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Sunday School—9:00 am
Worship—10:15 am

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PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP: Rev. Josh Knappenberger
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*We are a people
who have come together
through a common faith,
a common love,
and a common covenant
with the triune God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and together we endeavor
to be a community of
worship,
education,
mission,
fellowship,*



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Last month I wrote to you about the signs that are popping up in our neighbor's lawns and along our streets. With an election coming up they are mostly political and with so many signs that seem to be *everywhere* I've pretty much stopped paying attention to them.

However ... I saw one non political sign that really caught my eye that speaks to the heart of the Gospel and who we are called to be as Christian people.

There it is. *Love thy Neighbor: thy homeless neighbor, thy gay neighbor, thy Muslim neighbor, thy black neighbor, thy immigrant neighbor, thy Jewish neighbor, thy addicted neighbor, thy Christian neighbor, thy atheist neighbor, thy disabled neighbor. Jesus didn't make exceptions. We don't either! NO EXCEPTIONS!*



This sign pretty much speaks for itself. I don't have to go further. In a day and age when it is easy to see differences between people, we, as Christians, are called to ignore them. In a day and an age where it is tempting to blame those who differ from us for life's problems, we, as Christians, are called to embrace diversity. In a day and an age where anger, intolerance, if not hatred seems to prevail, we, as Christians, are called to welcome and love the stranger in our midst.

The divisions in our society seem to run deeper than ever. Perhaps it's always been this way and I'm just noticing it now but I don't think so. I think this is something unique. At times I have been tempted to *blame* certain individuals or groups for this circumstance (after all, I am only human), but that accomplishes nothing.

Blaming, pointing the finger at someone or something, or accusing people serves no purpose. However loving people, even those who differ from us due to status, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, or faith, is what we are called to do. NO EXCEPTIONS!

It is not always easy to love. Perhaps that is one of the most difficult things that Jesus commanded us to do and yet it is the most important thing for us to do. It is the greatest commandment. And so, we cannot decide to only love those who are similar to us or love those who are willing to conform to who we are. We don't get to decide who we love. We simply love ... period ... no exceptions—and then peace, community, and the Kingdom of God becomes a reality.

Peace,



***Don't forget to set your clocks back
an hour before going to bed on
Saturday, November 3rd!***

FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP DESK

I love movies. I don't always feel the need to talk about them, but at the beginning of October I was watching a movie called "A Prayer Before Dawn." Don't let the title fool you—this movie is not for the faint of heart, nor is it for children under thirty-two and a half years old. The film examines, through the eyes of a British kickboxer, the unforgiving brutality of life inside one of Thailand's toughest prisons.

I don't discriminate much between movies. I generally stay away from horror, but I like all genres. Prison movies, no matter where that prison is in the world, tend to lead me toward a place of thankfulness.

Documentaries and news reports do not put me in that place. A compelling story has to go along with the prison setting. The Shawshank Redemption is one of my favorite movies of all time. When the main character, Andy, sits in his cell his first night, I feel something of what he's feeling, the loneliness, the desolation, most importantly, the loss of freedom.

Although I've never been to prison, but in Army Basic Combat Training, I knew the loss of many of the amenities denied to criminals in jail. I did not necessarily feel the loneliness of prison, but the loss of freedom was very real. When not actively training, the drill sergeants denied us the freedom to come and go as we please. The price if we disobeyed came in the form of push-ups, loss of the few privileges we did possess, or even dishonorable discharge. In that regard, I felt a kinship with imprisoned characters and people.

The reality is, as a younger man, I could live without those freedoms, but today things are different. I would go crazy without seeing my family every day. I would rage against the cage and the imposed structure.

And so, in this month of Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for simple things that are so important. I'm thankful for my family and the privilege of seeing them every day. I'm thankful for the freedom to watch movies. I'm thankful for the liberty to write my fiction stories. I'm thankful for the free rein to worship my Creator in the manner of my choosing and to shed the guilt and shame of my sin.

