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ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE



It's been said that God has given us two great lamps: the lamp of hope that lights the future and the lamp of memory that illumines the past.

In observance of **All Saints Day, on Sunday, November 1st**, we will honor members and loved ones of our church family who have passed from this life during the last 12 months.

During the morning worship service, the name of each person being remembered will be read aloud and a candle will be lit in their memory. The service will be an expression of our faith in God and of our thankfulness for the gift of eternal life. It will also provide an opportunity for us as a community of faith to remember each of these precious loved ones.

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"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 7:16-17

OFFICE HOURS

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ~ 9:30AM
 CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:45AM
 GOD CONNECT ~ 12:12 PM
 TEEN SMALL GROUPS ~ 7:00PM

PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday Mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am

The prayer group will be reading and discussing the book “Why Good Things Happen to Good People”. Come join us in the lounge as each week we share concerns and pray together.



*Congregational
Congratulations
& Blessings*

We celebrate with Jay and Kim (Strong) Edmondson who were joined in marriage on Thursday, October 1st, at Christ UMC. May God’s blessings be with them on this new journey in their life together.



Next Caregivers meeting:
November 9th
at 7pm in room 212

The continuing education subject will be ‘Depression’ led by Ron Johnson and Pastor Jim. Please bring your check-in statement and in-depth report. Pat Mansperger will have devotions and refreshments.

The Parish Visitors group will be joining us for our Christmas covered dish dinner on December 7th at 6pm at the home of Ron & Vicki Johnson. Remember to bring a white elephant gift.

Stephen Ministry Training

We will be offering a Class for new Stephen Ministers beginning in January through May. The class requires contact 50 hours and a reasonable commitment of serving as a Stephen Minister for two years..

Stephen Ministry expands the care-giving of a congregation, fulfilling our mission to love God, love others and bring people to Christ. Stephen Ministers are particularly trained to bring the ears of Christ to those whom they care for. Would you like to talk with a Stephen Minister? Contact Vicki Johnson, Ron Johnson or Pastor Jim.

GOODIE BOXES

for

College Students & Military members

The *God’s Group* Sunday School class will be assembling and sending out care packages to college students and those in the military. Please contact Bea North at bnorth@zoominternet.net or Mary McNaul at mmcnaull@zoominternet.net with any address information.

If anyone would like to donate goodie items for these care packages, they will need to be in a quantity of 20.

Thanks for helping us fill up the boxes for this caring ministry.

YOU’RE INVITED...

The Eagle’s Wings Sunday School class is inviting you to join them for an adult outing!

When: Saturday, November 7th

Where: The Barn Restaurant
in Smithville

We will be meeting in the parking lot of Montgomery Elementary School at 5:30 to carpool to Smithville.

Join us for a relaxing and enjoyable time of fellowship, fun, good food and shopping!

[Please contact Patti Hill if you have any questions or need more information.]

**THE NEED IS GREAT
HOW WE CAN HELP...**

The need for help has not decreased at all! The Ashland County Food Bank is currently in need of the following:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Instant Jello | Sugar |
| Toilet Paper | Cake mix / frosting |
| Paper Towels | Sunny Delight |
| Laundry Soap | Bar Soap |
| Canned pie filling | Stuffing mix |
| Canned Sweet Potatoes | |
| Macaroni & Cheese Boxes | |

Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the north entry way at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your help.

From the Pastor's Study . . .



I'd like to enter into the health care debate. I am indebted to Gordon Ruggles who put me on to an article in Newsweek, [November 21, 2009, pp 42-45] which clarified a lot of the issues and terminology for me.

I stand with our United Methodist Social Principles when they say,

"We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection."

Perhaps I had blinders on or just never really considered the implications of what is going on. I generally feel pretty proud of our nation and our society, but there were a number of statements in the Newsweek article that disturbed me. When it comes to the morality of our health care, it seems we don't stand as tall among the other advanced nations.

