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***** NOVEMBER 2018 *****

*Thanksgiving
Blessings
Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his
love endures forever.*



Chronicles 16:34

Musings from Mike

“The Least You Can Do”

Are you ready for it to be over yet? The ads on TV and web pop-ups. The endless screaming headlines in the mailers filling my home box. The endless debate about who is doing what, when, and where.

The election, are you ready for it to be over? Me too.

I hope that you will do the least that you can do on November 6th by showing up to vote. That is the least that you owe the nation’s founders, so many who fought over the years for the right to vote, and for your neighbors who are depending on you to do your part. It is the least you can do.

But can I also say that I hope you will do more?

- That you might take five minutes and look up a candidate’s web site to see what they believe and what they want to do?
- That you take some time to evaluate the character of the person. Character matters. Why? Because things will happen during the person’s term in office that nobody can predict and the person elected will have to deal with it. Nobody voting in the 2000 election saw September 11th coming.
- That you get beyond the desire to have your candidate agree with you about EVERYTHING? Think of the relationships that matter most in your life. Do you agree about everything? Why would you expect that in your political leaders?
- And as John Wesley said to his followers long ago, ‘Will you not think less of those who vote differently from you?’

Now you might be wondering what all this has to do with being a follower of Jesus and that’s fair.

How about this – voting is part of being the neighbor your neighbors need and when you vote you are saying to yourself, your leaders, and your neighbors; ‘I am in this with you.’ The same way Jesus says that to you and me every day through the power of his Spirit.

So in Jesus Spirit I just want to invite you to show up, engage, and go vote.

Shalom,

Pastor Mike

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

During the month of November we will be sharing a theme of Gratitude for God's gifts and the gifts we share with each other every day.

November 4th : ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – Communion and remembering those who have gone before us and giving thanks for everything their lives have meant to us.

November 11th : A DAY OF GRATITUDE – Gratitude is a God-given and powerful way to look at life and to live.

November 18th : A BI-LINGUAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING followed by fellowship time after.

November 25th : WE PREPARE FOR ADVENT by placing decorations in the sanctuary as descriptions of their meaning and symbolism are shared.

It is a great month to slow down a little before a busy season and to be lifted up by God's power.



RECENT BAPTISMS

On Sunday, September 30th, Emmett Jozef Galus, son of Pete and Sarah Galus was baptized

And on Sunday, October 21st, Richard (RJ) Lisowski, son of Richard and Kim Lisowski was baptized.

We welcome them both into our church family.

IN MEMORIAM

Kevin King (Allison Worman's brother)	October, 2018
Sophie Geniuk (Mother of Jan Fogg)	October 7, 2018



UNSHAKABLE HOPE – Standing on the Promises of

God. This is the curriculum currently being used in Sunday School and in Wednesday night Bible study. A request in the Bible Study guide was to share your faith journey in 3 minutes. Lori Shepard shared with us the following poem that she was led by the Holy Spirit to write on 4/29/17 while she was participating in a study of the Book of James. This writing

is based on James 4:8, reflects Lori's journey and is printed with Lori's permission. Bible Study meets 7-9pm Wednesdays in the Library, please come join us.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD

