



Lamplighter

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From the Pastor

I am thankful for sunny but crisp fall afternoons, when there is so little moisture in the air that the solid blue sky looks close enough to touch with your hand. The sky is the perfect backdrop for the brightly colored leaves. We haven't had enough days like that this fall, but today is one.

I am thankful for the family that raised me and taught me to value learning and to acknowledge the work of God in my life. I am thankful for a wife who shares that love for learning, and that bedrock faith. She is abundantly gifted and expresses her appreciation for beauty and the beautiful things that God has shared with us in such a variety of ways. She lovingly wraps her boys, as she calls us, in warmth and makes the dull lives that we would fall into without her, sparkle with life and hope.

I am thankful that I have had the privilege of being a part of the lives of my two boys. It has been a wondrous and grace-filled experience to be a partner with Lillian and with God in shaping them into the young men that they are.

I am thankful for this congregation. For the way that we continue to witness God's abundant and astonishing grace as we engage in the ministry to which God is calling us. Every time we have responded to a call to ministry, we discovered a more challenging, more exciting call contained in the original commission. It's like opening a box within a box within a box and each box contains gifts that are more precious and rare than the gifts contained in the previous box. What an adventure.

I am thankful for the privilege of living in a nation where, power passes from administration to administration without bloodshed. It is a blessing to be able to resolve conflict by means of persuasion and compromise rather than weapons. In times of transition, I am thankful, whether my candidate wins or loses, to be counting ballots rather than bodies. I am thankful that I am free to express my opinion, to meet with others who share my views and that I am free to worship and to express my thanks to God for all of the blessings that I have been given. I am thankful for those who make daily sacrifices so that these freedoms will endure.

There is so much to be thankful for that we need more than one day to express thanks. Let Thanksgiving Day remind you that every day is a day to give thanks.

November Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

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| 2. Paul Cunningham | 14. Casey Atwell | 27. Ralph Mellott |
| 3. Evelyn McElhose | Kerry Falk | Jimmy Smith |
| Marissa Ulmer | Mikaela David | Gina Arzberger |
| Carla Somerville | 16. D.J. Fox | 28. Jim Augspurger |
| Jeff Petrella | Patricia Slezak | 30. Cheryl Lachowicz |
| 4. Bill Evans | 17. Jack Bruce | |
| 5. Leah Barkovich | Terri Riegler | |
| Julie Novacek | 19. Bev Abate | |
| 6. Mary McCartney-Adair | Vince Mancini | |
| Adam Gibboney | 21. Trudy Boggs | |
| 7. Margaret Young | Mike Kamenski | |
| 10. Edith Wagner | 22. Frank Progar | |
| 11. Julie Laird Smith | Barbara Corsi | |
| Dorothy Elko | 23. Amy Muslin | |
| Maude Williams | 24. Sarah Jane Shaffer | |
| Gail Magee | Elaine Verostek | |
| Jodi Gregory | 26. Erin Augspurger | |
| 12. Rebecca Lorusso | | |
| Teta Boguszewski | | |



ANNIVERSARIES

3. Robert & Renee Schomburg
14. Ralph & Vicki Mellott
18. Tony & Pat Wozniak
- Donna Craig & Jon Moss
20. Eric & Kristen Nan
24. Edward & Marcy Zombeck
30. Ray & Tammy McMasters

NEW OFFICERS

Elders:

Three (3) for a three (3) year term: John Martin, Donna Craig, Ed Lawson

Deacons:

Four (4) for a three (3) year term: Patricia Slezak, Sandy Nan, Janice Adamski, Lois Davie

Trustees:

Three (3) for a three (3) year term: Jon Moss, Chris Cronin, Paul Magee

Vice Chairman of Corporation: Dianne Kanitra

Auditor: Janet Cronin

Secretary of Corporation: Joe Glatz

Representatives to Christians United:

Wayne & Sarah Jane Shaffer

Alternates: Chuck & Janice Adamski

Ohio U.P. Fellowship

November 12th—Fellowship Dinner 5:45-6:30 PM—Menu: Turkey Pillows, Vegetable, Salad, Bread, Beverage, and Homemade Dessert. Cost \$4.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children—there is a \$12.00 Family Limit. Reservations can be made with the bulletin insert or by phoning the church at 724-378-3690, or emailing the church at oupc@choiceonemail.com.

Fall/Winter Thursday Evening Groups

Beginning October 8th at 6:30 PM there will be two groups meeting each week until 7:15 PM. One group will be meeting to plan and prepare for the second annual **“Night In Bethlehem”**. “Night In Bethlehem” is a community outreach night where we will reenact the town of Bethlehem at the time of Christ’s birth. There will be opportunities for families to come and make crafts, prepare and eat food, visit with a Jewish family, and of course see Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. Any one interested in participating is welcome. Help is still needed in many areas!

The second Thursday Night group will be working on a Christmas Drama to be presented to the congregation in December. The drama **“Open Hearts in Bethlehem”** was written by Kenneth Bailey, a renowned biblical scholar and is his perception of the birth of Jesus based on 40 years of living in the Middle East. All ages are invited to participate in this drama. Not only will we need actors, but we will need assistance with staging, sound, and costuming.

Please note the Christmas Drama Group will be meeting on November 3rd at 6:30 and Tuesday November 24th at 6:30, instead of Thursday the 5th and Thursday the 26th.

