

## THE AMBASSADOR

November 2011

From the Pastor's Pen

### Just Say "Thank you"

I don't recall exactly when it happened, but at some point in my childhood, I recall being taught the importance of using two very important words: Thank you. Not only are they mannerly and courteous in the context of our relationships, they are eroding from the everyday norms of our comings and goings.

November brings us back to that basic truism of what it means to be thankful for the ways we've each been blessed – and all of us have. Whether it is gathering with friends and family, being grateful for our health, or simply the gift of enjoying another year of living, the words thank you apply quite nicely.

Recently I found myself in conversation with a colleague of mine and as we were chatting, he noted the importance of saying thank you especially in the midst of the trying times that many are facing in a variety of ways. I heartily agree.

So here is a simple challenge: where are the places, who are the people, what are the ways that a simple heartfelt thank you might buoy someone's spirits and brighten their day? Offer at least three of them each day as the opportunities present themselves. Just before writing this devotional, I tried it out on a cashier at a McDonalds drive-thru. She was overwhelmed and happy on the one hand and I drove feeling uplifted myself. For in giving thanks to others, we ultimately give thanks to God.

This is one thing that the apostle Paul knew quite well as he wrote often to the earliest gatherings of believers. I offer his words to you with thanks of my own for all you do in so many ways.

*<sup>3</sup> Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. <sup>4</sup> Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, <sup>5</sup> for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (Philippians 1:3-6)*

Yours with a thankful heart,

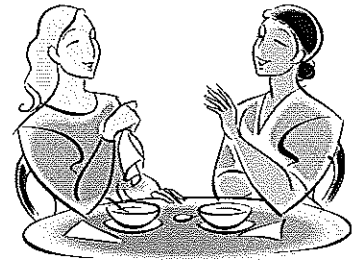
Pastor Steve

*every day*  
**is** **thanks** *giving*

## LUNCH BUNCH

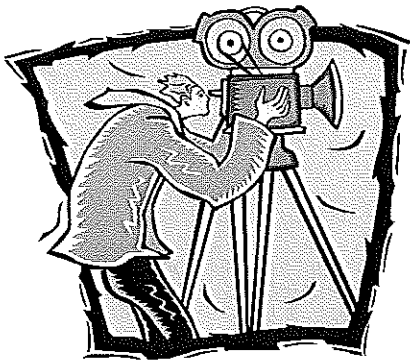
The Lunch Bunch gals will be meeting at the new Dale's Diner in Waterville (between Coopers and the Hardware Store) on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m.

Please call Tehya at 878-8616 if you need a ride.



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## Time for dinner and a movie!!



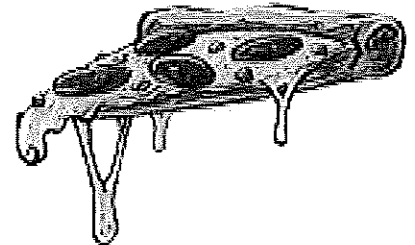
Remember how much fun we all had last February watching Brian, Tom, Karen, Rob, Diana and all the others on stage in "Over the River and Through the Woods"?

We are going to have a DVD night to watch the show "one more time."

Please join us for an evening of fun on Friday November 11, 2011.

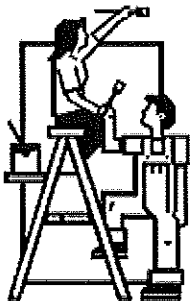
There will be pizza for dinner at 6:15 and the show will start at 7pm.

Baby sitting will be available. Please contact Nancy Stafford if you will need the sitter.



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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Due to weather and building permit problems, the Habitat for Humanity reconstruction project has fallen behind on their schedule. All our work days in October had to be cancelled. We are now scheduled, along with other churches, for Saturday, November 5, for inside painting. Please help show your support by volunteering to help paint. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Rob Greenlese.

