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November/December 2026

The Shepherd

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:
- Ecclesiastes 3:1

As we move from the crisp days of November into the quiet beauty of December, this Scripture meets us with both honesty and comfort. Life is made of seasons—some filled with celebration, some with challenge, some with waiting, and some with unexpected joy. God is present in every one of them.

This time of year naturally invites reflection. We look back with gratitude for the blessings we've received, the strength God has given, and the ways our church family has cared for one another. Even in seasons that felt heavy or uncertain, God has been faithful. He has carried us, guided us, and surrounded us with grace we did not always see at the time.

And now we turn toward Advent—a season of holy anticipation. We wait for the Light that breaks into our darkness, the Hope that does not disappoint, the Savior who steps into our world with love strong enough to change everything. Advent reminds us that God's purposes unfold in His perfect timing, often quietly, often slowly, but always with redemption at the center.

So as winter settles in and the year draws to a close, may we hold onto this truth: God is at work in every season of our lives. He is shaping us, strengthening us, and preparing us for what comes next. With grateful hearts for all He has done, and hopeful hearts for all He will do, we step forward together—trusting that the One who orders the seasons also orders our days.

May this be a season of compassion, gratitude, anticipation, and deep, steady hope for our whole church family

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9:00am—1:00pm

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*Music Ministry
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Marge Armentrout

*Love in Action
Karen Culp

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

(If we have missed your special day, please notify the church office to be added to the list! 330-482-2382)

Virginia Neville	Nov 18
Phillip Welce	Nov 19
Anne Brown	Nov 22
Jeff Schrieber	Nov 28
John Kimpel	Nov 30
Dan Malanowski	Dec 2
Carol Meissner	Dec 4
Sam Detwiler	Dec 28

"If your birthday is in November or December and your name isn't listed, we still want to wish you a very Happy Birthday. May God bless you in the year ahead."



Christiana House

Christina House launches text-only crisis line.

The Christina House Domestic Violence Program has launched a text-only crisis line. Persons seeking help or information about domestice violence can text 234-335-7908 24 hours a day. A trained advocate will reply to the text message and offer advice, a listening ear, or referral to other resources. Information about any of the Christina House's services is available through the text line. The crisis phone line is also available 24 hours a day for phone calls at 330-420-0036.

The Christina House program includes an emergency shelter, legal advocacy, case management, and referral to other community resources. The legal advocate offers information about and assistance with protection orders. To connect with the legal advocate directly individuals can call 330-420-0845 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Additionally, the Christian House offers community education about healthy relationships, teen dating issues, and domestic abuse. The community education specialist can be reached at 330-744-3320 ext. 206.

Christina House Needs list

Paper Towels	Canned Goods	Stationary	Shampoo
Disposable Diapers	Baby Wipes	Kleenex	Deodorant
Dry Food Mixes	Bath Soap	Bleach	Hair Spray
Toilet Paper	Underwear	Light Bulbs	AA Batteries
Disposable Razors	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Tampons
Sanitary Napkins	Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Supplies	
Disposable Razors	Towels/Washcloths	Beauty Certificates	
Pajamas for Women/Children		Baby Clothes	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In person Worship Services are on Sunday's at 10:30am

Adult Sunday School @ 9:30 pm. Studying the Book of James. All are welcome, every class has a different Scripture and good conversation.

Nov. 7th Charge Conference, will be held at Berlin Center UMC at 3 pm. You are welcome to join us. This is where we the church vote on our leaders, the pastors salary, and hear about how God has been moving in our church and others this past year.

Mark your calendars for Chef Brad's Brunch on November 15 and December 20. Following the Worship Service, gather with friends, meet new faces, and stay connected with what's happening in our church family. Come enjoy great food, good company, and warm fellowship. All are welcome!

Fellowship Breakfast will be on Dec. 16th, 10 am at the Dutch Haus. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join us. No reservations necessary.

