
THE CHIMES

Prayers for Thanksgiving

Pastor's Word

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever. – Psalm 107.1*

In the church library I found and have been reading a book of table graces. It's called, *Bless this Food*. The book is full of prayers of thanksgiving for food and other gifts from God. The prayers come from a variety of religious traditions, but mostly they are Christian in origin.

*O, Thou, who kindly doth provide
For every creature's want!
We bless the God of Nature wide
For all Thy goodness lent,
And if it pleases Thee, heavenly Guide,
May never worse be sent;
But whether granted or denied,
Lord bless us with content.*

~ Robert Burns

I find inspiration in reading the prayers of others. They often give words to what I would like to pray when I have trouble finding my own thoughts. And just as often, they give words to thoughts I didn't even have until I read them. Praying the prayers of others is one way in which I receive the blessings of the communion of saints.

*When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light,
for your life, for your strength.
Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living.
If you see no reason to give thanks,
The fault lies in yourself.*

- Tecumseh (1768-1813)

Nobody has to write out a prayer, of course for a prayer to be a prayer. Prayer is just a conversation with God who doesn't require fancy words or proper grammar when you talk to him. Those who have

taught us the most about prayer (the spiritual masters of the church) are the first to say that words are, in the end, unnecessary in prayer. Sometimes they're even in the way. Martin Luther once remarked, "The fewer the words, the better the prayer." Still, there's good reason to use, at least occasionally, the prayers of others and especially their most beautiful expressions.

*Bless, O Lord, the plants,
The vegetation,
and the herbs of the field,
that they may grow
and increase to fullness
and bear much fruit.
And may the fruit of the land
Remind us of the spiritual fruit
We should bear.*

- Coptic Orthodox

As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, many of us are already thinking of sitting around a table, heavy with food, surrounded by family and friends. My hope is that all of us will be particularly thankful to God on that day for what it is both on the table and who is around it. We should be thankful, too, that it is God who is the giver of all good gifts and that when he gives, he does so with pleasure.

*In a few moments of silence, let each of us be
mindful of all we have for which to give thanks:
friends, food, hopes, health
and happy memories.*

(a moment of silence observed)

*So, in giving thanks, we are blessed.
Amen.*

- Book of Common Prayer

Have a most blessed Thanksgiving. ~ KDS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council will hold its final regularly scheduled meeting of the year on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Dussel Room. Among important matters of business to be considered will be the Church's budget for the year 2012. All members of the Church are invited to attend; all members of the Council are urged to be present.

Jim Williams, Chairperson

THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE

This year, will you sacrifice for hungry people throughout our community and the world?

Each of us can show our Christian love by giving the cost of our own Thanksgiving meal to help feed hungry people.

Christ UMC helps feed the hungry by serving a free community meal at the Alliance Neighborhood Center when a fifth Tuesday occurs in a calendar month (about four times per year). Christ Church volunteers prepare and serve these meals. If you accept the Thanksgiving Challenge, your gift will be used to support these dinners, and to feed hungry people through other church local, statewide, national and international mission projects.

When you think about the Thanksgiving Challenge, or hear about it from the pulpit, please give generously and share God's abundant gifts.

May God bless the gift and the giver.

TROOP 50 NEWS

The scouts of Troop 50 had a wonderful Fall Camporee the weekend of October 16th. The weather was beautiful and the program was new, exciting, and followed a Halloween theme. Scouts got to cook over an open fire as part of their cooking requirements.

Much appreciation goes to the congregation for the support of the Scouting program and for your purchase of popcorn which helps funds the program. You should get your orders by Thanksgiving.

Thank You!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Our semi-annual **Copeland Oaks Communion Service** will be held on **Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 11 a.m.** in the Chapel at Copeland. Lunch will follow in the Buckeye Room. Detailed information will be provided in a letter to Christ Church members residing at Copeland Oaks, as well as members of the Congregational Care Committee. Rev. Karl Stonebraker will deliver the message and preside over the serving of the sacred elements.

This year's Advent material will be arriving in your mail in time for the beginning of this important season in the Christian year on November 27, 2011. All are urged to make use of the devotions and to read carefully the accompanying material.

