

November 2018



"Follow the Bells"

The Church Bell



Pastors Pen

Joy

by: Rev. C. Chapman

We are quickly approaching a very special time of the year. It is a time where joy is abounding, but for what reasons does this joy abound. Is it for the excitement of the hustle and bustle that Thanksgiving and Christmas bring? Is it the happy decorations that we see scattered about? And then, once the holiday season is over where does this joy go? For as soon as the new year begins it seems that a heavy weight descends upon us. The weight of bearing the harshest months of the winter, and the cabin fever that begins to boil up inside of us. Perhaps this is because we received our joy from the wrong source.

The source of joy ought not be from a mere holiday or decorations, while those things can be enjoyed. The ultimate source of joy ought to be the Lord Himself. For "Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place" (1Chr. 16:27, HCSB). God is the giver of joy, not a red and green decoration. "On that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced **because God had given them great joy...**" (Neh. 12:43a, emphasis added). Are we living as though God is our greatest joy or are there other things that we enjoy more? If God is our greatest joy then should it not be He who occupies the majority of our time? "Then I will come to the altar of God, to God, my greatest joy. I will praise You with the lyre, God my God" (Psa. 43:4).

Perhaps the reason that we get the after Christmas blues is because we fail to spend time with our greatest joy, and what better way to spend time with Christ than to be daily in the Bible, and often partaking in fellowship with His body? Maybe our error is only coming to church once or twice a year. If we are to spend time with our greatest joy should we not spend time with those whom He is with? "You reveal the path of life to me; in Your **presence** is abundant joy; in Your right hand are eternal pleasures" (Psa. 16:11, emphasis added). There is no doubt that God's presence rests upon His body. While we can experience Christ at home, it is only as though we are looking at one puzzle piece; where if we partake with the body we get the joy of experiencing the whole picture. We have joy in knowing how our puzzle piece fits in God's great plan. This is something that individual worship cannot give. "And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 13:52). While we can experience joy by ourselves, most often we see joy being experienced with other people in the Bible.

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November Worship Leaders

Nov. 4 Amy Popichak and Ron Miller
 Nov. 11 Carol Roinson and Sharon Hopkins
 Nov. 18 Jeff Byler and Linda Swauger
 Nov. 25 Ron Miller and Curis Bell

Deacons: Captain: Judene Ainsley 330-637-9938

Brenda Byler, Chuck Corbet, Bob Bradford,
 Joyce Hall, Betty Evans, Ron Miller

Deaconess: Linda Swauger

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

Pastor Casey

is available Monday-Thursday

from 8am 1pm

Need to see him? or speak to him ?

call 330-637-4611 or 814-573-8148

Office is open

Monday-Thursday

8 am-1Pm

Call or stop in!



So, why do we not now prepare for the season after this Christmas by building bonds that will tether us together so that we may experience a greater joy that will not leave us after the holidays end, but it will be joy abounding. Let us seek joy from the one who is the source of all joy, Jesus Christ. "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 15:13).

Rev. J. R. Bell

Coffee Fellowship for November

Nov. 4 Virginia and Friends

Nov. 11 Bob and Betty Evans

Nov. 18 Dorothy Moss and Sharon Polakoff

Nov. 25 Linda and Terri Swauger



Budgeted monthly expense \$10,500

Month — October 1-30, 2018

Offering Received	\$7,681.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$6,771.00</u>
Balance	\$ 910.00

\$10,000
needed
monthly
just to
maintain
CCC

October Financial Report

Year to date—Jan 1, 2018 to Oct. 30, 2018

Offering Received	\$98,203.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$100,252.00</u>
Balance	— \$2,050.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.67

Mortgage Balance \$64,996.32

"Happy Birthday"

November 12 Ruth Young
November 15 Doris Bennett
November 15 Sharon Hopkins
November 18 Teri Smith
November 22 Carol Glancy
November 25 Dan Kuhmer



Happy Anniversary

November 15 Amy and Greg Seger
November 25 Dan and Judy Kuhmer



Don't Forget — Nov 4, 2018

Daylight Saving Time Ends. When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, November 4, 2018, 1:00:00 am local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 4, 2018 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Please remember to vote!

November 6, 2018



Out of the mouths of Sunday School Children.