Mostly, I'm thankful to those throughout history who have made it possible for me to enjoy this freedom. Certainly, our veterans are among them, and I will have my day of free meals with them on the 11th of this month, but Jesus Christ is the one to whom I'm genuinely thankful. Through him, I received and still receive that salvation.

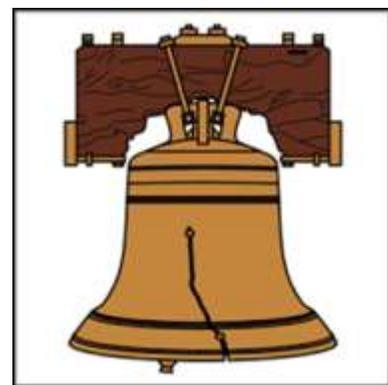
I have not been given license to write hundreds of pages listing all for which I could give thanks to God. That's not a freedom I enjoy, but perhaps that is for the common good. Instead, I leave you with a rhetorical, but still a very real question, which I challenge you all to ask yourselves every day of this month and of the coming year: What are you thankful for today?

Blessings Always,



Hear Ye Hear Ye!

Pastor Josh has accepted a second part time job! He will be working fifteen hours a week as the Assistant Pastor and Museum Director for Zion's Liberty Bell Church in Allentown. As a lover of history, he is very excited about this new venture. This new job will not take him from Faith UCC. Through the guidance of both Pastor Bruce and the Rev Bob Stevens, his time will be faithfully divided between the two faith communities.





Introducing The Triple Gs (God's Godly Group)

Sunday Oct 21st was a historic day for our youth group. The youth of Faith UCC took ownership of their place as part of the "here and now" of the life of our church, by choosing a name and a purpose for their fellowship group. They are to be called "**The Triple Gs**" which is short for "God's Godly Group", and their purpose is- "*Completing Missions through Faith and Fun!*" I'm very proud of them, and I suspect we will all be hearing from them in the future.

Perkins Pies!



The **Triple Gs** will be holding a Perkins Pies fundraiser through Sunday, November 11th. An order form is included in this newsletter. You can pick your pies up in time for Thanksgiving... **Tuesday, November 20th from noon to 8:30 pm.**

Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, December 2 -9-9:30 AM-

Speaking and Non-Speaking roles

Sunday, December 9 -After 10:15

worship-Speaking Roles (lunch will be provided)

Sunday, December 16 -After 10:15 worship-Speaking Roles

(lunch will be provided)

Saturday, December 22 - 9-11 AM-Dress rehearsal run through-

Speaking and Non Speaking Roles

Monday, December 24 - 5PM-Sunday School Christmas Program at Faith UCC, Center Valley



Children & Communion



Once again we are again offering the Children and Communion Program to children in grades 2 and above.

Recognizing that appropriate training and education is vital to the grasping an understanding of the sacrament, a course of instruction will be offered on the following dates; **November 4th, 11th, and 18th**. Each class will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be one hour.

The following are required:

- Children must be in the second grade or older to participate in the preparation program.
- At least one parent, preferably both, must participate with their child.
- Children must attend all 3 preparations sessions.

Whether a child participates or not is a parental decision, not a church policy, and the preparation program is not to be confused with the Rite of Confirmation.

Please complete a registration form available in the Narthex or from your child's Sunday school teacher and return it to Pastor Stevenson following worship before November 4th or call the church office (610-282-3939) with the information and bring this form along to the first class.

Congregational Meeting



Sunday
November 18, 2018

Join us for our Congregational Meeting to pass a budget for 2018 and to elect 1 member to our Memorial and Enduring Gifts Committee for a 3-year term. Please come with your questions, comments and suggestions. We need a quorum of 10% of the members in order to hold a vote, so please mark your calendar now to attend.

Adult Sunday School Hour

Don't just deposit your child for Sunday School or remain at home with a second cup of coffee!



Join the adults in the memorial room at 9 am for Coffee/Tea and refreshments topped off with good discussion on Peter's life with Jesus! Towards the end of November we will begin a new topic about **Thankfulness**.

Look forward to seeing you!