- "The USA, the world's richest and most powerful nation, is the only advanced country that has never made a commitment to provide medical care to everyone who needs it."
- "According to government and private studies, about 22,000 of our fellow Americans die each year of treatable diseases because they lack insurance and can't afford a doctor."
- "The US is the only developed country where medical bankruptcies can happen."

Does America lack the moral conviction to provide access to basic health care for all our citizens? Have we really made the moral decision that it is okay for people to be denied access to health care? Do we really believe that it is okay for people to go bankrupt should they happen to get sick?

Even with our Social Principles statement, I guess I hadn't really thought of health care as a moral decision of our society. But here it is: apparently our economic and special interests

have kept this great society from providing access to something my theology considers a basic human right. I'm disturbed by this.

Change is hard. Changing a system that is so entrenched in our day to day dealings is even harder. When facing a change, we can expect the fear mongers. They are people who will create and disseminate polarizing rhetoric because it plays to our fears. When we are afraid, we resist change. Do you remember the Israelites who suggested they return to the slavery in Egypt because they were afraid of surviving in the desert?

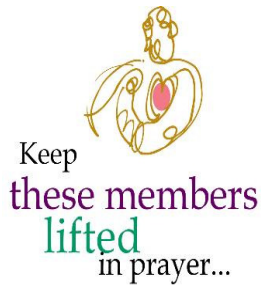
In the debate a number of terms are tossed around, I think, to create fear and misunderstanding. "Socialized medicine" and "universal coverage" are not the same thing. Socialized medicine means the government owns the hospitals, employs the doctors, and pays the bills. Universal coverage means a system of private doctors, private hospitals, and private or government insurance plans. One or the other or a mixture of both are the techniques for making good on the moral conviction to provide universal access to health care.

In our society, everyone over 65 already participates in a universal government run coverage (Medicare). The leap here is not the idea of universal coverage, but rather to provide that coverage from "cradle to grave."

"Rationing of health care" has been a part of the debate and used to create fear. But let's not deceive ourselves, rationing already occurs. We are perhaps blind to the way it is being rationed because we are used to it. We currently ration health care by wealth. Those who can afford it, have it. Those who can't afford it are denied. Who among us speaks for the poor and the marginalized? Who expresses their fear?

Many will raise concerns about the economic cost. I pray for smart people to lead us to good answers to these tough questions, because I believe that we also have to consider the moral and ethical costs. I really don't want the America I love to be taking the position of Mr. Scrooge who said, "If they're going to die, let them and decrease the surplus population."

Pastor Jim+



Vince Barr, Mike Bonnell,
Richard Brown, Jeremy Burr,
Ruth Butdorf, Essie Creasy,
Warren Gebhart, Margaret
Helvie, Joyce Jenny, Ruth Ohl,
Doris Pllice, Janet Rockenfelder,
Arlene Siders, Mary Lou Spicer

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost All Saints Day

Celebration: November 1, 2009 [Green]
Holy Communion will be celebrated.
We will name and remember those loved ones
who have died since last All Saints.

Theme: God promises a place without tears.

Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24 P. 755
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Music: "And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears"
by A. Snyder; Sung by the Chancel Choir

Sermon: "No More Tears"

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Celebration: November 8, 2009 [White or Red]
Veterans Recognition

Theme: We shall hear a testimony about ministry
with International Students.

Scriptures: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 42 P. 777
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Music: "Consecration" by Beck; Chancel Choir
Celebration Bells

Testimony: Dong Li, Ministry to Internationals

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King Sunday

Celebration: November 15, 2009 [Green]
Christ the King Sunday

Theme: We celebrate that Christ reigns and is in
control.

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132 P. 849
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Music: "Lo! He Comes" by Grotenhuis sung by
the Chancel Choir ;
Voices of Praise

Sermon: "Our God Reigns"

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **December / January** issue of the
Link are
due in the church office by **November 16th, 2009.**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Thanksgiving Sunday

Celebration: November 22, 2009 [Green]
Thanksgiving Sunday

Theme: Jared Priset will preach on the spirit of
gratitude he experienced during his recent trip
to the Holy Land.