OFFICER TRAINING

Pastor Ted will conduct Officer Training for newly elected Elders, Deacons and Trustees. All officers who are currently serving are also invited to attend. Training will be held following the 11:00 worship services on November 8, 15, and 22. Those attending should bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

8:30 WORSHIP LEADERS

November 1: Joe Glatz
Justin Tackac

November 8: Shirley Fluharty

November 15: Shane Byers
Diane Byers

November 22: Evelyn Moss
Jon Moss

November 29: Alli Martin
Lois Davie

NURSERY

November 1: Betty Solinski

November 8: Jan Gilmore

November 15: Linda Duganich

November 22: Sandy Nan

November 29: Amy Angelo

JR. CHURCH

Nancy Hribar
Harriet Kuhla
Karen Barth

11:00 WORSHIP LEADERS

November 1: Paul Magee

November 8: Lynn Smith

November 15: Brittany Smith

November 22: Janice Angelo

November 29: Dianne Kanitra

GREETERS

November: Nancy Hribar
Sandy Nan

December: Linda Duganich
Sallie Alviani

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

November 8: By Chuck Admaski in
memory of Betty Ann Admaski

November 15: Jon Moss & Donna
Craig in honor of Anniversary

SURPRISES FOR SHUT-INS



The 23rd annual Surprises for Shut-Ins is a Christmas program of the Beaver County Office of Aging. We are happy to be participating by collecting needed items that include: decorative magnets, soaps, tissues, sun catchers, socks, lotions, puzzle books, shampoo, razors, slippers, calendars, dusting powder, perfume, knick knacks, aftershave, shaving cream, body wash, picture frames, lap robes, tea towels, note pads and pens, greeting cards, stamps, playing cards and toiletries.

A basket will be placed in the narthex for your donations. Wrapped gifts are appreciated but wrapping is not necessary. If you do wrap the gift, please state the contents on the outside, with a post-it note. Your donations should be brought to the church by November 28th. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Women's Association will prepare College Care Packages for our college students to have and enjoy during "finals" week. You can participate by donating items such as hot chocolate packets, candy, gum, cup-a-soup, microwave popcorn, pens, highlighters, note pads, cookies, snack bags, etc. The Care Packages will be mailed out the week after Thanksgiving. College addresses are needed in the office, so call Judi at 724-378-3690, email her at oupc@choiceonemail.com, or put the address on a slip in the offering plate.



Youth Schedule

Jr. and Sr. High

Tuesday November 3- Youth Group 5-6:30 & Christmas Drama Practice

Sunday November 8- Bowling at Sheffield Lanes 2-4 PM Cost \$3.00/Game.

Thursday November 12-Youth Group 5-6:30—Includes Dinner from 5:45-6:30 PM & Christmas Drama Practice 6:30-7:15 PM

Thursday November 19– Youth Group 5-6:30 PM & Christmas Drama Practice 6:30-7:15 PM

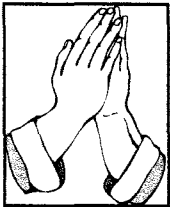
Sunday November 22– Lunch at 12 Noon & Bake Pies for Meals on Wheels

Tuesday November 24– Youth Group 5-6:30 PM & Christmas Drama Practice 6:30-7:15 PM

Kindergarten to 6th Grade Youth Group

The kindergarten through 6th grade Youth Group will meet on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:15 PM. In November you will be making a Thanksgiving craft that can help light up your family's home for the holiday.

Also in November there is an all youth bowling event on Sunday November 8th from 2-4 PM. Cost \$3.00/game. Plan to meet at Sheffield Lanes.



"Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Praise him, all you people of the earth.

For he loves us with unfailing love;

The Lord's faithfulness endures forever.

Praise the Lord! -Psalm 117 (NLT)

Upcoming Events

November 8, 15, 22—Church Officer Training at Noon (bring a bag lunch)



November 8—All Youth Bowling (K-12) at Sheffield Lanes
Cost \$3.00 per game. Meet at the lanes from 2-4 PM.

November 11—Combined Deacons and Session meeting

November 12—Fellowship Dinner, followed by Night in
Bethlehem/Christmas Pageant Practice



November 22— Youth Group baking pies for Meals on Wheels—Noon



November 24— Women's Association Decorating for Christmas
—All members of Congregation encouraged to help!

November 29—Fellowship after 11:00 worship service

November 29—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1—Lunch Bunch—NOON

December 6—Gingerbread Houses w/ lunch NOON



Trustees Update:

- Still looking for potential bus drivers or other changes to vehicle mix.
- Manse water heater will be replaced. Will look into replacing window sash/trim on windows on Manse.
- Missing church roof shingles were replaced. Side door lock was repaired to correct problem. Short pew was moved forward in church for wheelchair accessibility. Will get price for replacing library carpeting.
- Organ amplifier and mixer were replaced to fix extraneous noise. In the process of getting a quote for new organ speakers that would sit on the floor.
- Looking into adding exterior electrical outlets at sign and motion sensor light over wing entrance.

Congregational Meeting:

- The Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, October 25th.
- It was decided to keep the number of Deacons at 12. Lois Davie was added to the slate of Deacons that were elected.
- It was decided to reduce the number of Elders and Trustees to 9.
- Representatives to Christians United will be Wayne and Sarah Jane Shaffer. Alternates for them will be Chuck and Janice Adamski.