

Pastor's
Thanksgiving
Message



THE AMBASSADOR

November 2007

Dear Friends,

On the heels of the devastating fires in California which consumed a half million acres and 2,013 homes came an unusual news story. A group of families who had just used window screens to sift through the ashes of what had been their homes came together to do something most unexpected. Here are quotes from the Associated Press release:

“Despite the destruction, so many who lost so much still gave thanks at church services in some of the hardest-hit communities. At the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, where 60 families lost homes, they gave thanks for the big things: for lives saved, for families, for friendships. They also gave thanks for small things: a hug, a shoulder to cry on.” And at another church in Arrowhead 25 worshipers heard: ““Praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; we have lucked out so much more than we deserve,” said Bill Lange, a scientist who led the service. “Dear Lord, thank you for sparing us again and thank you for helping all the people who needed the help.””

In just a few weeks we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving. For some prosperity will be an apparent reason to give thanks; yet for others poverty may be knocking at the door. Some will pause to give thanks for a new home; while others will sit down to Thanksgiving dinner wondering where the next house payment will come from. Many can give thanks for pensions that more than adequately provide or jobs that offer plentiful incomes; yet there are some among us who subsist on Social Security alone, or have lost jobs and for whom unemployment checks offer scant solace.

Whatever our fortunes have been this year I believe we can all learn a lesson from our sisters and brothers in California about that for which every one of us can give thanks. We can “give thanks for the big things: for lives saved, for families, friendships.” And, we can give thanks “for small things: a hug, a shoulder to cry on.” But, most of all, we can give thanks to the One who gives every good and perfect gift: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To Him be praise and thanksgiving forever and ever.

With Thanksgiving for You,
Pastor Jim



You shall
eat your fill and bless the
LORD your God for the
good land that he has
given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10



2008 Financial Giving Campaign

Nurture Discipleship by Celebrating,
Teaching, and Sharing God's Love

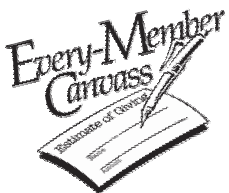
Dear Church Friend,

Do you recognize the saying above? It is our church's new mission statement. Would you agree that it makes a great theme for this year's Financial Campaign? As we look forward to 2008 and your own financial resources (money), have you been able to share 10% back to the Lord in the past year? If not, would you agree that is a good goal to have in our church giving? Pastor Jim recently reminded us that is what the Lord asks of us. If everyone in our congregation shared 10% of their annual income, our church would be able to fund new and exciting ways to share God's love in our local community and around the world. If you haven't been able to reach the 10% giving plateau, would you be willing to compute what percentage you are now giving, and pledge to increase that percentage? To find out what your present percentage of giving is, you can divide the anticipated giving for this year by your anticipated income for the year. If you can't decide just based on the numbers, Dr. Kent Hunter wrote a great book to help you think about your giving. I encourage you to read *Discover Your Windows*, Chapter 5: "Your Blessings Determine Your Giving".



If you *have* increased your giving to the church in the past, would you be willing to share this experience? I would appreciate hearing from any of you. If you wish it to be anonymous, just leave a sealed envelope on the Secretary's office table labeled "To John." Just tell us how the increased giving has affected your living, your financial decisions, your spiritual life and any other blessings received. Hopefully, we will be able to use this information in future stewardship presentations to inspire and encourage others.

After you have prayerfully and thoughtfully considered your financial commitment to our Church for 2008, please fill out your Giving Intention Form and return it to the church by mail or bring it to our dedication service on Sunday, November 18.



Thank you and May the Lord Abundantly Bless you,
John Nicholson, Stewardship Chairman

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sunday, November 4: Presentation to Congregation. All take home intention forms.
- Monday, November 5: Mail forms to those not present on November 4.
- Sunday, November 18: Commitment Sunday. All forms mailed or brought to church. Finance committee hosts social hour after Worship Service.
- Sunday, December 2: Campaign Report to the congregation.

