

November/December Events:

- ⇒ **November 23rd:** Card decorating activity for the shut-in and sick members.
- ⇒ **November 27th:** Thanksgiving Day.
- ⇒ **December 6th:** Caroling with the Shut ins.

Today’s Announcements:

- Heart-felt “Thank You” to the Young at Heart” Group for the working on the care packages for the Shut Ins and sick members. Also, a special “Thank You” to Ramola & Dale Lee for the Veterans Recognition at the end of last week’s service.
- Next Sunday, anyone who wants to come out to the building at 3:00 p.m., we will be making decorative cards for the sick and shut-in members. This will be a good project for the young kids of the congregation to help with.
- There is a new Teacher’s sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board for the coming year starting this December. Please see the sheet and sign up to help.
- Christmas caroling with the shut-ins and at Pleasant Acres will be December 6th followed by Christmas festivities at Debbie & Raymond’s. If you are interested in participating, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table so Debbie & Raymond have a head count. See Phillip or Natalie if you have any questions.
- Anyone who wants to donate toward the care packages to be sent to members of the military for the holiday season, please see Adam or Hannah by the close of today.
- Young at Heart will be meeting at the Wilmoths on December 9th at 11:30 am for a holiday get together. Bring a cover dish to share.
- If you wish to give a donation towards Pleasant Acres, please see Kathy Cross or Debbie Anderson.

Note of Interest:

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us once again, it is good to be reminded to count our blessings—even in the midst of difficult circumstances. “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

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Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth
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Why So Gloomy?

Our world is full of sadness and sorrow. Death comes and takes our loved ones. Financial troubles wreck our future plans. Sickness robs us of the idyllic scene we had envisioned for our lives. If we are not disciplined, we let these rob us of a happy life.

Jesus knew life would be hard on His disciples; it was hard on Him, too. But, He advised, “In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Because Jesus has overcome, we can have a happy life. He has robbed death of its power (1 Cor. 15:50-58). He has given us Heavenly riches when we are impoverished here (Eph. 3:8). He has promised us an eternal home without sickness or death: “*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes’ and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away.’ And the One seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ Then He said, ‘Write this down, for these words are faithful and true.’*” (Rev. 21:1-5).

So don’t be gloomy, but positive and hopeful! Because our Savior overcame, we can overcome through Him!

*Darwin Hunter, Sarepta church of Christ
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Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

We are Saddened

One of our beloved brothers, Gene Wright, passed away on Friday, November 14th. Brother Gene was a deacon with our congregation and beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Brother Gene has provided much knowledge, wisdom, and guidance to his church family, and served our congregation in my ways.

Joyce, Terri, Rodney, Kaitlyn, Ryan, & Lucianna, and the entire Wright/Vilain families are in our thoughts and prayers.

A viewing is planned from 2-6 pm today with the funeral service on Monday, November 17th, at 2 pm at the Burnside Funeral Home in Bridgeport. The family invites everyone to join them at the Parkette Restaurant following the internment service.

The Apostle Paul—who had encountered and endured every form of suffering imaginable (2 Cor. 11:22-29; 12:7-10)—instructed us to be thankful at all times.

We ask God to heal our wounds—globally, nationally, and personally. We ask God to lift up and protect those who are suffering. We give thanks to our God for each and every one of His gracious gifts. He is indeed beneficent and merciful. We are blessed.

Card Distributor: Rachel West

Greeters: (Needed)

Baptismal Garments: Susan Hartman

Bible Class Locations

Adults—Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)—Mark's Office

Children & Teens—Downstairs

Cradle Roll—Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.

December 4th: Bridgeport's Light Up Night.

December 6th: Caroling with the Shut-ins.

December 6th: Bridgeport's Christmas Parade.

December 6th: Backwoods Christmas Craft & Vendor Show at the Bridge Sports Complex.

December 7th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.

December 9th: Young at Heart at the Wilmoths.

December 13th: Ladies' Breakfast at FOP--White Elephant gift exchange.

December 21st: Winter Begins.

December 25th: Christmas Day.

January 1st: New Year's Day.

January 18th: One Day Lecture-ship.

January 19th: MLK, Jr. Holiday.

January 31st: Work Day at the building.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning
Assembly: 55
Sunday Bible Class: 41
Sunday Evening: 19
Wednesday Bible Study: 21
Contribution: 3,450
(Budget \$4,000)

November Birthday/Anniversary List:

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



Prayer Requests:

Our Congregation:

- **Lois Jenkins:** Recovery well.
- **Ed & Sharon Loy:** Ed having procedures this coming week; Sharon will have surgery in December.
- **Gary Pastorial:** Having surgery on his left knee on November 25th.
- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Having medical procedures in November.
- **Debbie Mowbray:** Doing well after surgery.
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.

- **Evelyn Griffin.**
- **Kathy Cross.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Kristina Riffle.**
- **Charles Riley.**
- **Cindy Moore.**
- **Allan & Erica Craig.**
- **Michaela Hutcheson:** Mission work.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Brandi Gardner's mother, Charlotte Pearson:** Not doing well. To send a card, her address is 151 Valley St, Salem, WV 26426.
- **Judy Stahl:** Will be coming to Bridgeport for her surgery at UHC this week.
- **Matt Buffington's father-in-law.**
- **Gabriella Anderson.**
- **Megan Currey's father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Chris Kirk.**
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond's friend).**
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan's Supervisor).**

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin— Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.