"The brother of Jacob was called Seesaw." (Esau)
"Samson pulled down the pillars of the temple." (Pillars)
"The Israelites made a golden calf because they didn't have enough gold to make a cow"
"Joshua led the Hebrews in their victory in the battle of Geritol"



Meetings

Tuesday, November 6

Financial Meeting

6:15pm

Board Meeting

7pm

Elders Meeting
Third Sunday
of the month

8:00 am.

L.O.A.F Meeting

Bazetta Christian
Church



**Thursday
November 1**

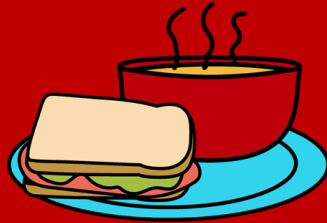
Looking for new representatives
from our church. Each church
has 2 plus the Pastors.

**WE DO NOT. We have Pastor
Casey, no other representatives
No one else.**

Once a month, for about an
hour or two of fellowship and
refreshments.

Meet new friends and become
part of this community. Call the
office 330-637-4611

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



Prep Day is Wednesday.

Thursday, November 15th — Luncheon

Pies and help once again are needed.

Please help us out if you can.

**Our congregation is welcome to come, if
you can't work, you can eat and meet
and greet others in Cortland and
surrounding areas.**

So come and bring a friend for lunch.



As we express our gratitude, we must never
forget that the highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"How important it is for us to recognize and
celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"

Maya Angelou

"My heroes are those who risk their lives every
day to protect our world and make it a better
place—police, firefighters, and members of our
armed forces."

Sidney Sheldon

This year we celebrate Veterans on

November 11, 2018

May God Bless and may we thank our
Veterans for what they do to help
maintain peace in this world, we are
forever indebted to them.
Let's honor them on their day.



We will be doing the "stockings for the troops" again this year.

These stockings are always a welcome treat for our soldiers away from home. We put a large variety of fun and useful items in each stocking. If you would like to be a part of this, contact the office 330-637-4611 or talk to Joyce or Linda Swauger. So that all stocking will be uniform, we are seeking monetary contributions, so please, mark your envelope and drop it in the offering tray, if you would like to help stuff these stockings, call that number above. It takes nearly \$575 to **fill 50 stockings and ship them out.** **We have about about \$500.**

You will be notified of the day we put them together. So you can come and help.

Why is it that "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing..?



“Holiday Anticipation”

By: Pastor Casey Chapman
Cortland Christian Church

* Article published in the Cortland News November 2018

What do you look forward to as the holiday season approaches? Is it the Thanksgiving turkey, Christmas shopping, the wrapping of gifts, or maybe Christmas itself? Perhaps your family has a special tradition that they partake in or maybe you remember one from your childhood. Regardless, for most people, there is anticipation for that special moment during the holiday season. For those people who have families I believe the anticipation is seeing the children and grandchildren all gathered under one roof. For us younger adults it may be looking forward to traveling to our parent's home and meeting up with our siblings. It is enjoying mum's home cooking again. Can you smell the sweet aroma of the turkey cooking? How about the Christmas ham dressed in pineapple? I wonder who enjoys this time of the year the most?

There is another special day that you ought to be looking forward too. There will be delicious food served on this day as well. It is the great banquet in Heaven. The Bible speaks of the time when all followers of Jesus the Christ will sit together in Heaven at the wedding feast. I am looking forward to that moment. Our Heavenly Father is also waiting for that banquet with great anticipation. As we eagerly await the arrival of our loved ones for the holidays, we can experience a glimpse of the heart of our King, who is waiting for the gathering of His entire family before Himself in Heaven. Jesus excitedly awaits for you to join Him at the banquet table. He has been anticipating this for nearly two thousand years now. Imagine the longing in His heart to see the body assembled as one for the first time around the table. What a grand family meal this will be!

I hope to dine with you at God's table in our new, resurrected bodies that will experience no more pain and no more sorrow, and it is all because God took on flesh in the form of Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus died for your sins, so you could experience this great day with Him in His Father's house. All you need to do is to confess your sin to Him and follow Jesus's teachings that He gave us in the Bible. If you have done this I encourage you to find a local church to encourage you in your walk with Christ.

Something Interesting.....

When Eugene Field was a newspaper reporter in Chicago, he wrote in his column: “Half the alderman in the city are crooks.” The mayor demanded a retraction, so the next day Field wrote; “ Half the alderman in the city are not crooks.”

