CHUM NEWS
NOVEMBER 2026
...TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Pastor: Samuel Mohn

Worship Director: Jane Page

Accompanist: Carla Jenkins

Worship With Us

Sunday's

9:30 Bible Brew

10:00 Worship

Bible Study

Thursdays 10:30

(Youth Hall)

Note from the pastor



From the Pastor's Heart: Making Room for Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

November has a way of inviting us to pause. The trees have nearly finished letting go of their leaves, the days are growing shorter, and our thoughts turn toward Thanksgiving. Of course, the stores have been ready for Christmas since sometime around Labor Day! But before we rush ahead, I hope we will make room to remember, give thanks, and notice where God is at work among us.

We begin this month with All Saints Sunday, remembering those whose lives have shaped our faith. Some taught us to pray. Others showed us how to serve. Some had a favorite pew, a familiar laugh, or a way of making everyone feel welcome. Their absence is real, and so is the love they leave with us.

As we remember them, we also consider the example we are setting. What will others learn about faith by watching us? Will they see kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and a willingness to welcome someone new?

These questions lead us toward Thanksgiving. First Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances." That can be a difficult invitation when life feels heavy. Some of us enter this season carrying grief, health concerns, family responsibilities, or uncertainty about the future. Gratitude does not require us to pretend those burdens are easy. We can bring our honest struggles before God while giving thanks for the people and moments that help us keep going.

Sometimes thanksgiving sounds like a joyful song. Sometimes it is a quiet prayer: "Thank you, God, for helping me through today."

As your pastor, I am thankful for the many ways you put faith into practice. I see it in meals prepared, neighbors welcomed, children encouraged, prayers offered, and the faithful work that happens behind the scenes. Someone opens the building. Someone washes the dishes. Someone makes a phone call to a person who has been missing from worship. Those simple acts help people know they are loved.

And yes, I am thankful for church kitchens, where somehow a handful of people can feed a crowd—and still worry there might not be enough dessert!

This November, I invite each of us to practice gratitude with intention. Thank someone whose work often goes unnoticed. Reach out to someone who may be lonely. Make room at your table or in your schedule. Consider how your time, gifts, and generosity can help our church serve our neighbors.

Before the rush of December arrives, let us pause long enough to recognize the blessings already around us. May we honor those who have gone before us by carrying their love forward. And may our thanksgiving become something others can experience through the way we live.

With gratitude and prayers,

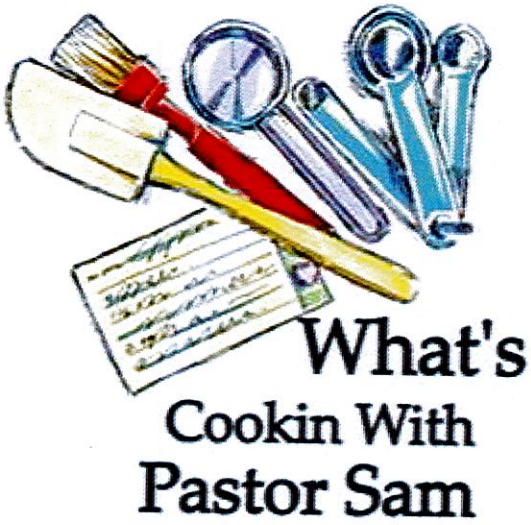
Pastor Sam

Thank you to everyone who remembered me during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your thoughtful gestures, kind words, and prayers meant so much to me. Your love and affection are deeply appreciated, and I am grateful for the blessing of serving alongside you.
With love and gratitude,
Pastor Sam



Cranberry Jell-O Salad

Ingredients



- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 (0.3-ounce) packages sugar-free cherry-flavored gelatin mix (such as Jell-O)
- 1 (16-ounce) can jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Directions

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Combine boiling water and gelatin mix in a bowl; stir until gelatin is dissolved.
3. Stir in cranberry sauce and crushed pineapple.
4. Transfer to a large glass serving dish or 12 individual dishes. Sprinkle pecans on top.
5. Chill until set, 3 to 4 hours for individual dishes, or 4 hours to overnight for one large serving dish.

