

Shepherd's Journal

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PASTOR'S NOTES

"IF surgery turns out ok, I'll be thankful."

"IF I get the money, I'll give thanks."

"IF ..."

It's easy to make thanksgiving conditional. God be praised IF we get what we want. But scripture has another point of view.

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." (Phil 4:6)

Thanksgiving in the midst of it all - before we know the outcome! The results?

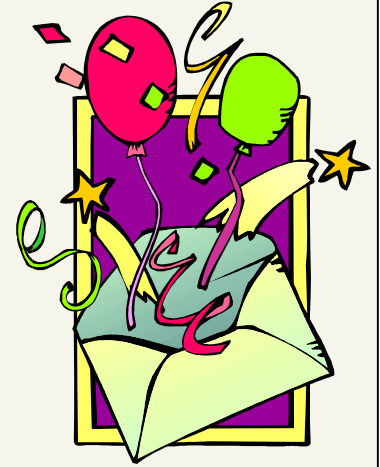
"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7)

Thank you, Lord.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>November 4</u> Corey Paige	<u>November 15</u> Bob Wood	<u>November 23</u> Diana Robinson
<u>November 6</u> Lisa Faulkner	<u>November 16</u> James Toothman II	<u>November 24</u> Jeannine Mankins
<u>November 7</u> Emily Schoolcraft	<u>November 17</u> Jim Work	<u>November 27</u> Erica Rucker
<u>November 8</u> Drew Stallings	<u>November 18</u> Kirsten Reneau	<u>November 28</u> Craig Shelton
<u>November 9</u> Richard Bowman	<u>November 19</u> Myra Patterson	<u>November 29</u> Julie Ramsey
<u>November 9</u> Jim Fawcett	<u>November 20</u> Courtney Stevens	<u>November 29</u> Mike Pratt
<u>November 14</u> Lauren Rigg	<u>November 21</u> Phyllis Harman	<u>November 30</u> Becky Finch
<u>November 14</u> Debbie Grinnan	<u>November 21</u> Christy Farmer	<u>November 30</u> Bev Gerard
<u>November 14</u> Amy Schoolcraft	<u>November 22</u> Herb Losh	<u>November 30</u> Chris Bowman
<u>November 14</u> Anne Schoolcraft		
<u>November 14</u> Tristan Reneau		



Heifer Project - Reminder - As you celebrate your birthday, think of those that are less fortunate by placing 1 penny for each year of your age in the Birthday Church. The wooded church is located in the Narthex of our church. Happy Birthday, Nurture Committee

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>November 7th</u> Glenn and Rosie Bartlett	<u>November 17th</u> Becky and John Finch	<u>November 28th</u> Colletta and Howard Kuhnes
<u>November 10th</u> Randy and Jenny Weaver	<u>November 26th</u> Ed and Shelby Bolyard	



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<p><i>November 7 - Diaper Shower</i> (Jasmine Horner)</p>	<p><i>November 25 - Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Office Closed</p>
<p><i>November 9 - LGBT Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>November 28 - Hanging of the Greens</i></p>
<p><i>November 15 - 6:30 Finance Meeting</i> 7:30 Administrative Council</p>	
<p><i>November 16 - T.C. Parish Council @</i> Blueville UMC</p>	
<p><i>November 21 - Thanksgiving Service &</i> Dinner</p>	

S P O T L I G H T **O** N **T** H E **F** L O C K -
 C O N V E R S A T I O N S W I T H C A R L A

This month I talked to B. J. Chandler. She was born in Van Wert, Ohio just before the depression. She was an only child. Her father was the managing editor of the Van Wert newspaper. During the depression he did not earn enough money to support his family, since everyone who worked at the paper received large pay cuts, so he also did freelance work for the Toledo Times. Her aunt worked for the WPA and helped support their family. In 1932 the family moved to Toledo when her father accepted a job as a copy editor for the newspaper there.

She went to school at Michigan State, and graduated from the School of Business and Public Service with a major in journalism. She would like it to be known that this is not the school that a former WVU coach went to a few years ago.

