



Dear Friends,

All around us, we sense the changing of the seasons—the harvest is nearly complete, the leaves are changing and falling, there is a crisp, sometimes smoky, quality to the air, and it's getting a tad cooler. This change in the season, from summer to fall and fall to winter, inevitably get us thinking about the holidays that will soon be upon us. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, I've been thinking about some of those things for which I am grateful—perhaps taking the advice of the old hymn “count your many blessings, see what God has done” (now the song is in your head... you're welcome!). I felt as if I was rattling off one thing after another, so I decided to make a “Top Ten List” of those things for which I am most thankful, and to share it with you.

10. **The Little Things**—good coffee, good music, sports, deep conversations. In the grand scheme of things, they aren't big things—but I'm grateful for them.
9. **The Gift of Humor**—You know I like to laugh, especially at myself. Humor is a great gift God gives us and a good laugh has the capacity to shake off the doldrums and brighten the day.
8. **Those who serve or who have served**—This includes military personnel, first responders, community leaders, school personnel, etc. We are all recipients of someone else's service and willingness to give of themselves for our good and the good of others. For those who serve and have served, thank you!
7. **The community of Beardstown**—I know Beardstown has its share of “issues”. However, I am grateful that a community of such great diversity exists in rural Illinois, and I have the privilege to be a part of it. It may not always be easy, and the struggles might be more than we want to embrace, but Beardstown is a unique community, and I'm grateful to be a part of it.
6. **The call to ministry**—It is an incredible privilege to serve in the name of Jesus Christ; to proclaim the Word of God and speak hope and grace in the midst of a chaotic world. I know I don't always get it right and I'm not worthy of such a high calling. Still, God manages to work, in spite of me... and I am humbled.
5. **The Church of Jesus Christ**—As a church brat, I have witnessed throughout my life the wonder of the

Church. There are many fine organizations in this world, but none have the power to change lives like the Church. The Church is the beacon of hope and love in this fallen world. It is a hospital for sinners. It is the fellowship of those on a journey of faith. It is the presence of Jesus Christ in this world. To be a part of such a body is awe—inspiring.

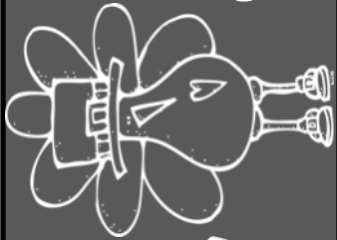
4. **My Friends**—I have several friends who know me well, and still tolerate me. They give me the great gift of allowing me to be myself, with all my vulnerabilities and idiosyncrasies, They take me as I am and love me anyway. What grace!
3. **First UMC**—In other words... I am grateful for YOU! I've said in other places and times how blessed my family and I are to be a part of this congregation. Your prayers sustain us; worship with you energizes me in my faith, learning with you deepens my faith, and fellowship with you feels like family.
2. **My Family**—My family isn't perfect, but we are blessed. Andrea is the sane one that holds our family of nuts together and I could not ask for a better partner in life. Our children never cease to amaze me or make me crazy(er); for the privilege of nurturing these children in life and faith, I am humbled. Our extended family is included in this as well. I am grateful for all those I am privileged to count as my family.
1. **The Grace of God**—Nos. 10-2, and all those things not listed, would not be possible without the amazing, unquenchable, humbling, merciful grace of Almighty God. It is that grace that redeems us through Jesus Christ and sustains us through the Holy Spirit. For what more could we ask?