Hint from Pastor Sam

I prefer to make this in a glass bowl to show off the bright red color and it's easier to scoop from, but you could make it in a ring mold or decorative Bundt pan and invert it onto a nice platter.

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Hymn History



Some hymns seem to stand up straight, take a deep breath, and invite the whole church to sing with confidence. "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" is certainly one of them!

Written by Charles Wesley, the hymn first appeared in 1744 in Moral and Sacred Poems, published by his brother John. It appeared again in 1746 in Charles's Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection. Its message celebrates the risen Christ, whose victory over death gives believers reason to rejoice.

The familiar tune, DARWALL'S 148TH, came later. Composed by English clergyman John Darwall for Psalm 148, it was published in 1770. Wesley's words and Darwall's music were eventually brought together, giving us the stirring hymn found at number 715 in The United Methodist Hymnal. Its strong melody fits the text's joyful proclamation beautifully.

The hymn is especially fitting for Christ the King Sunday, as we prepare to move from the close of the Christian year into Advent. It invites us to remember whose kingdom we serve and where we place our deepest hope.

That message matters when our lives feel uncertain. We bring real concerns into worship: illness, grief, family struggles, financial pressures, and questions about tomorrow. Wesley's invitation to rejoice gives us words of faith to sing even when joy does not come easily.

Sometimes the congregation carries the song for us until we are ready to join in again. What a gift it is to belong to a church family that can help us remember God's promises.

And while this hymn certainly gives the organist an opportunity to wake everyone up, its greater purpose is to wake up our hope!

As we sing "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" this November, may we hear its invitation afresh. Christ's love gives us courage for today, a reason to serve our neighbors, and hope for the days ahead.

Historical sources: Hymnary.org, "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" and The United Methodist Hymnal, no. 715.

GIVING AT CHURCH HILL

Your generosity helps Church Hill share the love of Christ through worship, fellowship, outreach, and care for our neighbors. Gifts of time, talent, resources, and witness all matter. As you prayerfully consider your giving, here is how financial gifts support our church's ministry.

1 **Sustain ministry**
Worship • staff • outreach

2 **Care for our spaces**
Maintenance • major projects

3 **Provide for the future**
Endowments • lasting gifts

CURRENT EXPENSE

Current Expense is our greatest area of need. It supports church staff, utilities, routine building maintenance, office operations, and ministry expenses. Gifts without a specific designation go to this fund. You may also designate your gift to Current Expense.

SHARED MINISTRY

Through the United Methodist connection, our congregation helps support leadership, administration, and mission in East Ohio and around the world. We contribute monthly toward the East Ohio Conference's Shared Ministry expenses. Designated gifts help meet this commitment; the remaining amount comes from Current Expense.

CAPITAL BUILDING AND THE 2026 CAMPAIGN

Church Hill currently has no debt associated with the church. Capital Building gifts help cover major, long-lasting improvements beyond routine maintenance, keeping our building and grounds safe and welcoming.

Our 2026 capital campaign supports these needs. Our previous campaign began in 2018, with pledges extending over three years. This year's work includes:

Completed: Parsonage HVAC replacement, a new refrigerator, and gutter guards; replacement of one church HVAC unit; and parking lot sealing.

Underway: Lobby lighting updates.

Still needed or planned: Replacement of two additional church HVAC units, resurfacing another portion of our parking areas, and replacement of the dining hall floor.

Additional projects will be planned as needs arise and funds become available.

DESIGNATED GIVING

Gifts designated for a particular ministry or project are tracked and used for that purpose. Opportunities include:

Children and youth: Vacation Bible School, King's Kids, KREW, and Youth Group.

Music Ministry: New music for choirs and worship leaders, plus special groups for Christmas Eve and Easter worship.

Community support: Betty's Angels, the Blott Holiday Project, the school supply drive, and support for youth participating in special events.

Outreach and care: Community Pantry, the senior citizen group, and GriefShare.

Altar Guild: Flowers for Easter and Christmas Eve.

Trustees: Building maintenance.

Memorial gifts: Gifts in memory of loved ones that support a variety of ministries.

LOVE Gifts provide an additional gift to a pastor or staff member beyond their pay. These gifts do not qualify as charitable contributions for tax purposes. Purchases of volunteer VBS T-shirts are for personal use and likewise do not qualify as charitable contributions.

