



Something to think about.....

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here with all its wonderful food and family gatherings. This is the time of year that our thoughts are to focus on the things we are thankful for. Sometimes it's a good thought and we have a long list of items that we can lift up and tell God thank you for. Sometimes it's not so easy.

It's not always easy to give thanks in all circumstances. Sure if they are good circumstances, it comes easily, but what if they are not all good? What if you lost your job, money is tight, lost a loved one or have health issues? How can God or anyone else expect us to be "thankful" during those times?

Although it is difficult, we don't always have all the answers as to why we are going through whatever difficult situation we are going through. We do have the assurance through Jesus that we are not alone and that God really is in control.

Remember the poem about "Footprints in the Sand"? There was only one set of footprints because God carried you through the hard times.

Try to remember that although it may look like things are not going very well, be thankful that God really is in control, God really does care, and God will take care of you. Focus your faith on Him and believe that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28 (NIV)

If you're blessed this Thanksgiving season and have all wonderful things to be thankful for, then that is a wonderful blessing. If you're struggling to see where and how you can be thankful, be strong and remember during your prayers that Jesus is your Savior and God is in control and He does keep His promises.



Pastor Linda Kibler

November Birthdays

2 – Wendy Young
 4 – Grace Sedewar
 4 – Richard Knoster
 7 – Rev. Dr. Merle Correll
 8 – Mary Carpenter
 8 – David Felten
 9 – Bill Lamens
 15 – Heidi Dishong
 15 – Michael Herncane
 15 – Kyle Brantner
 24 – Phil Imgrund
 25 – Ashley Faupel
 29 – Maranell Sonn
 30 – Jerrod Gordon



November Anniversaries

20 – Michael & Joyce Herncane
 24 – Bill & Martha Benna
 24 – Rev. Arden & Kathy Fritz
 26 – Rich & Pam Knoster
 27 – Denny & Kathy Robinson

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Remember to change your clocks back!
 Standard Time Begins November 5th!

Parents, Please Note:

Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, our children will be preparing for their presentation of our Christmas pageant on Sunday, November 27. They will also be rehearsing in the Sanctuary for a little while after church each of those Sundays. The dress rehearsal will be scheduled and announced.

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Thank Offering Reminder

On Sunday, November 20th at the regular morning worship service, we will be collecting our annual THANK OFFERING. How do you “do” a Thank Offering? If you haven’t been collecting change during the year, the easiest way is to designate an amount (a nickel, a dime, a dollar) for each blessing and start counting.

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GOOD NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Thanks to continuing good stewardship and to the participation of many of our pledge units in electronic giving, we are holding our own this year. Having a consistent cash flow has made Mandy’s job as Treasurer easier. If you are not signed up for e-giving, please consider making the change for 2017 and beyond as a way of continuing to strengthen our missions and ministries in the name of Jesus Christ. See Lori Pahl for information and options.

Church Council



Our Search Committee has been compiling information regarding the most important aspects of ministry for our church as well as who we are and what Schellsburg UCC has to offer. Council members are determining a compensation package to be offered to the right candidate.

At the Congregational Membership meeting on October 23, a vote was taken and three board member terms were extended for one year--Anna Hitechew, Mandy Shroyer, and Sandy Faupel.

Removing the carpet from the carpet was approved by vote. A vote was taken to table the decision on selling the parsonage.

**UNITED CHURCH OF SCHELLSBURG
WOMENS SOCIETY "Old Fashioned Christmas" PARTY**

Please note that in lieu of a gift exchange, we receive a free-will Christmas offering that will go to support a local ministry that serves women and families.

Monday, December 5, 2016 @ 6:00p.m. @ Denny's Restaurant in Bedford

Menu:

Starter Choices (Served With Rolls and Butter):

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Salad (Dressing Choices: Ranch or Italian)

Please choose one of the following popular items:

- Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Corn
- Deep Fried Haddock Fish Filet, Rice and Broccoli

Please choose one of the following Desserts:

- Apple Crisp with Ice Cream
- Hot Fudge Sundae
- Pie (Choices: Pumpkin or Pecan)

Choice of beverage

The total cost *including tax and gratuity* will be \$14.50 per person. All reservations **MUST** be paid for in advance and made by Nov. 27th. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND DROP IT OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH PAYMENT, or call Linda Cooper in the church office @733-4811 or Ashley Faupel @932-1391. We do need separate forms for each person in your party, but one check (or cash) is fine to pay for the entire group. Hope to see you there!**

THANK YOU!!!

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Your Name: _____

Starter Choice: _____ Chicken Noodle Soup
 _____ Salad
 Please circle one choice
 Ranch Italian

Entrée Choice: _____ Turkey
 _____ Deep Fried Haddock Fish Filet

Dessert Choice: _____ Apple Crisp
 _____ Hot Fudge Sundae
 _____ Pie
 Please circle one choice
 Pumpkin or Pecan

Please make checks payable to **WOMEN'S SOCIETY**. You may mail your reservation with payment to:
The United Church of Schellsburg UCC, P.O. Box 108, Schellsburg, PA 15559.

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30pm – Council Committee Mtg	3	1	5 SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT! 
6 9:30 am Sunday Worship & Sunday School Communion Rev. Joseph Puleo, Guest Minister 6:00 – BOYS SCOUTS	7 Coffee House 8:30 – 10:30 am 6:30pm 	8 Coffee House 8:30 – 10:30 am 8:30 – Tops ELECTION DAY 	9 9:00am – 1:00pm Church Office Pastor Linda Kibler	10	11  6:00pm Cub Scouts	12
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20 9:30 am Sunday Worship & Sunday School Rev. David Ackerman, Conference Minister 6:00 – BOYS SCOUTS	21 Coffee House 8:30 – 10:30 am 6:30pm 	22 Coffee House 8:30 – 10:30 am 8:30 – Tops	23 9:00am – 1:00pm Church Office Pastor Linda Kibler	24  Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	25	26
27 9:30 am Sunday Worship 1 st SUNDAY IN ADVENT Children's Program 6:00 – BOYS SCOUTS	28 Coffee House 8:30 – 10:30 am 6:30pm 	29 Coffee House 8:30 – 10:30 am 8:30 – Tops	30 9:00am – 1:00pm Church Office Pastor Linda Kibler	27	28	29
Christmas pageant rehearsals will take place during Sunday School and after worship each Sunday in November. The pageant will take place in worship on Sunday, November 27, which is the First Sunday in Advent.						