Glimpses of Grace



Loving Boldly ~ Serving Joyously ~ Leading Courageously

November 2026

NOVEMBER IS CWS BLANKET MONTH

Blanket Sunday, November 15

"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 2025, 17,317 blankets were sent all over the world..

Let's Keep the Love Going!





FROM PASTOR DEAN

PATIENCE AND A SMILE

When we think of doing missionary outreach we usually think of far off lands and buckets of money but I read this story the other day that made me stop and think.

I saw in the Washington Post about how a woman ordered a sundae special for $9 at a Massachusetts ice cream stand and when she went to pay for it the kid at the window charged her $9.20. According to the story, she went off on the kid, screamed at him, accused him of cheating her, and proclaimed loudly as she stormed off that she was never coming back to eat ice cream at that place again.

Now, I'm only one paragraph into the story and I'm already thinking: (1.) "Really? $9 for an ice cream sundae? How big was it? How many scoops? What kinda sauce did it have?" And (2.) "Really? 20 cents? This lady got all bent out of shape, screaming at the kid over 20 cents?" And (3.) "Why did he charge her $9.20 when the price was $9?"

Well, David Forgit, the owner of Cold Stuff, who did not witness the beratement but saw it later on the security camera answered those questions on Facebook:

1. The sundae included 3 scoops of vanilla, butterscotch sauce, crumbled Butterfinger candies, whipped cream, and a cherry. (Okay, you had me at 3 scoops.)

2. Yes, she really flew into a rage over 20 cents. And

3. The 20-cent overcharge was his fault due to a mistake he made when setting up the computer cash register.

In his Facebook response to the outraged customer, Forgit pointed out that it was a mistake not an attempt to steal her money and that the kid she screamed at was a 16-year-old child working his first job and GIVE ME A BREAK! IT'S ONLY ICE CREAM FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

Apparently, this isn't the only customer who has been a jerk to his employees, all of whom are teenagers, most working their first job, who sometimes make mistakes. And that a littler patience and a smile can usually solve any problems that come up at an ice cream stand – especially 20-cent problems.

He went on to say he wished he could pay the kids more, but Cold Stuff operates on a razor thin margin, and he just can't afford to pay them what they really deserve. So, he started one of those Go-Fund-Me pages if anyone wanted to help the kids out. So far, readers and customers have contributed $7,000 which will be divided among the teenage employees when Gold Stuff closes for the season, and they head back to school.

Sometimes a little patience and a smile is the best witness we can make about our Christian faith. And maybe a couple of bucks in the tip jar, too.

Have a good November –

Grace & Peace,

Dean

Worship News



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 Saint and remembering him with thanksgiving for having held fast to their faith. This will happen **Sunday, November 1** prior to the morning worship. We will be remembering:

Harold McLaughlin

Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 22

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 22,**

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





The information about poinsettias for Christmas was not available at the printing of this newsletter. When we receive the information, we will send it to you, so you may get your orders to the office.

Than you for your patience.

The First Sunday of Advent this year is Sunday, November 29.

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
16	Cheryl Jordan
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

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



Debby Dunn, Steve Rice (Nathan's father), Edna Schmied, Betty Adams, Martha Joyce, Mary Beth McCullough, Ethan Brookshear, Team Mate of Eli Rice, Jim Williams, Phyllis Raasch, Karen & Doug Willis, Georgia Peck, Juanita Curtis, Sally Charles, L. J. Rineair, Jerry Campbell, Allen Collett, Allen Willoughby, Brandon Peery, 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, Zach Haines, Senior Chief Electrician Kyle Hoggatt, Major Morgan Bennett, 1st Sgt. James Beckelhymer, 1st Sgt. Josh Fox, Christopher Bennett, Zach West

(Please let us know when to remove someone)



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

Dean & Jean Feldmeyer

Bits and Pieces



Average attendance in October: 29

Average online viewing in October: 143

Needed in October: $10,556.00

Giving the 4th Sunday of Sept. and 3 Sundays in October : $7,195.02

FROM: *Judy & Harry Brumbaugh*
Patti Loftin



Through your generous donations to the food pantry you helped to serve over 400 people in October.

The **only** needs this month are: **Jiffy cornbread mix, Hamburger Helper,** 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 1
Turn your clocks back 1 hour before bedtime on Oct. 31

All Saints Sunday
November 1

Holy Communion
Sunday, November 1

Food Pantry Sunday
November 1

Coffee, Tea and Thee
Sunday, November 8
10:00-10:30 a.m.

Good Samaritan Fund Offering
Sunday, November 8

Lively Lydias Circle
Monday, November 9
6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday, November 18 @ noon

Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday
November 22

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 22
5:00 p.m. Potluck Soup & Sandwich supper
Decorate church

First Sunday of Advent
November 29

More Bits & Pieces



The deadline for items for the November newsletter is **Wednesday , November 18 at noon.** Please have all items to the office at that time. Thank you.



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 1. Set your clocks **back** 1 hour before going to bed on October 31. You don't want to be too early for Church on Sunday.

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Laughter is Good for the Soul



Kids' Korner

Bread Painting



When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.

What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional



What you do:

1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you're finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



Reminder:
Ask an adult for help when using a toaster or toaster oven.

"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35, NIV

Puzzle!

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

1) eiVn _ _ ◯ _
2) ilLy fo teh elaVly
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
_ ◯ _ _ _ _
3) abLm fo dGo _ _ ◯ _
_ _ _ _ _
4) estMar _ _ _ _ ◯ _
5) eJuss _ _ ◯ _ _
6) okRc _ ◯ _ _
7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ ◯ _
8) higLt fo hte dorWl _ _ ◯ _ _
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
9) voaSir _ _ _ _ ◯ _
10) doLr _ _ _ ◯
11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ ◯ _
12) ehSprhed ◯ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
13) hTe doWr _ _ _ _ ◯ _ _
14) rncPie fo cePae _ _ _ ◯ _ _
_ _ _ _ _ _ _

What do all these words have in common?

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Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son



Hats off to everyone who came and worked at the church clean up day Oct. 3. Also the work by non trustees on work day.

Hats off to Ellen Hill and Lynn Gionfriddo 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. 25, 2027**

Hats off to all who helped in any way with the Charge Conference on Oct. 25.

Hats off to Fred Freeman & Ellen Hill for **all** the extra outside work they did to keep our church looking so much better.

Hats off to Donna Johnson for her nomination as "Business Women of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year" by the Blanchester Chamber of Commerce.

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

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

