



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

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From the Pastor...

A MONTH FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES

The month of November usually ushers in the beginning of colder weather in advance of winter. It is a time for many events and activities as well. Of course, there is Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day this month. In addition, our congregation is participating in Operation Christmas Child and sending shoeboxes filled with gifts for children overseas as well as sharing treats with the residents of Hennis Care Centre.

In the world of business and commerce, this month will begin the Christmas buying season with sales galore; both online and in department stores. This month is filled with many things to do and they are important activities. I believe that in the midst of all these happenings around us that November is first and foremost a time to give thanks as a nation as well as believers in the Lord.

At the root of our faith is gratitude for the gift of salvation that is offered to believers through faith in the Lord. This simple yet profound truth is at the heart of our existence because it leads us to our eternal life with God. We are created to glorify God because He has gratuitously granted salvation to us without any sufficient effort on our part. At the source of all good works is the desire to express our thanks and appreciation for the glorious gift that God bestows on those who believe in the Lord.

To be sure, Luther's morning and evening prayers begin with the words, "We give thanks to you heavenly Father." Faith is basically an attitude of gratitude. We literally owe God everything and yet His only request is fidelity and love for Him and others.

Our country has a national day of Thanksgiving yet God has a daily request for thanks that we can simply answer with words and deeds of praise and service done for others. I am convinced that the life of the Christian is fundamentally based upon the willingness to recognize the great gift of salvation that God grants to us. There is nothing in this world that can equal the generosity of God.

In closing, I hope that you will join in the Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 19 at Zoar United Church of Christ beginning at 7:00 pm. Earlier that day we will prepare and serve over 200 meals to shut-ins and hospice families in the area. It is a wonderful way to demonstrate our thanks and appreciation to God as we serve others and praise His holy name. I pray that you and your families will enjoy the blessings of being grateful and thankful to God the year round.

Soli Deo Gloria!

November Worship Ministers:

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
11/5	8:00 A.M.	Charlann Young	11/5	8:00 A.M.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison		10:30 A.M.	Marcia Howenstine
11/12	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward	11/12	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 A.M.	Richard Dudash
11/19	8:00 A.M.	Jim Ward	11/19	8:00 A.M.	Jen Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Carol Hoskinson		10:30 A.M.	Byron Lautenschleger
11/26	8:00 A.M.	Rose Harris	11/26	8:00 A.M.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 A.M.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 A.M.	Steve Maurer
USHERS			ACOLYTES		
11/5	8:00 A.M.	John & Sandy Bolitho	11/5	8:00 A.M.	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 A.M.	Richard & Donna Dudash		10:30 A.M.	Bailey Keane
11/12	8:00 A.M.	Greg & Julie Majors	11/12	8:00 A.M.	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 A.M.	Jerry & Carol Hoskinson		10:30 A.M.	Lizzie Kienzle
11/19	8:00 A.M.	Jim & Jen Ward	11/19	8:00 A.M.	Carson Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 A.M.	Michael Eberly
11/26	8:00 A.M.	Dave & Charlann Young	11/26	8:00 A.M.	Kayla Eberly
	10:30 A.M.	John & Kevin Kienzle		10:30 A.M.	Bailey Keane
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Marcia Howenstine	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Community Meal</u> Kathy Pozzuto	
Screen Monitor					
11/5	8:00 A.M.	Whitney Ward			
	10:30 A.M.	Doug Dix			
11/12	8:00 A.M.	Julie Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Josh Dix			
11/19	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Lisa Keane			
11/26	8:00 A.M.	Austin Ward			
	10:30 A.M.	Jerry Hoskinson			

Offering and Attendance

Date	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22
Offering	\$4,549.00	\$2,615.00	\$5,994.75	\$3,280.00
Attendance	68	74	58	82

Readings:

<u>Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost All Saints Sunday</u>	<u>Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Last Sunday of End of Time, Christ the King</u>
11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
<u>Micah 3:5-12</u> <u>Psalm 43</u>	<u>Amos 5:18-24</u> <u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18</u> <u>Psalm 90:1-12</u>	<u>Deuteronomy 8:7-18</u> <u>Psalm 65</u>
<u>1 Thessalonians 2:9-13</u> <u>Matthew 23:1-12</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</u> <u>Matthew 25:1-13</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</u> <u>Matthew 25:14-30</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</u> <u>Luke 17:11-19</u>

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers: Molly Bauer, Claudia Winrod, Jac Harker, Dale Lautenschleger, John Seng, Tim Robb, Kelly McDaniel, Don Schlack, Gus Cerpides, Gene Keck, Jenny Filicky, Harold Allison, Sal De Ruggiero, Kitty McBeth, Floyd McBeth, Dan Levesseur, Mindi Lieser-Baum, Jackson Kinsey, Keith Hay, Beau Sherrets, Jean Baker, Imagene McClellan, Bill Tait, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Jack Garrison, Melinda Caldwell, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, Tony Lehmillier, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving



Operation Christmas Child: St. Paul will once again participate in this program later this year. All shoe boxes will be collected by Sunday, **November 12**. A dinner will be held that day to benefit the effort. The cost to ship each box has increased from \$7 to \$9. The proceeds from the dinner will pay for the shipping of the boxes.