Poinsettias will once again be delivered to visitation members. Sign-up sheets will be in the lounge on **November 27th, and December 4th and 11th** for those willing to deliver these beautiful emblems of the season, along with appropriate cards, to those who are unable to attend services. The flowers and cards will available to be picked up any time during the week of December 11th. Delivery may be made at your convenience. Please consider helping with this greatly appreciated gesture and be sure to allow time to visit when you drop off the gifts.

A blessed Thanksgiving to all from the Congregational Care Committee!

Peg Williams, Chairperson

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

We recognize a need in our community by collecting funds, food, personal and household items to help the Salvation Army in its outreach. The Christian Outreach Committee reminds you that there is always a shopping cart in the Lounge for donations, and that the third Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. **November 20th** will be the next date for donations of non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products, and cash donations to be counted for delivery to the Salvation Army. In October, 44 items and \$44.95 were collected. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Judy Kingan	9 Lou Clayton
2 Julie Greiner	18 Ward Tuttle
4 Jessica Gard	20 Diane Hisey
5 Jack Madison	22 Lisa Krepps
7 Ruth Rankin	28 Margaret Reisch
7 Pat Stone	28 Jeffrey Ruff
	29 Joan Raynes

NOVEMBER USHERS

Roger Frank - Captain	
Chuck Cline	Greg Ruff
Treva Cline	Brian Skidmore
Linda Montgomery	Nicolas Skidmore



USHERS & GREETERS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5	Wiley Keith and Martha Reed
5	Tim and Doris Barnhouse
22	Dwight and Lois Bush *68 Years*
24	Lanny and Diane Hisey

SANCTUARY GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

6	Kathy and Gene Stroia
13	Connie and Larry Pyers
20	Jean and Boyd Webster
27	Keith Noble

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FUNDRAISER

United Methodist Women are offering you a way to purchase Christmas gifts or stock your own kitchen with quality kitchen tools while supporting UMW. We are hosting a Pampered Chef Fundraiser in October and November. May Smith Circle is sponsoring the event and Sheryl Dean is the contact person.

How can you help? Notify your family, friends, neighbors, social groups and e-mail buddies so they can purchase products from you and all the proceeds will benefit the UMW. There are catalogs and order forms on the table in the lounge. Sheryl will be available on Sunday's to answer any questions you may have or accept any orders that are ready to be submitted with payment. Pass a catalog at work, inform your e-mail and Facebook friends they can order on-line to help support the UMW event (and ask them to spread the word to their e-mail or Facebook friends). The fundraiser is posted on-line @ www.pamperedchef.biz/sherylcooks4u. It's easy to order, choose shop on-line, invited to a show, enter United Methodist Women as the Host. You will be asked if you want the order shipped to you or to the Host. There is an additional shipping charge to have the order shipped to you (or another address other than the host) directly, orders being shipped to the Host would be delivered to Sheryl. (Sheryl will let you know when your order has arrived and make arrangements for pick-up)

All unglazed stoneware is 20% off to Customers in October. No limit to the number of pieces customers can purchased.

In November, customers will receive their choice of ANY cookbook or the Bamboo Towel FREE with a \$60 purchase, before tax and shipping. Or, with a \$100 order (before tax and shipping) the choice of ANY cookbook or Bamboo Towel AND their choice of the Easy Read Measuring Cups or the Smooth Edge Can Opener FREE.

Any questions or to place orders, contact Sheryl Dean at #330-823-1942 (home), #330-206-4283 (cell) or sherylsusan52@hotmail.com

May Smith Circle and the United Methodist Women appreciate your support.

P.S. Anyone that has hosted a Pampered Chef Show within one year of the date of their order will receive 10% off their order with their Host I.D. #.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT MEETING

Tuesday November 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Program:
“Local Mission Support Night”
For The Stuckey Family Interfaith Child
Development Center

Greeter/Hostess: May Smyth Circle

Come dressed to help clean and “spiff up” the classrooms located in our church. United Methodist Women has supported Interfaith for many years as a local mission project. We invite anyone who would like to support Interfaith, in this way, to come join us for the evening. Additionally, we will be making tray favors for the children that will be themed for November and December. If you enjoy working on a simple craft, with a group, join us and help with tray favors. We will also be supporting Interfaith at their annual Christmas program, in December, by providing cookies for the evening. A sign-up sheet will be available for you to show your support and help, with roughly 50 dozen cookies that are needed for that program.