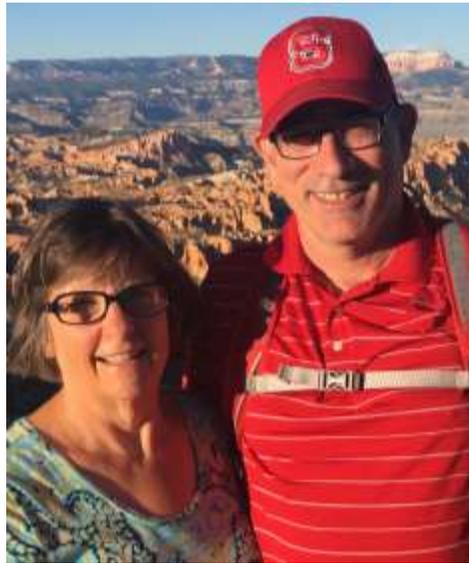
Within Our Church Family

We received new members to Faith on Sunday, October 28th

A Warm Welcome to You All!!



Marge Kichline



Linda & Jerry Lennon



Elaine & Jerry Trexler

In case you missed this in last month's Focus (on back of calendar):

Address/Phone Changes:

Megan (Herstine) & Vince Ferrara

150 Frank Drive

Northampton, PA 18067

Richard & Alyce Featherman

3251 Bingen Road

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Heather & Jack Maginn

phone number - 610-533-3044

Please contact the church office with any changes to your address or phone numbers - *if you have dropped your landline and are using your cell phone as your primary number, please let us know.*

Dear fellow members of Faith UCC,

We would like to Thank you for the support and love you have shown during Henry's short illness and his passing.

Henry and I have always valued our Church family, for your loving and caring ways.

*With love and gratitude,
Sue, Jill, & family*



Dear Faith UCC friends,

Thanks you so much for the care package. It made my day!

*Sincerely,
Kraig (Koehnlein)*

Dear Pastor Bruce and Members,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for allowing me to use our Church as a location to collect tax monies for our community this year. As a token of my appreciation, please accept this donation.

*Sincerely,
Deb Herstine*

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From a church newsletter:

GOSPEL READING

Jesus is tempted by Stan

Matthew 4:1-11

That's an interesting new name for Satan.

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## Faith Church Lights up for Advent!



This Advent Faith Church is going up in lights! We will be renting the new digital billboard on 378 just south of Dr. Feelgoods on the right hand side. Each week there will be a new message announcing special Advent programs such as the Meistersingers, Brass Groups, the Christian Education Christmas Program, Christmas Eve Services, and more. This will be a great way to get the word out about our Advent and Christmas at Faith Church. The cost of the board is \$1,500 and \$300 has already been donated and \$400 is available from the Enduring Gifts Fund so we're almost half way there! Would you consider

making a gift to this effort to spread the news and invite people to join us this Advent? Please indicate that your gift is for either Evangelism or “The Billboard.”

At the end of our Communion Liturgy we say, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. May your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.”

Its time for Faith Church to be a “city set on a hill” and a “light” giving light to all in our community that all may see our good works and give glory to God who is in heaven!



**Alex Kane held his Eagle Project work day on Sunday, September 16, 2018.** He and his fellow scouts emptied the utility closet by the stage of everything belonging to Pack 333 and reorganized the Scout Shed by the garage so their belongings would fit in it. **Great Job!!!!**



1. Utility Room Before
2. Utility Room After
3. Organized Scout Shed



## **BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE**

Please check your front steps on **Saturday, November 3** for a shopping bag that can be used to make your food donations to BLP. The flyer attached to the bag will include donation suggestions. Then set your filled grocery bag on your front steps by **8 am Saturday, November 12**. BLP appreciates your donations as this is one of 2 major food drives throughout the year.

## **HOLIDAY HOPE CHESTS**

**If you are taking part in filling “Holiday Hope Chests”, please return your packed boxes to church by Sunday, November 8th.** All *Holiday Hope Chests* will be delivered in the Lehigh Valley. Please join the fun and make the holiday season a little brighter for children right here!