E-mail address change



The church and Pastor Jim have new e-mail addresses:

You can reach the **church** at watervilleumc@embarqmail.com.

To contact the **SPARC Committee**, send to sparchotline@embarqmail.com.

E-mail directly to **Pastor Jim** at pastor_jim@embarqmail.com.

If you did not receive an e-mail from the church with the new addresses, that means we do not have your e-mail address and you are missing important up-dated information that we send out. Please send us your address and we will add you to our list.

STATISTICS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
October 7	141	\$4,490.00	18
October 14	153	3,851.00	21
October 21	160	4,117.25	26
October 28	160	3,957.25	26



Our weekly need to meet our budget is \$4,601.10. Right now we are \$11,000 behind in our pledged giving. As we go into the final months of the year, please remember your pledge and try to bring it up to date if you are behind. We thank everyone who has contributed so generously to meet our budgeted needs and help to keep all our programs running.



Our Thanksgiving offering will be directed to the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. For just \$1.00 they are able to provide enough food for 5 thanksgiving dinners, so imagine what \$25 can do. They work with 308 partner agencies who help to feed hungry families in the Toledo area. Thanksgiving envelopes are included with your offering envelopes or others are available at church.

ANTHONY WAYNE FOOD BANK

We continue to collect food for the A.W. Food Bank that is located at Zion UMC in Whitehouse. They provide help to those in the Anthony Wayne area, not only at the holidays but through out the year. Boxes are provided by the entrances to the Sanctuary for your nonperishable items.

Newsletter deadline changed!

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the December Ambassador has been moved to Friday, November 16th. Please have your articles to the editor at Diana_editor@yahoo.com or to the church at watervilleumc@embarqmail.com by the 16th of November.

Love Inc. Representative needed



Love Inc. is a clearing house for those in need. When someone calls the church with a need for clothing, food, help with utilities payments, setting up a household, help at holiday times, or any other special requests, we refer them to Love Inc. We are looking for a representative from our church to be a liaison between the church and Love Inc. You would attend their monthly meetings and keep us informed of what is happening and of any changes being made at Love Inc. You would also let them know what is going on at our church and how we can help them. Please call the church office if this is the job for you.

PANCAKE DINNER

The Rotary Club of Waterville and Cub Scout Pack 101 are sponsoring an



All You Can Eat Pancake Dinner
on Monday, November 5
from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
at the Waterville Primary School

The cost for adults will be \$5.00 and for children under 10, \$3.50. The proceeds from the dinner will be used for Rotary scholarship program and scouting events.

ANNUAL FALL HAM LOAF DINNER HASKINS COMMUNITY CHURCH

(formerly Haskins Federated Church)
209 West Main St., Haskins
Saturday, November 10th
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy delicious homemade ham loaf or turkey, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans or corn, rolls, drink and dessert for \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 4-10, 3 and under free. Country Store with crafts and baked goods will be open.

SECURE THE CALL FOUNDATION

What do you do with old cell phones. You send them to Secure the Call Foundation, a non-profit organization that collects old cell phones and redistribute them to community members, who can not afford a phone, to use in the event of an emergency. Visit their web site at www.doatmycellphone.org or call 888-883-6628 for information on their program. You can download a prepaid mailing label along with a tax receipt for your donation.



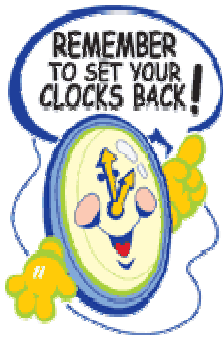


ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, November 4th, we will observe All Saints Sunday as we celebrate the lives of those members who have entered eternal life during the past year.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Sunday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m. at the Waterville Community Church we will celebrate the annual Thanksgiving Community Service. Local ministers will be participating in the service. Please come give thanks with us.



It's time to fall back....