Scriptures: Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Music: Crescendo/Covenant Bells
Cantus/Treble Clef Choirs

Sermon: "Its ALL about Relationships," Jared Prise

First Sunday of Advent

Celebration: November 29, 2009 [Purple or Blue]
Hanging of the Greens: We will
remember the symbolism of the greens as
they are presented in worship.

Theme: God's faithfulness leads us to trust that
a day of justice will come.

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25 P. 756
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Music: "An Advent Processional" by Pearson
Chancel Choir


Sermon: "The Faithfulness of God"



November 2009

*"I will praise God's name
in song and glorify him
with thanksgiving."*

Psalm 69:30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 COMMUNION ALL SAINTS DAY Stewardship Sunday New Member Class 12:12 God Connect 6 Teen Small Groups @ CUMC</p>	<p>2 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh</p>	<p>3 10 Prayer Group— lounge 7:30 Book Bunch 8 Yng Adult Group @ Priset home</p>	<p>4 Choirs practice</p>	<p>5 1:30 UMW Circle— lounge 7 Finance</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 5:30 Dinner at Smithville Barn hosted by Eagle's Wings SS class</p>
<p>8 VETERAN'S SUNDAY Guest speaker New member class 12:12 God Connect 6 Teen Small Group @ FUMC</p>	<p>9 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh 7 St Ministry-rm212</p>	<p>10 9 Gloriosa Gardeners—rm 15 10 Prayer Group— lounge 11:45 ALL Staff mtg 8 Yng Adult Group @ Priset home</p>	<p>11 1 Quilt Guild -rm15 Choirs practice</p>	<p>12 7 Ad Board—rm 15</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 Trustees Workday for outside church</p>
<p>15 Christ the King Receive new members & Baptism 2 Brethren Care 2 Scouts Court of Honor-fh 4:30 Teens help w/ Feast Night @ FUMC</p>	<p>16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1 UMW Exec. Committee— library 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh</p>	<p>17 10 Prayer Group— lounge 8 Yng Adult Group @ Priset home</p>	<p>18 Choirs practice</p>	<p>19 12 noon SOS—fh 1 Study Discovery Group—library 7 Education— rm 15 7 Altar Guild-library 7:30 Worship committee-lounge</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8am-2:30pm Scouts Yth Leaders Training</p>
<p>22 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 11:45 Potluck & Pie Auction Fundraiser after SS for Youth Family Night (No Teen Small Groups)</p>	<p>23 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh</p>	<p>24 10 Prayer Group— lounge 7 Growing in Christ —rm 15 7 Quilt Guild—fh 8 Yng Adult Group @ Priset home</p>	<p>25 Newsletter Assembled & Mailed Choirs practice</p>	<p>26 THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 HANGING OF THE GREENS (following worship) 9pm-10pm Teen Small Groups @ Trinity Café 508</p>	<p>30 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh</p>			<p>🎵 Choirs 3:30-4:30 Cantus and Treble Clef Choirs (gr. K-2) 4:30-5:15 Crescendo & Covenant Bells (gr 3-6) 6:30-7:30 Celebration Bells (gr 7-Adult) 7:15 Chancel Choir (Adult)</p>		

WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER

Greeters

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Janet Bonnell | Patti & Steve Hill |
| 8 Doris & Bob Quackenbush | Cheryl Fulk and Norma McVey |
| 15 Carolyn & Ken Brown | Sheri and Carly Williams |
| 22 Brenda Gardner and Barb Raudebaugh | Thema Reep and Max & Vera Witmer |
| 29 Marilyn Hursh | Becky & Mike Dorr |

Greeters are asked to arrive no later than 9:00, wear your red name tag, and stand at the front entrance (Claremont) or in the Foyer area at the Glass entrance (Broad St).