CIRCLES:

November 21, 12:30 P.M. **Dorcas Circle**
Place: Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks

November 21, 7:00 P.M. **M&M Circle**
Place: Pat Helsel, 1633 Denwood St., Alliance

November 15, 7:00 P.M. **May Smyth Circle**
Place: Pat Stone, 3459 Greenbriar Ave., Alliance

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday December 6 at 7:00 P.M.

Program:

“Sounds for the Season”

By: Carolyn Wallace, our wonderful organist at the console.

Union Ave. UMW will be our guests. All are welcome to join us for this evening of music

Greeter/Hostess: M & M Circle

OCTOBER VISITATION MEMBERS



- 6 Norma Wasson, 1524 Lilly Lane, Alliance, OH 44601
- 13 Corinne Ruby, 800 South 15th Street, #9-186, Sebring, OH 44672
- 20 Joan Raynes, 800 South 15th Street, #9-300, Sebring, OH 44672
- 27 Virginia Fronk, 800 South 15th Street, Apt. 7423, Sebring, OH 44672

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

LITURGISTS

- | <u>8:30 A.M.</u> | <u>10:45 A.M.</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 6 Haven Ackley | Pat Helsel |
| 13 Steve Diser | Don Kingan |
| 20 Haven Ackley | Ellen Sol |
| 27 Steve Diser | Diane Hisey |

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 6 Rev. David & Mildred Hostetler
- 13 Helen Brown & Peg Williams
- 20 Betty Thorpe & Peg Rodefer
- 27 Cynthia Carlin & Charlie Manypenny

NOVEMBER TELLERS

- 6 Jim Greiner & Larry Pyers
- 13 Pat Helsel & Marilyn Ruff
- 20 Jill Greiner & Donna Essick
- 27 Tyler Kinser & Bruce Helsel

DECEMBER TELLERS

- 4 Bill Messenheimer &
- 11 Nancy Sandifer & Mildred Hostetler
- 18 Nancy Prueter & Jan Essick
- 25

**DEADLINE FOR THE COMBINED DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY 2012
CHIMES WILL BE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2011.
ANY ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE, MIGHT NOT BE PUBLISHED.
ARTICLES CAN BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO: cumcalliance@gmail.com, OR
THEY CAN BE PLACED IN THE MAILBOX, OUTSIDE THE OFFICE.**

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

In the September-October 2011 issue of Children's Ministry magazine there is an article by Henry Zonio entitled, "There's An App for That." He opens with an interesting question: what does it mean for kids to be biblically literate in the Internet age? Of course, I had to read further because I am still stuck in the paper-and-ink version of the Bible and had never entertained the thought of using an electronic gadget for Bible reading or study. In a world where everything one can imagine becomes available with a few keystrokes, a click of a button or a few swipes across a touch screen, what will that mean for our Christian Education efforts?

Zonio says that learning the Scriptures is still very important so that our children can be transformed by God. However learning the Scriptures has to be done in such a way that our children become fully engaged and immersed in God's Word in order for true transformation to occur. He goes on to say that we have new tools that can be used to encourage biblical literacy in children. The digital age has not only changed how we access information but it has also altered our society and our culture. How we understand life and community has changed and that suggests a new way of teaching the Bible may be in order.

These new tools are at our disposal but we still need to inspire our children to hear and read the Bible as a whole. That can be done by simply telling the stories of the Bible over and over again as they reflect on how each story fits into the bigger truth about who God is. Because the Bible is more than an instruction booklet, we can encourage children to ask questions like, "What does what I'm reading in the Bible say about God? What does it say about the kingdom of God?" Zonio says that we need to help children experience the Bible in a fresh, new way by helping them connect it to real life. Faith skills like Bible reading, prayer, honesty and integrity will last them an entire lifetime.

Digital resources can help us in many ways but we must also encourage reflection, meditation and sharing their thoughts about God either orally or in writing. Perhaps they can create blogs, make videos or even digital works of art to retell Bible stories. At the end of the day, we will let others know that biblical literacy was and is always about the living Word of God. Whether it comes in print or through digital technology, God's Word is definitely a both/and-not an either/or.