Remember to set your clocks back before you retire on Saturday, November 3.

Welcome Home Williams Family!

Our work as builders is complete, now it's time to help make the United Methodist Habitat house become the Williams Family Home. Join us as we gather to celebrate with Angie Williams and her daughters at a Housewarming Shower!

What: Housewarming Shower for the Williams Family

When: Tuesday, November 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Epworth UMC, Family Lounge
3077 Valleyview Driver, Toledo

For a listing of new items that are needed, Please refer to the Housewarming Registry at either Target Stores or Bed, Bath and Beyond and look under Angie Williams.

If you want to join in the fun, please RSVP to Penny by Nov. 4th.

If you can't make the shower, wrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Epworth UMC office on or before Nov. 6th.

New or gently used household items that are needed include:

- sofa or loveseat
- living room chair
- lamps
- 2 dressers
- coffee table and/or end tables
- dining room table with 6 chairs
- 1 twin bed with frame and mattress
- 1 nightstand

If you would like to donate any of these items or have questions, please call:
Merilee Jahnke at 419-517-3270 or
Pat Holmberg at 419-535-7522

Women's Ministry

LUNCH BUNCH



We are changing the date this month due to Thanksgiving. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, November 14th, at Appleby's on Dussell Drive in Maumee at 12:45 p.m. Please join us for good food and great fellowship. If you need a ride, please call Tehya Collinsworth at 419/878-8616.

Our December gathering has also been moved up to Wednesday, December 12th at 12:45 p.m. All ladies are invited to a Christmas Tea at the home of Tehya Collinsworth, 6700 N. River Rd. We will enjoy Christian fellowship as always. Instead of a dish, please bring an unwrapped toy to the tea. All toys will be donated to an extended care unit at a local children's hospital to brighten a child's Christmas. Hope to see everyone there.

SCRAPBOOKING AND MORE...

Grab your photos and albums, holiday craft projects, knitting, or whatever you want to work on, and join us on Wednesday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. or Sundays, November 4 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join in the fun. We have lots of room for everyone!



Women's Retreat

Twenty-two women were privileged to attend all or part of our Women's Retreat at Widewater Retreat Center on October 26 & 27th. Those who came on Friday evening brought baby gifts for a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center of Greater Toledo. Since the gifts needed to be delivered unwrapped, we had the fun of opening each other's baby gifts and sharing the "oohs and aahs" together. After our Baby Shower, we made bead bracelets, which were both fun and challenging. Seven ladies stayed for the night at Widewater, while some went home to sleep and return on Saturday. The Retreat Center provided three wonderful meals on Saturday, including steaks prepared on the outdoor grill for dinner.

Our speaker was Dr. Lynn Ritter, the Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association. She was full of energy and inspiration and information about improving our brain health. She used visual aids to make her points in helping us to see what she wanted to tell us. Her main point was to take care of ourselves first, so that we can then take care of others we need to care for. She encouraged us to do the things we want to do in life, because "it is better to live on memories than to live on dreams".

Saturday afternoon was a free time for those who chose to do crafts, read a book, do quilting, or play "Banana Grams", a form of Scrabble. Pastor Jim came to have dinner with us and serve Communion. Delores Young provided special devotions on Friday evening, as well as Saturday before our Communion Service. Both of them talked to us about God's grace, forgiveness, and how God uses "ordinary women like Ruth in the Bible" to do His service in His Kingdom.

We had a great time and a special time of fellowship and refreshment for our spirits! Hopefully Women's Ministry will be able to plan another Retreat in the future, and more women will be able to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GIFT CARD ORDER SHEET

Make your Christmas shopping easier by purchasing gift cards through Women's Ministry. For every card purchased, the Women's Ministry gets a percentage to be used for their mission projects.

