



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

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## From the Pastor...

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### A Season for Giving Thanks

I chose the title for this article because it indicates that we are conditioned to think about giving thanks only in the later part of the month of November. It is sadly a part of our lifestyle to consider the important elements of life only at certain times of the year. Undoubtedly, we are creatures of habit and therefore act in predictable patterns of behavior. I suggest, however, that giving thanks is not a seasonal endeavor but rather a daily means by which we connect with God.

Think for a moment about our faith in the Lord. It comes as a gift from the Holy Spirit. In other words, I do not deserve the love of God. It is graciously and generously given to all. A wise pastor once told me that God does not love us because we are loveable. We are loveable because God loves us. Think of the implications of those two statements. In other words, our value and worth as human beings are conferred by God and not earned by any effort on our part.

Given the truth of God's choice to love mankind, it appears to me that our basic response to God's initiative is to give thanks always. Thanksgiving Day is every day that I acknowledge the love of God in my life. We do not need a national holiday to recognize the fundamental response that we can make as human beings any time we so choose.

Speaking of Thanksgiving Day, I want to encourage you to attend the community service which will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 pm. This year the service will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Zoar.

In closing, I am not going to extend wishes for a happy Thanksgiving Day. Instead, I want to offer something much more valuable. I pray that you will have a thankful life because God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

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## Worship Ministers- Please note the new "Nursery" listing

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
11/4	8:00 am	Pam Ward	11/4	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Carol Hoskinson		10:30 am	Donna Dudash
11/11	8:00 am	Jim Ward	11/11	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
11/18	8:00 am	Charlann Young	11/18		Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Mark Cunningham		10:30 am	Tammy Huggins
11/25	8:00 am	Rose Harris	11/25	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
USHERS & GREETERS			ACOLYTES		
11/4	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	11/4	8:00 am	Whitney Ward
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Michael Eberly
11/11	8:00 am	Greg & Julie Majors	11/11	8:00 am	Carson Majors
	10:30 am	Rick & Lori Caughey		10:30 am	Tripp Fabianich
11/18	8:00 am	Jim & Jen Ward	11/18	8:00 am	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger		10:30 am	Vivianne Eberly
11/25	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	11/25	8:00 am	Kayla Majors
	10:30 am	Kevin Kienzle		10:30 am	Izaak Matthews
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Marcia Howenstine & Donna Dudash	<u>Fellowship</u> Kathy Pozzuto		<u>Community Meal</u> Kathy Pozzuto
Screen Monitor			Nursery		
11/4	8:00 am	Austin Ward	11/4	8:00 am	Linda Blazina
	10:30 am	Lisa Keane		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
11/11	8:00 am	Whitney Ward	11/11	8:00 am	Jim Ward Family
	10:30 am	Jerry Hoskinson		10:30 am	Donna Dudash
11/18	8:00 am	Cameron Majors	11/18	8:00 am	Majors Family
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Peggy Dix
11/25	8:00 am	Julie Majors	11/25	8:00 am	-
	10:30 am	Doug Dix		10:30 am	-

## Offering and Attendance

Date	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/28
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$3,095.50</b>	<b>\$2,174.00</b>	<b>\$3,233.00</b>	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>

## Readings:

11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25
<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> . Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>26<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>27<sup>nd</sup> . Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<u>Isaiah 25:6-9</u>	<u>1Kings 17:8-16</u>	<u>Daniel 12:1-3</u>	<u>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</u>
<u>Psalm 24</u>	<u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>Psalm 93</u>
<u>Revelation 21:1-6</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:24-28</u>	<u>Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25</u>	<u>Revelation 1:4-8</u>
<u>John 11:32-44</u>	<u>Mark 12:38-44</u>	<u>Mark 13:1-8</u>	<u>John 18:33-37</u>



**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers** – Linda Beachy, Charles Brown, Susan Tiller, Pat Sundheimer, Louise Harris, Maddy Russell, Corinne Haney, Debbie Neorr, Peggy Keck, Paul Gosselin, Mary Pickens, Tom Bitticker, Dan Levesseur, Danny Fisher, Judy Berger, Herb Siefert, Molly Bauer, Kelly McDaniel, Floyd McBeth, Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Bill Tait, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Camren Taylor, Scott Fout, Jeremy Warfield, Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

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

### *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!*

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

**Christian Book Club :** The next selection for the book club is *“When Is It Right to Die”* by Joni Eareckson Tada. This is an undated edition that reexamines issues such as assisted suicide which are hot topics in our country and around the world. As someone with serious health challenges who has been in a wheelchair for over fifty years, she has a unique viewpoint that needs to be heard. This is a tough, but important topic that she presents in a clear, concise, and compelling manner. Cost is \$ 8 each. The book club will meet on December 4, 7:30 p.m.