# Youth Alive

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- November 12 & 13 Fall Leaf Raking Fundraiser
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White Elephant Gift Exchange

*Check your cell phone for the most up-to-date information.*

*If you would like to receive the Youth Texts to your cell phone, please contact Adam Shelton (419-205-2516)*



## T-Shirt Sale

Help Support the Youth  
Mission Trip for Summer 2012!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Size and Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

*T-shirts are \$20. Available in Youth and Adult Sizes!  
Profits from the T-shirt sale will go directly towards  
the Youth Mission Trip. Return your order forms to  
the church office or youth mailbox by November 6.  
Questions? Contact Adam at 419-205-2516  
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## *Hanging Of The Greens*



Let's deck the halls! Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for November 20 immediately after the worship service. There will be pizza and soda to follow.

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## *CAROLING PARTY*



It will soon be time to spread Christmas cheer! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 17th as Family Life will be Christmas caroling. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 and caravan to the homes of some WUMC members. Children are welcome to bring bells to ring while we sing Jingle Bells. We'll end the evening at the Galton house for fellowship and hot chocolate. Hope to see you there!

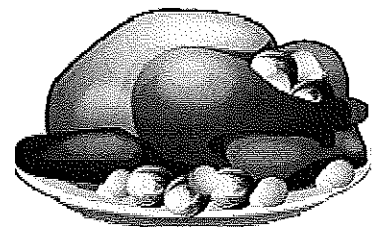
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## *COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER*

Life Point Church (Baptist church on the corner of RT. 64 and Waterville Monclova) invites you to enjoy a delicious dinner on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

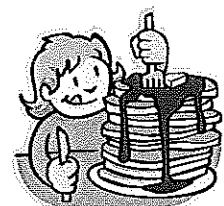
The menu will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, green bean casserole, corn, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. You may also bring a dish to share, if you like.

Please RSVP to Life Pointe Church at 419-878-4391 if you plan to attend. Space is limited, so call early.



## *PANCAKE DINNER*

The Waterville Rotary Club is sponsoring an all You Can Eat Pancake Dinner on Monday, November 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Waterville Primary School. The cost for adults will be \$5.00 and for children under 10 \$3.50.



# Finance Committee

In spite of the challenges we are facing, God has truly blessed His Church and His people. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the mission and ministry of WUMC. God's work is never done.....

Our Leadership Team is hard at work planning and organizing our ministry efforts for 2012. An important part of that process includes our annual Stewardship Campaign, which not only helps with financial planning but also helps fill the many ministry positions so necessary in the life of our Church.

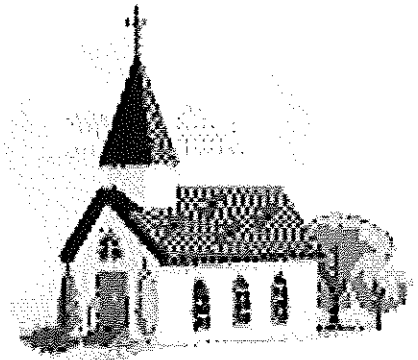
On Sunday, October 30, we introduced our 2012 Stewardship Campaign and distributed Information Packets, with the balance mailed on Monday. If you have not received yours or if you have any questions, contact the Church Office.

Please be in prayer about what God wants to do through you and how to invest your time, talents and financial resources towards the efforts of WUMC for the upcoming year. Put your completed Commitment Form in the return envelope provided and bring it to worship on Sunday, November 20. If you are not able to be present on that day, you may place your form in offering at any time or send to the Church Office.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.....*

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## STATISTICS



DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
	MORNING	EVENING				
October 2	123	25	\$3,804.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 0.00	23
October 9	144	35	3,346.00	215.00	25.00	29
October 16	146	15	11,104.00	120.00	120.00	24
October 23	134	25	10,704.23	765.00	155.00	25

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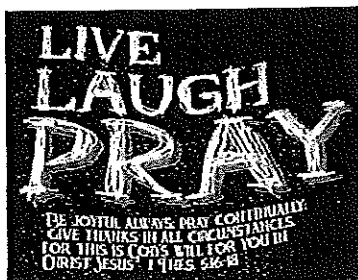
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## November 2011 Birthdays

