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From the Pastor's Desk



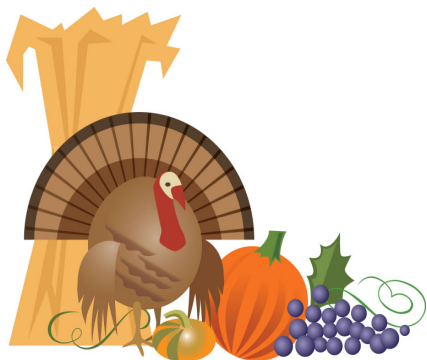
Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

November..... the month of Thanksgiving! The fall of the year with the crisp, cool mornings and, sometimes, the warm, sun-filled afternoons. I love this time of year! (except for having to rake leaves that seem to accumulate under our deck!) I have often focused on being thankful during this month's column because of Thanksgiving day and in other messages I have given the challenge to be thankful every day, not just one day a year. And, I will honestly say that everyday I am so thankful that in my faith journey, God has brought me to Blymire's!!!! I truly love all my brothers and sisters in this faith family!

This year there are hundreds of thousands of people whose Thanksgiving will be nothing like it was in past years. So many people have lost loved ones because of the devastating hurricanes and fires that have ravaged not only our nation, but the world. So, part of my everyday prayer life is asking God to be with all who are victims of these disasters and that God will give them the strength they need to take one step at a time to rebuild their life. But, for those mourning the loss of loved ones, may they feel the arms of God holding them close and providing the strength they need to move ahead in life with the void that the death of their loved one(s) have left. We can hardly imagine what so many people are going through right now!

We will most likely be able to enjoy our Thanksgiving traditions that have become an important part of our holiday season. But, this year, maybe we can put a bit of a spin on it. As we collect the supplies we need to make our Thanksgiving Dinner, let us put aside an equal amount to contribute to Disaster Relief. As we make our plans for our holiday gatherings, let us include purchasing an extra toy to give to agencies that will provide toys for children who have lost everything. As we do our shopping for the gifts we will give at Christmas, let us try to do what we can for those who have been displaced from all that they had in life and are trying to rebuild their life literally from the ground up. We may have our own difficulties in our daily life, but to think about what so many people are going through right now just breaks my heart. And, it makes my problems seem so small in scale.

So, this Thanksgiving, I give praise to God and glory to His name. I give the thankfulness of my heart to God for the wonderful blessings of love, family, and the friends I have. And, I give just a small portion of the abundance God has given me as I share gifts of



supplies, food and money to help in whatever way I can to make someone's life a bit happier and more comfortable in the light of their loss.

We truly hope that your Thanksgiving is filled with love and you are surrounded by those nearest and dearest to you. And, if you feel so inclined, take a moment as you offer your prayers to include in your prayers or in your outreach all those whose lives have been turned around this year by all the events — the hurricanes, the fires, the earthquakes, the Las Vegas massacre..... and others I may have overlooked. In our prayers, let us also pray for God's blessings on all who have gone to the devastated areas to help clean up and start rebuilding all that was destroyed. We truly do have a lot to be thankful for..... the most important of all is that God loves us and by His grace we have what we have. PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!!

God Bless! With love, Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in NOVEMBER

November 5, 2017 - Pentecost 22

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: "Students of the Master"

Choir Anthem: "Jesus, You're My Place" Sorrenson

November 12, 2017 - Pentecost 23

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Be Prepared"

Choir Anthem: "Let the Flame Burn Brightly" Larson

November 19, 2017– Thanksgiving Sunday

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Wise Investments"

Choir Anthem: "Time to Thank the Lord" Choplin

November 26, 2017 - Reign of Christ

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "Doing All For God"

Choir Anthem: "For All That You Have Done" Sorrenson



Daylight Saving time ends
Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 AM.

Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour.