Thanks for bearing with me (I guess that's another thing for which to be grateful!). In all seriousness...in spite of the brokenness of this world, there is much for which to give thanks. So... how has God blessed you? For what do you give thanks? Let us never lose sight of those things, and let us continually “count our many blessings, and see what God has done” (there's that song again!)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jarrett

The Mustard Seed



November

Ministry Team:

Pastor ~ Jarrett Wells

Office Manager ~

Maria Hymes

Pianist/Organist ~

Jill Roegge

Choral Director ~

Tim Bartholomew

Financial Secretary ~

Lynne O'Hara

Treasurer ~

Susan Treadway

Youth Director ~

Andrea Wells

Custodian ~

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Beardstown First UMC

Birthdays

- 1 Gabriel Watkins
- 2 Penny Logsdon
- 3 Drew Birdsley
- 4 Michelle Ellis
- 5 Maryn Dour
- 6 Roy Hurst
- 7 Gracy Hamlin
- 9 Aubree Cramblit
- 10 Marcia Brown
- 11 Travis Black
- 12 Brian Dalpiaz
- 12 David Osmer
- 18 Jimmy Yost
- 19 John Chambers
- 20 Carol Mohr
- 21 Tonya White
Violet Elizabeth Kinsey
Kelly McClure Grady
- 22 Dylan Patterson
- 23 Lydia Reither Mathis
- 24 Aaron Logsdon
- 25 Michele Quigley
Ella Jo Comiskey
- 27 Marilyn Hendricker
Dan Cowen

Anniversaries

- 6 Larry & Bibi Cline
- 14 Ron & Vicki Blakeman
Gerry & Sue Braner
- 23 Matt & Jill Roegge
David & Georgeanne Osmer
- 26 Joe & Jodi Reinhard
- 28 Tom & Ann Bell
- 29 George & Linda Absher

Liturgist

- 3 Joe McClenning
- 10 Ron Blakeman
- 17 Jody Cowen
- 24 Evan Wells

Greeters

- 6 Peg Burgett & Kathleen Quigley
- 13 Gary & Carol Jeffers
- 20 Gary & Carol Jeffers
- 27 Peg Burgett & Susan Treadway

Communion

NOVEMBER: Gary & Carol Jeffers
Servers: Dick & Karen Robinson
Jody Cowen

DECEMBER 1 & 24: Julie Looker
Servers: Dan & Mitzi McClenning
Leigh Lamb



Give
THANKS

Christian Love In Action

Currently C.L.I.A. is in need of: **Mac-n-Cheese**. You can bring your donated items to the church or directly there. Hours are: Tuesdays from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thank you for donations. If you would like to contribute but don't have time / remember to shop, you can give money to Lynne O'Hara and she will pick up the items.

C.L.I.A. is also preparing Thanksgiving boxes. We have been asked to donate 60 cans of green beans. So far we have 30 so need 30 more please. You can bring your donations into the office. Thank you.

Local Missions

The Local Missions met in October and voted to donate \$1,000 to: *Emblem Club—Angel Tree*, and \$500 to: *Main Street—Christmas Lights*. Local Missions will meet again on November 3rd. Those scheduled are: *Jerry & Donna Rohn, Rob & Maria Hymes, Chris & Brittney Taylor*.

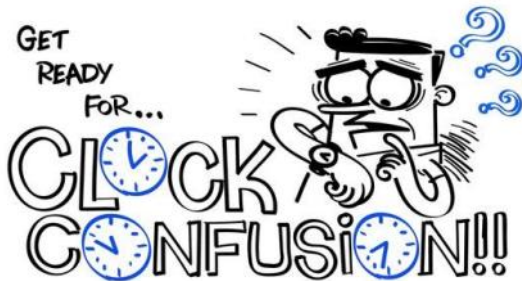
Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Local Missions:** Sunday, November 3th at 10:30 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees:** Sunday, Nov. 10th at 11:30 a.m.
- **Church Council:** Sunday, Nov. 17th at 11:30 a.m.

Cass County Food Pantry

The Cass County Food Pantry is another place that helps Cass County residents in need of food. To help with their mission, they are asking churches for donations for the month of **NOVEMBER**: *Cake Mixes, Canned Icing, Pudding Mixes, Cookie Mixes, Jell-O Mixes*.

