - Noisy Offerin	141.59
Church Endowment Fund	4,956.63
Subtotal Checking Accounts	26,404.73
SAVINGS/INVESTMENT ACUTS	
Reserve Acct (2996)	10,133.80
Capital Improvements 3550	2,156.49
Memorial Fund (2988)	12,998.23
Truist Perpetual Cemete	47,997.68
Cemetery CD-5yr.	100,000.00
Perpetual Cemtry (3803)	837.05
Cemetery - MM (4192)	20,234.50
Music Savings Account	20,144.16
Scholarship - F&M # 2147	62,728.09
W.Trexler Scholarship	62.67
Subtotal Savings/investment Accts	277,292.67
OTHER ASSETS	
Sales Tax receivable	553.67
TOTAL ASSETS	\$304,251.07
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	•
PAYROLL W/H PAYABLE	
941 Taxes Payable	\$2,549.42
NC W/H	479.00
Subtotal Payroll W/h Payable	3,028.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,028.42
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Jan. 14th	\$1,323,00							
Jan. 21st	\$840.00							
Jan. 28th	\$4,916.00							
All Other	\$3,210.00			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$12,156.00	\$16,103.80		\$3,947.80	12,156.00	16,103.80	75%
Feb. 4th	\$1,979.00							
Feb. 11th	\$885.00							
Feb, 18th	\$1,448.00							
Feb. 25th	\$1,508.00							
	\$17,168.00			Mo. Surplus	\$5,884.20			
Monthly Total		\$22,988.00	\$16,103.80	Mo, Delicit		35,144.00	32,207.60	109%
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May 5th	\$1,986.00							
May 12th	\$1,260,00							
May 19th	\$1,860.00							
May 26th	\$1,005.00							
All Other	\$2,515.00			Mo. Surplus				
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June 2nd	\$1,674.00							
June 9th	\$2,237.00							
June 16th	\$1,212.00							
June 23rd	\$835.00							
June 30th	\$1,696.00							
All Other	\$2,515.00			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$10,169.00	\$16,103.80	Mo. Đeficil	\$5,934.80	78,054.00	96,622.80	81%
July 7th	\$2,206.00							
July 14th	\$1,320.00							
July 21st	\$1,245.00							
July 28th	\$7,460.00							
All Other	\$4,455.70			Mo. Surplus	\$582.90			
Monthly Total		\$16,686.70	\$16,103.80	Mo. Delicit		94,740.70	112,726.60	84%
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Aug. 11th	\$1,690.44							
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Aug. 25th	\$2,915.00							
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Sept. 29th	\$1,085.00							
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Oct. 13th	\$1,487.00							
Oct. 20th	\$1,150.00							
Oct. 27th	\$3,980.00							
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Monthly Total		\$10,971.45	\$16,103.80	Mo. Delicit	\$5,132.35	131,775.59	161,038.00	81.83%
Nov. 2nd	\$2,541.50							
Nov. 3rd.	\$2,446.00							
Nov. 10th								
Nov. 17th	\$4,496,31							
Nov. 24th	\$2,044.50							
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