

THE CHRISTIAN LINK

FROM THE PASTOR...

November Newsletter Devotion

I don't know where this year went, it just flew by. Here we are in November already and the year will be over soon. The holidays are upon us, ready or not here they come. We face the hectic pace of the next 60 days with a mixture of apprehension and anticipation. Sometimes we almost gloss over Thanksgiving on our march to Christmas. Fathers dread the drive to grandma's house but welcome the time off work. Kids dread being cooped up in the car, but look forward to the treats at grandma's. Thanksgiving ushers in that most cherished day in retailing known as "Black Friday", what it is hoped will be the biggest shopping day of the year. It is an indicator of how the Christmas shopping season will go.

How did all this get started? How did we get this Thanksgiving Day that we have such mixed feelings about? It is generally held that in 1621 the Pilgrims and the Native Americans of the Wampanoag Tribe enjoyed a feast together to celebrate a good harvest. It is widely held that the Pilgrims would not have survived the first 3 years of the colonization had it not been for the Native Americans. They gave thanks to God for their survival (in the first year nearly half the colonists died) and for the food they were about to eat. They did not repeat the Thanksgiving in subsequent years. Various attempts to establish a permanent Thanksgiving were tried and failed until President Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1863. Again, it was not repeated every year. It wasn't until 1941 that Congress finally established the last Thursday of November as the National Holiday of Thanksgiving.

We do well to give thanks to God, and we should do so each day and not just once a year. I'm afraid that too often we seek after God's blessings and not God himself. When we do that we end up losing both. The Pilgrims first came to this land in search of God and the freedom to worship him. Since then, this nation has reaped blessing after blessing until it became the greatest nation in history, not by our own hand but by the grace of God. Now as this nation increasingly pushes God away, those blessings are pushed away as well. Let us now come together in the spirit of Thanksgiving and seek after God and not just the blessings of God. Let us begin a year of thanksgiving by starting now to give thanks to Him.

Psalm 100:4 (NIV) Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Bob

NOVEMBER 2011



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THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE

November 6th ~ Veteran's Appreciation (Rose Dedication & Slide Presentation)

Communion passed in the pews

Mission Offering: Thanksgiving meals

Sermon: *A Soldier's Faith*

Scripture: Matthew 8:5-13

Scripture Reader: Brenda Marks

Communion Stewards: Bev Elekes & Judy Leas

Greeters: Aubrey Richards & Sydney Zeman

Acolytes: Aubrey Richards & Sydney Zeman

Nursery: Chelsea Richards

Children's Church (1st-4th): No Children's Church—Communion Sunday



November 13th ~ Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication

Receiving of new members

Sermon: *What Had God Given You?*

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Scripture Reader: Connie Rine

Greeters: Bob & Debbie Miller

Acolytes: Jobin Harney & Marcus Hawkins

Nursery: Amber Zeman

Children's Church (1st-4th): Brenda Marks



November 20th ~ Thanksgiving Sunday

Sermon: *The Shepherd Who Pursues*

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Scripture Reader: Holly Jordan

Greeters: John & Beth Norman

Acolytes: Clay Steer & Seth Zeman

Nursery: Mary Hunter

Children's Church (1st-4th): Marlene Hare & Elaine Booze



November 27th ~ First Sunday of Advent

Advent Readers: Len & Connie Rine

Advent Offering: Local Social Concerns

Sermon: *The Second Christmas*

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

Scripture Reader: Roger Bowen

Greeters: Mike & Renee Martin

Acolytes: Taylor Hunter & Darby Hedges

Nursery: Tracey Cowden

Children's Church (1st-4th): Any volunteers?



Lay Leader: Eric Wasson
Music Leader: Connie Rine
Alternate Music Leader: Randall Miller
Praise & Worship Leader: Don Harney
Head Ushers: Tom Tyson & Bob Hare
Children's Church (Pre-K): Judy Richards

Projection System Coordinators in November: Matthew & Kassie Graham

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled to serve, please notify the coordinator:

Acolyte Coordinator—Amber Zeman
Greeters & Scripture Reader—Debbie Miller
Nursery Coordinator—Tracey Cowden

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR



VETERAN SUNDAY November 6th

Slide Presentation and Rose Dedication

Join us as we salute our Veterans and Service Men and Women who have served and are serving our country. These dedicated individuals represent our country with honor and maintain the liberty that we often take for granted.

SOUP SUPPER & ICE CREAM SOCIAL FUNDRAISER

November 6th
10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



The Youth will be having a soup supper following church on November 6th to honor our veterans. Veterans will eat free and a free will offering will be accepted from others.

This is a youth fundraiser with monies raised going to purchase gifts for children at Christmas.



ELECTION DAY DINNER



Tuesday, Nov. 8th

Serving from 11a.m.-7 p.m.

Soups, Sandwiches,
Homemade Chicken & Noodles and Pies

JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Nashport-Irville U.M. Church will be the host church this year. Join us as Pastor Robert Mesnard will have the message.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe Box Dedication
November 13th

Please bring your wrapped shoeboxes on Sunday, November 13th. We will take them to the altar during the first hymn.