## **BETTY LOU’S PANTRY CHILDREN’S GIFTS**

Please consider being an angel to the children of Betty Lou’s Pantry this Christmas Season. This year there are over 100 children who will be in need of receiving gifts. Along with other churches in the Southern Lehigh Area, Faith Church will be receiving several names of children and their Christmas Wish lists. For the youth we are asking that you purchase a clothing item and a toy. For teens we ask for a \$15 gift card to Target, Old Navy, or Walmart, a small candy treat, and personal care items such as shampoo.

The names, clothing sizes, and toy requests will be available on **Sunday, November 18**. All wrapped and labeled gifts must be returned to our

church no later than **Sunday, December 9.**

Help is also needed on **Friday, December 16 at 7 pm** to set up the gifts at St James. We will be working in the lower room at the church. Gifts will be distributed the following day beginning about 8:30 am. Please let **Cindy Talaber (610.282.4627)** know if you would like to help with that.

## **FORGET-ME-NOT CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Let us not forget our church members this Christmas holiday who are currently unable to join us during worship on Sundays. Gift bags will be prepared for each one and delivered during the Christmas season.

On **Sunday, November 18** you will find a Christmas tree in the Narthex covered with decorations that ask for specific gifts to be included in a gift bag for each **“Forget-Me-Not.”** They are simple gifts like 5 hand lotions, 5 lip balms, or 5 boxes of tissues. Please consider taking an ornament and help to brighten the day for one of our long time members. All items must be in church by **Sunday, Dec 2.** Please join us in the Memorial Room as we pack these gift bags on **Sunday, Dec 9 following worship.**

Let’s brighten their holidays and show them that their church has not forgotten them.

**Puzzle Answer:**  
“The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

# *THOSE WHO WILL SERVE IN OCTOBER*

Head Usher—Deb Orach

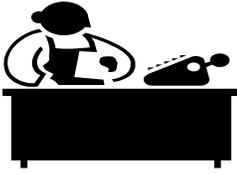
Financial Secretary—Scott Christman

Nursery—Catherine Stevenson

|                           | Nov 4                                                           | Nov 11                                                       | Nov 18                                                 | Nov 25                                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Greeter</b>            | Anna Tilley                                                     | Diane Neidermeier                                            | Caroline &<br>Dennis Frantz                            | Colleen Kandt                                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Faye Tirpak, Mike<br>Ford, Donna<br>Schoenberger,<br>George Rau | Jane Van Horn<br>Deb Herstine<br>Mim Allison<br>Mitzi Foulke | Tony & Sandi<br>DiSanto<br>Joan Jones<br>Cindy Talaber | John, Donna,<br>& Tyshon<br>Barone<br>Sue Walter |
| <b>Lay<br/>Reader</b>     | Ron Demkee                                                      | Doug Hutchinson                                              | Joan Hassler                                           | Wes Koser                                        |
| <b>Acolytes</b>           | Alex & Will Kane                                                | Noah Ritter<br>Damyn Allison                                 | Weiland Hite                                           | Noah Jellison                                    |
| <b>Nursery<br/>Helper</b> |                                                                 |                                                              |                                                        |                                                  |
| <b>Flowers</b>            | Stevenson                                                       | Choir                                                        | Beck                                                   | <i>Available</i>                                 |



*The Church  
Office will be closed  
Monday, November 12  
in observance of Veteran's Day  
and Thursday, November 22 in observance  
of Thanksgiving.*



# FROM THE TREASURER

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

| AUGUST 2018   | INCOME            | EXPENSE             |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts      | \$22,274.78       | \$175,390.26        |
| Disbursements | \$19,101.02       | \$184,410.49        |
|               | <b>\$3,173.76</b> | <b>(\$9,020.23)</b> |

|              | Weekly Attend. | Weekly Offering | over/under \$3500 goal |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>9/2</b>   | 52             | \$ 1,796        | (\$1704)               |
| <b>9/9</b>   | 81             | \$ 3,342        | (\$158)                |
| <b>9/16</b>  | 77             | \$ 2,630        | (\$870)                |
| <b>9/23</b>  | 88             | \$ 2,429        | (\$1,071)              |
| <b>9/30</b>  | 86             | \$ 2,778        | (\$722)                |
| <b>Total</b> | 384            | \$ 12,975       | (\$4,525)              |