Ushers

- Bill Aten- Head Usher
 Fred Rafeld
 Sonja Bringman
 George Bringman
 Freeman Harper
 Steve Crone
 Ken Oberholtzer
 Bill Achberger
 Ken Brown

Altar Guild

- Beth Boyer
 Rhonda Fogle

Scripture Readers

- 1 Megan Oberholtzer
 8 Marybelle Landrum
 15 Carol Sommers
 22 Jane Ruggles
 29 Shari Moore

If you would like to be a part of the worship service by reading scripture, contact Jane Eshelman.

Acolytes

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Austin deSilva | Alexander deSilva |
| 8 Jonah Moretz | JJ Marimi |
| 15 Lexi Portner | Lindsey Crone |
| 22 Alexander deSilva | Austin deSilva |
| 29 Hannah Boyer | Daniel Marimi |

Julia Fabich coordinates the list of acolytes each month.

Altar Flowers

- 1 Amanda Stewart
 8 Carolyn & Ken Brown
 15 Loretha Kline
 22 Barb & Keith Raudebaugh
 29 Wanda Shank

To add to the beauty of the service by donating flowers in memory or in honor of someone or an event, see the sign-up sheet located outside the church office.

The flowers are pre-ordered & delivered at a cost of \$22.00.

Please send payment to the church either by mail or put it in the offering with your envelope marked "Altar Flowers".

Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers are persons who extend the hand of welcome and enthusiasm for Christ Church. These persons make a very brief home visit to first-time visitors. They deliver a welcome packet of materials about our church along with our hope that they return to Christ Church soon. Sonja Bringman coordinates this outreach ministry


Our Hospitality Ministers for the month are:

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|----------------------------|
| 1 Sandy & Ron Baker |
| 8 Brooke & Dean DaHinden |
| 15 Vicki & Ron Johnson |
| 22 Bea & Bruce North |
| 29 Doris & Bob Quackenbush |



Counters

- Fred Rafeld
 Wilma Jean McConnell
 Michael Barr
 Ken Brown



Just for KIDS

He gave thanks

This Thanks giving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

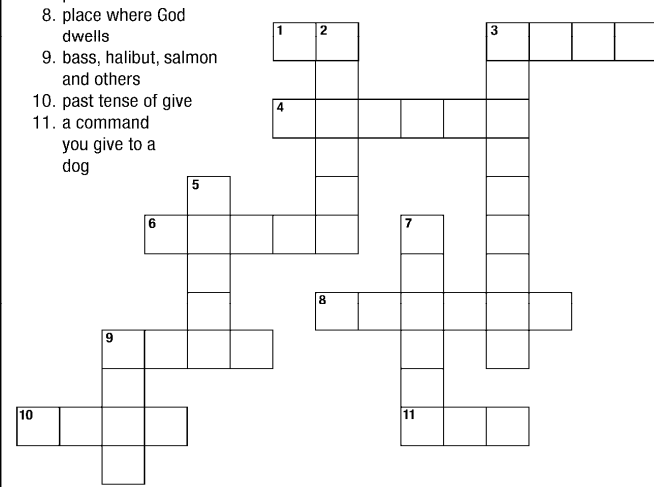
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

Down

2. another name for humans
3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
5. what a lawnmower cuts
7. _____ giving
9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

CLEAN-UP WORKDAY
 The Trustees have scheduled a workday for outside clean-up for **Saturday, November 14th beginning at 9:30am.** Please contact Kenny Oberholtzer for more information about what tools you can bring that might be needed to help. Everyone is welcome to come join this time of stewardship fellowship.



Bring a Friend...or two!

Here's what's happening with our

Thursday, November 5th
 at 1:30pm
 in the lounge

United Methodist Women



WORLD THANK OFFERING
 Doris Hintz
 Devotions: Dedication of the Thank Offering
 Hostess: Bertina Schwartz

Heartfelt Thanks



♥ Dear Christ Church, Thank you for the gift baskets, prayer quilt, all the cards and calls, and most of all, your prayers.

Bill & Marilyn Farguharson

♥ Dear members & friends of Christ UM Church, We are grateful for your prayers, thoughtful concern and encouraging words as Jim's father rejoins his wife of 72 years. Arthur passed peacefully on September 24th—four months and a day after his wife Montie. Thank you all for your understanding and support.