The donation of \$7 to cover the postage will also be taken up to the altar during the first hymn.

(Please do not put the money inside your box.)

Please place your label on the outside of your box indicating if it is for a boy or girl with the age bracket for your box. (We have extra boxes.)

HANGING-OF-THE-GREENS

Saturday, Nov. 26th at 10:30 a.m.



Please join us as we come together to get our church ready for the Christmas season.

We will decorate first, then we'll gather in the basement to eat.

Please bring a pot of soup to share and we will also order pizza for our youth.

POINSETTIAS

Cost is \$7.75

Deadline to order is November 20th.

Order forms are on the table in the vestibule.



What are you thankful for? You will have your opportunity to share on November 20th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For children in grades 1st-4th.
We meet in the Youth building for Children's Church.
On Communion Sunday (first Sunday of each month) they will remain in the church during the worship services. Those that will be teaching during the month of November are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

We need a volunteer to teach on November 27th.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Read and Share Bible for our 3-5 year olds who were coming down to the nursery during the worship service.



BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class is taught by Pastor Bob and meets at 10:30 a.m.

The Thursday Morning Class is taught by Rick Hunter meets at 10:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE

Nov. 27th – Dec. 18th

The youth will once again be providing their Christmas Card Delivery Service for those that are members or regular attendees of our church. **(Do not put in cards for those that have not been attending church. Please mail these from your home.)** A suggested donation of 20 cents per card would be appreciated. There will be a red mailbox in the vestibule for you to place your cards and a jar to put your donation in. It would be helpful if you have your cards in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them. Thank you!



SOS YOUTH MINISTRY

(For all youth, grades 6th-12th)

The end of the summer wrapped up with seven kids and three adults attending Sonfest in Mount Vernon Nazarene University on Saturday, September 20th. The day of fun included blowup bounce house, games, and great music. The highlight of the trip included the musical group Ten Avenue North! A big thank you to Amber Zeman and Bob & Linda Mesnard for driving and chaperoning. We are looking forward to many exciting fall and winter activities. We hope you will join us!

The Lord was in charge of the weather for sure for the Youth campout October 7th 8th. With temperatures in the 70's. It was the perfect weekend for activities including a night hike, pumpkin painting, tie dying scavenger hunt, yard games and more. We had a total of 19 kids on Friday night. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated food items for the event!

Upcoming Events:

Soup Supper & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser—
November 6th serving from 10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting—November 13th 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Hanging-of-the-Greens and Pizza Party—
November 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Meeting and Social Event—November 27th
from 10:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

We will begin practicing at 4:30 p.m.
on Sunday, November 13th
thru December 4th.
Our final practice will be on
Saturday, December 17th.



MEETINGS ON OUR CALENDAR



PPR MEETING—November 1st **1st Tuesday of each month @ 7 p.m.**

Members are:

(2011) Tye Hunter, Tom Tyson, Renae Lacy
(2012) Carroll Bumpus, Darlene Lentz, Patty Steer
(2013) Nina Ludwig, Marilyn Martin, Judy Richards

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES MEETING—November 1st **1st Tuesday of each month @ 8 p.m.**

All committee chairs should attend these meetings and share your ideas. We need to work together. These include: Linda Moore (Circle of Friendship), Rick Hunter (Evangelism), Linda Moran (Family Life), Eric Wasson (Lay Leader), Mary Hunter (Missions), Tom Tyson (PPR), Donn Steer (Scout Representative), Judy King & Linda Moore (Social Concerns), Randall Miller (Stewardship), Judy Richards (Christian Education Coordinator & Sunday School Superintendent), Tom Booze (Trustees), Eric Wasson (Worship), Mat & Amber Lewis (Youth Leaders), Pastor Bob Mesnard

TRUSTEES MEETING—November 15th @ 7 p.m. **(Note: this meeting has been moved back a week because Election Day fell on our regularly scheduled night.)**

Members are:

(2011) Dave Cowden, Linda Moore, Len Rine
(2012) Tom Booze, David Hawkins, Judy Leas
(2013) Anita Baird, Carolyn Craig, Bob Hare

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING—November 15th **@ 8 p.m. (Note: this meeting has been moved back a week because Election Day fell on our regularly scheduled night.)**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

Pastor Bob invites everyone to come and celebrate!

This is a contemporary service.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 9th
6:30 p.m.

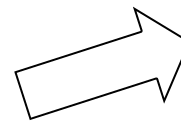


All ladies are invited to join us!

ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR NEW BUILDING

Monday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

These meetings are open to anyone in the church. Please come and share your ideas and hear some of ours. Hope to see you!



We are meeting monthly.

SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.



New voices welcome!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Our church is participating in the Kroger Rewards Program. If you have not already signed up and wish to participate, please contact Debbie in the church office.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 8th

When you vote, please pray and ask God how he would have you vote.