Please mark the number of cards you would like, sign your name and phone number at the bottom, ***make your check out to Waterville UMW***, and send to the church office. If you do not see something listed that you would like to purchase a gift card for, call the church office and we can check to see if it is available. Thank you for helping the Women's Ministry in this fund raiser. This will be an on-going project, remember to order new cards whenever you need them.

I would like to purchase the following gift cards:

SHOPPING

___ Anderson's	\$25.00
___ Babies-R-Us	\$25.00
___ Barnes & Noble	\$25.00
___ Bath & Body	\$25.00
___ Best Buy	\$25.00
___ Claire's	\$10.00
___ Dillard's	\$25.00
___ Dress Barn	\$25.00
___ Elder Beerman	\$25.00
___ Family Christian	\$10.00
___ Foot Locker	\$25.00
___ Home Depot	\$25.00
___ J C Penney	\$25.00
___ Kids-R-Us	\$25.00
___ Kohl's	\$25.00
___ Lowe's	\$25.00
___ Macy's	\$25.00
___ Menards	\$25.00
___ Old Navy	\$25.00
___ Rite Aid	\$25.00
___ Sears	\$25.00

DINING

___ Arby's	\$20.00
___ Bob Evans	\$10.00
___ Burger King	\$10.00
___ Carrabba's	\$25.00
___ Chili's	\$20.00
___ Chipotle	\$10.00
___ Cold Stone	\$10.00
___ Cracker Barrel	\$10.00
___ Fazoli's	\$25.00
___ Longhorn	\$25.00
___ Max & Erma's	\$20.00
___ Olive Garden	\$25.00
___ P.F. Chang's Bistro	\$25.00
___ Panera Bread	\$10.00
___ Red Lobster	\$25.00
___ Starbucks	\$10.00
___ Texas	\$25.00
___ Wendy's	\$10.00

ENTERTAINMENT

___ AMC Theater	\$25.00
___ Bockbuster	\$10.00

Name _____

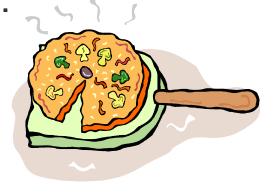
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Hanging of the Greens Tuesday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars for this fun event and help hang the Christmas decorations about the church. Family Life will provide a pizza dinner to follow.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Children's
Christmas
Program

Mark your calendars for December 16, during the worship service, for the children and youth's Christmas Program. The theme of this year's program is "An Animal's Christmas." The children will act out a short play in which the main characters are animals who give us their version of the Nativity Story. There will be carols sung by all the children and the Kinder Choir and a special reading by the youth. Also, please be sure to join us for a special Fellowship time after the service where there is sure to be lots of great food, cookies, and a chance to donate to a Christmas Mission offered through Samaritan's Purse. Look for more details about the Christmas Program in next month's Ambassador and Sunday bulletins.



FAMILY LIFE HOSTS A COOKIE EXCHANGE

Do you like to have a tray of cookies available for drop-in visitors during the holidays? Cut your work in half by joining us for a cookie exchange.

When: Sunday, December 2nd during fellowship hour

Where: Fellowship hall

What: Bake the cookies of your choice. Bring 1 dozen to share at the sampling table during fellowship hour. Bring a separate platter to place on the "exchanging" table. Bring another container to put the cookies in that you will take home. You may bring as many or few cookies as you wish. You will exchange the same number of cookies that you contribute to the exchange table.



For Example; bring 3 dozen cookies. That's 1 dozen to share at the sampling table, and 2 dozen to exchange. You may pick 2 dozen of any variety to take home. Or you could bring 2 dozen cookies which means 1 dozen for the sampling table and 1 dozen to exchange. You will bring home 1 dozen cookies.

Everyone is welcome. The more cookies, the merrier! Even if you don't participate in the cookie exchange, please come downstairs and sample our cookies! We will also have a table with sugar cookies for the children to decorate.