They are always in need of: *Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Cereal, or Non-Perishable Food Items*. They have a walk in cooler or freezer to hold perishable items, and are able to take fresh produce items.



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, November 2nd as Daylight Savings Time ends November 3rd.

Nut Orders

Thank you to everyone who sold nuts this year. Orders have been sent in and will hopefully be here soon. I will let everyone know when they are here and then we will need help boxing up everyone's orders. Extras have been ordered as well for the Tea Room. Thank you again for your support of U.M.W.

Operation Shoebox

If you are participating in Operation Christmas Child, please have your shoebox with the \$9 inside and the label for gender and age group of child taped to the top. Boxes need to be at the church by Sunday, November 17th. Thank you.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Our community Thanksgiving Service this year will be Sunday, November 24th at 7:0 p.m., hosted by First Congregational Church. Please consider yourself invited as we join our sisters and brothers in Christ from throughout the community for a special time of worship and celebration.

Hanging of the Greens

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 24th! After worship that morning, we will begin to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. After decorating, we will enjoy a soup lunch. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, but make those plans now to enjoy some time of fellowship and lunch together.

Holiday Concert

The Beardstown Ministerial Association will again this year be hosting a "Sounds of the Season" concert. This concert will take place Sunday, December 1st at the Beardstown High School Auditorium. Several local musical talents will be performing, with Two by Two as the featured group. A free—will offering will also be taken to support the Ministerial Association's Community Assistance Fund. So... come join us as we ring in the holiday season together with an afternoon of music and fellowship!

Thank You!!!

Words are not adequate to express our gratitude for the generous gift, as well as cards and thoughtful words shared with us during the month of October. We give thanks to God for each and every one of you, and count it a privilege to share life and ministry with you. Thank you, and may God's blessings be upon you all!

—Pastor Jarrett, Andrea, Evan, Anna, and Nick

Church Council Minutes

The administrative Council met on Sunday, October 20th, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. Those present were: Pastor Jarrett Wells, Ron Blakeman, Susan Treadway, Lynne O'Hara, John Chambers, Georgeanne Osmer, Andrea Wells and Brittney Taylor.

Pastor Jarrett opened with prayer. Lynne O'Hara gave the devotions with a reading "The Stone and the Weak" from "I Want to Live These Days With You". Lynne O'Hara will have devotions for the next meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented on a motion by John Chambers, seconded by Ron Blakeman.

- **Trustees:** Widows are currently being made. After installation the church will be more energy efficient. The ceiling in Wesley Hall has been repaired. Outlets in the kitchen have been replaced.
- **Old Business:** Andrea Wells reported there is still no one using the study lab. If there is not any use within the next few weeks, the chrome books will be offered for sale to the congregation. There is some interest to having a coop with the Nazarene Church youth group.

- **New Business:** Pastor again discussed how the church could be organized into four teams: Administrative to include Trustees, Pastor Parish, and Endowment; Nurture and Hospitality for congregational care; Outreach and Missions to include things like Shop with Christ. UMW and local Missions and Worship and Discipleship to include youth programs and choir. Chairpersons with each along with 2 or 3 at large would form an executive team.

- **Disbursements from New Life Trust:**

- ◆ \$2,992.18 ~ Qrtly. Distribution for New Life Trust
- ◆ \$1,463.00 ~ DeSollar & Wessler—Annual Workman's Compensation Insurance
- ◆ \$3,204.00 ~ DeSollar & Wessler—Qrtly. Insurance
- ◆ \$4,808.00 ~ Scranton Plumbing and Heating
- ◆ **Local Missions:**
 - * \$1,000.00 ~ Beardstown Emblem Club—Angel Tree
 - * \$500.00 ~ Beardstown Main Street—Christmas Lights

As all have been approved by the Trustees, on a motion by Lynne O'Hara, they were accepted. The next meeting will be on November 11th at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Wells closed with prayers.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Treadway



Happy Turkey Day!