Peace,
Dr. J

DIGITAL BIBLE RESOURCES

www.biblegateway.com: A goldmine of online translations of the Bible with a powerful search engine.

www.youversion.com: An outreach of LifeChurch.tv that offers Bible apps, reading plans and other online resources.

www.BlueLetterBible.org: An online interactive reference library that's continuously updated from the teachings and commentaries of selected pastors and teachers.

www.BibleAtlas.org: Online A-Z reference for the places of the Bible.

NEW PHOTOS OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES PLACED ON DISPLAY BOARD

By Cynthia Carlin, Marketing Committee Coordinator

New photos were posted on the display at the top of the stairs in late October.

These include: Victor Lee leading Friendship II, Pastor Chris Martin leading the Searchers, organist Carolyn Wallace presenting to guests visiting as part of the Alliance Historical Society's Organ Crawl in August and Carolyn at our organ during the event, the Chancel Bell Choir performing, our audio/visual expert Lynn Goldrick working behind the scenes recording our services, and two photos from the 50-year recognition Sunday. One of these was of all members who were present and the other of Jim and Peg Williams, Helen Bower, Sue Eynon and Susan Diser – all new incoming 50-year members.

Frank Woolf was photographer for the majority of these and Tyler Kinser photographed the 50-year event. Thanks gentlemen.



Back in April of this year we had a pot luck luncheon at Christ United Methodist Church to kick off an exciting new mission project. We were one of twelve churches participating in the local Habitat for Humanity's Apostle Build. This was a first time project for the local Habitat Chapter, but I'm sure it will not be the last. Now six months later the house is complete.

After the luncheon in April, where we were able to get enough pledges to cover our share of the \$60,000 needed to build the house, we attended the ground breaking program on June 1st. Work began on the house with volunteers from the Churches on June 25th. Christ Church provided the lunch for the workers from First Immanuel Church that Saturday. On July 30th we provided the devotions for the worksite and on August 13th Christ United Methodist Church had 21 volunteers show up at the worksite to hang drywall on all the walls on the main floor of the house.

Everything wrapped up with the dedication of the home on October 2nd at Vine Street United Methodist Church with tours of the home following the dedication. Theresa Hall and her three children, the proud new owners of the home, were present and accepted a quilt made by St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church with a square provided from each of the Apostle Build churches.

This was a wonderful mission project for our church, one that allowed us to work with and make friends with members from eleven other churches in Alliance. I would like to thank everyone who helped make it a huge success. Whether you helped financially, worked on the planning committee, helped on the lunch, worked at the jobsite, provided devotions at the site, worked on the quilt or simply prayed for the success of the project, THANK YOU!!! It's because of all of you that the project was a huge success and provided the ground work for many future projects.

Thanks,
Mark Locke
Chairman
Christ United Methodist Church Apostle Build Committee



CELEBRATION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

October 16, 2011, '50 year members' of Christ UMC were recognized during the worship service. New members to the '50 Year Club' include Helen Bower, Susan Diser, Sue Eynon, Peg Williams, Jim Williams, Dianna Hodgekin Ashburn, Kathy Spencer Brown, Patti Messenheimer Shaffer, Jeffrey Martin and Ruth Ann McConnell. (review of the Church records showed that Jeff Martin should have been recognized in 2009 and Ruth McConnell back in 1993.)

During the last hymn, the 38 '50 year members' present gathered in the chancel for a group picture which will be on display in the lounge throughout November. The ninety eight (98) '50 year members listed in the bulletin represent 5,941 years of membership in Christ United Methodist Church (including membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church (until 1939) and the First Methodist Church (until 1968)).

This 50 year member recognition and celebration at Christ church began in 1975. Since that time, 336 members have joined the '50 year club.'

After the service, a fellowship luncheon served by the Christian Outreach and Christian Education Committees was enjoyed by approximately 120 members in Fellowship Hall.

A display of past 50 year member celebrations and confirmation class pictures generated many memories and considerable reminiscing about life and times at Christ Church.