C & C Outreach



Our fourth annual **Blessing of the Animals** brought us 17 dogs and 3 cats. We had five cute and cuddly pets from our church. Well, one was a large, cute and cuddly pet. It was a cool, cloudy afternoon, but there were lots of warm hearts. As I write this report, we are getting ready for our first **Trunk or Treat**. We want to thank all those who donated candy or decorated their trunk. We are very excited and hope this will become an annual event. Thanks to Kroger's, Sautter's, Marco Pizza, Subway, and Waterville Family Physicians, we have 10 gift certificates to give away for door prizes.



Just as we get finished with Trunk or Treat, we start planning for our **third annual Free Election Day Lunch** to be held on Tuesday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Please do not forget to vote, and then join us for a warm lunch. As always, we cannot do this without your help, so get out your favorite homemade soup or dessert recipe and sign your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Melva and Jerry Robinson have graciously volunteered to make their famous sloppy joe's.



October and November have been unusually busy this year. We will have **Hanging of the Greens** on Tuesday, November 27th, followed by **Parents' Night Out** on Saturday, December 1st. We would greatly appreciate you considering being a part of both these ministries. Geoff Stafford, we will miss your help this year at the Hanging of the Greens, but will be thinking of you.



Welcome a Neighbor continues to go well. We encourage everyone to consider taking a bag to deliver to a new resident of Waterville. You do not have to live in Waterville to deliver a bag or they do not have to live on your street. This is one ministry that we go out to the people rather than them coming to us. Sally Croy and her team are busy with their **Visitation Ministry**. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from someone from our church, please contact Sally. Eric and Jenny Kahl are doing a super job getting people to host **Fellowship Hour**. Take a minute and ask Eric or Jenny how you can help. Our **October LOVE Club** members are the Brian Schultz family, the Craig Varner family and Tom and Karen Wiggins.

Please take a moment and thank those on the Outreach Committee who so willingly share their time and their talents. And we thank each of you for all your support and help in making our Outreach ministries so successful. THANK YOU!!!!!!



Gary & Rene Breymaier
Kyle & Lisa Galton
Jammie Gribble
Eric & Jenny Kahl
Nancy Michael
Jan Sheridan
Katherine Smith
Anne Stevens
Charlotte Pritchett



For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving...

1 Timothy 4:4



November Birthdays 2007



Day YOUTH

- 14 Hailey Kahl
- 14 Caitlin May
- 14 Lauren May
- 20 Steven Smith
- 28 Jacob Kahl



Day ADULTS

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Melva Robinson | 20 | Karen Wiggins |
| 3 | Barb Furniss | 21 | Mary Ann Parker |
| 5 | Stephanie Shelton | 23 | Robin Condon |
| 10 | Steven Suchocki | 23 | Tom Kahl |
| 10 | Wendell Welker | 24 | Julie Smith |
| 14 | Bill Plassmann | 25 | Stephanie Allison |
| 18 | Jan Sheridan | 25 | Elaine Colyer |
| 19 | Delores Young | 27 | Michael Page |
| 20 | Linda Bohaczenko | 28 | Terry Myers |
| 20 | Tim Myers | 30 | Ted Myers |



Births

Congratulations to Tyler and Amy Lipinski upon the birth of their daughter,
Brynley Ava Lipinski,
 born on October 9th.
 Proud Grandparents are Frank and Robin Lipinski,
 and Great-Grandfather is Bill LaRue.





