

#### Cortland Christian Church

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#### November 2019

## The Church Bell



"Follow the Bells"



#### The Pastor's Pen

#### "Autumn Greetings"

Greetings in the faith by brothers and sisters. Tis Autumn and her winds have come. Leaves, once green and luscious, have dried and fallen in a season, and all at once. Just like human life. We live, move, and breathe and then all at once it is over, at least life in these frail, mortal bodies. The human body was made from the dust of the earth, and to the earth it will return... dust. Yet, not all of the human body is from this earth. Genesis 2:7 says, "Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being," (HCSB). So, without the breath of God there would be no life among humans. But God... God gave of Himself a gift to mankind, the gift of His breath, of His life that man and woman may live.

So, when the human body grows tired and weary and no longer rises with the sun it will return to the ground to which it came from, but not all of which makes up each individual will die. The breath that God gave will return to Him, and God has promised all those who believe in Him to give them a new body for that breath to reside in, to live in, and thus all of God's children will live forever.

As for the unbeliever, it is true that the breath of God is in them, and it is true that no part of God can die. And that is why there is reserved a place that is a place of eternal torment called Hell. For those who walk in sin cannot be in the presence of God and Hell is removed from His presence. They will go on living, not in new bodies but in their old, frail bodies.

Brothers and sisters pay attention! You are valued by God because part of His life is in you, and that part will sustain you, who you are, for all of time and beyond time. The question is where will you be sustained? Just as the life of a leaf is short, so is the life of a human. For those who are believers and followers of Jesus Christ, the Creator, you can rejoice! Rejoice for part of God is in you. His breath resides in you giving you life, and that life will one day be put into a new body that will not fail nor faulter. For those who have just a head knowledge of God, but do not truly follow Him, beware for life is short, and no one knows the hour when their "leaf" will fall. Take heed! Pay attention to the Holy Word of God, the Bible! Know Jesus in your heart too, not just in your head. Build a relationship with Him Who made you and Who can save you from eternal suffering and give you eternal peace today.





## November Worship Leaders

November 3 Amy Seger and Curtis Bell
November 10 Carol Robinson and Sharon Hopkins
November 17 Jeff Byler and Amy Popichak
November 24 Ron Miller and ????????

Deacons: Captain—Judene Ainsley: 330-636-9938

Brenda Byler, Chuck Corbet, Bob Bradford,

Joyce Hall, Betty Evans, Ron Miller

**Deaconess: Judy Hansel** 

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

Musical Director: Darlene Ball



# Pastor Casey is in the office 8am-1pm Mon-Thurs. If you need anything call the office 330-637-4611

Office is open

**Monday-Thursday** 

8 am-1Pm

#### October Coffee Fellowship

November 3

**Linda Tucker and Joyce Hall** 

November 10

**Carolyn Sparhawk and Virginia Carr** 

**November 17** 

**Linda Rogers and Sharon Hopkins** 

**November 24** 

**Terry and Linda Swauger** 



#### October 2019 Financial Report

In order to function in the black, this church needs \$11,500.00 monthly to just maintain.

Month -Oct. 1 -Oct.31, 2019

Offering Received \$11,012.00

Expenses \$ 9,032.00

Balance \$ 1,980.00

Year to date— Jan 1,2019 to Oct. 31, 2019

Offering Received \$ 105,582. 00

Expenses \$ -106,748.00

Balance \$ -1,166.00

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#### **Happy Birthday**

November 12 Ruth Young

November 15 Doris Bennett

November 15 Sharon Hopkins

November 22 Carol Glancy

November 25 Dan Kuhmer

#### **Happy Anniversary**

November 15
Amy and Greg Seger

November 25

Judy and Dan Kuhmer



#### **Clders**

#### Meetings

Third Thursday in month at 8 am or

whenever they call one.





And

Happy Amminanta

Important
November Meetings

Thursday, November 7

Helping Hands Outreach
6pm

Finance Meeting 6:15pm

Board Meeting 7pm

#### Pastor Casey will be on

"Vacation"

November 11th—the 17th



If you need anything, call the Office..

On Sunday the 10th of November,

Pastor Casey
will be delivering
the opening and closing
prayers at the new
Veterans Park.





#### L.O.A.F.

#### **All Saints Community Church**

Thursday, November 7

10 am

Any one wanting to be a part of this organization is welcome to come.

We need volunteers.