ENDOWMENTS

Endowment gifts provide lasting support for ministry. The original gifts are held in perpetuity and invested, while investment income—and an allowable portion of market gains—supports ministry. A team oversees investment and distributions. Our funds include Permanent Endowment, Music, Camperships, and Trustee. Endowment gifts are often part of estate planning.

TRUSTEE INVESTMENTS

The trustees also hold investments at the Methodist Foundation and Stifel. These are separate from endowment funds, so the original gifts may be spent. Most often, the funds remain invested and generate monthly income for the Trustee operating expense fund, helping cover maintenance throughout the year.

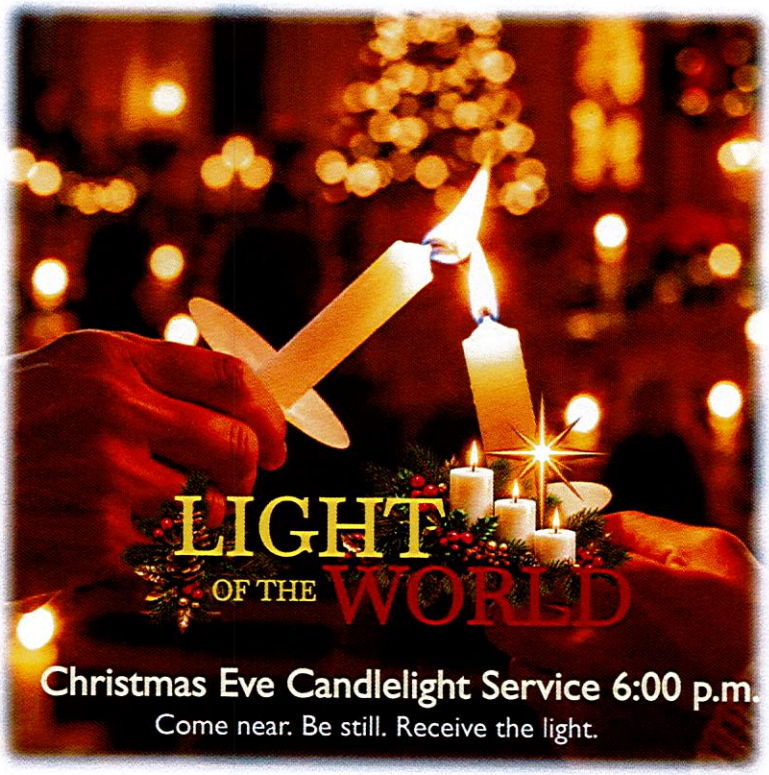
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY

Church Hill has a long history of caring for our congregation and the community beyond our doors. Your participation and generosity help this ministry continue. Everyone is welcome, and everyone has something to share as we answer God's call to love our neighbors.

Questions about giving? Please speak with

Pastor Sam or

Sharon Wathen, Finance



Bob Catchpole Helps Lead Flood Recovery Effort

Bob Catchpole helped put faith into action this fall as one of the leaders of an Ohio Early Response Team serving neighbors affected by flooding in southeastern Ohio. Bob is an East Ohio Early Response Team trainer who organized and led the group of 12 volunteers from East and West Ohio.

From September 28 through October 1, the team worked in the Crooksville area, including at First Hope United Methodist Church. Volunteers removed water-soaked tile and carpeting from the church basement and rerouted a drainage pipe to help reduce the risk of future flooding.

Their service also reached local homeowners. At one home, volunteers cleared a basement drain so recovery could begin. At another, where floodwaters had reached four feet, they installed a moisture barrier, began laying insulation and subflooring, and ran wiring.

Alongside the cleanup and repairs, the volunteers offered a caring Christian presence. They listened to homeowners' stories and provided spiritual support during a difficult time. Barbara Conover, Hocking River District administrator and a team member, arranged lodging at Grace UMC in Zanesville.

"There is much more to do there, but we were there with ears to hear and hands to work," shared Karen Elliott, an East Ohio pastor who served on the team.

Additional teams will be needed for long-term recovery. We give thanks for Bob and all the volunteers whose time, skills, and compassion are helping neighbors take the next steps toward recovery.



