

THE LAMPLIGHTER



Are You Thankful for the Church?

In the letters to the churches of Rome, Corinth, Colossi and Philippi, the Apostle Paul expressed his deep gratitude for those congregations. He was thankful for their faithfulness, fellowship and spiritual growth. Even though these groups of Christians struggled with temptation and sin, Paul appreciated his relationship with the church.

Can we say the same about ourselves? Are we thankful for the church? If so, how do we express our appreciation? Here are a few ways and reasons we should be eternally grateful for this great institution:

- Jesus Christ Died for the Church -- Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:24-25
- The Benefit of a Spiritual Family -- Eph. 3:14-15
- Love for One Another is Found in the Church -- 1 Peter 1:22
- Forgiveness is Found in Church Fellowship -- 1 John 1:7
- Gratitude Shown by Consistent Fellowship -- Acts 2:42
- Physical Needs are Met Through the Church -- Acts 4:34
- Peace and Harmony is Found in the Church -- Rom. 15:5
- One Can Be Worry-Free in the Church -- Phil. 4:6-7
- Our Thankfulness is Shown by Giving -- 2 Cor. 9:6-8
- Spiritual Support is Found in the Church -- James 5:13-16
- Good Works Come from the Church -- Eph. 2:10
- Christ is the Savior of the Church -- Eph. 5:23

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*Take heed
therefore unto
yourselves,
and to all the
flock, over the
which the
Holy Ghost
hath made
you overseers,
to feed the
church of God,
which he hath
purchased
with his own
blood.*

--Acts 20:28

G r e e t e r S c h e d u l e :

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Nov. 02	Bobby J.	Ken D.
Nov. 09	Marion S.	Billy M.
Nov. 16	Gary B.	Henry N.
Nov. 23	Kevin G.	Dave B.
Nov. 30	Bobby J.	Andrew C.

S u n d a y M o r n i n g S e c u r i t y T e a m :

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Nov. 02	Marion S., VACANT	Patrick H., Robert H.
Nov. 09	Courtney H. VACANT	Terry M., Al L.
Nov. 16	Norma S., VACANT	Bob M., Brian M.
Nov. 23	Kevin G., VACANT	Jamie H., Jennifer M.
Nov. 30	Marion S., VACANT	Jerry P., Jim M.

S u n d a y M o r n i n g N u r s e r y :

Infant/Toddler

Nov. 02	Norma S., Donna F.
Nov. 09	Norma S., Stephanie W. , Abby P.
Nov. 16	Norma S., Adrielle L.
Nov. 23	Norma S., Cecelia S., Erin H.
Nov. 30	Norma S., Ruth D.,

C h i l d r e n ' s W o r s h i p :

Nov. 02	Stephanie W., Jonathan M., Kayla H.
Nov. 09	Jennifer C., Chloe C.
Nov. 16	Amanda N., Kristen G.
Nov. 23	Tara H., Abhy P., Ayla H., Elle H.
Nov. 30	Debbie S., Jennifer M.



For their October event, the Merry Widows enjoyed a bonfire outside with hotdogs, smores, singing & enjoying each other's company.



Edify

Returns!

Edify is rehearsing after the 11:00 service each Sunday. Please vacate the sanctuary to facilitate the rehearsal. You are welcome to stay and fellowship in the foyer as long as you like.

Gathered
in gratitude,
lifting our
hearts in
Thanksgiving
to the Lord.

FALL BACK



Answers to Bible Trivia on page 4:

1. More than 1/2 year's wages (6:37)
2. Five (6:38)
3. Two (6:38)
4. Hundreds and fifties (6:39-40)
5. Men (6:44)

Giving Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.



But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to

him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



October 31st
after Trunk or Treat until 11 pm

Youth Group Bonfire



Choir
rehearses
Tuesdays
@ 6pm
Come join us!

Bible Challenge: "Feeding the Five Thousand"

Read Mark 6:30-44

1. How much money did the disciples calculate it would cost to feed the five thousand?
2. How many loaves did the disciples find before feeding the five thousand?
3. How many fish did the disciples find before feeding the five thousand?
4. Jesus directed the people to sit in groups of how many?
5. Who were the five thousand, men or women?