Nov. 22nd we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Advent. Anyone that would like to help is welcome. We usually meet around 4:30 pm.

Soup Sales will begin in December. Soups will need to be preordered. Our first sale date will be Dec. 10th. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 6th. Soups available will be. Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, Ham and Bean, Chili, Potato, and Cheese Broccolli.

Good as New Shoppe

We have been adding lots and lots of fall/winter merchandise to the consignment store. The inventory includes many pants, sweaters, tops, cardigans, and coats. If you are in need, please stop in and see what all is available. Currently, we are not taking in any more items as our racks are full.

In November we will have our special sales during Merry Market on Main and Black Friday. Chances will be given for our Christmas giveaway on December 19 starting November 27.

Our store continues to grow. For the quarter ending 9/30/26 we paid out 87 checks totaling $2785.84 in consignments A special thank you to all our volunteers.

Marge & Linda

Store hours Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-3.

Store Phone Number: (330) 831-0399

United Methodist Women

Church Breakfast at Dutch Haus is December 16th at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome & encouraged to join us. No reservations necessary.

Starting Dec. 6 thru Dec. 27 we will be collecting hats, scarves gloves & mittens to be distributed to local schools to those in need!

The profit for the Street Fair Parking project was 1067.00 this year. We use this money for community giving and church projects. This year we will give monies to aid people in need to purchase heating oil, Meals on Wheels and Christiana House. I appreciate everyone who was able to help me this year.

Anne Brown

Love in Action

The God's Love in Action team has filled several requests for doctor appointments and have more coming up. We also enjoyed helping one of our members organize all the tools and other items in her garage.

We are planning on helping organize several areas in our church.

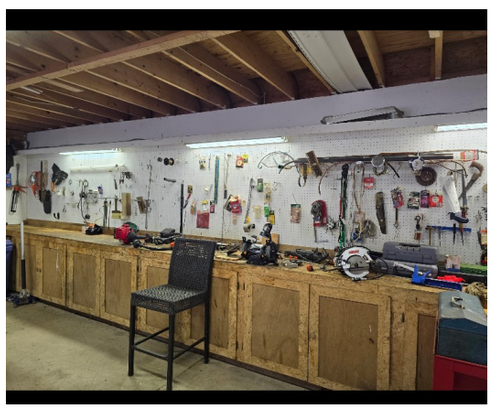
I want to thank our team for their compassion and love for our church family.

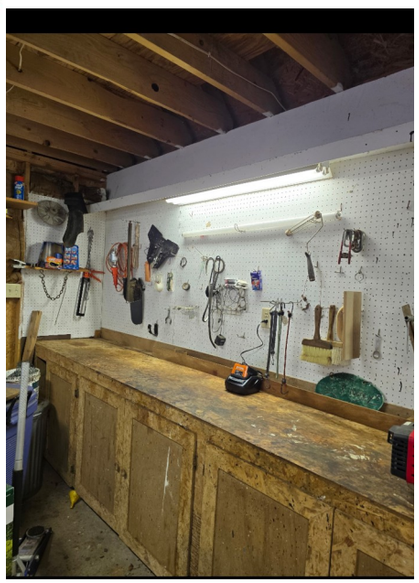
Please don't hesitate to call if you need something done you're unable to do. We'll also pick up groceries and prescriptions and deliver them right to your door!

For the glory of God!