Many years ago I'd think it odd, spending time with God.
Bible stories I thought were cool, I'd learn about in Sunday School.
I memorized the Beatitudes but it didn't affect my attitude
I could recite Psalm 23 but it didn't give me eyes to see.
I even learned the Apostles Creed but my bible sat on a shelf. I did not read.
As days turned to years I forgot those quotes I'd learned in Sunday School, to say in rote.
My life seemed happy, but not inside, there were days when I secretly cried.
As a mother and wife I did my best, then my life was put to the test.
Out of fear, I left in a lurch, my haven of happiness. My family's church.
My married life was quite uncertain, fear and anxiety created a curtain.
I no longer went to church on the Sabbath, as days turned to years that was not my habit.
God stayed with me. I know that now. I felt I should change but didn't know how.
I no longer could live a life filled with sorrow. Then God led me to a better tomorrow.
As I felt my marriage crumble, I knew I could no longer stumble.
I started to go to church, once again. It felt so good to be among faithful friends.
My life started to change, that's for certain. But I still remained behind my own curtain.
Bible study gathered each week, I started to go. I was spiritually weak.
Then I really read and heard, I finally started to understand God's word.
My prayer life started - I regretted being parted,
I was parted from the Lord, that had been my choice.
Now, being in the Word, I was praying to hear God's voice.
My faith journey began, I wanted to be led. Through God's Word I was spiritually fed.
Then one quiet night alone in a room, I no longer feared or felt doom.
I repented and asked for forgiveness of sin, Jesus My Savior let me come in.
Into His loving arms I now fit, filled to the brim with the Holy Spirit.
Some years have passed. Blessings abound. I have no fear with God around.
Morning and night are filled with prayer and devotions, scripture is God's Word, not just a notion.
I want to spend time daily with God, it's so hard to imagine I once found it odd.



PLEASE NOTE
Sunday School
Time Changes

Nursery – preschool and younger, leave worship with Miss Pam following Young Disciple Time and go to Nursery in ROOM 1 of Noah’s Ark. Parents, please pick up children following the sermon in the nursery.

K-3rd grade leave worship with Miss Tracey following Young Disciple Time and go to the Asbury Room

Grades 4-7 leave worship following the sermon and meet Miss Pam in the Library

Grades 8 – HS leave worship following the sermon with Miss Kate and meet in the Youth Room

If you are unfamiliar with the location of these rooms, the ushers located in the back of the church will be happy to assist you.

Noah’s Ark

We are happy to welcome Maria Vazquez to our staff! Maria is assisting in the 3 year old classroom and is a blessing to the children and staff.

Maria is bilingual and has a son attending the 4 year old class, her daughter is 7 yrs. Old and is an alumni of the Ark. Please keep Maria and the entire staff, children and families in yours prayers

The Ark is in need of CD players, if you have one at home that you are no longer using, please leave it in the Narthex on Sunday morning. Thank you.



Don’t Forget.... Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4th at 2:00 am, when clocks are turned backward 1 hour, so turn back those clocks before going to bed on November 3rd and enjoy that extra hour of sleep before coming to church on Sunday morning!



NOVEMBER 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:45pm Bells</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm Al-Anon Study Group In Library 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:45pm Bells</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour/Bake Sale 11:15am Hispanic Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners 9-11am } <i>Loaves & Fishes</i> 7-9pm } 7pm Naomi Circle</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Office & Gleaners are Closed</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study Church Office & Gleaners are Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall 11/27th – 28th Bishop's Day on Region at Butler UMC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:45pm Bells</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners</p>	

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

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November 4th Pat Inglis
November 11th Pam Campbell
November 18th Pat Inglis
November 25th Jeff Matthews

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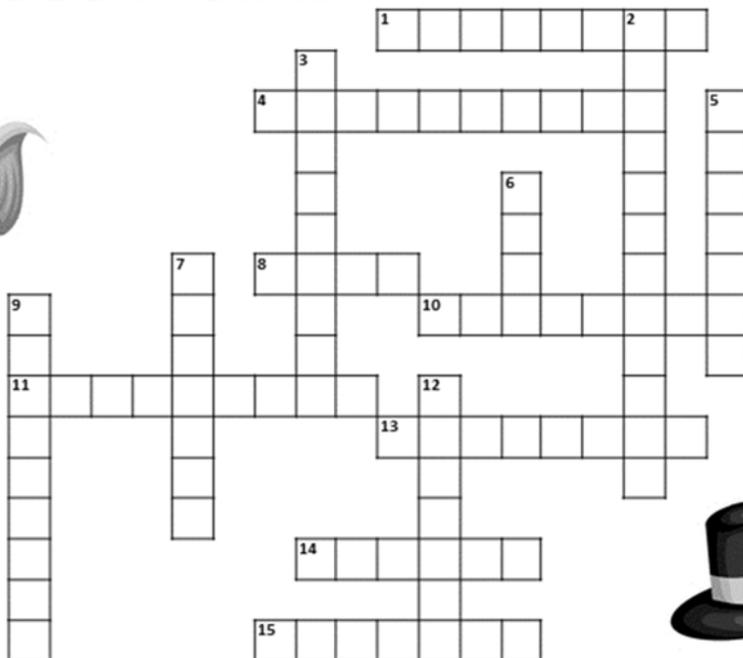
COUNTERS