Taken from *The American Bible Challenge* by Troy Schmidt
Answers can be found on pg. 3 of newsletter





Sarah Conant & Tara Havrilla, along with Tara's sister, Carla, took the Youth to the Museum of the Bible to see *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

We are compiling an online FBCLP Shepherd's Guide to help people use church congregants for services they may need. The guide will be online as a button on our website. We are asking for church members/attenders who provide services to submit their information to the church office (name, phone #, website, Facebook page, etc.) for inclusion in the list.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

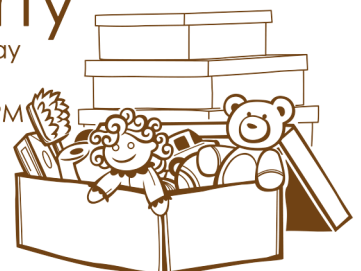


**SHOEBOX
COLLECTION
TIMES**

Monday	November 17	5:00 PM	8:00 PM
Tuesday	November 18	3:00 PM	6:00 PM
Wednesday	November 19	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
Thursday	November 20	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Friday	November 21	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday	November 22	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Sunday	November 23	12:30 PM	4:00 PM
Monday	November 24	9:00 AM	1:00 PM

**Packing
Party**

Saturday
11/22
3-4:30 PM





A big thanks to Ruth Dillon
& Tommie Gardner for facilitating
such a fun cookie exchange!
We ate lots of sugar, played games,
won prizes & fellowshiped
with one another.
You should join us next year!





november ACTIVITIES

Brotherhood & Mission Warriors
will meet Saturday, November 1st @ 9am.

11/3
7 pm
**Deacons
MEETING**



**Women on
Mission**

November 6th, 9:45 AM



**Merry
Widows**
Nov. 7th
12 PM

Catered
Thanksgiving
Dinner

VISITATION MINISTRY WILL MEET
THURS., NOV. 20TH, 9:45 AM

English as Second Language:
Classes held November 6 & 13, 6:30 PM



Veterans Luncheon
**HONORING
THOSE WHO
SERVED**

November 9th, 12:30 PM

**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD**



It is already Operation Christmas Child collection month!!! Please bring in your donations (from the tags that are located on the Welcome Center) ASAP so we can purchase what is still needed.

Collection week is 11/17 -11/24 and our packing party will be on Saturday, 11/22.

Please consider volunteering during collection hours, by bringing in meals/snacks for the workers or by packing boxes. We will have sign up sheets located on the Welcome Center.

Youth Bible Study (6th-12th grades)
Friday nights here, 6:30-8:00 pm

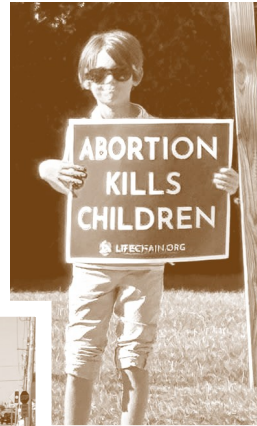
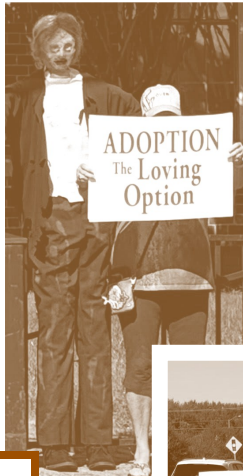
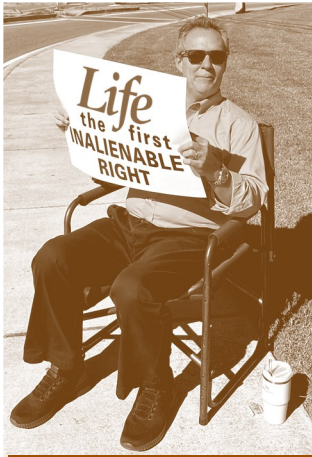
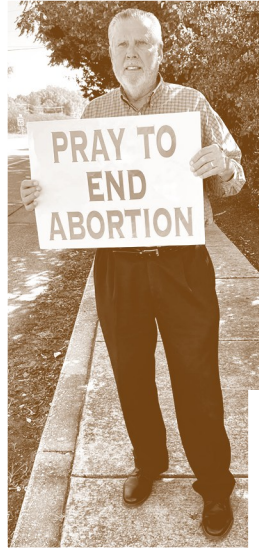
Youth Field Trip

On Friday, Nov. 28th, the youth group & AWANA's Trek and Journey groups will take a trip to the OCC Processing Center in Baltimore. It will be from 2-10 PM. More info & a sign up sheet will be provided.