Volunteers at work during the flood recovery effort.

Adapted from East Ohio E-News, October 19, 2026.

BLOTT KIDS HOLIDAY PROJECT 2026

We are planning for the annual gift giving project for the PreK to 4th grade students at Blott elementary school in Liberty known as the Blott Kids Holiday Project. This year's project will be organized differently. Our church will continue to work with the Liberty community to provide gifts. We have an expanded partnership with the school this year. The collection and distribution of gifts will take place at the WS Guy school building in December. The PTA, National Honor Society, and administration will volunteer with our church volunteers to setup for the distribution at the school.

Parents have been given a form by the school to sign up for their child(children) to receive gifts if the family has need for assistance at Christmas. The family will be given a date and time to come to the school to pick out toys/games/arts & crafts/blankets for their children. The gifts will not be specific to each child and will be new, unwrapped items. Clothing is not part of the gift giving this year. The school has a caring closet to assist with that and we can certainly help with a specific request when it is made.

Gifts cards will be provided to each family to assist in shopping for food for their holiday meals. Vendors will include: Giant Eagle, Walmart, Aldi and Dollar General. Gift cards in $10 and $20 denominations will be requested from our volunteer community.

Giving trees with tags listing a suggested toy purchase will be at the Liberty local library and our church lobby around the second week of November. Tags will also be at the JCC and Temple El Emeth and Trinity UMC will help also. Gifts will be dropped off at the school the first week of December and distribution will be the evening of December 11 at the school. All gifts must be delivered to the school by Friday, December 4th.

We need our church and community to support this project as many families need the assistance. Monetary donations are welcome payable to Church Hill UMC for Blott Kids. If you cannot drop your purchases at the school the first week of December, please make arrangements with Sharon Wathen or Pastor Sam so that we can get the gifts delivered that week. They cannot go to the school prior to the first week of December.

Our goal is to serve the children of Liberty Schools and help make their holiday special! We hope having the distribution at the school in an evening timeframe will make it convenient for the families to pick out gifts.

Thank You for being part of this annual outreach program!



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Michelle Luther, Timothy and Brittany Gibsen, Jean Dutko, Bill Tomlinson, Carla Jenkins, Bonnie Hively, Haylee (friend of the Pekalla family), Anna (Toepfer's daughter, Ray Burke(son-in-law of Clyde and Frankie Taylor), Robyn Bandi (friend of Linda Toepfer), Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Nancy Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen and Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Lori and Kevin Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Jimmy Weller, Samuel M, Margie Ryan, Roger (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Felicia Brown, Natalie D'orzio (friend of the Ahlswede family, Roger Bartlett (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Irene O'Hara, Linda Baker (Neighbor of Catchpoles), Angelina Vince (Christian Denning), Craig Ruggles, Linda Neal-Moore, Bill Sonnenlitter, Tom Hardgrove, David Shepard, Shirley Grimm, Henry Tregasski, Heather (Viv Seifert's daughter), Prayers for teachers and military members and their families