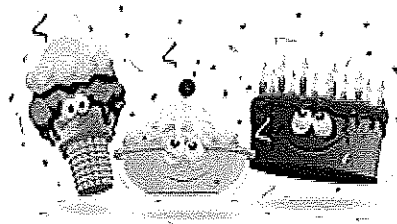
### Day Adults

1	Melva Robinson	20	Tim Myers
5	Stephanie Shelton	20	Karen Wiggins
8	David Landis	21	Mary Ann Parker
10	Wendell Welker	22	Jeremy Selders
10	Ginnie Whitten	23	Tom Kahl
11	Lindsay Laurie	25	Stephanie Allison
14	Bill Plasmann	25	Elaine Colyer
14	Pastor Steve Rath	27	Michael Page
18	Heather Rose	28	Donna Martin
18	Jan Sheridan	28	Terry Myers
19	Delores Young	30	Ted Myers
20	Linda Bohaczenko		



### Day Youth

8	Maddox Hires
9	Nicholas Sheridan
14	Halley Kahl
14	Lauren May
14	Caitlin May
17	Zoe Rose
20	Shamar Lipinski
20	Steven Smith
21	Chase Kirby
26	Jamel Lipinski
27	Tommy Laurie
28	Jacob Kahl



## TIME TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 5. Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night. You won't want to be late for Sunday School and Worship on Sunday morning.



# SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR! SCENES OF THE NAVILITY

Do you have a Nativity scene that is special to you? Would you like to share it so others can appreciate it also?

We would like to fill the Fireside Room with your favorite Nativities for others to admire. If there is a special story that goes with your Creche, we would like to share it also.

We will display them on the first 2 weekends in December. The Waterville community also will be invited to view them. They will be for viewing only, no touching! Light refreshments will be served.



Dates and Times -

Saturdays, Dec. 3 & 10 - 10:00 am to 4 pm

Sundays, Dec. 4 & 11 - 2:00pm to 6:30pm

Volunteers are needed to host this event. We are asking for 2 hours of your time on any one of these days.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Box.



**YES** I WANT TO SHARE MY SPECIAL NAVILITY WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER YOU WILL BE BRINGING \_\_\_\_\_

SPACE NEEDED FOR EACH ONE  1 SQ FT  2 SQ FT  3 SQ FT  LARGER

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NAVILITY, IF YOU WISH \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**YES** I WANT TO HOST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

**YES** I WILL SUPPLY COOKIES NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



MAUMEE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
INVITES YOU TO THE...

West Ohio Conference



# Bishop's Day in the District



Bishop Bruce Ough

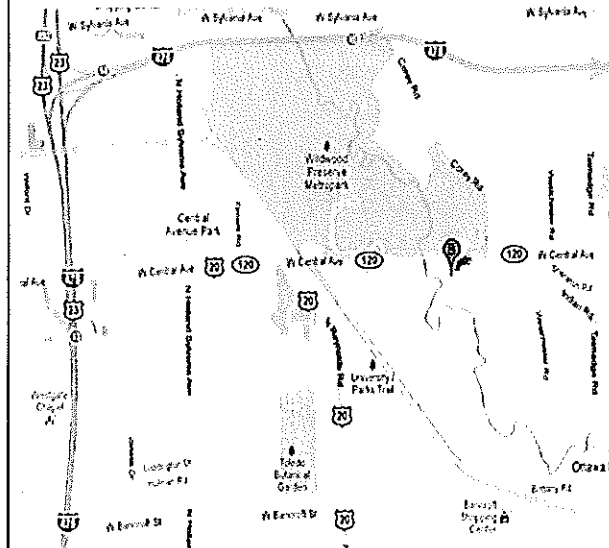
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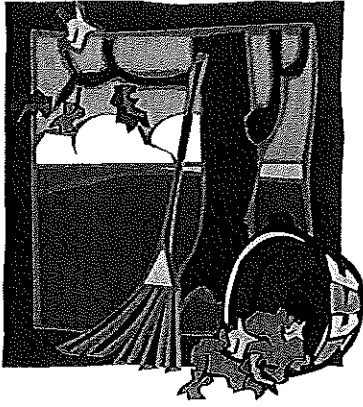
Clergy are invited  
to the afternoon session at  
3:00pm