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for NOVEMBER

GREETERS:

November 5 - Nancy Taylor
November 12 - Beth Markey
November 19 - Steph Frey
November 26 - To be announced

GIFT COLLECTORS:

November 5 - Kevin & Renne Myers
November 12 - Bernie & Delores Noll
November 19 - Ida Michaels
November 26 - Joan Mickey & Lynz Leader

LAY READERS:

November 5 - Kevin Myers
November 12 - Linda Rost
November 19 - Sonja Ness
November 26 - Janie Montgomery

ACOLYTES:

November 5 - Curt & Ginny Weber
November 12 - Heather & Eli Matthews
November 19 - Ed & Barb Adams
November 26 - Lynz & Alys Leader

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

November 5 - To be announced
November 12 - To be announced
November 19 - Frey family
November 26 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

November 5 - Terry Doll
November 12 - Ed Adams
November 19 - Chase Matthews
November 26 - Wyatt Myers

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

November 5 - Joel Frey
November 12 - Greg Ness
November 19 - Greg Ness
November 26 - Sterling Boyd

CAMERA OPERATORS:

November 5 - Greg Ness
November 12 - John Sterling
November 19 - Todd Miller
November 26 - Terry Doll

VIDEO OPERATORS:

November 5 - Sydney Brown
November 12 - Jeri Jones
November 19 - Judy Bishop
November 26 - Nelson Leader

ALTAR GUILD: Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: November 15

NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS



*May God
Bless You on
Your
Birthday!*

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| 2. | Susan Sheffer
Lisa Miller
Abigail Michaels | 26. | Chase Matthews
James Barley |
| 3. | Jean McDowell | | |
| 6. | Brad McKinsey | | |
| 8. | Michael K. Knaub
Lynz Leader | | |
| 10. | Carolyn Bruce
Rod Eichelberger | | |
| 12. | Kenneth Miller
Jessica Keller
Barbara McNeal | | |
| 13. | Jean Nelson | | |
| 14. | Stephanie Frey | | |
| 19. | Ryan Heindel
Josh Humbert | | |
| 23. | Ginny Weber | | |
| 24. | Justin McKinsey | | |
| 25. | Carolyn Innerst | | |

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 4 - Joel and Stephanie Frey - 39 years
Nov. 14 - John and Beth Herbst - 19 years
Nov. 18 - Stephen & Linda Flinchbaugh - 50 years
Nov. 28 - Chet & Gwen Wise - 54 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2017	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$13,069.96	\$14,011.17	\$503.43	\$181.75	\$354.55	\$850.00
February	\$10,907.93	\$5,404.56	\$3.09	\$211.14	\$0.29	\$0.00
March	\$11,915.46	\$13,831.65	\$1,153.48	\$423.97	\$0.32	\$251.56
April	\$9,693.50	\$9,902.05	\$528.42	\$293.05	\$40.30	\$376.81
May	\$11,958.80	\$8,938.88	\$1,003.57	\$100.58	\$0.27	\$947.00
June	\$8,679.72	\$13,211.83	\$353.54	\$284.53	\$0.19	\$2,515.00
July	\$11,233.38	\$8,194.28	\$3.64	\$144.18	\$6.56	\$2,121.58
August	\$10,150.20	\$8,481.16	\$3.62	\$124.75	\$100.39	\$1,965.00
September	\$8,703.07	\$13,161.93	\$3.47	\$374.09	\$0.29	\$2,556.58
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$96,312.02	\$95,137.51	\$3,556.26	\$2,138.04	\$503.16	\$11,583.55

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ October 1, 2017

\$7,860.99

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ October 1, 2017

(Includes \$47,060.21 Endowment)

\$75,080.29

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ October 1, 2017 (Includes \$760,367.67 CD's, Trusts,
UCC Foundation—transferred \$9000 from UCC Foundation to B B & T Bank)

\$766,427.24

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2017

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 397.38
January	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 84.27	\$ 431.65
February			\$ 116.61	\$ 548.26
March			\$ 71.58	\$ 619.84
April	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 115.87	\$ 710.71
May	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 20.02	\$ 655.73
June	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 139.95	\$ 720.68
July			\$ 109.37	\$ 830.05
August	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 55.02	\$ 810.07
September	2	\$ 625.00	\$ 55.40	\$ 240.47
October				
November				
December				
Total	12	\$ 925.00	\$ 768.09	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry
The Haven at Springwood
2321 Freedom Way
York, PA 17402
717-718-3615

Peggy Luckenbaugh
Room 704B
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403



Anita Spahr
36 West Main Street
Dallastown, PA 17313
244-7392



**Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military**

A1C Ness, Brandon
98950 East Harmony Lane
Tucson, AZ 85748



Please join us for a baked ham dinner on Sunday evening, November 19. Dinner will be served from 6:00 PM – 6:50 PM in the Bethlehem UM Church's new Trinity Life Center Fellowship Hall (109 E. Main Street, Dallastown), followed by the Community Thanksgiving Service.