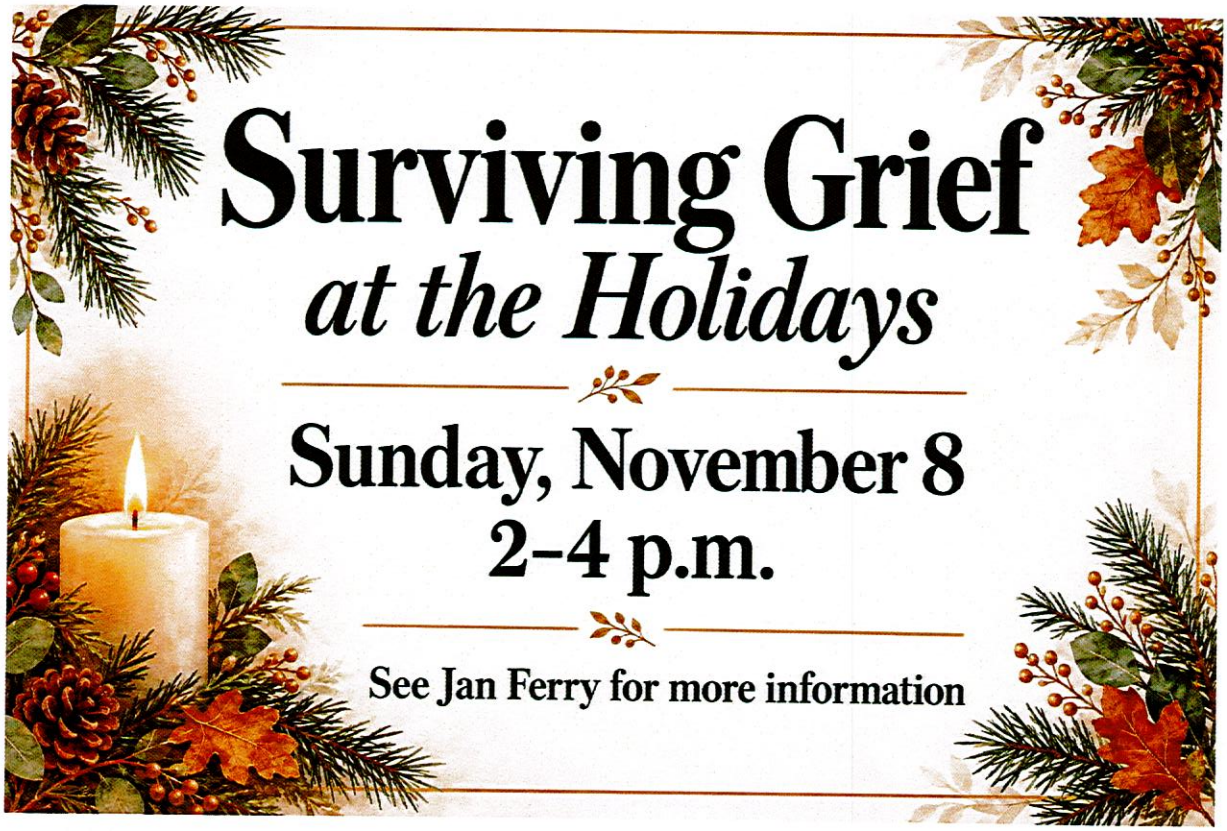
Happy Birthday to...

November

11/1 Andrew Moyers
11/6 Andre Ptichkin
11/7 Kimberly Gallagher
Natasha Keiran
11/8 Jan Gorsuch
11/1 Tammy Sulek
11/16 Clara Jones
11/18 William C. Welsh
11/19 Carolyn Kopp
Brian Oslavic
11/20 Stephanie Dougherty, Marjorie Funk
11/23 Susan Kifer
Alexander Smith
11/24 Daniel Paul
11/27 Leonard Draghi

Mark Your Calendars

November Upcoming Events





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Church Hill Senior Gang

Tuesday, November 17

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Devotions, Lunch, Crafts,
Conversation and Lots of Fun



Kings Kids / Youth Group Thanksgiving Banquet

November 18th

6 p.m.

Poinsettia ORDERS

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrate Christmas with a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone special.

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

POT SIZE & COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
6-inch Red Glitter*	$9.00		
6-inch White	$9.00		
6-inch Marble	$9.00		
8-inch Tri-Color	$18.00		

*Red Glitter is the variety name; it does not contain actual glitter.

Total amount enclosed: $_____

DEDICATIONS

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by: _____

Make checks payable to CHUM.

Last day to order: November 16

No late orders can be accepted.

Flowers may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship.

