

The Common Line - First UMC Newsletter

November 2007

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Being Thankful Now

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November. We set aside one day a year to be thankful. But why wait? Those who exhibit an attitude of gratitude are generally happier and more pleasant to be around. Besides, the Bible tells us to be thankful (see Psalm 100:4 and Colossians 3:15.)

Thankfulness comes more easily at some times than others, but the bottom line is it's a choice. When we choose to be thankful even in difficult circumstances, it's called a sacrifice of praise. Like anything else, being thankful is a discipline that gets easier with practice.

How do you practice thankfulness? Try following David's advice, found in I Chronicles 16:8 – 12:

Give thanks to the Lord and pray to Him.

Tell the nations what He has done.

Sing to Him; sing praises to Him.

Tell about all His miracles.

Be glad that you are His; let those who seek the Lord be happy.

Depend on the Lord and His strength; always go to Him for help.

Remember the miracles He has done, His wonders, and His decisions.

Make thankfulness a way of life. Start today!

As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot spiritually be kept alive without prayer.
St Augustine



Circle of Concern

In a residential care facilities: Florence Forbes, Verna Lower and Charlotte Smathers - Logan Health Care, 300 Arlington Dr, Logan

Thurman & Alberta Hellyer - Reflections, 2750 W Fair Ave, Lancaster

Ray Howe - Crestview Manor, 925 Becks Knob Rd, Lancaster

Betty Johnson, Mary Jane Bateman, Charles Harris - Hickory Creek, The Plains

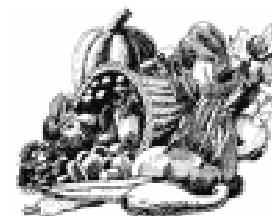
Nellie Haynes - Brown Memorial, 158 E Mound St, Circleville 43113

Ann McKinley - Doctors' Hospital, 1950 Mt St Mary, Nelsonville 45764

Please hold these folks in your prayers and send a cheering card.

Where others see but the dawn coming over the hill, I see the soul of God shouting for joy.

Hudson Taylor



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in November! You'll find the complete list in the calendar. Tack it on your refrigerator so you will be reminded to wish each one a happy birthday.



See Ya Here!

If you're 18-28 and looking for a class which will help you learn how to balance your life – family, work, studies and God – then you will want to check out our newest class taught by Jill Squires on Sundays at 9:30.

Youth

The youth meet each Sunday at 4:30 at Crabtree Field (behind



Crossroads) for a game of flag football (you can come and cheer, chat or watch if you don't want to play).

We go to the church for pizza, fellowship and fun about 6pm so feel free to come then if you can't make the game.

Lower your expectations of earth. This isn't heaven, so don't expect it to be. Max Lucado

Choir Practice

The Chancel Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Join the choir for fun, fellowship, caring - and even some singing!

Acolytes

The acolyte schedule for November is:



- Nov 4 - Corrine Campbell, Mallory Sims
- Nov 11 - Joe Frazier, Starla Warren
- Nov 18 - Zach Strickland, Patrick Norway
- Nov 25 - Caleb Covert, Daniel Kline

This is an important ministry in worship and we need you to serve.

The acolytes will take pictures November 11 following worship.

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness. Charles Spurgeon

Evangelism Goal

You are challenged to pray for at least one unchurched person for at least one minute every day at 1:00 pm. If you cannot possibly pray for one minute at 1:00 pm, you may want to choose another time. The important thing is to pray!

Most of us are uncomfortable sharing the gospel. We start with a relationship - a relationship with God and then a relationship with an unchurched person. That is, build a bridge of trust into the lives of people you know. When we pray for one person for one minute at 1:00 (the 1:1:1 plan) we create space for God to work. God works through our prayers to generate holy promptings in us and in the individual. Please pray for at least one unchurched person every day.

Jesus Christ is not valued at all until He is valued above all.

St Augustine

Liturgists

Liturgists for November are:

- Nov 4 - Steve Cox
- Nov 11 - Dick Covert
- Nov 18 - Marianna Holtel
- Nov 25 - Merv Davis

Please plan to fulfill your obligation - if you can't, please arrange a substitute.

Ministry to a Soldier

Interested in helping a soldier be a bit less lonely? Check out www.mysoldier.com and make a difference in someone's life.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? Corrie Ten Boom

Acceptance

The current theme for the United Methodist church is "Open hearts...Open minds... Open doors". This reminds us to love and accept others just as Jesus did.

We are trying to ensure all information is in the newsletter and a one line reminder will appear in the



bulletin for church events. This is a cost-saving measure. Please make sure you submit an article about any event to the newsletter with all the information you have so we will all know what's coming up!

Please turn in your newsletter articles to Karen Campbell by November 19. Thanks for helping to make *The Common Line* more informative and helpful!



Flooding

As you've probably already heard, Findlay, Ohio was devastated by the flooding this summer. 1800 families have been displaced and even six government building had to be torn down - placing dozens of agencies in disarray and making it even more difficult for people who have nothing to find help for their situation. The Council voted in September for the money from the Can Do Wishing Well to go toward rebuilding the lives of Findlay families. This is one of those times that people right here in Ohio (not around the world some place) need our help. Thank you for your generosity.

Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you.



Help the Pastor

As you probably know, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill a few years ago, prohibiting hospitals from providing lists of patients to anyone (including pastors). They no longer call a pastor when you are admitted to the



hospital. If you're admitted to the hospital, please have a family member call the pastor (in most cases, a chaplain will call for you too). *There is no other way for the pastor to know you are in the hospital, unless you call.* It is helpful as well to let the pastor know when you're released - a trip to a hospital following your release takes time away from helping someone else.



Children's Sunday School

FUMC continues learning about Bible Heroes this fall:
Nov 4 - David/Jonah
Nov 11 - all in fellowship hall
Nov 18 & 25 - Noah
Bring your friends to Sunday School.
Classes start at 9:15am.
Sunday School is hosting a movie night on Nov 4 @ 6. Come have pizza and watch *Evan Almighty!*



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Tax-Saving Opportunity

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law new tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are 70 1/2 or older. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of good work done by charitable organizations across the United States.

Under the new law, you can make a lifetime gift using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) without any

undesirable tax effects. Prior to the new law, you would have to report any amount taken from your IRA as taxable income. You could then take a charitable deduction for the gift but only up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. In effect, this caused some donors to pay more in income taxes than they would have if they hadn't made a gift at all. Fortunately, now these IRA gifts can be accomplished simply and without tax complications. Plus, you can make the gift now - while you are living and able to witness the benefits of your generosity.

You may contribute funds this way if:

- * You are age 70 1/2 or older
- * The gift is not more than \$100,00
- * You make the gift on or before Dec 31 of 2007
- * You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA
- * You make the gift to a charity (like First UMC)

To make a gift of your IRA (and save some income taxes) simply contact your IRA custodian for the forms necessary to transfer your desired gift amount to the charitable organization of your choice.



All Saints' Day

We will observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 4 during the worship service. Loved ones who have joined the church triumphant will be remembered on this day. We will light a candle for



each one plus a candle for those not mentioned by name during the service.

Memorialized:

Gerald Blair, Viola Corby, Verna Covert, Joyce Glass, John Hartley, Lois Johnson, Merreleen North, Robert Riley, Elijah Saylor, Elinor Mae Sayre, Herbert Wilson.



Knowing we are fulfilling God's purpose is the only thing that really gives rest to the restless human heart. Charles Colson



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour on Saturday before going to bed!



Veterans' Day

Veterans' Day is November 11th. Please take the time to thank a veteran for his or her service that allows us to worship freely. Veterans' Day is observed on the 12th so there will be no mail or banking on that Monday.



The odds of hitting a target go up dramatically when you aim at it.



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 22. Along with the family, food and football, take the time to thank God



for all the blessings you've received in the last year. God has been so good to each of us. Take the time to thank Him. The church office will be closed Wednesday through Friday of that week.



Christ the King Sunday

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated November 25th. This is the last day of the church year and the day we concentrate on Christ as the King and Lord of our lives. This is a celebration day in the church so come celebrate!



If you won't be better tomorrow than you were today, then what do you need tomorrow for?



Flu Clinic

The Athens County Health Department will hold a flu clinic at FUMC on Tuesday, November 6th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. You'll find the flu clinic in the hall near the church office. The health department says there is no shortage of vaccine this year and all age groups are encouraged to receive a flu shot to protect the community from flu epidemics.



Planning Session

November 4th is an important day for FUMC! We will plan where we're going for the next couple of years on that day. If you'd like input on where we're headed, than join us for planning 2-5 on Nov 4.



Just pray for a tough hide and a tender heart. Ruth Graham Bell



Election Day

Please remember to vote on November 6th! This is a precious freedom that many around the world would literally give their lives to have - many have given theirs from our country for this right. Exercise it!



Christmas Play

Practice for the 2007 Christmas play is Sundays, 11:30-1:30.



Some people are willing to give the Lord credit but no cash.



Nursery Schedule

Serving in November:
Nov 4 - Heather Campbell
Nov 11 - Jill Squires
Nov 18 - Sandy Covert
Nov 25 - Dee Dee Loge



Concert

New Mercy will be on concert at Buchtel UMC Sunday, Nov 18 @ 6pm.



The annual Community Thanksgiving Service is at Oak Grove Wesleyan Church this year. The service begins at 7:00 pm. Rev. Walters will bring the message.

Thanks!

Thank you to all who helped make the Hot Dog Supper at Hocking a success! The students loved it. Watch for other opportunities to serve the Hocking students.



Services

Tapes of our morning worship services are available each week. They can be picked up on the vestibule table or delivered to shut-ins by bill & Joan Cox. Call the office at 753-1939 to make arrangements or for more information.

Altar Flowers

Thank you for providing altar flowers – it makes our worship space beautiful!

Nov 4 – in memory of Mark Foughty by Merv, Mary, Erin Brady

Nov 18 - in memory of Wynne Howe by children

Nov 25 - in memory of Dick Smith by wife Mary and family