Book Club: For November, we decided to “re-read” *Same Kind of Different as Me*, by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. We had first read this book 9 or 10 years ago. It is a very compelling story, which deserves to be read again. However, part of the reason to select it once more occurred because it has been made into a full-length movie, released on October 20th, 2017. Renee Zellweger, Jon Voight, and Greg Kinnear and others star in this movie.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Everyone is welcome to attend the service at Zoar UCC on Sunday, November 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year we will once again prepare and distribute Thanksgiving dinners to local shut-ins prior to the service.



Time Change: Remember to change your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night – **November 5** begins the new time change.



Operation Christmas Child Church Dinner: St. Paul will once again participate in this program. All shoe boxes will be collected by Sunday, **November 12**. A dinner will be held that day to benefit the effort. The menu will include, Swiss steak, mashed potatoes or macaroni cheese, vegetables, salad, dinner rolls, dessert and beverage. A free-will offering will be taken.

Evangelism: I recently read a quote attributed to C. S. Lewis (yes, another one by him!), which struck me as something widely applicable to anyone in the church called to be involved in evangelism (which obviously applies to EVERYONE). He stated, “It is not your business to succeed, but to do right; when you have done so, the rest lies with God.”

How often have we avoided an evangelistic opportunity or lacked the courage to approach someone, because we feared that we wouldn't be successful? Our culture is often driven by a "success or failure" mentality, which can interfere with our Christian activities – especially as it pertains to evangelism. We are all called to spread the Good News to everyone. There is no footnote that we should do this only if we're sure that those involved will fully accept our message! Our responsibility is to spread the Gospel, and then realize that "...the rest lies with God." This idea should help take the "pressure" that we sometime feel, off of our shoulders, and place it on His shoulders where it belongs. How refreshing to realize that our responsibility (and opportunity) is only to be the messenger, and then let God be God!

BIRTHDAYS			
Kaleigh Norris	11/2	Perry Bahr	11/23
Bennett Gettan	11/4	Riker Grewell	11/23
Paulette Hoskinson	11/4	Alyce Snyder	11/24
John Kienzle	11/5	Jack Garrison	11/26
Emma Garver	11/7	Jerry Hoskinson	11/28
John Seng	11/9	Cameron Majors	11/29
Randy Simers	11/11		
Andrew Reeves	11/18		
Adam Sanders	11/21		

ANNIVERSARIES	
Dave & Dorothy Garan	11/5
Robert & Alyce Snyder	11/5
Perry & Sue Bahr	11/8
Dave & Linda Clugston	11/20
Joe & Kaye Cline	11/26

Sonshine: Spread Some *Sonshine ladies and Rebekah's Sisters* will be delivering popcorn and spending time with the residents of Hennis Care Center on Wednesday, November 8th. Rebecca's Sisters are invited to join the Sonshine ladies for their meetings, times to be announced. **LADIES:** Save the date Tuesday, **December 12th** for the annual Christmas luncheon held at the Massillon Women's Club at 12:30 PM. The cost will be \$17.50 per person.

All Youth (K-12) have been invited to participate in the 175th Anniversary Celebration starting in January 2018 and running through October 2018. The Anniversary Committee has encouraged us to come up with our own unique ideas to celebrate the occasion with our church, family, and friends. Please see Lisa with ANY AND ALL suggestions! We can do more than one activity and may also need ideas for fundraisers. We are currently working on a YOUTH SUNDAY plan where the youth would be responsible for the entire Sunday church service. One option is to schedule this for after our summer mission trip and the sermon can be based on our experiences.

The Youth has been asked to partner with Rebekah's Sisters in the Community Christmas give away. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the Youth Activities board for anyone who would like to assist in shopping. A "wrap party" will be scheduled later in the year once all gifts are purchased.



All Saints: November 5, we will remember in prayer all those who died in the previous year at both services.

NOVEMBER 2017 PRAYER FOCUS

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Lord, I thank You for my salvation.

I thank you for Your indescribable gift of eternal life and the
Power to do Your will today.

I can hardly fathom how You Suffered, yet you did it all for me
For every person on this planet.

Mocked and beaten, You bled for my sins.

You had victory over death so I could live.




You made a way for me
And I am eternally grateful
Thank You, Lord!

***EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING,
AND WE CAN NEVER THANK GOD ENOUGH FOR OUR SALVATION!***





Month of NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4
			Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		
11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. ALL SAINTS DAY	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.		Martin Luther B/D 1483  Veterans Day!	
11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Dinner for Operation Christmas Child- 11:30-1:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25
Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Community Thanksgiving Zoar UCC 7:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Prayer Chain update	Thanksgiving. 	Newsletter Deadline 	
11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30		
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. – Decorate the Church	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			