‘Be yourself ‘ is about the worst advice you can give to some people.” “ Advice” is that which the wise don't need and the fool won't heed”. The best advice: “Say nothing often.”

November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
.				1. L.O.A.F. 10am Bazetta Christian SCOPE arrives	2.	3. Aerobics
4. Sunday Service All Saints Day	5. Girl Scouts 6pm Aerobics	6. Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board 7Pm	7.. 	8. Aerobics	9. 	10. Aerobics WOW Brunch with Friends here at 10am
11 . Sunday Service Stuffing Stockings After Church	12. Decorating Church 4pm Aerobics	13. 	14. S/S Prep Day Joyful Noise	15 Soup and Sandwich Aerobics	16.	17. Aerobics Devine Inspirations Concert 6pm
18. Sunday Service Elders Meeting	19. Girl Scouts Aerobics	20.	21.. Joyful Noise	22. 	23.	24. Holiday Craft show 10am-3 pm
25. Sunday Service	26. Aerobics	27. 	29.	30. Aerobics		

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a card
Send them a note of encouragement and let them know we care that we care.

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista
41 Heron Circle
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44410
330-637-1456

Raymond Kline

502 Arcaro Street
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234-244-4241

Edwin Niemi

Lake Vista
Apt. 207
Mecca Street,
Cortland, Ohio

Doris Bennett

296 Woodview
Cortland, Ohio

Kathie Bates

Room 105
369 N. High Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Chuck Lucy

73 Lake Vista Drive
Cortland, Ohio

Lauralee Lawrence

124 Willow Street
Cortland, Ohio
44410

Grace Wagner

Gillette Rehab
Room 613
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.
Warren, Ohio 44483

Nancy Governor

5172 Ohio State Rt 46
Cortland, Ohio

Kathy Miller

416 North High St.
Cortland, Ohio 44410



ZANIN, FRANK— a US Navy World War II Veteran, a retired pipefitter, who will be remembered as a loving, giving family man, passed away on October 2, 2018 due to complications from a fall. Born July 17, 1924 in Lafferty, Ohio, Frank was a first generation American from Austria. He was the son of Vincenzo, a coal miner, and Genoveffa, a homemaker.

He was a delightful story teller. Frank's stories kept listeners either on the edge of their seats or roaring with laughter.

After high school, Frank trained to be a welder and then enlisted in the US Navy. While serving aboard the USS Murphy (DD-603), a Benson Class destroyer, he made numerous Atlantic crossings including aiding the invasion of the coast of France on D-Day. During a secret mission his ship

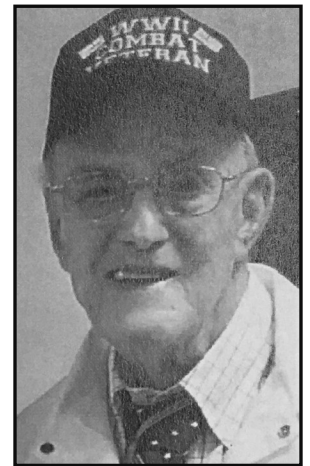
transported the King of Saudi Arabia to an undisclosed location for a meeting with President Franklin Roosevelt. Once home, he was the wheels man on a ship sailing the Great Lakes.

While living in Cleveland, he met and married Gloria Gay Howell. They lived many of their years in Cortland, Ohio where the two of them created and built the Cortland Playroom, a highly respected early childhood education center.

During his life in Cortland, he served as an Elder in the Cortland Christian Church as well as the "go to" guy when it came to repairs. He was also very active in the Cortland Optimist Club, where he served as Treasurer and then later as President. He retired from Packard Electric in Warren, Ohio in 1986. He and Gloria moved to Surprise, Arizona in 1998 where the two of them made numerous friends and enjoyed family time both in Ohio and Arizona. His grandchildren loved the endless ours of adventures they shared with their "Poppi" .

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Pam and her husband Rick, daughter Susan and her husband Ed, and son Frank and his wife Patrea along with his 5 grandchildren, Jessica, Travis, Patrick, Joseph and Vincent, as well as his 3 great grandchildren, Lillian, Vivian and Jack. His beloved wife of 68 years, Gloria, passed away in 2016. Frank was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Tulio (Dick) and sister, Anna.

