



November 2022

From Our Pastor

BUT THANKFUL FOR THE BAD?!?

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

-- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (TNIV)

It's already November. Seems like it was just a couple weeks ago and we were in the middle of summer. Now, we're less than two months from Christmas.

For me, whenever November comes around, my thoughts turn to that holiday we call Thanksgiving. Decades of conditioning has me thinking about turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, and all the delectable sides and desserts that go with it.

As a pastor, I then think about thankfulness. There are times I catch myself not being very thankful. When things bother, worry, upset, or annoy me, I can get in a not-so-thankful mood. Then I feel a little guilty, because the Bible says we should be thankful in all circumstances. Yes, we're supposed to be thankful all the time, according to 1 Thessalonians 5. But does that include bad times, too?!?

The wording in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 is very specific. It doesn't say give thanks *FOR* all circumstances, but *IN* all circumstances. That's an important difference.

We all experience difficult circumstances. They can test our mettle and

test our faith. The Bible doesn't say we're supposed to like them, but it does give us a way to get through them in a good and godly way. How can we do that?

Simple. Be thankful!

God knows that we have good and bad times in life. God also knows that even in our worst times, we can find something to be thankful for, something good to fix our eyes on, something bad to look away from, if even for a moment.

The blessing that comes with giving "thanks in all circumstances" is that God can reshape us from the inside out. We begin to live a life full of gratitude and thankfulness, and not just when everything's going well. God changes us and shapes us into His image, the image of love, gratitude, and grace ALL the time.

What will you be thankful for at Thanksgiving this year? How about the next time things go badly? It may not be very easy, but it is very helpful and very godly.

Remember, Jesus said, "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*" (John 10:10) Don't let fear, worry, frustration, and anxiety rob you of joy. We can always be thankful for Christ's life, death, and resurrection. And we can rejoice.

His,
Pastor Kerry



COLLEGE CARE BOXES

We have 4 boxes (3 for college students and 1 for Jonathan Lovins) to be filled on Nov. 20 & Nov. 27. For questions, contact Rhonda Beeker at 317-697-0737.

MISSION NEWS



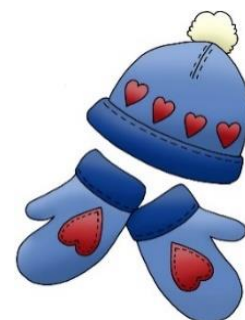
YOUR VOTE SUPPORTS PANTRIES

It's an election year, and we have two mission "candidates" for you: The Hancock County Food Pantry and Fortville Area Resource Mission (FARM). Until November 13, you can "vote" for one (or both) by depositing folding money (no coins) in the container for the organization you want to "win". The whole thing is fun and for a good cause. We'll send each food pantry their money, and announce who won once it's over. Your vote counts, and we're counting on you to vote to support these missions!

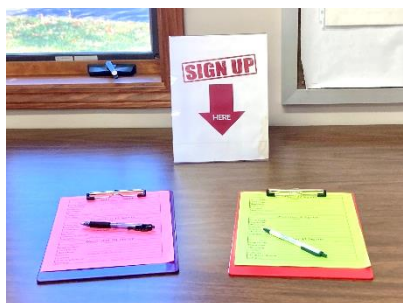
PRESCHOOL CAPS AND MITTENS COLLECTION

Time to be thinking about caps and mittens for Head Start students. They are 4 and 5-year-old toddlers. We will need about 40 sets. Good places to watch are Walmart, Target, Dollar General, Family Dollar, etc.

See Sherry Apple or Connie Wilson with questions. Collection ends on December 11.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & GROW IN NOVEMBER



You are invited to get involved in the life of our church on Sunday mornings! Can you be a Greeter, Song Leader, Liturgist, Sound-room tech (you will be trained!), or can you help in the Nursery or facilitate Children's Church?

Click the link to sign up: [MUMC Worship Opportunities To Serve \(signupgenius.com\)](http://MUMC.WorshipOpportunitiesToServe(signupgenius.com)) or contact the church office.



PIZZA TIME!!

Orders for the **Pizza Fundraiser** end November 6. Profits will go toward the new sanctuary projector.

If you would like to help assemble pizzas at the church on Saturday, November 12, 11am to 2pm, please contact Leslie Dalton (317-341-3300).

