

Thanksgiving

Not what we say
about our blessings,
but how we use them,
is the true measure
of our thanksgiving.

– W.T. Purkiser



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Thoughts From the Veranda

Well I thought my veranda mornings were done for the season but nope they're not. Here I am sitting on the veranda. The maple leaves have turn red and boy are they falling to the ground this morning.

I was a little apprehensive about coming out this morning after I checked and found out that the temperature was 52°. But I always had a rule of it having to be 46° before I would come out so here I am.

Apprehensive I think was a good word to use because I think that's how we often feel when we think God is calling us to do something, when we hear that still small voice calling us, that the tugging on our heart to do something.

I have my hoodie and sweatpants on to keep me warm today to uplift me. We give thanks that we have the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts warm and lift us up when we choose to step out of our comfort zone and to respond to that voice we hear calling us to do something.

Scripture is full of accounts of where we're told to be ready at a moment's notice for the return of the bride groom I thought my time on the veranda was over but I do have this one more opportunity. We should never overlook that opportunity when we hear God calling us to do something because it could be our last opportunity.



I have an assignment for you and you have over a month to work on it.

The new Christian year starts on December 1. Your assignment is to think of a new year's resolution you will make as we enter a new church year.

Well, signing off from the veranda. I'm not going to say for the last time this year because who knows.

Pastor Bob

Serving the Lord

November 2019



Lay Liturgist

3 Barbara Abbott

10 Stan Benko

17 Larry Smeltz

24 Anita Wheatley

Greeters and Ushers

John and Anita Wheatley

Shirley Groves and Judy Wingate

JJ and Kim Justice

Emily and Molly Stonestreet



Our Church Family here at Grafton UMC will be having our annual **Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner**

on Saturday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. ~

The Church will be providing the turkey, you are asked to provide the side dishes.

Please see the sign up sheets on the door in

Howard Tran Hall

Please join us, as together we give thanks for another year of blessings received!



happy birthday



2 Grace Mei Junhai
VanKerkhove

6 Lynn Westermann

9 Henry Smith

11 Rick Riddle

12 (diane peters)

14 Emily Shupe

19 Mary Eddy

28 Tim Carter

DECEMBER

2 Barb Ritsko-Stephens

Happy Anniversary



13 John & Anita Wheatley

16 Jim & Cheryl Hosek

30 Joe & Ruth Gaetz



Newsletter Info

Wanted!

Deadline
for
DECEMBER
Carillon
Articles
and
Information
Wednesday
November 13

Thanksgiving
blessings  Gatherings

GRATEFUL *Family*
Give Thanks

Prayers  Blessed 

*Let us come before Him
with Thanksgiving*

Psalms 95:2



**Alzheimer's
Group
Meeting**

Monday November 18
at 6:30 pm

Our Church Family who are Away from Us

Please remember those that are not able to be with us due to health and/or physical restrictions. They would LOVE to receive cards, phone calls and visits of ALL kinds at ANY time. Calls and visits are always welcomed. YOU could be the one to make the difference in someone's life!

Pete Bokesz The Abbewood
1210 South Abbe Rd
Room 225
Elyria, Ohio 44035
Phone: 440-366-1014

Betty Chopich Avon Oaks Caring Community
37800 French Creek Rd
Room 101
Avon, Ohio 44011