Scripture and Prayer Calendar

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective—James 5:16

<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Prayer</i>
Jeremiah 23 & 24	Psalm 89 & 90	1 The Dann Wagner Family
Jeremiah 25 & 26	Psalm 91	2 Mr. & Mrs. Dick Warner
Jeremiah 27 & 28	Psalm 92	3 Mrs. Loraine Welker
Jeremiah 29 & 30	Psalm 93	4 The Wendell Welker Family
Jeremiah 31 & 32	Psalm 94	5 Mrs. Helen Welsh
Jeremiah 33 & 34	Psalm 95	6 The Neil Westfall Family
Jeremiah 35 & 36	Psalm 96	7 The Tom Wielgopolski Family
Jeremiah 37 & 38	Psalm 97	8 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wiggins
Jeremiah 39 & 40	Psalm 98	9 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams
Jeremiah 41 & 42	Psalm 99	10 The Delores Young Family
Jeremiah 43 & 44	Psalm 100	11 Mrs. Lucile Young
Jeremiah 45 & 46	Psalm 101	12 Mrs. Ellen Young
Jeremiah 47 & 48	Psalm 102	13 Mr. Squire Young
Jeremiah 49 & 50	Psalm 103	14 Rev. & Mrs. Dave Hogg
Jeremiah 51 & 52	Psalm 104	15 Rev. & Mrs. Robert Linter,
Lamentations 1 & 2	Psalm 105	16 Rev. & Mrs. Roland Perkins
Lamentations 3 & 4	Psalm 106	17 Rev. & Mrs. Robert Quick
Ezekiel 1 & 2	Psalm 107	18 Rev. & Mrs. Jim Stewart
Ezekiel 3 & 4	Psalm 108	19 Rev. & Mrs. Robert Versteeg
Ezekiel 5 & 6	Psalm 109	20 Dr. Austin Whitmore
Ezekiel 7, 8, 9	Psalm 110	21 Rev. & Mrs. Warren Wilson
Ezekiel 10, 11, 12	Psalm 111	22 Becky Agee
Ezekiel 13, 14, 15	Psalm 112	23 The Mike Allison Family
Ezekiel 16, 17, 18	Psalm 113	24 The Amy Anderson Family
Ezekiel 19, 20, 21	Psalm 114	25 The James Anthony Family
Ezekiel 22, 23, 24	Psalm 115	26 Mrs. Eileen Baer
Ezekiel 25, 26, 27	Psalm 116	27 The David Banks Family
Ezekiel 28, 29, 30	Psalm 117	28 Mrs. Janice Battin
Ezekiel 31, 32, 33	Psalm 118	29 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Becker
Ezekiel 34, 35, 36	Psalm 119	30 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bersee



Prayer Chain



Following each daily Scripture Reading are the names of the families and individuals for our daily prayer list. Please read your Bible and pray for these persons for the month of June. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the Prayer Chain: Pam Plassmann 419-878-9432 or e-mail plassmb@accesstoleado.com; Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail margewill@toast.net.

THANK YOU



To our friends at Waterville UMC,
Fritz loved his prayer blanket and sleeps with it over him every night.
On behalf of Fritz, thank you very much. It was a very thoughtful gesture.
Love, Tina & Fritz Kirsh

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Dearest WUMC members,  
Thank you for your messages of hope and comfort in the recent death of my brother, Jim, and in your thoughtfulness at the time of my knee surgery. Your love and sharing were amazing.  
In Christian Love, John Nicholson

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"...whatever you did for one of the least of these My brothers, you did for Me."
Mark 26:40

Thank you to everyone who supported me in this latest Kairos weekend at Toledo Correctional Institution. You baked cookies and prayed over them. You gave money to support the cause. You prayed for us. You were with me during the time we ministered to those 42 men. Thank you for helping to give the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ to them. You are loved, Rob Greenlese

Hospitalized in October



Twig King

*Christian Hope and Sympathy to
John Nicholson and family
upon the death of John's brother,
Jim Nicholson, on
September 25th.*



Visit the HOLY LAND

An Invitation from Bishops Ough and Hopkins
With Jerusalem Lectures by Bishop Judy Craig
January 2008



What a unique opportunity to grow together in faith and community as we invited you to join us on our first-ever joint East and West Ohio spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This will be a spiritual pilgrimage of a lifetime.

Time is short – register NOW at www.eo.travelwithus.com. For more information, call 614-336-4127 or go to wgould@columbus.rr.com.

Willis & Emily Gould, Conference Coordinators