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November 4th OPEN
November 11th Bill & Linda Bosland
November 18th Naomi Circle
November 25th OPEN

November 4th Carroll Campbell,
Vickie Boyd, Betty Greig
November 11th Maurice & Dot
Cailleteau, & Alison Bisanti
November 18th Linda Meilan,
Helen Guenter, Karen Bailey
November 25th Janet Schaefer,
Connie Anderson & Linda Bosland

Thanksgiving Crossword



Across

1. First village established by the Pilgrims
4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
8. An essential grain in the New World diet
10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
11. The Pilgrims' boat
13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
14. The traditional holiday bird
15. Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

Down

2. 4th Thursday of November
3. A traditional Indian dwelling
5. Gathering of crops
6. Season for harvesting
7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
9. Indian tribe that was present at the first Thanksgiving
12. Bright orange squash used to make pie

(Answers on page 10)



WE NEED YOUR HELP ... NOW!!!

The 2018 Christmas Bazaar is coming in December! This is a church-wide sponsored event and we need your help!!!

Donations gently used and new Christmas items, gift able items, handmade items, etc. are still needed Mark the items for "Christmas Bazaar" and bring them to the church office.

We need YOUR help to make this event successful. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex...won't you sign up to let us know when you'll be available to help with the sorting, pricing, setting up or helping on the day of the Bazaar.

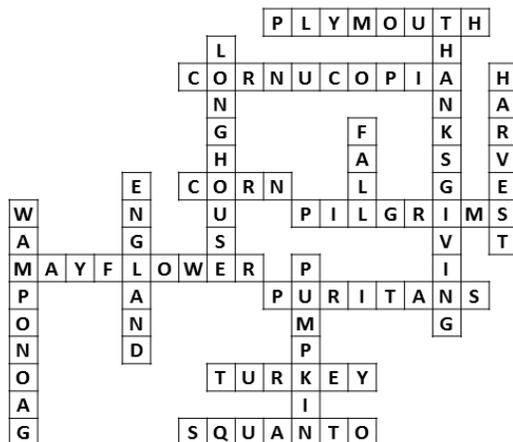
Linda & Bill Bosland will be in the kitchen during the Bazaar and could use some helping hands. If you would be available at any time on December 3rd, please check with them as to how you might help.

In the meantime, keep bringing in what you can donate!

Calling all cooks... plans are in the works to put together a small cookbook of our favorite recipes, which would be offered for sale at the Bazaar. If you have a favorite recipe you'd be willing to share, please send a clearly printed or typed copy of the recipe to the church office **before November 11th**... Attention: Bazaar Cookbook/Dawn Kruimer.

If you have any questions, please ask Linda Meilan, Isabelle Butler or Dawn Kruimer.

Solution to
Thanksgiving Crossword
found on Page 9





Loaves & Fishes

Our supply closet could especially use canned red, black & cannelloni beans this month, but any of the items on the list can be used to help our families supplement their monthly food budget. Donations can be put in the cabinet at the entrance to the Narthex to help us meet the needs of this important ministry.

Macaroni & Cheese
 Canned Tuna
 Canned Fruit
 Mixed vegetables
Canned beans
(Red, black & cannelloni)
 Canned tomatoes
 Hot or Cold Cereals
 Pancake Mixes
 Pancake Syrup
 Dried or Powdered Milk
 Peanut Butter
 Cooking Oil
 Tomato Sauce
 Pasta
 Pasta Sauce
 Boxed Potatoes
 Stuffing
 Rice Side Dishes
 Bags of White Rice
 Soup
 Dried Beans – Red or Black
 Jelly – Strawberry & Grape
 Paper towels
 Toilet paper
 Tissues
 Napkins
 Toothpaste/Toothbrush
 Soap
 Shampoo

Thank you for your generosity,
Debby Smeilus, Coordinator



In addition to keeping our Loaves & Fishes food pantry stocked, additional items are now needed for the holidays.