A Celebration of Frank's Life was held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 AT Surprise Funeral Care, in Arizona. Frank and Gloria will be interred together, in Cortland, Ohio in the Spring of 2019. To sign the guestbook online, to share your memories, and send condolences and well-wishes to the family, please visit, www.surprisefuneralcare.com.



Church Humor:

My wife is a by-the-recipe baker. But that attention to detail still hasn't made her chocolate chip cookies taste any better.

One day, after the cookies had been in the oven a while, I smelled a familiar odor. "They're burning," I shouted. "I know," she said nonchalantly.

"Aren't you going to take them out?"

"No. They still have six minutes."

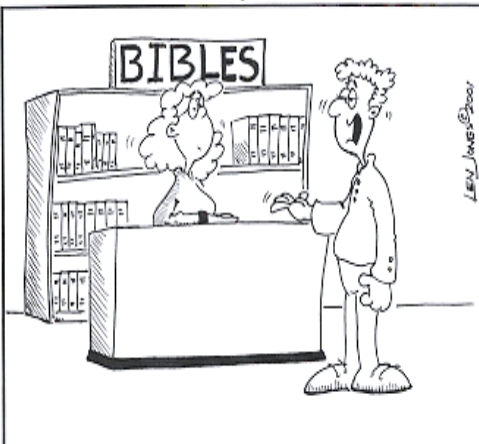
“We Appreciate our Pastor” with Luncheon and Cards and Love October 14th,



The Bible in 50 words.

God made.
Adam bit.
Noah arked.
Abraham split.
Jacob fooled.
Joseph ruled.
Bush talked.
Moses balked.
Pharaoh plagued.
People walked.
Sea divided.
Tablets guided.
Promise landed.
Saul freaked.
David peeked.
Prophets warned.
Jesus born.
God walked.
Love talked.
Anger crucified.
Hope died.
Love rose.
Spirit flamed.
Word spread.
God remained.

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted or in need of making some kind of decision.

The Lord's Home Run

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named "Love."

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails."

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch.

Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him He was now going to bring in His starplayer. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he there was no way he could lose, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! However, Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by.

He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won!

The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy answered that he didn't know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith, and Wisdom will get you on base, but only My Grace can get you Home.

"For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." Psalm 84:11

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again, I liked them the way they were."

Trunk or Treat 2018

Approximately 220-230 Kids. Great time. 17 trick or treat stops. Popcorn, donuts and cider and coffee. K-9 Companions were there with well trained beautiful dogs. Police and firemen were present and treating the kids.



Pastor Casey with Storybook and Tom Sacca carving a pumpkin



Ready for the little darlins



K-9 Companions



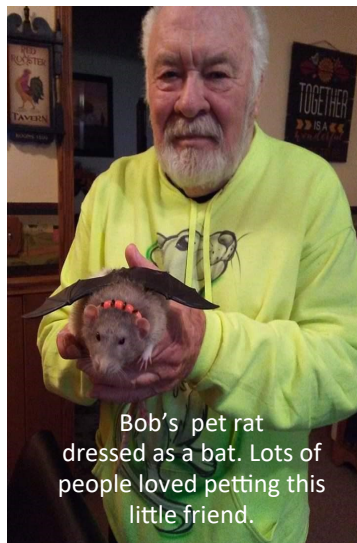
Story Time



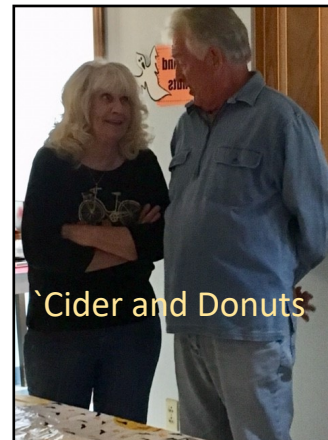
Crafts



Hey, Sharon How's it going? Popcorn Lady



Bob's pet rat dressed as a bat. Lots of people loved petting this little friend.



Cider and Donuts

The outside was decorated with candy corn decorations. Inside with spider webs and other spooky characters alive and otherwise.

Highway Angel

I was driving home from a work when my car started to choke and sputter and died.

I barely managed to coast, cruising, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic on the highway and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump! So I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen. She was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now.

So, I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name and that she lived nearby. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago, and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay the rent January 1st, and finally, in desperation, had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves and a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?"

