

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

October was clergy appreciation month. Thank you for the many cards and kind gestures to Kim and me. We are so blessed that you have never limited your kindness to a month of the year. I am sure I am not good enough at saying “thank you” or showing my appreciation as I should for the kindness you show. It is a joy to serve the Lord alongside you, and again, thank you for your every kindness.

Thank you for your generosity in giving candy to Trunk N Treat and to those who will come to help hand candy out.

Sign-up sheets are out for our Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We serve from 11:00 to 1:00 on Thanksgiving Day. Due to covid 19, we will

not be doing the dine-in option this year. All meals will be carryout or delivery. We anticipate serving the same number of meals. We are excited to take the Word of God and put it in PLAY in our community. There are a number of ways you can be involved from cooking and baking to serving and delivering. Thanks in advance for all the ways in which you will serve.

Haggai 1: In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of

Jozadak,<sup>[a]</sup> the high priest:<sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”<sup>3</sup> Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: <sup>4</sup> “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”<sup>5</sup> Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. <sup>6</sup> You have planted much but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”  
November 1<sup>st</sup> we

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begin a new series of messages called “Bags with Holes.” Having a bag tear and all its contents spill to the ground can be very frustrating. God tells us in this passage it can also happen in one’s life.

Destined to Win,  
Larry Snavelly



## Serving in November

### Greeters:

1—None  
8—None  
15—None  
22—None  
29—None

### Communion Ministry:

1—None  
8—None  
15—None

22—None

29—None

### Prayer Warriors:

Jane Runyan & Erica McNamara

### Elder Schedule:

1—Dave Cunningham  
8—Jim McPeak  
15—Mark Rhodes  
22—Larry Snavelly  
29—Dave Cunningham

### Nursery:

1—Vickie Grimm  
8—Stacie Beerbower  
15—Teresa Gambler  
22—Jane Runyan  
29—Sharon Blinzler

### Children's Church:

1—Kristi Schooley  
8—Kim Snavelly  
15—Todd Gambler  
22—Kim Snavelly  
29—No Children's Church

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Sandy Gordon  
3 Greg Hartman,

Roy Koerner

6 Ashley Grimm, Traci Hartman, Marilyn Sanders

7 Karen Roose

9 Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snavelly

11 Chuck Salsbury

14 Tasha Karnes

16 Nick McCarthy, Mark Rhodes

17 Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy

18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle West

19 Dan Olds

21 Brian Rogers

25 Angie Murphy

29 Terry Hallett

30 Dan Gallagher, Sophie Hull



4 Vince & Nola Girardot (69)

15 Chuck & Madelon Sals-

bury (66)

16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (36)

18 Scott & Pam Hartman (20)



## Family News



**With Sympathy**

family on the recent loss of her husband, Ken.

The church family extends her sympathy to Flo Idle and

### Thanksgiving Proclamation

*"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do, therefore,*

invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

—Abraham Lincoln

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 Craft Group	<b>11</b>  5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>15</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:45 Visitation Ministry	<b>18</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:45 Lunch Bunch	<b>25</b> No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>26</b>  11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Offices Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>30</b>					



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00  
PM



## Facts & Figures

### October 4

Attendance SS 27      Worship 37/51  
Offering      \$3,858.31

### October 11

Attendance SS      Worship 44/61  
Offering      \$6,220.00

### October 18

Attendance SS 22      Worship 31/42  
Offering      \$11,448.00

### October 25

Attendance SS 24      Worship 32/59  
Offering      \$4,698.86

Needed for Budget      \$5,149.15

## Love All

*Our Service Personnel:*  
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb  
Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs (S.  
Korea), Braxton Singer (NC),  
Katie Sparks (PA), Jessie Still-  
man (OH), Josh Tonneas  
(TX)

*Cancer:* Gwen Acker-  
Dickinson, Joyce Bailey, Na-  
than Bailey, Sue Bever, Tim  
Bight, Brent, Sherry  
Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, An-  
drew Dell, Adam Farger, Car-  
rie H., Molly Johnston, Kent,  
Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim  
Mavis, Jim McPeak, Chloe  
Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Aaron

Nartker, Ruth Ordway, Mary  
Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine  
Purdue, Steve Ringer, Bob &  
Sue Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler,  
Terry Shinaberry, Dean Sme-  
thurst, Lyle Snavely, Norma  
Stambaugh, Ron Stark, Amy  
Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy  
Walton, Drew Wayman. *Oth-  
er Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis,  
Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood,  
Arlene Boyer, Dale Boyer,  
Danielle Strouse, Asher Cra-  
vens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy  
Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl  
Towers, Keller Gardner, Gene  
Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Tay-  
lor, Keely Strouse, Carson

Strouse, Gene Crawford, youth  
ministry, Danny Hull, Jim  
McElfresh; *Shut Ins:* SKLD:  
Gloria Wright; *Home:* Barb  
& Ramon Alpaugh, Shirley  
Bard, Annie Engel, Linda  
Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona  
Puff, Edith Wagner; Ottawa  
Riverview: Barbara Hake,  
Hawthorn Glen: Roy  
Koerner.



My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

**Psalm 73:26**



### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's almost time to return your Operation Christmas Child boxes! If you are interested in putting together a Christmas shoebox, there are still a few boxes available in the foyer. We have put together some information about what to put in the boxes. Gift suggestion lists are available at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child) by age and gender.



Each box costs \$9 in shipping. Please give a check or cash in the offering or to the office to cover the shipping of your box. All boxes must be returned to the church by November 8th for shipping.

**“Join the great company of those who make the barren places of life fruitful with kindness.”**

—Helen Keller

### Thanksgiving Thought

We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts. How can God entrust great things to one who will not thankfully receive from Him the little things?

If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian fellowship in which we have been placed, even where there is no great experience, no discoverable riches, but much weakness, small faith and difficulty, if on the contrary, we only keep complaining to God that everything is too paltry and petty, so far from what we expected, then we hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Jesus Christ.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



**Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.**

1 TIMOTHY 6:18, NIV