Boxed mashed potatoes
 Cranberry sauce
 Sweet potatoes
 Stuffing
 Canned corn and green beans
 Turkey/chicken gravy
 We have a large donation of turkeys
 but will accept more for Christmas.
 We have no hams
 so they would be appreciated.

Don't miss your chance to bring home some special treats for Thanksgiving...

Sunday, November 18th the Naomi Circle will host their annual bake sale during coffee hour, featuring a large selection of delicious treats. Proceeds from the sale will help fund the funeral luncheons provided by the circle.





ORDER
YOUR
POINSETTIAS

What is Christmas ?

*Every time a hand reaches out
to help another, that is Christmas.
Every time someone puts anger aside
and strives for understanding,
that is Christmas.*

*Every time people forget their
differences,
and realize their love for each other
that is Christmas.*

*May this Christmas bring us
closer to the spirit of human
understanding,
closer to the blessing of peace!*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS/DECORATIONS

Orders are being taken for Christmas Poinsettias and Decorations. Here is an opportunity for you to help beautify the sanctuary this Christmas, as you remember or recognize a loved one. As we have in the past, we will also purchase greens for the beautification of the Lord's Table and surrounding sanctuary.

Please print clearly your name, and the name(s) of person(s) whom you wish to remember or honor. Enclose \$15.00 and the tear off portion of this page in an envelope marked "Christmas" for each plant/decoration ordered. This may be left in the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. **Deadline for ordering is December 16th.**

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I/We wish to order _____ Poinsettias/Decorations. \$ _____ Enclosed.

Name of Donor _____

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

(Plants may be removed for your own enjoyment, or to give to one of our shut-ins
following the Christmas Eve 9pm service)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Matthew / San Mateo 20:1-16	John / San Juan 5:30-47	Acts / Hechos 10:34-38
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Jeremiah / Jeremías 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians/1Tesalonicenses 3:9-13 Psalm/Salmos 25:1-10 Luke/San Lucas 21:25-36	Matthew / San Mateo 16:21-28	John / San Juan 6:15-21	John / San Juan 1:43-51	Acts / Hechos 17:1-9	1 Corinthians / 1 Corintios 15:20-28	Revelation / Apocalipsis 1:1-8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Malachi/Malaquías 3:1-4 Philippians/Filipenses 1:3-11 Psalm/Salmos 126 Luke/San Lucas 3:1-6	Luke / San Lucas 1:67-80	Colossians / Colosenses 1:9-23	Mark / San Marcos 1:1-8	Isaiah / Isaías 43:1-13	Hebrews / Hebreos 10:11-25	Zephaniah / Sofonías 3:14-20
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Zephaniah/Sofonías 3:14-20 Isaiah/Isaías 12:2-6 Philippians/Filipenses 4:4-9 Luke/San Lucas 3:7-18	Luke / San Lucas 1:5-25	Luke / San Lucas 1:57-80	Matthew / San Mateo 3:1-12	Isaiah / Isaías 62:1-12	Luke / San Lucas 12:35-48	Isaiah / Isaías 51:1-8
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Micah/Miqueas 5:2-5a Hebrews/Hebreos 10:5-10 Psalm/Salmos 80:1-7 Luke/San Lucas 1:39-55	Mark / San Marcos 13:1-13	Luke / San Lucas 21:25-37	Revelation / Apocalipsis 1:1-8	John / San Juan 1:14-18	Ezekiel / Ezequiel 34:11-16	



Please join us for one or more of these exciting opportunities to draw near to God reading through His love letter to you...

Wednesday Night Bible Study ... in the Library, 7:00 – 9:00pm.
UNSHAKABLE HOPE, Building our lives on the Promises of God

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30pm – **Spanish Bible Study**

Fridays, 6:00 to 7:00am, **Men's Bible Study** in the Youth Room