Jim & Joan Scott

♥ *Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude...* It is difficult indeed to put our thoughts into words, but we very much appreciate the delicious food that was brought for the passing of Margie Whitmore. The thoughtfulness and kindness of the ladies that prepared the meal is something we will long remember. Thanks again, The family of Margie Whitmore

LET'S READ & TALK TOGETHER

Come join the CUMC **Book Bunch** for a lively book discussion! The next meeting will be **November 3rd at 7:30 pm in the Lounge.**

We will be discussing "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert. All are welcome and encouraged to invite friends. Please call the church office so we will know how many to plan for. Refreshments will be served.

Questions?
 Contact Meredith Priset.

Stewardship Update

October Receipts	\$ 19,828.42
Needed each Week	7,098.71
Monthly Need	\$ 30,761.07

**A MISSION UPDATE FROM
UMW & OUTREACH/WITNESS**

The loaded truck, driven by volunteers Bob & Holly Taylor, left for Steubenville, on Monday Oct 12th. We are in mission helping them!

This is what we are helping Steubenville Mission do: feed 950 households per month, serve 300 hot meals three times a week thru the Unity Kitchen, and provide shelter at their apartment facility the Hutton House, for over 200 people per year, most of them being children.

The East OH Conference has met the \$50,000 matched challenge for Steubenville and our church was a part of that blessing! We want to thank everyone who donated food so a Thanksgiving meal will be possible for many this year and to all those who donated coats (some from the rummage sale donations) to keep people warm in the coming winter months. Thank you and God bless!!

[article info submitted by Bertina Schwartz]

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women sent 12 school kits, 20 afghan kits, coats, food and 70 hats, scarves and mittens to Steubenville in October.

USHER APPEAL

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and to commit to helping others. One great way is to join with the Usher group on Sunday morning. Time and talent is what we are asking for and of course a big smile helps. Time means being at the church by 9am ready to usher on the months you volunteer. Talent is greeting and welcoming our fellow members (and those searching for God) and helping them feel good about being with us for worship. Ushers are the first line of impression in our church; we must make it warm and friendly. With all of this in mind, are you now ready to join us? If so, please contact William (Bill) Aten and share your name or call 419-289-2307.



Veterans Day

SOS LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

You're invited—You, Your Spouse, Your Veteran Friend, their spouse or anyone interested in recognizing Veterans.

The SOS group of Christ Church is again honoring the veterans and all that worked to help keep America free. Bertina Schwartz and her band of Sexy, Seniors over sixty would very much love to greet each of you on November 19th at noon in Fellowship Hall.

A lunch will be served with a short program. Lunch for Veteran's and their spouse will be free; for all others, the cost will be \$3.00.

Come, join us. You'll be glad you did!!

Call 419-289-3335 to make a reservation.



HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

So we as a congregation can be mindful of those members not able to be in worship with us, we will be listing a *Homebound Member of the Week*. We use the term "homebound" loosely as some persons may be able to venture out occasionally but finds their body or mind causes pain or embarrassment. While we encourage them to attend church and/or social functions as much as possible, we are sensitive to their situation and want them to know we care. An address will be listed so a card can be sent or a visit made. If you know someone who qualifies, but might be overlooked, please contact the church office, Pastor Jim, or Doris Hintz.

<u>November 1</u>	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 15</u>	<u>November 22</u>	<u>November 29</u>
Jeremy Burr	Anne Chaney	Gerry DusSault	William & Marilyn	Ethel Fulk
Brethren Care—rm 402	Kingston—rm 111	Belmont Tower—Apt 522	Farquharson	Belmont Tower—Apt 503
2000 Center St Ashland	20 Amberwood Pkwy Ashland	2140 Center St Ashland	1238 Columbus Cir N Ashland	2140 Center St Ashland

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Outreach and Missions Associate Lay Leader	Bertina Schwartz	

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