



November 20, 2022

On the Horizon

Operation Christmas Child – Shoeboxes are due this Sunday.

Advent – We begin the Advent season on Sunday, November 27. Please plan to stay and help decorate for Christmas after the service.

UGM Clothing Drive – Bring gently used coats, shirts, sweaters, & new socks.

Community Caring Center – We have need for Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, November 20

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, November 23

No Church Activities

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Worship Preparation

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, we will commit **Psalm 118:1** to memory this week. May we truly give thanks to the Lord this week.

Pastor's Pondering

This Thanksgiving, I am only participating in 3 holiday gatherings, one of which we held on Wednesday. I count myself fortunate that it is only three this year; it could easily have been five, and I do not need to eat that much food!

Of course, if we only look at the food and the extra calories or pounds those gatherings represent, then we are really missing the point. Meals in general are important social interactions. We often bond over meals, and we display a closeness by sharing meals together. For families, there are scientifically recognized benefits to eating at least one meal together each day.

If you are invited to a Thanksgiving gathering, accept it with grace. Be thankful for the opportunity to gather with others, whether family or friends. Do not lament if you have “too many” gatherings to attend. They are blessings from God.

- Blessings, David

November Memory Verses

Proverbs 15:16

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD

Than great treasure and turmoil with it.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 118:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Physical Needs:

- Misty Heath is receiving chemotherapy (AC)
- Lavern Vandusen struggles w/dementia (DW)
- Jason is having pulmonary problems (LL)
- Jim may have back surgery (LL)
- Sharon Rollins for strength & general health
- Bob Shaw is recovering from hip surgery
- Mary Standfield is receiving radiation for heart cancer (AC)
- Chris is being checked for colon cancer (LL)
- Neal H. has upcoming gallbladder surgery (LL)
- Margarita Santos is recovering from a heart attack (HL)
- Vickie Collins' has upcoming arm surgery, concerns about recovery (CM)
- Brad Brigham's colon cancer surgery delayed due to contracting Covid (EH)
- Barb Jones is recovering from a broken hip (DW)

In the Hospital:

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Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- Hilda Lapointe & Family
- People suffering from addictions
- Eric is having trouble with his son (LL)
- John needs a place to live (HL)
- Michael Dike is struggling with program (DW)
- Daniel Contreras has emotional struggle (CM)

Praises:

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Thank you for your prayers. We know that many of our praises are due to the prayers of our fellowship.

World Events:

- Christians and allies in Afghanistan
- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- All people affected by Hurricane Ian

Ministry Requests:

- Hailes Family in Nairobi, Kenya
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Ruth Corley (Springtown Park)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

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Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Drake Bowers - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Alexander Cole - Air Force
- Wesley Langley - Air Force

Special Days:

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Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us accurate with your updates!

Giving Report for 11.13.2022**Offering****Last Week****Year to Date****World Missions Giving**

General Offering Needs: \$ 2,706.00

\$124,476.00

2022 Goal \$7,800.00

General Offering Actual: \$ 3,545.53**\$ 81,225.38**

Nov. Goal \$7,150.00

Designated Offering: \$ 320.00

\$ 9,110.00

Last Week \$ 210.00

Total Offering: \$ 3,865.53

\$ 90,335.38

Year To Date \$6,160.00