This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year, angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, when I got in my car, it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow for a check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Church Humor

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"



The Devine Inspirations

The Devine's are a young family from Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania that God has called to use all the talents He has given to them, to glorify Him. As a family, they perform concerts and worship services for churches, campgrounds, music clubs, senior centers, nursing homes, community events, retreats, reunions, banquets, revivals, VBS, and anywhere God leads.

You'll feel like you've stepped back in time or into an old-fashioned movie.

Watch a family at the church pageant.

Then they travel home to decorate with a tree, wreaths, and a candle. Mom gives a music lesson and Dad reads from the Bible. Then it is one quick gift for each child and off to bed.

A variety of traditional and new songs along with prayers and poems lead you through the story.

The Devine Inspirations are coming to Cortland Christian Church

November 17th, 2018 at 6pm

Refreshments follow.

In preparation for this concert we will be putting up some of our decorations. The Narthex, and the Fellowship Hall will need to be decorated with a tree, wreaths, centerpieces, etc. Then it will be done for the craft show too.

We will be having a fellowship after the concert with cookies, punch and coffee.

Cortland Christian Church

"A Holiday Craft Show"

Saturday, November 24th

10 am-3 pm

We will have many vendors and crafters, a bake sale, and soup and sandwich lunch available.

The Gingerbread House Contest

is going to be held here this year.

So if you are interested in showing your talents of decorating and constructing a gingerbread house, contact the church call 30-637-4611 or stop in for a form.



Check Facebook for sign up form also.



Message on
the outside
sign of

Faith Temple
Church, Sioux
Falls, SD:

"We welcome
all
denominations

\$1,
\$5,
\$10,
\$20,
\$50,
\$100.s"

via
Rev. Jeff Hayes



"Brunch with Friends"

**Saturday, November 10th
10 am**

In the Board Room at CCC

***We will be filling stocking for the Troops,
this is fun come and join in please. We
have a method that works good and
goes pretty fast. We write out cards for
the stockings too.***



***We will talk about the Craft Show
and the Cookie Sale.
And anything you would like to bring up.***

Next "Little Lambs"

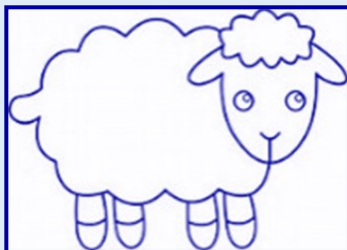
(Children's Clothing Sale)

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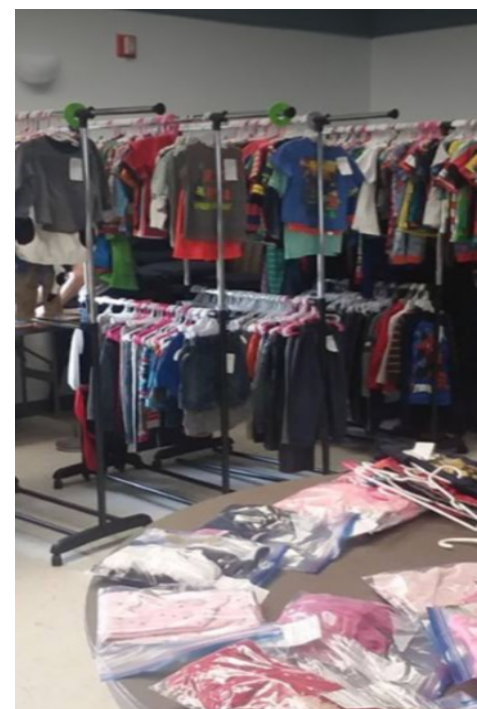
**153 Grove Drive Cortland,
Ohio 44410**

May 3-4th, 2019

If you're interested in becoming a seller please
email LittleLambsCortlandOH@gmail.com



This is just a sample of
what Little Lambs have
to offer each time they
have a sale.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

APPLE PIE
BEANS
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CORN
CRANBERRY SAUCE
GRAVY
HAM
MASHED POTATOES
MILK
PUMPKIN PIE
ROLLS
SQUASH
STUFFING
SWEET POTATOES
TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY

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G J X S G R A V Y I E Q I S T

Blessings Mix

Bucles: Shaped like a cornucopia or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of our nations abundance.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

Candy Corn: The sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Nuts or Seeds: Promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

M&Ms: Memories of those who came before us to lead us into a blessed future.

Hershey's Kiss: The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



May the Blessings



Of this Thanksgiving fill your Heart & Home