Dinner tickets are not being sold... however, all attending the dinner are asked to make a reservation. A free-will offering will be taken. The dinner will serve as a fundraiser to support the Samaritan Fund – a fund used by our local pastors to meet the needs of our neighbors who find themselves in economic difficulty.

You may pick up reservations forms from the Welcome Table in the Gathering Room. They may be put in the offering plate here or sent to B.U.M no later than Monday, November 13.

Even if you cannot come for the meal, you are invited to join us at 7:00 PM for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Pastors from the Dallastown/Yoe Ministerium will be participating and there will be a community choir.



TOILETRIES COLLECTION

We are still collecting toiletries for Helping Hands to give out at Christmas. We would love to be able to give everyone a bag. You may put your donations in the boxes under the coat rack in the hallway. Please try to keep items gender neutral. We will also be giving out bags to children, so kids' toiletries are needed as well. Thank you.

HOMWOOD AUXILIARY

Let your light shine" is this year's theme of the Homewood Homes Auxiliary. For Homewood health care center residents, the Homewood Auxiliary is a light that brings joy and compassion to them. When our representative, Stephanie Frey, asks for your support of the Auxiliary please say "YES." It only costs \$3.00 to join. Thank you.





S.O.S. (SISTERS OF SERVICE)

The SOS will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 20, at 6:30 PM at the church. Devotions will be led by Trudy Wise and refreshments provided by Diana Myers.



FAITH KIDZ will be holding their meetings on November 1, 8, 15 and 29 at 6:30 PM. We will be working on gifts for the shut-ins, have a Thanksgiving celebration and other activities.

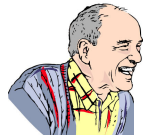


Our Women's Book Club will hold their November meetings on Tuesdays, November 14 and 28, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. We will be discussing the book The Christmas Train by David Baldacci. New members are always welcome.

This year's annual bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We will be serving breakfast and lunch. There will also be Crafts and a Bake Sale. We are not going to have the Granny's attic items this year, but please continue to work on your crafts and don't forget your bake sale goodies! Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday and Friday before the bazaar.



Our church will be hosting a SERRV Sale on Saturday, November 25, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Come and browse the beautiful handmade items from other countries. Each purchase you make will help these craftsmen and their countries. This is a good way to do your Christmas shopping and also help others at the same time. **SERRV items will also be sold during the bazaar and the Cookie Walk.**



MEN'S GROUP



Come join the men of Blymire on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. Come join us for a time of sharing. **REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.**

Join the TEENS



TEENS will meeting on November 5 at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for additional dates.



On Sunday, November 12, from 2:00-4:00 PM, Mary Jane Miller will teach us how to make Felted Turkeys. The cost is \$25. There is a sample in the Gathering Room.

Our all church Christmas party will take place on Saturday, December 2, at 5:30 PM. Please bring a side dish to share and a gift for our surprise guest to give to your child. After dinner there will be a special visit from the North Pole and a movie for the children. Bring your friends and camera to get that magical Christmas photo.



Cookie Walk

Come to our annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 AM til noon (or sold out). A large selection of all types of homemade cookies will be available. Buy as many as you like, mix and match flavors, all for just \$8.00 per pound.

In order for this to be a success we need lots of cookies, so get out your cookbooks, mixing bowls and cookie sheets. If you need any ingredients, there will be donations on the table in the Gathering Room for you to use. Cookies may be dropped off at the church on Thursday, December 7, or Friday, December 8.

EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

November 2017



Holiday Food Project

In addition to the regular monthly food, Emmanuel's Closet would like to give out extra holiday bags and gift cards for meat to enable our clients to prepare special meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. You can help by bringing in food to use for the holiday meals.

