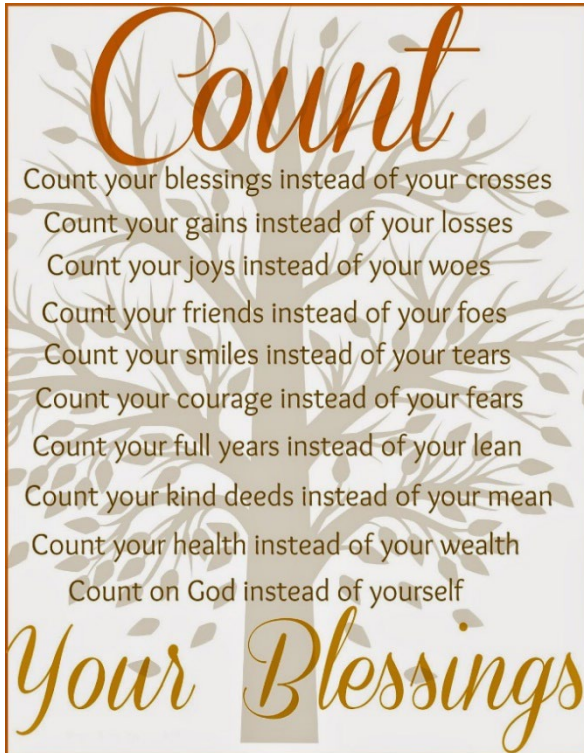




## Thanksgiving Teaches Math

One of the aspects of math that children learn even before entering Kindergarten is how to count. Parents are often so proud when their child can count to 10 consistently, without skipping any numbers, in the the proper order and without any help. As they get older they learn to count to higher numbers. The rest of their lives and our lives we continue to count, not just numbers, but things.



What thanksgiving helps us do, is to reflect on our lives and count the good things of life. We are very good about counting the bad things. We count how many aches and pains we have. We count how many surgeries we have had. We count all of the negative experiences we have had in life. We count the losses. We are good at counting these things.

But let us learn from Thanksgiving to count our blessings. As the hymn states, "name them one by one." This is what Paul wanted us to do when he wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4.16-18, "Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in **all circumstances**, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I added the emphasis.)

We are to count our blessings and give thanks to God in every situation and circumstance. The poem here will help us begin to focus on those things with which we are blessed. It names some of those blessings.

Don't lose sight of the fact that all three things Paul listed in these verses, "being joyful," "pray" and "thanksgiving" are all a part of God's will. Do you want to do God's will? Then do these three things this Thanksgiving and every day of the year.

## Prayer & Praises

- Please pray Brittany Gruss (Merv & Tina Good's granddaughter) baby miscarried. Praise God for Life!
- Emily Lipsitz had a praise that on Tuesday it was 17 years of her being adopted!
- Please pray for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Harvest Home donations and their families.
- Please continue to pray for the Julius Family.
- Ashley & Mike Frantz request prayer for Denny Frantz (Mike's Dad) who had a lung procedure at Hershey Medical on Monday for healing and a speedy recovery. He will leave Hershey Thursday if all goes as planned.
- Sue Deardorff requests prayer for 2-year-old Gabriella who has been in the hospital and has now developed pneumonia. Please pray for healing.
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### Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

*Kathy McWilliams	*Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer)	*Ken Warren	*Mary Fisher
*Alyssa Leakway	*Gloria Gerber	*Missy Braden	*Bryce Baublitz
*Julie Waggoner	*Bill Barley	*Brandon Little	*Derek Meck
*Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson)	*Ruth Cook	*Victor Riddle	*Mark Lipsitz

### Cancer Special Prayers

*Julia McCartney	*Greg & Sandy George	*Butch Warren's brother	*Chris Betts (Smeltzer friend)				
*Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family)	*Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip (Ron Engle, friend)	*Sandy Harlacker	*Ellie Basko	*Mark Yonker	*Keith Kauffman	*Bob	(Kerry)
Kauffman's brother)	*Jean Beck	*Donald Moore	*Butch Warren				

### CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Red Creek Bethel Congregation in Davis, WV and Pastor John Moyers
- Rhama Congregation in Democratic Republic of Congo Africa and Pastor John Ngoy Kupendwa



Wednesdays  
November 29<sup>th</sup>  
December 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
with Pastor Gary

# Life Group

Studying:  
The Book of Revelation

There will be a  
**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
Wednesday,  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at  
7 pm.  
Pastor Zach Stec  
Invite your family and  
friends!

# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## This week

**Wednesday 11/22**

\*Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm

**Thursday 11/23**

\*Happy Thanksgiving!

## Next Week

**Sunday 11/26**

\*Worship 9 am

\*Poinsettia Deadline

**Monday 11/27**

\*Chosen 3 Bible Study

Knokey Group 6:30 pm

**Wednesday 11/29**

\*Sisters Bible Study 9 am

\*Life Group 6:30 pm

\*Womens Choir 7:45 pm

**Movie: The Miracle Maker**  
**A Christmas Tale**



**movie**  
**NIGHT**

**Saturday, December 2nd, 2023**  
**At The Gathering Place**  
**Meal 5:30 pm**  
**Movie 6:15 pm**



*Happy Thanksgiving!!*

## Ladies Choir

### Attention All Ladies

If you enjoy singing, consider  
joining Ladies Choir.

*New voices are welcome!*

Next Practice will be on Wednesday,  
November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm. See Betty  
Engle if you have questions



*Prayer Shawl*

*Ministry*

### **Next Meeting**

There will be no prayer shawl  
In November & December  
See you in January  
(weather permitting)



**Wednesdays**  
**November 29<sup>th</sup> & December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**All the ladies are invited at**  
**9 am in Shepherd's Hall**

**Sisters**  
A Bible Study for Women

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party is scheduled for  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at  
Perkins Restaurant, Hanover, PA. ALL  
ladies of the church are invited to attend.  
We will have a small gift exchange. If you  
want to participate, please bring a \$5.00  
gift.  
Please RSVP to Sandy Billet (717-292-4631) by  
November 26, 2023 if you plan to attend.



## CARLISLE TRUCK STOP COOKIE MINISTRY

**DUE BY: Sunday, December 10, 2023, on TGP kitchen island.** We already have the gift bags prepared with small gift items. All we ask is that you place 5 to 6 of your fresh baked cookies in zip-lock style bags and place them in The Gathering Place, on the kitchen island. Start to plan your Holiday cookie creations!

Order Forms are available for Poinsettia's

\$10.50 each

Red/White/Pink

Orders due by November 26<sup>th</sup>

Memorial donations to the Deacon Emergency Fund on the other side of Poinsettia form!

The Sunday school department will present a Children's play during the worship service on Sunday, December 10.

Children need to be at church at 8:30 that morning.

There will be a rehearsal on December 3.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Women's Fellowship will be attending the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the East Berlin Community Center. Congregation is asked to donate baked goods and crafts items. A sign-up sheet will be in the church bulletin for donations. All donated items should be at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023. (Proceeds from the Bazaar are distributed by Ladies Fellowship throughout the year to ministry needs.)



All Angels have found a home!!! Thank you for your faithful giving and service!!!

## Youth Night and Bible Study

All Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited...

# YOUTH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6-7:30 pm in The Gathering Place

## November

22 – Madden Frantz

23 – Sandy Harlacker

25 – Jen Miles

26 – Debbie Ziptel

26 – Mary Ida Deardorff

27 – Peggy Bishop

27 – Everly Trimmer

27 – Bob Jones

28 – Larissa (Miller) Thrift

29 – Caleb Staples

30 – Bethany Staples