B. J.'s family enjoyed camping and went camping all over Michigan and Ohio when she was growing up. B.J. has always enjoyed music. When she was young she belonged to the Toledo Choral Society. Every Christmas the choral group would sing The Messiah from the second floor of Baker's Department store. It would be broadcast all over the downtown. Can you imagine Christmas shopping with this concert going on above you?

When B. J. lived in Toledo her family always had dogs. Her family had a kennel for black and some blond labs. They had a show dog named Buddy, who was so well known that when

he died they received sympathy cards from all over the United States.

In Toledo she also worked at Toledo's oldest store, the Lion Department Store, as the head copywriter. The store had two iron lions outside the doors to the store. After it closed, her best friend's husband, who worked with her at Lion's, got her a job at Baker's Department Store. She retired in 1982. Her mother died after she retired.

Toledo was starting to get dangerous and everything seemed to be closing. Her friend Sally, Sally's children and B. J. started traveling. They would travel a while, get a job and move again to a new community. They lived in different places and decided to stay in Moundsville. While there, Sally received a call that her husband (from whom she was separated) was sick and needed surgery. Sally still cared about him and returned to Toledo to care for him.

A friend in Moundsville told her that he had a house in Grafton that he needed to rent to someone. Some of her friends and B.J. moved to Grafton to rent the house. She really liked Grafton when she moved here. She worked as a foster grandparent at Anna Jarvis for about ten years. She worked mostly with Kathy Noble, and the art

teacher Donna Hause. She liked working with the art teacher, because her uncle had an art studio in Toledo and she always liked going there. She later moved to the Towers. She likes to watch football. Her wonderful friend, Brenda Davis, and B.J. enjoy watching football games together. She also enjoys reading about archeology and watching religious programs on TV. She goes to a Bible study called Stories of the Prophecy on Thursday evenings at the Towers. They have homework that they need to complete every week.

B.J. loves Good Shepherd. She attended a Presbyterian Church when she was growing up. The minister was a hunting buddy of her father's. She really doesn't see that much difference in the two churches. Everyone is so friendly and Pastor Coffman is so sweet.

She really doesn't have a favorite part of the Bible and enjoys reading all of it.

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To my fellow members of Good Shepherd who are my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Mom and I want to thank you for your generous contributions and work that has improved our home. The interior painting has brightened up our living area and the outside painting has made our home and the whole neighborhood look much better.

We appreciate also the fact that our front steps have been made safer by the new hand-rails.

It is very important to us that the church help not only the larger community but also our own members. In the past we have been very thankful for the work of Pastor Bert and others who have helped us, because it shows Christ's love for us.

As soon as I am able, I will be a bigger contributor to the work of the church.

Thank you again.

*In Christ's name,
Randy Bolyard
Alice Bolyard*

CELIAC AWARENESS MONTH

November is National Celiac Awareness Month - learn more about a serious condition that affects the health of many people. Talk to Leah Powell for information.

NU-2-U NEWS

Even with the shop being closed for 2 weeks, Nu-2-U earned \$139.50 for the Pastor's Fund in October. This brings our year to date total to \$2,109.25. During October the Pastor's Fund provided \$336.00 in assistance for utilities, rent, motel, gasoline and one repair.

PLAN NOW FOR SPECIAL ADVENT WORSHIP



November 28 - Hanging of the Greens
 December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent
 December 12 - Christmas Cookie Sale
 December 19 - Chancel Choir Cantata
 December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship
 7:00 - 7:30 Holy Communion
 7:30 - Early Service
 11:00 - Late Service



NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery workers need to arrive at 10:30 to receive children. Guidelines are posted in the narthex and outside the nursery door. Weeks can be traded with other volunteers if a conflict arises.