Life Chain



On October 5, 2025
members of our
congregation held signs
on La Plata streets silently
opposing abortion.

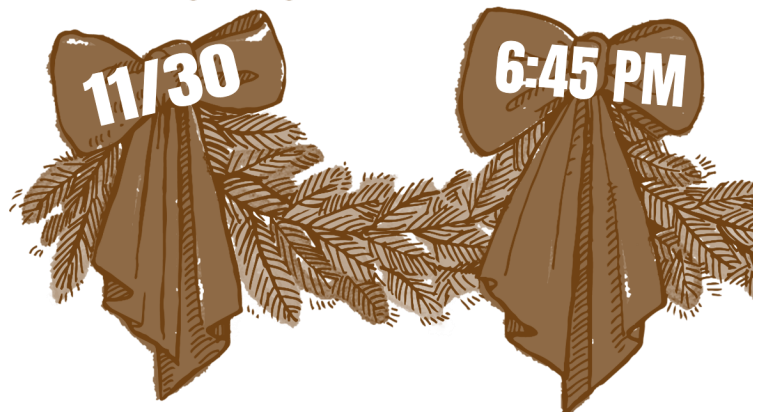


Sally had a little help
from someone in the
neighborhood.



Oh give thanks
to the LORD for he
is good; for his
steadfast love
endures forever!

Hanging of the Greens



A Day to Honor Our Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,
thank you for every good gift—
for the food before us,
the people around us,
and the love that surrounds us.
Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice
in Your constant goodness and
grace.
May our hearts overflow with grati-
tude,
not just today, but every day.
Amen.



Chris & Judy Cherest's daughter,
Jennifer Cherest Flory, sang a beautiful
rendition of The Lord's Prayer for us,
accompanied on the piano by Janet Doyle.



Tellers have been provided the schedule for the year; however, for security reasons, this schedule will no longer be published in the monthly Lamplighter. Additionally, offering instructions will be coming soon to ensure members understand how to receive proper offering credit on annual tax statements. ~Sheri Bresnahan.



Operation Christmas Child

The Power of a Simple Gift

Monthly Shopping Ideas for November: \$10 donation per box to cover shipping

Nanor and a Doll

Nanor received a shoebox in the Middle East as a child.

I will never forget the day that I received my shoebox. I still remember every gift in it. I've kept the box to this day. It was so lovely. The cardboard shoebox was beautifully and meticulously wrapped in green wrapping paper that had little children on it opening gifts by a Christmas tree. Then I opened it! The most exciting gifts were a Barbie doll and a stationery kit. I loved Barbies—and then I got a real one! She was so beautiful.

"That box was a seed of friendship planted years ago."

I felt I must be really special to have my own stationery kit. It had pink leopard print on top and inside there was a little notebook, five different colored markers, a stamp, a glittery sticker sheet, and a pink pen.

There was something about the colors, and something about the fact that it opened like a book with a little zipper that made it so special. I didn't want to use it. I've only used about four or five stickers out of 50 in there and I've only used one notebook sheet. Almost everything in the kit is intact.

One thing in the box I'll never forget was a picture of a girl and her letter—Heather Roberts from Enon, Ohio. I admired her picture with her blue eyes and her blonde hair. We started writing letters and today, nearly 20 years later, we're friends. It's such a blessing to be pen pals with the girl who sent me the box.

Years later I moved to America and I realized how much tension there is between the Middle East and the U.S. That box was a seed of friendship planted years ago. Even though we lived in completely different parts of the world, Heather and I had the unity of Christ when our countries had disagreements, especially after 9/11. The box is a sign of peace in a time of war.

The spiritual part, of course, was the biggest gift of all, but it didn't hit me until later. A year after I received my box I accepted Jesus at a camp. But only when I got to the States and was sending a box myself did I get what happened. It all hit me where I had been and the journey God had brought me through. It made me realize I received something very, very special at that time.

As I got to know God more, I also realized how much care had gone into preparing the shoeboxes with prayer. All of a sudden it had a different meaning for me. I understood the love and the care that Heather put into the box.

The shoebox gave me an extreme amount of happiness. As the years went on, I could see the importance of using the box as a tool to show God's love.

"God planted a seed of faith in my heart when I received my shoebox."