#### **Breakfast with Friends**



Saturday, November 16
10am
Four Star Restaurant

#### Women of Worship

Every woman in this congregation is invited to attend.

We have a lot of activities coming up. Help us make decisions.

#### Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

November 20 Prep Day (9 am-11:30am) November 21 Soup Day (11am-1pm)



Always a need for your delicious *Pies, Pies, Pies* and we also need lots of <u>help</u>

<u>Thank you for your help in October,</u> we had a great soup and sandwich luncheon.



### Southern Country Sausage Gravy and Biscuits Breakfast



November 9th
8:30 am-11 am
Cortland Christian
Church

153 Grove Drive Cortland,Ohio 330-637-5611



L.O.A.F.
Community Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday -November 26, 2019

**7 PM** 

Cortland Christian Church
We are the "hosts"

Cinnamon Rolls

Hot coffee - Tea, Hot Chocolate - Juice

MENU
Sausage gravy and Biscuits

Scrambled Eggs

**Plain or Cheesy Grits** 

Fresh Fruit,

Tickets: \$8.50 Children under 5 yrs. \$4.00





#### **Board/Library**

These are some of the changes we made in the board room.

Sometime stop over and see for yourself.





Some pictures were hung, art work, and some are snapshots of former years at this

church and activities at at CCC.

**Bottom picture** of our Church taken this year.











Her hair was up in a pony tail, Her favourite dress tied with a bow.

Today was Daddy's Day at school, And she couldn't wait to go.

But her mummy tried to tell her, That she probably should stay home.

Why the kids might not understand, If she went to school alone.

But she was not afraid; She knew just what to say.

What to tell her classmates Of why he wasn't there today.

But still her mother worried, For her to face this day alone. And that was why once again,

She tried to keep her daughter home. But the little girl went to school

Eager to tell them all. About a dad she never sees

A dad who never calls. There were daddies along the wall in back,

For everyone to meet. Children squirming impatiently,

Anxious in their seats One by one the teacher called

A student from the class. To introduce their daddy, As seconds slowly passed.

At last the teacher called her name, Every child turned to stare.

Each of them was searching, A man who wasn't there.

'Where's her daddy at?' She heard a boy call out. 'She probably doesn't have one,'

Another student dared to shout. And from somewhere near the back,

She heard a daddy say, 'Looks like another deadbeat dad,

Too busy to waste his day.' The words did not offend her,

As she smiled up at her Mum. And looked back at her teacher,

Who told her to go on. And with hands behind her back, Slowly she began to speak.

And out from the mouth of a child, Came words incredibly unique.

'My Daddy couldn't be here, Because he lives so far away.

But I know he wishes he could be, Since this is such a special day.

And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know. All about my daddy,

And how much he loves me so. He loved to tell me stories

He taught me to ride my bike. He surprised me with pink roses,

And taught me to fly a kite. We used to share fudge sundaes,



And ice cream in a cone. And though you cannot see him.

I'm not standing here alone. 'Cause my daddy's always with me,

Even though we are apart, I know because he told me, He'll forever be in my heart'

With that, her little hand reached up, And lay across her chest.

Feeling her own heartbeat, Beneath her favorite dress.

And from somewhere here in the crowd of dads, Her mother stood in tears.

Proudly watching her daughter, Who was wise beyond her years.

For she stood up for the love Of a man not in her life. Doing what was best for her,

Doing what was right. And when she dropped her hand back down,

Staring straight into the crowd. She finished with a voice so soft,

But its message clear and loud. 'I love my daddy very much, he's my shining star.

And if he could, he'd be here, But heaven's just too far.

You see he is a soldier and died just this past year

When a roadside bomb hit his convoy and taught us all to fear.

But sometimes when I close my eyes, it's like he never went away.'

And then she closed her eyes, And saw him there that day.

And to her mothers amazement, She witnessed with surprise.

A room full of daddies and children, All starting to close their eyes.

Who knows what they saw before them, Who knows what they felt inside.

Perhaps for merely a second, They saw him at her side.

