

Glimpses

of

Grace



Loving Boldly ~ Serving Joyously ~ Leading Courageously

November 2025

NOVEMBER IS CWS BLANKET MONTH

Blanket Sunday, November 16

“Be a part of the miracle. Blanket the world with Love. ‘

Grace Church will again be supporting Church World Service in their efforts to “Blanket the World with Love”. A CWS wool blanket is water resistant, flame retardant, durable and warm for frigid temperatures and extreme weather.

You can be a part of the miracle by donating **\$10** for each blanket to CWS to help those in need. You may donate one, or as many as your would like. There will be envelopes available for your donations, if you choose to give. If writing a check, make the check payable to:

“Grace United Methodist Church and write BLANKETS in the memo line.

In 2024 27,274 blankets were sent all over the world..

Let’s Keep the Love Going!



From Pastor Dean



THANKSGIVING

Psalm 50:10–15

¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High. ¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

Thanksgiving is Jean's favorite holiday. She loves how we gather together as a family, eat good food, talk and share around the table. If the weather is nice, we may take a walk and then come back and play some music together. Then we hug and say goodbye and make our way home with leftovers tucked under our arms. None of the stress of gift buying. None of the worry. Just good food and good fellowship and thanking God for the bounty that has been given to us.

In Psalm 50 God tells us how he would have us celebrate this holiday. He speaks not as one who needs our gifts, but as one who desires our trust, our gratitude, and our faithfulness. He reminds us that all creation is already His—every bird, every beast, every hill. What He seeks is not our possessions, but our posture.

And he invites us to celebrate Thanksgiving to God in three ways:

1. Gratitude as Worship -- "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Thanksgiving is not a seasonal ritual—it's a sacred act. When we give thanks, we acknowledge that all we have is from God. Gratitude becomes a form of worship, a way of saying to God, "You are the source."

2. Integrity in Commitment -- "Pay your vows to the Most- High."

In other words, keep the promises we make to God and each other. God honors those who keep their promises, especially the quiet ones made in moments of desperation or joy. This verse calls us to live with integrity, to let our lives reflect the commitments we've made to God and others.

3. Trust in the midst of Trouble -- "Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you..."

God doesn't ask us to be self-sufficient. He invites us to lean on Him, to cry out in need, and to expect His rescue. And when He delivers, our response becomes a testimony: "you will honor me."

As you move through this Thanksgiving season consider:

- What "thank offering" can you give today—not just in words, but in action?
- Is there a vow or commitment you've made that needs renewing?
- Where do you need to call on God, trusting His promise to deliver?

Have a wonderful November!

Grace & Peace –

Dean

Worship News



All Saint's Sunday

Remember the faithful believers. All Saint's Sunday is a day when we remember those who have died in the faith from our church family.

We will be thinking of our Christian Saints, and remembering them with thanksgiving for having held fast to their faith. This will happen **Sunday, November 2** prior to the morning worship. We will be remembering:

Doris Cooper

David Farris

Holly Drummond

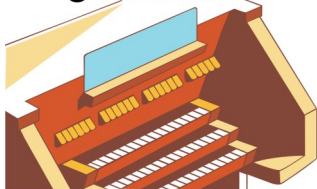
Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 23

We will begin with a soup & sandwich pot-luck supper @ 5:00 p.m., then decorate and end with a short worship in the Sanctuary. Save the date! **November 23,**

5:00 p.m. Bring you family and friends and join us!



ORGANIST



Bekah Davenport, our wonderful organist, will be back with us

The 2nd week of December until the 2nd week of January. We have missed her and are anxious for her return to us.

We can't wait.

The First Sunday of Advent this year is Sunday, November 30.

The Sanctuary will be decorated and there will be Advent readings and folks to light the 1st candle of Hope.



Our Church Family



- 2 Eli Rice
- 3 Jeff Ballinger
- 3 Ted Pope
- 4 Mike Kassner
- 4 Noelle Hearn
- 10 Patty Ballinger
- 11 Brooklynn Hoggatt
- 12 Joe Gionfriddo
- 15 Karen Cronin
- 16 Cheryl Jordan
- 16 Kris Lewis
- 24 Donna Shank
- 25 Lisa Simpson
- 27 James Joseph Wiederhold
- 29 Don Shank
- 29 Celeste Thompson



- 1 Bill & Kathy Snowball
- 15 Greg & Patty Ballinger
- 28 Jon & Kaitlin Freeman



Remember in Prayer:

Ruth Johnson, Cindy & Jim Bailey, the family of Holly Drummond, the family of Krissy Lewis, L. J. Rineair, Darlene Kassner, Martha