Mary Dawson 13720 Durkee Rd Grafton 44044

Angelica Ritsko 756 N Center St LaGrange 44050

Rick Riddle 1029 Center St Grafton 44044

Ruth Sayles The Abbewood
1210 South Abbe Rd
Room 202
Elyria, Ohio 44035

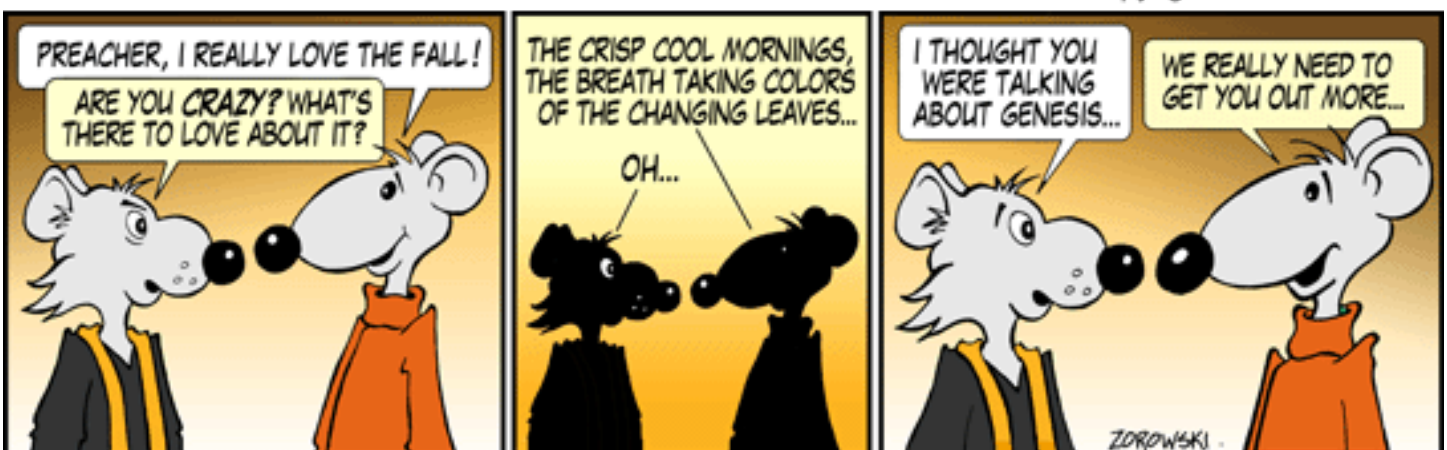


Count Your
BLESSINGS




Church Mice

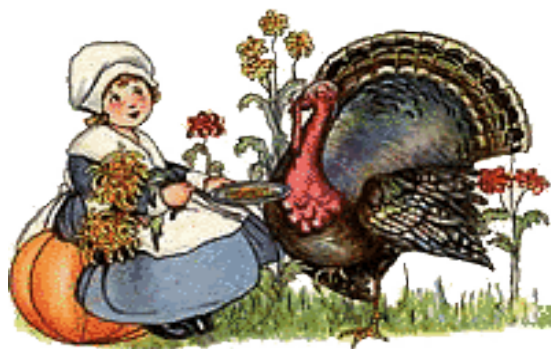
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Open Table All Saints Sunday Birthday and Anniversary Sunday 	4 6:00 pm OutReach Meeting	5 6:30 pm Finance Meeting 7:15 pm PPR Consultation at Belden UMC	6 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	7 9:30 am Women's Study	8	9
10 10:00 am Worship Service Blood Pressure Sunday	11 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Administrative Council	12	13 CARILLON ARTILCES DUE 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	14 9:30 am Women's Study	15	16



Count your
Blessings™



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17 10:00 am Worship Service	18 6:30 pm Alzheimer's Meeting	19	20 7:00 pm PPR Meeting	21 9:30 am Women's Study	22	23 5:00 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY THANKS- GIVING DINNER 
24 10:00 am Worship Service Succoth Booth Sunday Change for Change Sunday	25	26	27 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	29	30

“We” are looking for YOUR newsletter articles, announcements, items of interest, thoughts, and any other things you would like to share with the congregation.

This is YOUR newsletter to communicate —please send the information you would like to share **before** the 15th of each month to:

graftonumc@mail.com

On Veterans Day, remember the sign at the Veterans Cemetery which reads:



“All gave some and some gave their all.”

Veterans Day is November 11 ...

please add our veterans to your prayers and pray for the men and women in our military. Pray for Peace.

SUCCOTH BOOTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, **November 24th** we will celebrate
“Succoth Booth Sunday”

A VERY special time when we can help those less fortunate

A “booth” will be set up for offerings of all types of goods.
(Please NO GLASS items)

Items needed: all paper products, food stuffs, soaps, cereals,
baby food items, ~ just about everything and anything!

Of course, CASH is always welcome
and will be used to purchase needed items

What a wonderful way to begin the joyous Advent season !

“And the King will answer them,

‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’”

(Matthew 25:40)



*Give thanks for unknown blessings
already on their way.*

NATIVE AMERICAN SAYING



Christmas Poinsettias

The flyers are on
the drawing board

and will be coming your way very
soon!

Keep an eye out for them
in the December Carillon as well as
the coming Sunday Bulletins



Advent begins the first Sunday in
December, the 1st
It's the most wonderful time of the year!

"Take time to be aware that
in the very midst of our busy
preparations for the celebra-
tion of Christ's birth in ancient
Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in
the Bethlehems of our homes
and daily lives.

Take time, slow down, be still,
be awake to the Divine
Mystery that looks so common
and so ordinary yet is
wondrously present."

~ Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac



WINTER WEATHER

If you are wondering whether a Bible Study, Meeting or a Sunday Worship Service will be held due to hazardous weather conditions, there are a couple of ways to check:

If during the week, Midview Schools are closed, the Church will be closed also.

On Sunday, check Channel 3 and/or Channel 5 for Closing
Announcements.



Ultimately, trust your own common sense
if you feel it is too dangerous to go out, then don't.

Happy Thanksgiving



November

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

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davis

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BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

OLD BOX TOPS when clipped, can be left in the pink tray on the shelves in Howard Tran Hall

** All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label. If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

See How at BTFE.COM



PULL FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



RMHC recycles aluminum tabs for money to fund their operations. Thousands of dollars have been raised from collecting these small aluminum tabs alone.

THANKS FOR PICKING UP THE TAB!



Donate your pull tabs from:

- Soda Cans
- Tennis Ball Cans
- Soup Cans
- Pet Food Cans
- Juice Cans
- Anything else with a pull tab!

Sponsored by:

The OutReach Committee with help from our Youth



RECYCLABLE



**ALUMINUM
CANS ONLY**

After you have “popped the tab”, please recycle
the aluminum can also ...

two stations are available for collection!

- one in Howard Tran Hall by pastor’s office - the black trash can noted “For Pete’s Sakes”
- the other station is on the lower level and is a large green trash can in the hall by the back staircase.

(note: the cans that are NOW in these cans need the tabs pulled from them ... can you help?)