Everyone is invited  
for the evening session at  
7:00pm

The presentation will be held at  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
3077 Valleyview Drive, Toledo, Ohio  
(Just off Central Ave.)  
[www.epworth.com](http://www.epworth.com)





# Youth Fall Fundraiser

## November 12 and 13

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Next summer, the youth will be traveling to Indianapolis for a mission trip with Group Work Camps. In order to help with the cost of the trip, the youth are offering to rake anyone's leaves for donations to the Youth Mission Trip Fund.

If you are interested in having help with this fall chore, please contact Adam Shelton at 419-441-2096, [ashelton26@accesstoledo.com](mailto:ashelton26@accesstoledo.com) or complete the bottom form and return to the church office.  
Thank you!

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Yes, I would like the youth to rake my leaves.

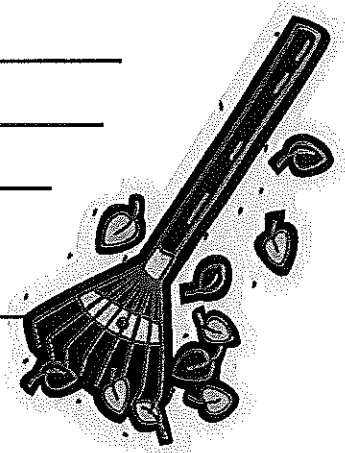
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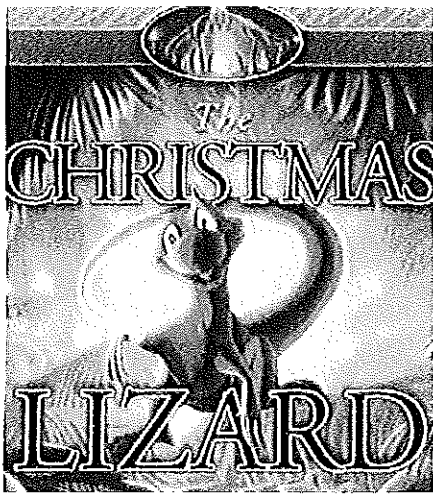
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What day would you like us to rake?





## SAVE THE DATE!

### *The Children's Christmas Program*

**Sunday, December 18 - 10:30 am**

*A curious lizard goes exploring amongst the branches of the family Christmas tree. Along the way, he meets many ornaments that all tell him a different meaning for Christmas. When the lizard finally gets to the top of the tree, he meets the angel. It is then that the lizard discovers the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus is the Reason we Celebrate the Season!*

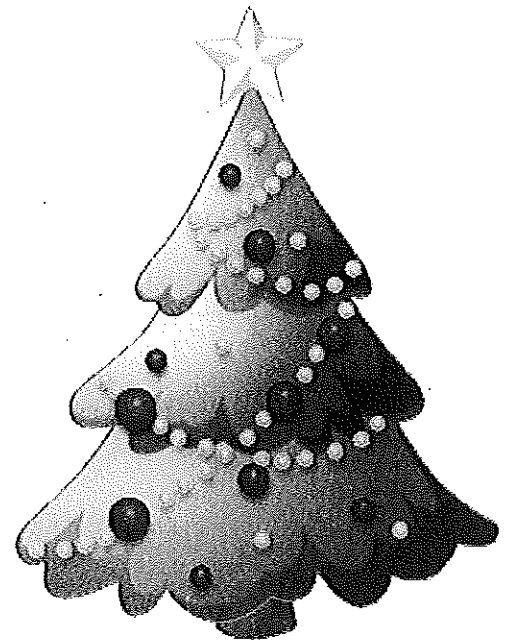
**More Details to Come!**

### ***Let's Make a Memory***

During this year's Children's Christmas program, we will be featuring a slideshow of Christmas family photos from our congregation. We would love to have one family Christmas photo from everyone in our congregation!