Joyce, Mary Beth McCullough, Beth Smith, Betty Adams, Ethan Brookshear, Dori Hanke, Phil Westbrook, Bruce Meyer, Jean Meyer, Sandy Redden, Marti McNutt, Morris Hale, Shannon Scott, Johnny McDonald, Isaac Halker, Brandon Peery, Jim Hammons, strength for those affected by the Gov. shut down, health care professionals, those in hospitals, the jobless and homeless, our church, our village, our state, our nation and our world. Lt. Col. Adam Putman, Senior Chief Electrician Kyle Hoggatt, Major Morgan Bennett, 1st Sgt. James Beckelhymer, 1st Sgt. Josh Fox

(Please let us know when to remove someone)

Thanks so very much for the plaques, cards, gift cards that you gave to us for Pastor Appreciation Month. We feel privileged to be here, serving God and the Blanchester community with you.

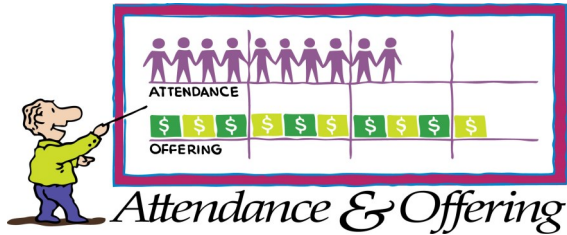


Dean & Jean Feldmeyer

If you or someone you know would like to be included on our birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office.



Bits and Pieces



Average attendance in October: 37

Average online viewing in October: 143

Needed in October: \$9,931.00

Giving the 4th Sunday of Sept. and 3
Sundays in October : \$7,920.00

FROM: *Judy & Harry Brumbaugh*
Patti Loftin

Through your generous
donations to the food pantry
you helped to serve 300+ people
in October.

The **only** needs this month
are: **canned soup, Jiffy cornbread mix, jelly**
and as always monetary donations are most welcome. Pantry hours are Monday & Thursdays 6-7
p.m. Volunteer help is also appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of this
outreach to the community.

Food Pantry Sunday is the first Sunday of
every month.



Fall Back

November 2

Turn your clocks back 1 hour
before bedtime on Nov. 1

All Saints Sunday

November 2

Holy Communion

Sunday, November 2

Food Pantry Sunday

November 2

Coffee, Tea and Thee

Sunday, November 9
10:00-10:30 a.m.

Good Samaritan Fund Offering

Sunday, November 9

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 17 @ noon

Lively Lydias Circle

Monday, November 17
7:00 p.m.

Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23
5:00 p.m. Potluck Soup & Sandwich supper
Decorate church

First Sunday of Advent

November 30

More Bits & Pieces

The deadline for items for the November newsletter is **Monday, November 17 at noon.** Please have all items to the office at that time. Thank you.



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Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



JUST A REMINDER!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 2. Set your clocks **back** 1 hour before going to bed on November 1. You don’t want to be too early for Church on Sunday.



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“Go to Google, then type: How To Uncook A Turkey.”

Kids' Korner



Thankful Garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

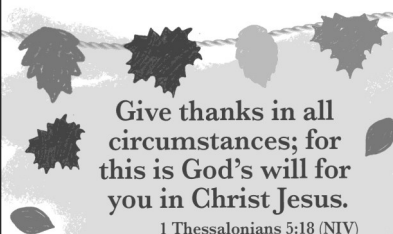
What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



PUZZLE

GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		
_____ to the _____, _____ his _____; _____ among the _____ what he has _____. _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his _____.					

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV




Answer: Give, praise, LORD, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts



Hats off to everyone who came and worked at the church clean up day Oct. 4. We thank you!

Hats off to Terry Hoggatt for the fantastic job she did planning and writing the Laity Sunday skit and song for the Monday Morning Prayer Group. It was great!

Hats off to the Monday Morning Prayer Group for the awesome job they did on Laity Sunday. You ladies rock!

Hats off to Carole & Bob Haines; Rich and Bryanne Peck for the delicious goodies they provided for October's *Coffee, Tea and Thee*. It was wonderful.

Hats off to everyone who helped in anyway with the Free Community Dinner in October. **Next dinner, Feb. 26, 2026.**

Hats off to Ellen Hill for **all** the extras she does to keep our church looking so much better.

If you would like to give a "Hats Off" to someone, please contact the office.

Glimpses of Grace is a monthly newsletter of Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 66, 201 E. Center St., Blanchester, OH 45107; (937) 783-3655. You are welcome to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dean Feldmeyer is Pastor. Anita Rathbun is Associate Pastor. Patty Williams is Church Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

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