

**December Events:**

**December 1st: Singing Emphasis and Dessert Fellowship: Terri, Kaitlyn, and Lucianna Vilain in charge.**

**December 10th: Young at Heart Meeting.**

**December 14th: Christmas Coffee at Cindy Moore's.**

**December 15th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.**

**Today's Announcements:**

- ◆ Today, the Young Adults and the Children's groups will be meeting after morning service at the building to decorate the holiday baskets/boxes and make cards for the shut-ins.
- ◆ Our mid-week bible study will be this Tuesday, November 26th, instead of Wednesday, November 27th.
- ◆ Anyone wishing to give a small monetary gift for the holiday baskets/boxes for the shut-ins, please see Debbie Anderson or Kathy Cross.
- ◆ The "Young at Heart" Group will be meeting at 10 a.m. on December 10th at the building to fill and complete the holiday gift baskets. Then the group will have their fellowship meeting at the Wilmoth's at 11:30. Please bring a cover dish to share.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to deliver the holiday baskets to the shut-ins after the Young at Heart meeting on December 10th. If you are interested in helping, see Kathy or Debbie.
- ◆ If anyone is interested with serving or working with Pleasant Acres, please advise Debbie or Raymond Anderson.
- ◆ Bill Cane is a resident at Pleasant Acres that the congregation sponsors. Anyone interested in giving a donation towards Christmas gifts and personal needs, please see Debbie, Kathy, or Raymond.

**Notes of Interest:**

- ◆ **Remember those affected by the recent hurricanes. The CoC Disaster Relief Effort, <https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/>, is taking donations to help those affected.**

**Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman**

**Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington**

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*November 24, 2024*



## Are We Truly Thankful?

Many, many years ago a story is told of a good king in Spain known as Alfonso XIX who learned that the boys who served in his court were forgetting to pray before their meals. So, he decided to teach them a lesson. He gave a banquet and invited them to attend. Midway through the dinner a ragged beggar came in, sat down, and began eating ravenously. When he was finished, he went out without saying a word.

“That ungrateful wretch ought to be whipped,” shouted the boys. “He ate the king’s food and never showed gratitude.” Quietly the king rose to his feet, and silence fell over the group. “Daily you have taken the rich blessings of life from the hand of your Heavenly Father,” said the king. “You’ve enjoyed His sunshine, breathed His air, eaten His food He has provided, and you have not bothered to say ‘thank you’ for any of them. You are more ungrateful than that beggar.”

## Times of Service

### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible Study 7 pm**

Often we like those boys, take for granted those blessings that God has provided.

In Luke 17:11-19 Jesus healed ten men of leprosy. Out of the ten men who were healed only one man returned to thank Jesus. Jesus asked the man who return, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner” (Lk. 17:17, 18).

So many times, we often neglect to be thankful. Yet, thanksgiving is to be a natural attitude of our worship (1 Cor. 14:16-17) and is to characterize all of Christian life (Col. 2:7; 4:2). We are to give thanks daily and regularly.

As we read in the New Testament the early Christians expressed thanks: for Christ’s ministry (Luke 17:16); for Christ’s deliverance from sin (Rom. 6:17-18; 7:25); for God’s indescribable gift of grace in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:57; Rom. 1:21) and for the faith of fellow Christians (Rom. 1:8).

All this comes from the God who loves us and has given so much to us; shouldn't we be thankful always?

Alex Haley, the author of "Roots," had an unusual picture hanging on his office wall. It was a picture of a turtle on top of a fence post. When asked, "Why is that there?" Alex Haley answered, "Every time I write something significant, every time I read my words and think that they are wonderful, and begin to feel proud of myself, I look at the turtle on top of the fence post and remember that he didn't get there on his own. He had help."

That is the basis of thankfulness – to remember that we got "here" with the help of God, and that He is the provider of every blessing we have.

This Thanksgiving season may we be reminded of all the Lord has done for us and may we not only thank Him now but every day that we have the breath of life.

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**November Card Distributor: Kathy Cross**

**November Greeters: 24th-Karen Seyler**

**November Baptismal Garments: Lois Reed**

**Bible Class Locations**

**Adults– Main Auditorium**

**Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark's Office**

**Children & Teens– Downstairs**

**Cradle Roll– Downstairs**

**Upcoming Events/Dates to**

**Remember**

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**January 19th: One Day Lecture-ship**

**January 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures**

**March 21-22: Congregational Retreat at Jackson's Mill**

**End of April/May: The Wild Son Flower Farm.**

**May 18th: Friends and Family Day**

**June (TBA): VBS**

**Our Record:**

**Sunday Morning Assembly**

67

**Sunday Bible Class**

48

**Sunday Evening**

25

**Wednesday Bible Study**

14

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$2710

**November Birthday/Anniversary List:**

8-Lou Skidmore; 12- Rex & Cheryl Kelch (A); 19-Cathy Hart; 24-Addyson Buffington; 28-Andrew Seyler & Rachel Black; and 29- Erica Craig

**Prayer Requests:**

**For Our Congregation:**

**Shut-in Members: Helen Potts, Ken Fortney, and Becky Britton.**

- **Ken Fortney:** Respiratory illness.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Joyce Wright:** Upcoming future surgery in Charlotte.
- **Megan Jones:** Out with a virus.
- **Theo Seyler:** Out with a virus.

**For Our Family & Friends:**

- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola's daughter-in-law):** Health issues.
- **Dave Thorn (Dale's brother-in-law):** He has blood clots.
- **Betty Peters (Karen Seyler's mother):** Been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung and liver cancer.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross's friend):** Having difficulty with her cancer treatments.
- **Jerry Maxwell:** Diagnosis with Black Lung disease.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Not doing well.
- **Alice Rollyson (Leah Sleath's Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Lionel Garner:** On the passing of Judy.
- **Jessica Blizzard:** Out with bronchitis.
- **Miguel Black:** On the passing of his mother.
- **Conda Mace (BCoC neighbor):** Difficult time with cancer treatments.
- **Tammy Wise.**
- **Reva Bagwell:** Had surgery on her hand/arm.
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie and Raymond's friend).**
- **Brenda Jerkin (Friend of Dale and Ramola):** Health issues.

*If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to [hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.*