Back Row: Jim Williams, Peg Williams and Helen Bower
Front Row: Sue Eynon and Susan Diser

Library Update Effort Continues with Help from Local Church and Synagogue Library Association Members

After being guided by the Tuscarawas District Office to turn to the Church and Synagogue Library Association for direction on how to reactivate our library, we joined the organization in September and have been aided by a number of local members of that organization.

First to assist us was Marilyn Brumbaugh of the First United Presbyterian Church. Marilyn invited members of our library task force to join her and their library group (Faye Martin and Laura Jo Dalton) on a visit Wednesday, September 28, to the Damascus Friends Church. The purpose of the visit was to learn how they have put their library on a computer-based lending system and how that is working.

During this visit Betty-Jo Sutherin and Cynthia Carlin learned about two different software programs available for church libraries – Book Systems and ResourceMate®—and the advantages and disadvantages of each. They also learned that Russell Newburn of the First Emmanuel Church and a member of the association has catalogued all of his music using ResourceMate. Jessica Wallace, Damascus Friend Church Librarian was the presenter.

Thursday, October 20, another Church and Synagogue Library Association member and coordinator for the Youngstown chapter, Connie Altomare, met with Pat Stone, Ellen Sol, Betty-Jo Sutherin and Cynthia Carlin at our church. During an hour-and-half meeting Connie, who serves as Alliance Community Hospital's librarian, discussed her own experience as the librarian of her church Greenford Christian trying to get it automated. She uses Librarything, a free online software that allows her to make all of her church's books and publications accessible to church members through the Internet. The other software she's using is called Surplus, which permits lending through bar-coded books and church member library cards. Surplus is available at the initial cost of \$500 plus a yearly \$200 maintenance fee.

Betty-Jo asked if there was any place where all the existing software is analyzed according to its cost and benefit. Connie suggested a recent analysis that is available for purchase from the Evangelical Christian Library Association entitled "Library Software Solutions". After contributing the necessary amount for the purchase, the task force asked Ellen Sol, our Church and Synagogue Library Association representative, to order the book.

Connie provided numerous handouts and website locations that provide information ranging from how to cull a library's collection to how to establish a mission statement for the library as well as create a cataloging processing policy manual. She particularly focused on Dr. Meghan Harper of the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science's suggestions and guidelines given at a recent presentation to Association members.

In all of the research done to date, it is clear that reactivating our library will be a long-term effort.

Cynthia Carlin for the Library Task Force



CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6: 9-10

Thank you so much to all the members of the Christian Education and Christian Outreach Commissions who provided food and assistance for our Sunday, October 16 Fellowship Luncheon for Red Bird Mission. A special thank you to Pastor Karl and Dr. J for providing the chicken wings; that was a new and interesting addition. It was wonderful to recognize our much-loved fifty-year members!

Thank you for your continued support of our Global missionary, Beatrice B'Ganga, through our Noisy Can offerings!

Please continue to be generous in supporting the Salvation Army Food Pantry with your food items and monetary donations. They are in great need. Also, please sign up to help with the bell ringing at Giant Eagle on Thursday, December 1, from 10 to 8. The sign-up sheet is outside the sanctuary. Thanks!

We will be providing our fourth and final dinner for this year at the Alliance Neighborhood Center on Tuesday, November 29. Volunteers are needed between 4:00 and 7:00, and dinner is usually served around 5:30. It is always a fun time for everyone involved. Please consider helping if you are able.

I'm sure we will once again have the opportunity to provide food for the free Alliance area Thanksgiving dinner at the United Church of Christ on Oxford. We will have a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary as soon as we receive details.

As the holidays approach, let us thank God for our bounty and remember those who are less fortunate than we are.

May God bless you. Thank you for being a blessing to each other and to others!

Susie Buckel, Chairman

Sisters of Charity Foundation Bridges Out of Poverty Session To Feature Dr. Ruby Payne

While *Bridges Out of Poverty* concepts may be new to Christ United Methodist Church members, they have been of interest to a *Bridges Out of Poverty* planning committee of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton for some time. Committee members include: Catholic Charities, Mercy Medical Center, Stark State College, Stark County Community Action Agency, United Way of Greater Stark County and others.