Karen Culp

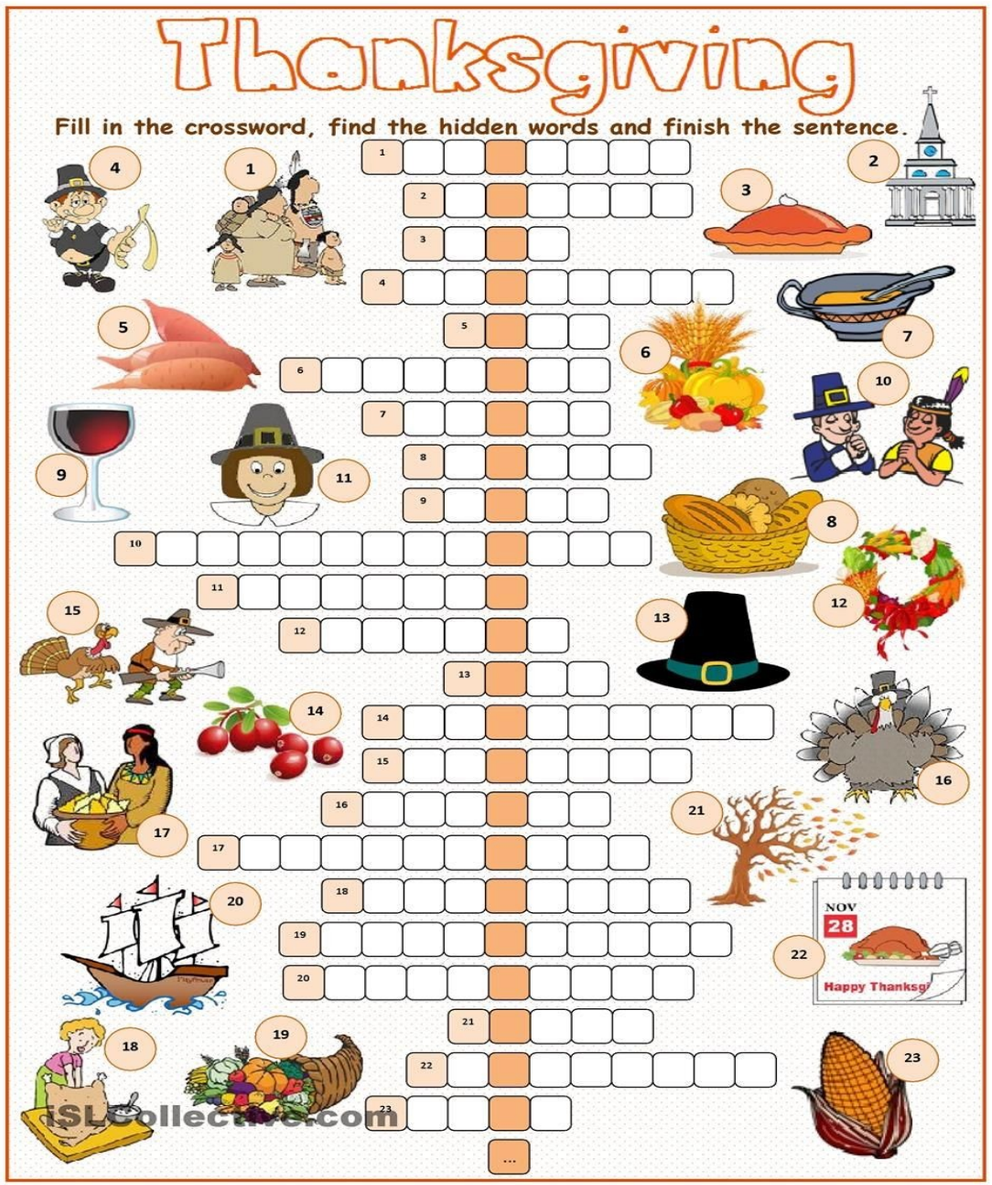
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Trustee Report

During our last Board meeting, we discussed several repair and maintenance projects around the church that need attention. Among the items identified were replacing the kitchen floor tiles and updating the doors at the top of the Main Street stairway. If you have experience with these types of projects, recommendations for contractors, or ideas on the best way to complete this work, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to a Trustee or contact the church office. Your assistance, expertise, and suggestions are always appreciated as we work together to care for our church home. Thank you for your continued support and willingness to help.


Thanksgiving
Fill in the crossword, find the hidden words and finish the sentence.
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28
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE
USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.
Across
1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.
Down
2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!
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