November 7 - Jennifer & Rebecca Smihal

November 14 - Tom & Sheila Copeland

November 21 - Rob & Anie Mayle

November 28 - Brighton Kunce & Emily Moon

SOLIDER CARE PACKAGES

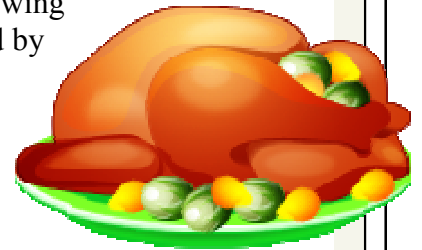
We are currently in need of new addresses for our service men and women. If you have an addresses please call Leah Powell at 304-265-0572 or the church office at 304-265-1705.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Nurture Committee is in need of Bud Vases for our Outer Flock. If you have some to donate, please leave them in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 21 following worship service. A traditional Thanksgiving meal is provided, complemented by side dishes of salads and desserts - contributed by those who are planning to attend. If you are unable to prepare a dish, you are still welcome. A donation to be used for Fair Share giving is requested. Come and join us for a great time of fellowship and thanks for all of our blessings - plus a delicious meal. A sign-up sheet for contributions needed will be available at church starting on October 31st - or you may call Jean Faulkner at 304-265-1734.



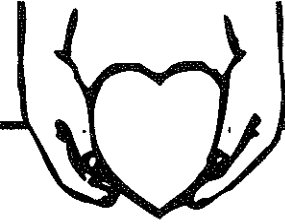
Equal Exchange Coffee Project



Good Shepherd is partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to provide fair trade coffee and other products. UMCOR's partner in the Coffee Project, Equal Exchange, is a worker-owned fair trade organization. On 100 percent of their products Equal Exchange promises:

- ◆ To pay a fair price with guaranteed minimum, ensuring the farmers a fair return for their labors.
- ◆ To work with cooperatives that are owned and governed by the farmers themselves.
- ◆ To buy directly from farmers so the benefits of trade go to the farmers and their communities.
- ◆ To offer credit that farmers can afford, helping them break the cycle of debt.
- ◆ To encourage ecologically sustainable farming practices such as organic and shade-grown agriculture, building a long-term economic base for farmers while protecting community health and the environment.

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October 20, 2010

Thank you!

Church of the Good Shepherd
c/o Rev. Hobart D. "Bert" Coffman, Jr.
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Grafton, WV 26354

Dear Church Friends:

With many people already struggling in these difficult economic times, the loss of a job, an unexpected medical expense, or rising utility costs can significantly overtax the family budget and result in a crisis situation. Your donation of two truckloads of household items, toys, books and clothing really does make a difference and enables us to continue providing help and encouragement at such times.

As the holiday season approaches, we are gearing up for our annual Christmas Toy Store, which helps low-income families provide gifts for their children that they might not otherwise be able to provide. We are also preparing gift packages, containing hats, gloves, coloring books, crayons, and stuffed toys for our local Head Start students. Winter coats and cold-weather clothing are also now available in our Thrift Stores, and our layette sets are being "winterized" to include snowsuits and warmer outfits for newborns. Cooler days and nights also mean increased requests for assistance with electric, gas, firewood, and wood pellets for heating, and visits to our food pantry remain steady. All these things we are able to provide because of your support.

Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts, and for choosing to partner with us in our ministry. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us.

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. -- Philippians 4:19

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda W. Hunt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Brenda W. Hunt
Executive Director

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Bread of Life Mission has served meals and provided clothing for many years. They are now working to provide shelter for homeless persons and families through the re-furbishing of the building they purchased next to the mission. Our church will be assisting by providing work teams to clean, paint and renovate the interior. Let Pastor Bert know if you can help and we will schedule work days.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Cantata “God with us, Emmanuel” on Sunday, December 19th during worship. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 8:15 p.m. Come join us and lift your voice in praise as we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ’s birth!

COOKIE SALE

The Annual Cookie Sale will be on December 12 this year. Cookies are sold by the pound and will be \$5.00 a pound. Please bring the cookies to the church by 10:00 a.m. on December 12. The money from this sale goes to someone in the congregation who could use some extra help. The person that receives the money is known only to Pastor Bert and is decided on after prayerful consideration. If you have any questions contact Carla Powell at 304-265-0572.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bil Keane



“Can I be thankful without eatin’ my peas?”

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“I heard this was going to be a tough sermon...”

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SEE YOU IN CHURCH

Posted on *JN's* Facebook:

“Note left by husband to his wife:
'Gyna Colleges called. Pabst Beer's
normal. Didn't know you liked
beer.' This is why you shouldn't let
men take phone messages.”

—via Rev. Dale Schoening
Bussey, IA

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