In 2009 the committee hosted a workshop for representatives from community and social services organizations. At the workshop, *Bridges Out of Poverty* coauthor Terie Dreussi-Smith discussed the "hidden rules" by which those in poverty operate on a daily basis. Those are the same rules we are including monthly in our *Chimes* Newsletter.

With leadership from Stark State College and funding from several committee members, a second forum will be held featuring *Bridges Out of Poverty* co-author Dr. Ruby Payne on Friday, November 18, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kent State University Conference Center. Cost is \$40 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch buffet, CEU's for those seeking them and the book *Bridges to Sustainable Communities* by Philip DeVol. The committee hopes that this forum will provide additional insight on the impact of poverty and how we can provide support and assistance to those in need.

If you have questions about the event, please contact Carrilyn Long, Dean of Education and Human Services Division, Stark State College, 330 494-6170 Ext. 4491. To register, send checks payable to Stark State College to the attention of Francine Butler, Stark State College, 6200 Frank Avenue, NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

THANK YOU FROM UMW

THANK YOU for the basement sale donations, to the shoppers and to the workers, for making the basement sale a success!

Thank You!
Jean Webster and the United Methodist Women.

PEANUT BRITTLE BEGINS 45th YEAR

Members of Christ UMC's Friendship II Sunday School Class and UMYF will continue the 'Peanut Brittle' tradition. Class members and youth will be making and selling peanut brittle, continuing a project started in 1967 by the Builders Class. The Crusaders Class formerly participated in the project from 1978 through 2007.

With skyrocketing cost for ingredients (peanuts, sugar, corn syrup, butter, etc.) the sale price for 2011 will be \$5.00 per can. To order, contact a member of Friendship II or the youth.

PREPARING FOR THE ADVENT SEASON



The Advent Season is upon us and we are looking for congregation members to light the Advent Candles and also to do a reading. The Sunday's in Advent are: November 27, December 4, 11 & 18. We will need participants to sign up for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services, as well as our Christmas Eve service on December 24th. If interested, please see Susan Haddox or you can reach her at (330) 821-3361, to sign up.



FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of November there will be a cornucopia, in the altar area, that will be used to collect non-perishable items. The items collected will be given to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Collection dates will be: November 6, 13 & 20. Items could include: canned/boxed food, paper towels, tissues, toilet tissue and anything else non-perishable.

Words of Thanks from Rev. & Mrs. Dumm:

"But now the Lord who created you, says, Don't be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire you will not be burned up – the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, your Savior." (Isaiah 43:1-3 – The Living Bible.)

Our journey since May 11 has taken us through deep waters, through flames of fire and yes, the Lord our God and Savior has been there!

Yes, He truly was there with us!!

He came in many forms, in many faces. The doctors with specialties, Emergency Room workers & transport teams, Nurses of all levels from ICU, PCU, Rehab; Lab technicians, Aids, Dieticians, Housekeepers, our Copeland Oaks Chaplain, Pastors and Churches. He came to us in the many caring friends who gave us such support through prayers and the many lovely and sometimes funny greeting cards, that brightened our days.

We cannot begin to answer all of them, so please accept our appreciation for all you have done. We would truly have thankful hearts for your prayers to continue to carry us on to the completion of our journey – as God directs.

Your friends in Christ, our Lord,
Durlan & Alice Dumm

DID YOU KNOW.....

- we will be collecting non-perishable items, the first 3 Sunday's in November?
- that we set our clocks back one hour, at 2:00 a.m. on November 6?
- that the first Sunday of Advent is November 27?
- the Christmas Family Night Dinner is on December 4th @ 6:00 p.m.?

Chili Fellowship Luncheon Sunday November 6

**Menu:
Chili, Salad, Corn Bread,
Dessert and Beverage**



**This luncheon is sponsored by The Explorers
and Searchers Sunday School Classes.**

**Proceeds will go towards our
commitment to the Red Bird Mission.**



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Thanksgiving Is...
Author Unknown

*Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God,
our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go
before us and whose love is with us forever.*

*Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes,
to remember that we, too, grow and change
from one season of life to another.*

*Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons,
when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake and
apples are crisp, in the first chill breezes of fall.*

*Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving.
As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge the many
blessings which are ours, let us think of our families and
friends and let us give thanks in our hearts.*