**Evangelism News:** As fall has started, the church year is back in full swing. In the next newsletter, we’ll have other evangelism news to explore. However, I’d like to congratulate the entire congregation on continuing to improve various evangelism opportunities, especially welcoming new visitors and members each Sunday. I’ve talked with several people who commented on how welcoming those with whom you might not be familiar becomes easier the more you do it! Obviously, this is an activity that should never stop (and should actually

continue to increase!), but I am proud of those who make a concentrated effort each week to make others comfortable here in our church. Keep up the good work!

**Youth Groups will be focusing on SERVICE for the month of November.** - We have 2 volunteer opportunities that I want everyone to be aware of. **FROGS / GROGS** - The first will be on Saturday, November 10th from 10:30am - 12:30pm at the **Akron - Canton Food Bank- 350 Opportunity Pkwy Akron**, followed by a group lunch at Bubba's 33 4721 Dressler Road NW Canton, OH 44718. This event is for youths and adults ages 10 and up. YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE with the Akron - Canton Food Bank. Please follow the instructions in the follow up email to register and then message me or sign up on the Youth Activities Board once you are registered.

**FROGS / GROGS / TADPOLES** - The second event will be held on Sunday, November 18th @5:00 pm and is open to all grades Pre K - 12th. Our church currently has 9 service men and women on our prayer chain that we would like to send care packages to for the holidays. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner @5:00 then you will be assigned an individual to prepare a special package for. I would like for each person to have their own recipient or possibly have one of the older youth group members partner with a younger to work together as a team. Please bring a photo / snapshot of yourself to send to your person! Please sign up on the Youth Activities Board or RSVP to me to allow for planning and purchase of food and supplies.

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## **Prayer Focus for November 2018 -**

### **A HEART TO SERVE - Psalms 145:8**

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;

slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Lord, I pray for a spirit of compassion.

Help me to care about the needs of  
others and have genuine love for all.

Pour into me your caring, kind Spirit,  
so I can be a blessing and minister

to others out of a full heart.

May I walk in Your graciousness

with a heart to serve.

Amen



November 19<sup>th</sup> will be final collection for the Shoebox Christmas gifts. Start your shopping now to be ready.

**This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18.**

**Temple Talk:** On Sunday, November 18, a representative from UBS Financial Services, Inc. will be present to discuss estate planning and charitable giving options after the 10:30 service.

**Fellowship News:** This year St. Paul will again participate in preparing and distributing Thanksgiving meals to shut-ins on Sunday, November 18. We will prepare the green beans to serve 250 meals which also include families with loved ones in Hospice care.

**Church Dinner:** Thanks to all those who supported and prepared the dinner on October 21<sup>st</sup>. A total of \$900 was collected which will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for needy families in the community.



**Christmas Blessings Giveaway:** A sign up sheet is in the Narthex for those who will be able to help with the Christmas Blessing Giveaway on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Special Thanks & Appreciation from Jean Baker:** Jean wants to thank all those who attended her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Inn at Northwood. She is very grateful for all the cards, gifts and well wishes that she received from her church family at St. Paul



**Christian Luncheon:** There is a sign-up sheet for those who will be attending the Christmas Luncheon at the Massillon Women's Club on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon on the table in the narthex.

**ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2018 – 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**


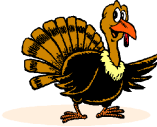
**BOLIVAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STATE ROUTE 212**

**MENU: CHICKEN SANDWICHES – VEGETABLE SOUP – BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP - PIE**





# Month of November 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				11/1	11/2	11/3
				Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Budget Meeting
11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn clock back 1 hour.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.	<b>Election Day.. Luncheon at BUMC 11-1:00</b>	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Property Meeting 9:00 a.m.
11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Veterans Day	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m. 		
11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship & Temple Talk on Estate Planning after 10:30 service	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Chain update due Newsletter Deadline	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving 		
11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30	
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			

***God bless, have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!***