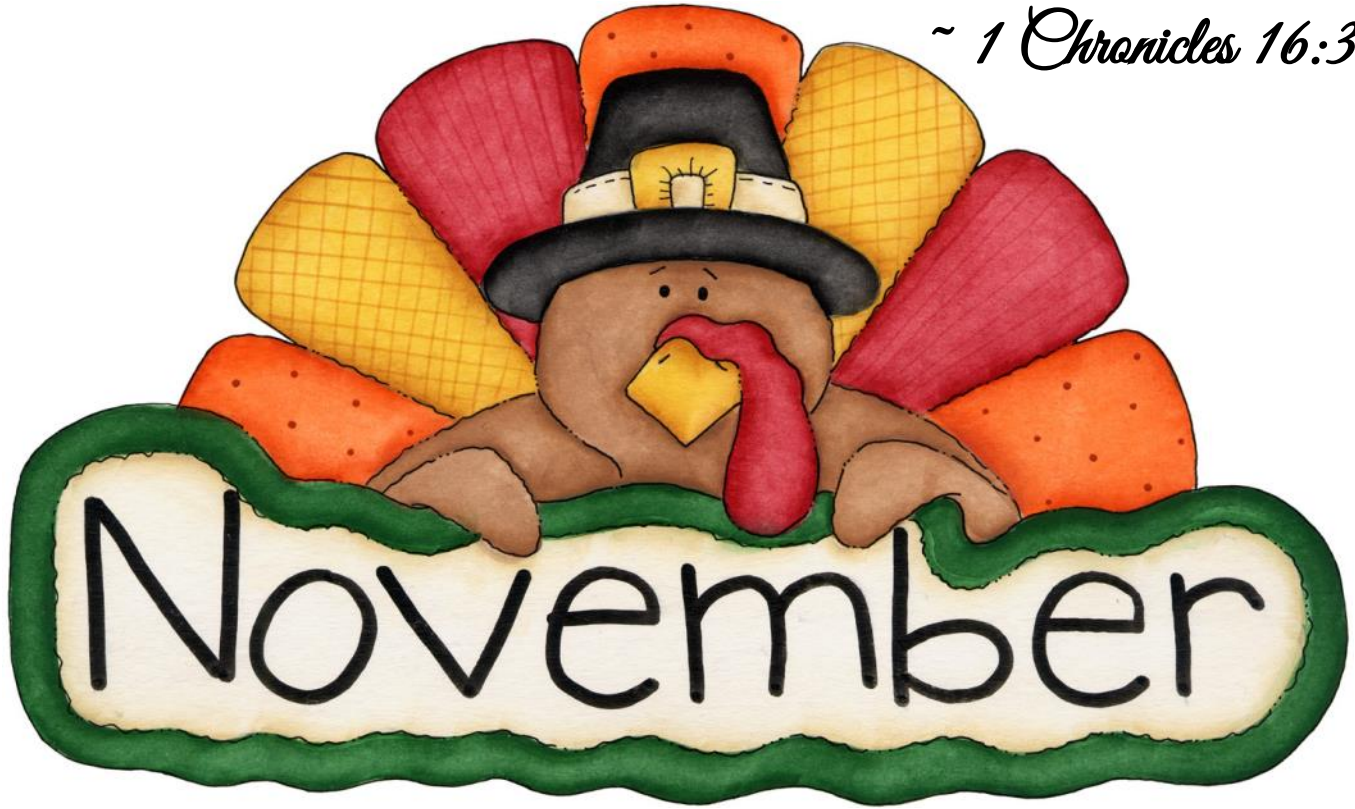
- Apple
- Blessings
- Cornucopia
- Cranberry Sauce
- Family
- Feather
- Give Thanks
- Gobble
- Greatful
- November
- Pumpkin
- Scarecrow
- Thanksgiving
- Tradition
- Turkey



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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

~ 1 Chronicles 16:34



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