The extra Thanksgiving bags will be given out November 11 and November 18. The extra Christmas bags will be given out December 9 and December 16. If you are planning to donate items for the holiday bags, please bring them in at least two weeks before the give outs so Amber has time to sort them and shop for anything that is needed to supplement the donations. Thank you in advance for helping to give our clients a good holiday meal.

Christmas Project

Christmas will be here soon and it is time to start shopping for Christmas gifts for the children of Emmanuel's Closet clients. If you would like to help with this project, you can pick up a Christmas ball from Sterling Boyd beginning November 5. Each ball is numbered and will list the sex and age, along with suggested gifts for the child.



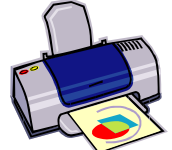
As we did last year, we are asking that you spend approximately \$50 on each child, either with an actual gift or a gift card. If this is too much for one family, perhaps two or more families can pool their money for each child.

Please do not wrap the gifts. If desired, wrapping paper or a gift bag may be included. If buying a gift card, please write the dollar amount on the actual card, not on the tag.

All gifts or gift cards (**with the tags attached**), should be placed in one of the Emmanuel's Closet bins no later than Sunday, November 26. Our give-out dates for this project will be December 9 and December 16.

Thank you for helping to give these children a brighter Christmas.

Cartridge Recycling



Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box in the Emmanuel's Closet bin in the Gathering Room. This year we were able to get several hundred dollars worth of free school supplies from Office Max and Staples by using the rewards earned from recycled cartridges.

E.C. Continuing Needs

Juice
Cereal
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed Dry Pastas
Helper Meals
Dessert Items
Condiment Items
Canned Tuna/Meats
Canned Broth
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Coffee/Tea
Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels
Dish Washing Liquid
Laundry Detergent
All-Purpose Cleaners
Baby food, diapers, wipes
Children's books/toys
Small household items

Please, NO Expired Food Items

We are now accepting fall and winter clothing. They should be clean, in good repair and unstained. Small appliances should be in working order.

THANKS FOR CARING!

We remember the Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day, not so much for their turkey dinner, but for the sheer faith that inspired them to give thanks in a year that saw nearly half their number die of sickness.

Yet they prayed with thanksgiving.

Ralph F. Wilson



Healing Hearts Inspirations



November 2017

THANKSLIVING

The art of thanksgiving is thanksgiving. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy: "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration for others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.

[Wilferd A. Peterson](#)

If you want to be happy, you have to be happy on purpose.

When you wake up, you can't just wait to see what kind of day you'll have. You have to decide what kind of day you'll have.

Joel Osteen



GOD'S FAR-REACHING GRACE

Seems to me God gives a lot more grace than we'd ever imagine. We could do the same. I'm not for watering down the truth or compromising the Gospel. But if a fellow with a pure heart calls God *Father*, can't I call that same man *Brother*? If God doesn't make doctrinal perfection a requirement for family membership, should I?

If God can tolerate my mistakes, can't I tolerate the mistakes of others? If God can overlook my errors, can't I overlook the errors of others? If God allows me with my foibles and failures to call him *Father*, shouldn't I extend that same grace to others? One thing is for sure. When we get to heaven, we'll be surprised at some of the folks we see. And some of them will be surprised when they see us!

Max Lucado



As they swoop, drift, and glide, inscribing magnificent patterns across the sky, birds are serene displays of grace and beauty. An upturned wing, a graceful flutter, all so effortless and free... More magnificent still is the inspiring sight of birds migrating, progressing steadily across the horizon in a solid V formation that is a singular pattern too unique to be mere chance.

Pushing steadily forward, this aerodynamic V reduces air resistance for the whole flock. With wings moving in harmony, the feathered group continues its course across the sky, covering more ground together in community than as individuals. When the bird at the front gets tired, she will move to the rear of the formation where the wind drag is lowest, and a more rested bird can take her place.

By learning from the example of our winged guides, all of us can feel empowered to take on daring challenges as we chart adventurous courses. Feel the strength of others moving alongside you, as their presence lends power to your wings during this journey across the sky of life. When buffeted by unexpected gusts, we can choose to find refuge in the loving shelter of friends and family. We may even marvel as an otherwise difficult day passes by like a swift wind, as a kindred spirit charts a way for us through the clouds and rain ahead. If your wings begin to ache on your journey, look around for somebody else to fly at the front for a while. All of us move faster when we move together. Let your ego drop earthwards as we all soar ever higher.