Pizza orders should be picked up between 2-4pm on November 12.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY – November 12 - Come any time from 8am to 3pm

Help our Trustees get some fall tasks done around the church. There are inside projects and, weather permitting, outside projects. Let's all help to keep our church looking good!



THANK YOU, GROUNDS CREW!!

We appreciate all those who mowed, trimmed, weeded, etc. They have made the church and parsonage grounds look good all season! Many thanks to Bruce and Rhonda Beeker, Gail and Mike Stanley, Laura and Robert Phares, Chuck Dix, Bob Lane, Tim Plank, and Rick Edwards.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathan Lovins on attaining the rank of E-3 Seaman in the U.S. Navy! He is now a Navy aircraft structural mechanic, stationed in Pensacola, Florida until approximately December 15. His address is:

Lovins, Jonathan, Andrew
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Chevalier Field Ave
Pensacola, FL 32508



OTHER NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

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Greenfield, IN 46140
317-468-9132

Pat Steele

The Legacy at Springhurst
2241 N. Meridian Road, Room 603
Greenfield, IN 46140



DONATE CANDY FOR FEAST OF PLENTY IN GREENFIELD

The 3D Class will be collecting candy and will be filling bags on Sunday, November 20th during Sunday School. There is a basket behind the Scrip table to donate any individually wrapped candy. Thank you!!

THANKSGIVING CARRY-IN Our annual Thanksgiving Carry-In luncheon will be Sunday, November 20, about 11:30am, after worship and Sunday school. Bring a side and/or a dessert if you can. The church will provide the following: turkey, ham, chicken & noodles, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, drinks, & table service. See Laura Phares if you have any questions. Everyone is invited...to come hungry!



HANGING OF THE GREENS

You can work off some of those calories you ate at the Thanksgiving Dinner by helping to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! Many hands make light work, so plan on staying a bit longer and we'll be done in good time! Advent starts the following Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our annual Christmas pageant will be December 18, during our 9:00 worship service. Rehearsals will be during Sunday School November 13 and 27, December 4 and 11. During Sunday School on November 20, we will be making Christmas decorations for our Children's Church and Sunday School rooms.



FAMILY ADVENT WORKSHOP BEING PLANNED

Plans are in the works for a fun time for families to enjoy time together and do some Advent-related activities, like decorating cookies and making a family manger craft. These ideas, and more, are in the works for the Sunday School hour on December 4. Stay tuned!



EMAIL INFORMATION: The church currently has two email addresses, one at Ninestar and one at Gmail. Gmail is much more user-friendly! Please try to send anything to the office using mohawkumc@gmail.com. Don't worry if you forget. The Ninestar email address will still be checked!



11/02	DeWayne Paugh	11/21	Megan Addison
	Gentry Plank		Shelby Cain
11/04	Brett Bobb	11/22	Jeff Musselman
11/09	Karen Clark		Leslie Severance
11/11	Caleb Paugh		Easton Schenck
11/12	Grace Gray	11/24	Rory Lou Hooker
11/13	Joshua Plank		Jack Hunt
11/16	Brandon Thompson	11/28	Cameron Bandy
11/17	David Wenning		Krista Steeno
11/19	Myra Williams	11/29	Rosie Burk



11/17 Jack & Rosalie Hunt

NOTE: *If you see anyone missing from our birthday or anniversary list, or inaccurate dates listed, please contact Lynne at mohawkumc@gmail.com or at 317-326-2460.*



AUCTION: OUR NEXT BIG THING

Our Finance Committee is planning to hold a BIG auction on Sunday, February 12, 2023. We will have a pot luck after Sunday school, about 11:15am, then the auction will start at noon. Everyone who's part of Mohawk Church - plus all your friends and neighbors - is invited! It will be a BIG auction with BIG results, all while we have BIG fun. Mark your calendar now!

We'd like each household to contribute at least one item to auction. Examples: a gift basket, food items (canned, baked, cooked, etc.), handmade items (quilts, scarves, etc.), old/unused but working farm equipment, certificates for future services (tree trimming, weeding, etc.), unwanted NEW Christmas gifts, used vehicles... the list is only limited by our imagination. Let's be creative, aim high, and make this auction a BIG success!