'I know you're with me Daddy,'

To the silence she called out. And what happened next made believers,

Of those once filled with doubt. Not one in that room could explain it,

For each of their eyes had been closed. But there on the desk beside her,

Was a fragrant long-stemmed rose. And a child was blessed, if only for a moment,

By the love of her shining star. And given the gift of believing, That heaven is never too far away

Writer was originally Daddys Day by Cheryl Costello-Forshey

Punctuation may not be proper however, it was hard to even see the page as I was getting it ready for the Church Bell, through tears of sadness, joy, pride, and happiness. I hope you like this and understand why it was not changed from the original copy which was one paragraph.





|  | Mon                   | Tue                                 | Wed                 | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
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|  |                       |                                     |                     |  | 1   | 2. Aerobics   |
| 3. Sunday<br>Service 10 am<br>All Saints Day | 4. Aerobics           | 5. Election Day                     | 6. Joyful Noise     | 7. Meetings Outreach 6pm Finance 6:15pm Board 7 pm  Aerobics | 8.  | 9. Aerobics  Sausage and Gravy Breakfast 8:30am-11am            |
| 10. Sunday Service 10 am  Honor Veterans     | 1  Velerans  Aerobics | 12.<br>Lighting The Way<br>Kids 6pm | Joyful Noise        | 14 Aerobics  | 15. | 16 Aerobics Breakfast with Friends 10am at Four Star Restaurant |
| 17. Sunday Service 10am Elder Meeting 8am    | 18.                   | 19.                                 | Prep Day<br>for S/S | 21.<br>Soup and<br>Sandwich                                  | 22. | 23. Hanging of the Greens                                       |
| 24. Sunday<br>Service 10 am                  | 25.                   | 26. Lighting The Way Kids 6pm       | Joyful Noise        | Aerobics  28.Thanksgiving                                    | 29. | Aerobics  30. Craft Show 10am-3pm                               |
|  | Aerobics              | Thanksgiving Service 7pm            | Joyful Noise        |  |     | Aerobics  |

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.



Katie and John Molnar 2444 Williams Drive Cortland, Ohio 44410

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#### **Edwin Niemi**

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## Halloween Fun 2019















#### You've been Boo'd!

This treat is for You,

The idea is simple, one I hope you employ!

You pass the "Boo" along to two other neighbors,

Along with any Halloween favors!

If we all do our part, and spread the good cheer,

By Halloween night it will be very clear, we are a friendly bunch, we like to share fun!

So please help us keep "Boo" on the run!







Tuesday,
November 5, 2019

#### You Never Hear This in Church

Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!

I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

I've decided to give our church the \$500.00 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.

I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.

Forget the denominational minimum salary: let's pay our pastor so s/he can live like we do.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!

Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!







#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH X Y P C 0 W X Y W 0 C 0 w w w F U H K E A U L U K N A H T E F F м V 0 1 S т U 1 N G F D D P L W C K Y T W A C B M M K T A U 1 K N J T G U D M N R H C D G M U M Y E G E ı N ı N R V 1 E 0 A H R V 1 E L J A E R D Y K 0 R Y Q В 0 L D D F R 1 E N D S A E ı P F P K D S L S Y 0 Q L B L B L L W A G S E 0 T A т 0 P A 0 0 S X S A D X G Q 1 Z D M A D S D D R M B U U F S G N G Y H G S E G В

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THANKSGIVING

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#### Thankful For????



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's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close I in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this:

A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student.

"A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys."

I "It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

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, "It's yours, Teacher."

I Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that I with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas ...

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

#### **Lighting the Way**

Min 3 year

Ministry for children

3 years - Kindergarten



Education Building
Cortland Christian Church

Lesson, activity or game and snacks.

Meet new friends, and have fun together.

Bring a friend.

#### We Thank Thee

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

#### "Stockings for the Troops"

The "Holidays are coming too quickly... and so is the time to get our stockings ready for the Men and women of our military. We are doing this mission as we as we have before. Shopping the first week or so in November and on the 20th of November we the congregation) will pack them after fellowship on Sunday and mail them out the next



week. Notes to each of the soldiers can be hand written by our members. A kind word, a thank your for serving and protecting us, and a kind word of prayer on a Christmas card provided for you.

We need names of a couple of military persons, and if you would like to contribute a few dollars, that would very helpful. It takes about \$ 50.00 to purchase items for 45-50 stockings and to ship them, so every penny or dollar counts. Put your donation in your envelope and place it in the offering tray if you wish to contribute.

"Thank You so very much."

There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in the other members' private lives. Church members were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny; he said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house... and left it there all night!

"I count you among my many blessings. Thinking of you and sending warm wishes for a bright and beautiful holiday!"