Madisyn Taylor



Imagine this: there is a great need to be filled, so every one in the country is asked to contribute one dime to the cause. One by one, all 300 million people in the United States line up to toss a dime into the pile, and everyone contributes within a few days. Can you imagine the size of that pile? Just from the seemingly insignificant contribution of ten cents each, the people of this country would raise \$30 million. If this ever were to happen, we'd have a huge pile of dimes to serve as visual evidence of people's generosity. And their generosity certainly wasn't excessive--after all, giving a dime certainly didn't put anyone out.

Now think of our contributions to the peace and love and kindness of the world. Imagine these qualities as being physical and cumulative. This pile grows the tiniest of bits every time we give something of ourselves to someone else, every time we lift someone else up with encouragement or a word of thanks. The pile diminishes each time we act in selfishness and hurt someone else.

If we had the visual confirmation of our actions, wouldn't it be much easier to make kindness and love the most important part of our lives? Maybe we'd be sure to treat others very well if we actually saw the results of our actions. We may not have a visible pile that grows and shrinks depending on our actions, but we do have a spirit, and that spirit can be invigorated or it can be down in the dumps, and left without any real energy. Much of its feelings have to do with our actions. Renew your spirit by making it your purpose to contribute to that heap of caring and peace in our world!



**MAY YOUR LIFE
PREACH MORE
LOUDLY THAN
YOUR LIPS!**





Revelations for NOVEMBER from “Bly Mire” Mouse

BLY’S HEALING HUMOR — In light of the tragedies of the hurricanes

this season along with the massacre in Las Vegas, instead of a joke for Bly’s Healing Humor, Bly offers a prayer..... From the anthem Nelson had the choir sing October 8— “A Prayer for Our Time”...”There is no tyrant who can stand against our sure Defender’s hand. No threat or danger can defeat the strong and righteous Prince of Peace. Eternal Father, ever be our fortress in the time of need!” Lord, our nation and our world is definitely in a time of need — we need to be aware of your constant strength and presence in our world! Amen.

Even my family is wondering what is happening in our world now. We listen to the news and it seems like every report tells about something else inflicting suffering and/or terror on our world. I talked with Mire and we both agree that we are going to talk with our little ones about the many good things in our world as we also pray that God will soften the hardened hearts of the terrorists around us. Each night we always had said a prayer before bed and now we nightly include a line where we pray for peace in our time. You know, if all of us would join in a prayer for peace, we trust God will grant it! Remember, Jesus said, when two or more agree in prayer our Heavenly Father will provide.

So, like I said, Mire and I have agreed that everyday we will look at something positive in our world and highlight that with our family. Now, we know there are a LOT of great things happening within our church family! We have had a number of people feeling the nudging of God to step up for many things. PRAISE GOD for the willingness of so many to give their time and talents for the glory of God. YOU ARE ALL AMAZING PEOPLE!!!! THANK YOU!

And, how wonderful have our activities been — from the Craft activities to the different Fellowship times — A W E S O M E!!!! Special thanks to Marti for arranging our crafting activities!

But, we are looking forward to our Annual Holiday Bazaar! I hear that this year our format is a bit different. We are going to offer our breakfast and lunch foods again as well as the amazing Baked Goods you people are known for! We will also have craft items available for purchase and in addition to that we are going to have the SERRV items available at the Bazaar. NO GRANNIES ATTIC this year! NOVEMBER 11th is the date — SEE YOU HERE!

Of course, this is the month of Thanksgiving so we definitely focus our thoughts on how thankful we are to God for all that He gives us for the living of our daily lives! We truly are blessed to have such a loving Heavenly Father! Mire and I and all our family hope that your Thanksgiving is filled with love and laughter, hugs and kisses!

Your faith-friends,

BLY and MIRE and family!



Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____ 16 18 1 9 19 5 _____

_____ , _____ name in _____ 19 15 14 7 _____

and _____ 7 12 15 18 9 6 25 _____ 8 9 13 _____ with

_____ 20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7 _____"