

Joyful Noiz

November 12- December 10, 2021 Newsletter

We take every day for granted. We take all our bodily functions like we have earned them. We walk through life like everything is owed to us. Even God owes us! We can never be thankful enough. We can never thank God enough! We live our lives like there is no tomorrow. We expect things to go great and when they don't we blame God. God knows what we need. We only know what we want! He knows all too well that tomorrow comes quicker than we think.

Look around you. I just lost a very good friend from childhood. Even though his earthly body is gone from me I know he is with our heavenly Father. But I know him and he had plans for many days, years ahead. Isn't that how we all are? Only God knows our true past. What is in our hearts. Only God knows what lies ahead for each of us. We need to thank our wonderful Savior for everything in our lives, our family lives, our church and the wonderful people in it doing God's work. Look at what you support in life. Is it more important than your relationship with God? If everything in your life doesn't glorify God you are just wasting a day the Lord has given you. We have another blessing. As we squander the wonderful days of our lives Jesus paid the price for all our sins. He paid it all. To give us a chance to overcome sin, change our lives and be the best, for Him, we can be. God never promises a constant rose garden to live with. God gives us the hope of a better tomorrow. Give thanks to all you are. Give thanks for everything you have, and that includes a wonderful church to give thanks in. This thanksgiving I hope is a reminder to live in the glory of what and who has been given to you.

Dear Lord and Savior of us all. Help us to see that life without you, life without giving thanks is a waste of our tomorrows. Thank you for everything we see and everything we cannot see. In your name we pray.
Amen

Blessings and gratitude to all of you,

Rev. Coy



MORE THAN A DAY

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.
We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.
We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.
We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.
So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

- Karl Fuchs

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you
are welcome here.*

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Al & Elaine Panyi, Pat & John Loyszczyk (Renea Hunt's parents), Alan Hunt (Dave Hunt's dad)

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy has **office hours Mon, Wed, & Thurs**.

WORSHIP SERVICE

We have resumed having our regular 11 AM service!

Come back and worship with us!! We have been uploading **sermons** to **You Tube** and sharing them on our **Facebook** account if you can't make it!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be decorating for advent **November 21**. All help welcome!!

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

We will be meeting **November 28, 10AM** before worship to discuss the budget for 2022.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be **December 5** after worship.

CHRISTMAS EVE

This year we will be having a Christmas Eve service at **Noon on Friday December 24, 2021**.

PARSONAGE CLEANING DAY

Council would like to have a cleaning day at the parsonage for anyone willing and able. We will update when a date has been chosen.

OUTDOOR FLAGS

Lucretia "Toots" Ross has purchased a new American Flag and Christian Flag and has donated them to the church in memory of her husband, **William H. Ross** and her son, **Richard Dale Ross**.



Pastor's Pen

A Short Lesson on Gratitude

Today I want to share a short story I found with you about gratitude. We are coming near Thanksgiving and I believe we can never be as thankful as we ought to be.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from folks as they hurried past.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

I wrote, "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it." (written by Nick Ortner)

Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see... When your life seems full of troubles, it seems difficult to maintain an attitude of gratitude, doesn't it? All we see are our problems, like storm cloud casting a dark shadow over our lives. We often don't realize the wonderful blessings we have and who they have come from.