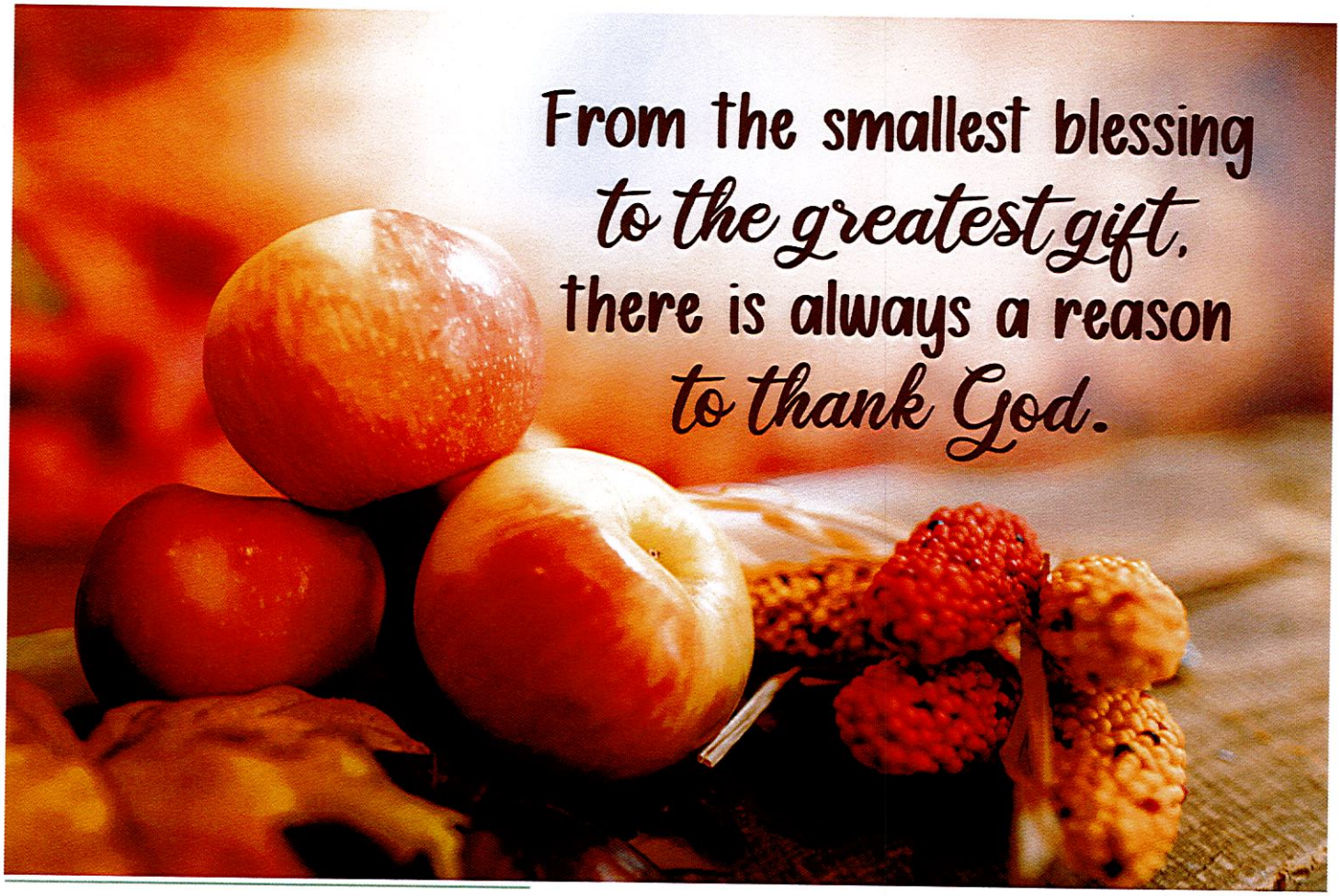


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship All Saints' Day Daylight-Saving Time Ends	2 6-7:30 p.m. Stand with Pride (Parlor)	3 	4 4:45-7pm KK/YG 5:30 Chime Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 9:30/6 Pantry Set Up 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-8 Greif Share	6 10:00- Noon Liberty Community Food Pantry	7 3pm Charge Conference Berlin Center
8 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 2-4pm Surviving the Holiday	9 6-7:30 p.m. Pawsitve Minds (Parlor)	10 6:00 Endowment Team Meeting	11 4:45-7pm KK/YG 5:00 Wired Word 5:30 Chime Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir Veterans Day	12 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-8 Greif Share	13	14
15 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 2-4pm Craft Afternoon	16 Poinsettia Orders Due 	17 CHUM Senior Gang 11:30-1:30	18 4:45-7pm KK/YG 5:30 Chime Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	19 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-8 Greif Share	20	21
22 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship Christ the King Sunday	23	24 5:30 Chime Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	25	26 	27	28
29 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 	30 Advent Study Noon/6pm					

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