The pictures can be as current as you like or you can dig through old photo albums and find that special Christmas picture of you when you were younger or when your kids were little.

Pictures can be sent electronically to Stephanie Shelton at [ashelton26@accesstoledo.com](mailto:ashelton26@accesstoledo.com) or you can get an original copy to the church office. All pictures will be scanned and returned. Please include the names of all individuals in the picture and also the year of the photo! Thanks for doing your part to make this year's program a success. ***Deadline for photos is December 11.***



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 5**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



All the women of the church are invited to start the Christmas season with a party.

Bring an appetizer, if you wish.

We will have a sing-a-long and sharing of our "Scenes of Nativity."

You will want to wear your most festive Christmas apparel as there will be prizes to win!

HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER

Rob Greenlese  
Ron Peyton  
Marilyn Simpson

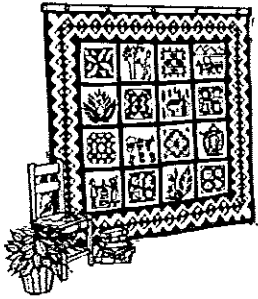


Remember to let us know if you or a loved one is hospitalized.

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To everyone in the Prayer Quilt Ministry,

Thank you all so much for sending me such a beautiful quilt. It's obvious that so much love and prayer went into making it. You have no idea how much it means to me. I never expected to receive so much kindness and support from so many people in my life ... especially from total strangers in a whole other state. Delores, a special thank you to you. You've always been a great friend. Love you. Thank you all, Jennifer Triolo



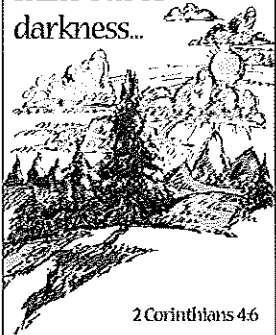
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Thank you to all church members for their thoughts and prayers for Elden Mayer and family. Thank you to the ladies at church for the wonderful funeral dinner. We appreciate everything.

Gary & Pam Mayer, Nancy & Jim Fish, Sandi & Mike Langhorst, Karen Mayer & Jodi Hansen, Mary & Don Birsen and our families



Let light  
shine out of  
darkness...

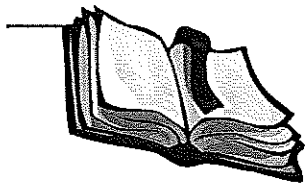


2 Corinthians 4:6

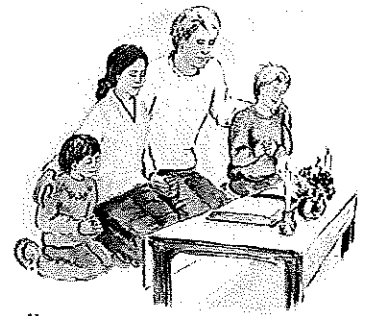
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ODYSSEY HOSPICE

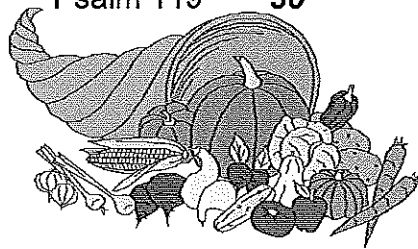
Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can make a real difference in someone's life? If so, consider the Odyssey Hospice. They are currently in need of volunteers to spend time visiting with their patients. These visits could include talking and sharing stories, going for walks, playing cards, reading out loud or just being a caring friend. Visiting times are flexible and will work around your schedule. Also needed are administrative volunteers to help out in the Maumee office. (A background check and TB test are required, paid for by Odyssey Hospice.) To volunteer or for more information, contact Noelle at 419-887-6700.