VETERAN'S SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Remembering our Veterans and Service Men and Women

We salute our Veterans who have served and our service men and women who are currently serving our country. These dedicated individuals represent our country with honor and maintain the liberty that we often take for granted.

Mike Bebout, Army National Guard,
placed by David & Yvonne Hood

Bob Bickle, Army,
placed by Jo Bickle

Brian E. Bowen, Air Force,
placed by Roger & Ruby Bowen

Roger E. Bowen, Army,
placed by Ruby Bowen

Jerry Brown, Air Force,
placed by Dave, Tracey, Victoria & Parker
Cowden

Brad Cowden, Navy,
placed by Dave, Tracey, Victoria & Parker
Cowden

CPT Brandon Davis, Army,
placed by Bob & Linda Moran

CPT Brandon Davis, Army,
placed by Rick & Mary Hunter

Clayton Gardner, Army,
placed by Lois Gardner

Arthur Gower, Army,
placed by Janet Gower
and Donn, Patty, Colin & Clay Steer

Robert Hare, Army,
placed by Marlene Hare

Bob Hare, Army,
placed by Elaine & Tom Booze

David Hindel, Army,
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

Donald G. Hindel, Navy,
placed by Carol Hindel

Uncle **Don Hindel, Navy,**
placed by Marlene & Bob Hare

Uncle **Don Hindel, Navy,**
placed by Elaine & Tom Booze

Uncle **Jim Hindel, Navy,**
placed by Elaine & Tom Booze

Uncle **Jim Hindel, Navy,**
placed by Marlene & Bob Hare

James Hindel, Navy,
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

Larry L. Hindel, Navy (W.W. II),
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

Uncle **Larry Hindel, Navy (W.W. II),**
placed by Marlene & Bob Hare

Uncle **Lloyd Hindel, Navy (W.W. II),**
placed by Elaine & Tom Booze

Paul Hindel, Army,
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

Robert Hindel, Navy & Air Force,
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

Rodney Hindel, Air Force,
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

David Hood, Navy Reserves,
placed by Yvonne Hood

Dustan Hood, Army National Guard,
placed by David & Yvonne Hood

Jared Hood, Army National Guard,
placed by David & Yvonne Hood

Anthony Hunter, Marines,
placed by Rick & Mary Hunter

Rick Hunter, Navy,
placed by Mary Hunter

Tad Hunter, Navy Seabees,
placed by Rick & Mary Hunter

**Matt Jackson, Air Force & Ohio Air
National Guard,** placed by Eric & Dawn
Wasson

Aaron Jewitt, Air Force,
placed by Charles & Darlene Lentz

Milan Jurich, Army,
placed by David & Yvonne Hood

Steve Lacy, Air Force & Army,
placed by Matt, Kelly, Trent & Bradley
Weiser

Ric Lahmers, Army,
placed by Jim & Paulette Young

Richard Leas, Army,
placed by Judy Leas

Robert Leas, Army Air Corp. (W.W. II),
placed by Judy Leas

Steve Ludinich, Army,
placed by Robin, Lindsay & Sarah Ludinich

Adam Miller, Navy,
placed by Bob & Debbie Miller

Jordan Miller, Air Force,
placed by Charles & Darlene Lentz

Paul Moran, Air Force,
placed by Bob & Linda Moran

John H. Rice, Army National Guard,
placed by Bob & Debbie Miller

Eric Rine, Air Force Reserves,
placed by Len & Connie Rine

Len Rine, Army,
placed by Connie Rine

Charles Robison, Marines,
placed by Lila Lee Robison

Steve Robison, Marines,
placed by Charles & Lila Lee Robison

C.M. Sgt. Edwardo Sanchez, Air Force,
placed by Phil & Darliss Mock

Mary Beth Mock Sanchez, Air Force,
placed by Phil & Darliss Mock

Robert J. Sees, Jr., Navy,
placed by Sandy Sees

Bobby Shepherd, Army,
placed by Carolyn Craig

Corey Shepherd, Army,
placed by Carolyn Craig

**SFC Brodi Sheppard, Marines & Army
National Guard,**
placed by Matt, Kelly, Trent & Bradley
Weiser

Howard Slaughter, Army,
placed by Bev, Judy, Connie, Kathy, Kevin
& Mike

Zachary Shane Taylor, Infantry,
placed by Carroll & Joanne Bumpus

Chuck Wasson, Navy,
placed by Eric & Dawn Wasson

**Eric Wasson, Air Force & Ohio Air
National Guard,** placed by Dawn Wasson

**SSG. Matthew B. Weiser, (retired) Army
& Army National Guard,**
placed by Kelly, Trent & Bradley Weiser

William L. Weiser, Sr., Army,
placed by Matt, Kelly, Trent & Bradley
Weiser

Carl Wilcox, Army (W.W. II),
placed by Bob & Debbie Miller

Ed Wise, Army,
placed by Don & Carol Hindel

Janelle Wollard, Army,
placed by Charles & Darlene Lentz

Alan Young, Navy,
placed by Jim & Paulette Young

Jim Young, Army (W.W. II),
placed by Paulette Young