# Scripture and Prayer Calendar



SCRIPTURE	NOV	PRAYER
Jeremiah 23 & 24	Psalm 89 & 90	<b>1</b> Mr. Chris Gosselin
Jeremiah 25 & 26	Psalm 91	<b>2</b> The Lindsay Laurie Family
Jeremiah 27 & 28	Psalm 92	<b>3</b> Mrs. Eva Leathers
Jeremiah 29 & 30	Psalm 93	<b>4</b> The Steve Letzring Family
Jeremiah 31 & 32	Psalm 94	<b>5</b> Mrs. Linda Linn
Jeremiah 33 & 34	Psalm 95	<b>6</b> The Frank Lipinski Family
Jeremiah 35 & 36	Psalm 96	<b>7</b> Mr. & Mrs. Tony Lipscomb
Jeremiah 37 & 38	Psalm 97	<b>8</b> The Melanie Lohmeyer Family
Jeremiah 39 & 40	Psalm 98	<b>9</b> Ms. Maggie Long
Jeremiah 41 & 42	Psalm 99	<b>10</b> Ms. Karen Longnecker
Jeremiah 43 & 44	Psalm 100	<b>11</b> Mrs. JoAnn Lucas
Jeremiah 45 & 46	Psalm 101	<b>12</b> Mrs. JoeAnn Lumley
Jeremiah 47 & 48	Psalm 102	<b>13</b> The Chris Marshall Family
Jeremiah 49 & 50	Psalm 103	<b>14</b> Mrs. Rosamond Marshall
Jeremiah 51 & 52	Psalm 104	<b>15</b> The Donna Martin Family
Lamentations 1 & 2	Psalm 105	<b>16</b> The Bill Martin Family
Lamentations 3 & 4	Psalm 106	<b>17</b> Ms. Marilyn Masola
Ezekiel 1 & 2	Psalm 107	<b>18</b> Mrs. Charlene May
Ezekiel 3 & 4	Psalm 108	<b>19</b> The Chris May Family
Ezekiel 5 & 6	Psalm 109	<b>20</b> Ms. Marny Mazzarella
Ezekiel 7, 8, 9	Psalm 110	<b>21</b> Mr. & Mrs. Tom McCausland
Ezekiel 10, 11, 12	Psalm 111	<b>22</b> Mr. James McGee
Ezekiel 13, 14, 15	Psalm 112	<b>23</b> Mr. & Mrs. Brian McMillan
Ezekiel 16, 17, 18	Psalm 113	<b>24</b> Mrs. Ann McVicker
Ezekiel 19, 20, 21	Psalm 114	<b>25</b> The Arthur Meade Family
Ezekiel 22, 23, 24	Psalm 115	<b>26</b> Mr. & Mrs. John Michael
Ezekiel 25, 26, 27	Psalm 116	<b>27</b> The Jeffrey Monroe Family
Ezekiel 28, 29, 30	Psalm 117	<b>28</b> The David Morrison Family
Ezekiel 31, 32, 33	Psalm 118	<b>29</b> Mr. Tedd Munn
Ezekiel 34, 35, 36	Psalm 119	<b>30</b> Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Myerholtz



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 November. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the Prayer Chain: Pam Plassmann 419-878-9432 or e-mail [plassmb@accesstoledo.com](mailto:plassmb@accesstoledo.com); Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail [margewill@toast.net](mailto:margewill@toast.net).



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	2 9:30am M&Ms Pray & Share 10:00am M&Ms to Seagate Food Bank 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:00pm Handbell Practice	3 7:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	4	5
6 9:00am Adult Bible Fellowship 9:00am Kid's Club 10:30am Worship Service with Children's Sunday School 6:00pm Youth Alive! 6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service	7 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101	8 11:00 – 1:00 Election Day Lunch 2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	9 9:30am M&Ms Bible Study 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:00pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm Administrative Council Meeting	10 7:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	11 9:30am Spiritual Health Meeting 6:00pm Dinner and a Movie 	12 9:00am – 3:00pm Salvation Army Kettle Ring  <i>Youth Leaf Raking Fundraiser</i>
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