*(Our weekly offering goal is \$3,500)*

*Special Offerings:*

Betty Lou's Pantry—\$33

OCWM—\$55

Neighbors in Need—\$75

Samaritan's Fund—\$440

*Fundraising Income:*

Yardsale/Crafters—\$2,525

Your 2019 Offering Envelopes will be in the Narthex on Sunday, December 2nd. If you don't have envelopes but would like some, or have them but don't use them, please call Sandy at 610.282.3939.



The Worship Committee is taking orders for **POINSETTIAS** to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas through **Sunday, December 4th.**

Fill out the order form below and return it, with payment, to a member of the committee who will be in the memorial room following worship.

| <b>Number of Plants</b> | <b>Cost Per Plant</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| _____                   | <b>\$10.00</b>        | \$ _____     |

**Bulletin listing:**  
**In Memory of:**

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**In Honor of:**

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**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note from the Worship Committee:**

Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season. **Please return the order form and payment by December 4th.** You can also drop your order form and payment off at the church office Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or mail to: Faith Church, 5992 Route 378, Center Valley, PA 18034.



**From the Secretary:**

The **deadline** for **December Newsletter** articles and information is **November 10th**. Please email to [faithchurchcv@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchcv@gmail.com) or place them in the Secretary's mailbox in the conference room.

**ALTAR FLOWER dates available: —November 25**

*Call the office to reserve your dates.* The cost is \$34.

A 2019 flower schedule will be posted in the narthex in mid November.



Many thanks for your support of Betty Lou's Pantry as fall begins! For the last three Sundays of September and the first two Sundays of October, our regular donations

included 240 items and \$75.

**ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:**

**CANNED PASTA • BAKED BEANS  
CHUNKY/HEARTY SOUPS  
BOXED POTATOES • CANNED TUNA**

**Items stocked at the Pantry include:**

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pork & Beans                | Chili                          |
| Canned Fish (salmon) & Meat | Canned Pasta                   |
| Peanut Butter               | Canned Tomatoes & Canned Sauce |
| Kidney & Black Beans        | Chunky Soups                   |
| Canned fruit                | Macaroni & Cheese              |
| Canned Tuna                 | Canned Vegetables              |
| Beef Stew                   | Dry Pasta & Spaghetti          |
| Spaghetti Sauce             | Canned Tuna                    |

Monetary Donations are a particularly effective way to help the Pantry. A donation of \$10 will buy over 60 lbs of food through Second Harvest. If you are in need or know of someone in the area who is, please call **610-282-**

**Fall Bingo**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
**Help Needed Please!!**

We invite everyone to join in the fun! The proceeds from Fall Bingo will benefit the General Fund and Mission.

**How Can You Help?**

~**Donations** are needed for these items:

- ~Baked Goods
- ~Hot Dog and Hamburger Rolls

~**Help is Needed to Set Up:**

- ~Set up in Fellowship Hall on Sat, Nov 3 at 3:30 pm
- ~Work in the kitchen on Sunday
- ~Work the floor during bingo
- ~Clean up after bingo starting at 2:30 PM

If you can help in any way, please contact Karen Talboo at [cktalboo@gmail.com](mailto:cktalboo@gmail.com) or 610-282-1552.

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***MUSIC AT FAITH CHURCH***

**At morning worship on  
November 11, Daniel Rodriguez**

will offer America themed vocal pieces. Mr. Rodriguez is the guest soloist with Allentown Symphony Orchestra for their weekend of concerts. Later in the day, Faith Church will host a concert sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem presenting Parker String Quartet **at 3:00 pm** with music of Schubert, Hindemith and Brahms. For a congregational discount, contact Dennis Duda.

**ELECTION DAY FOOD & BAKE SALE**

- **November 6th - 7am-7pm**

- Donations for the bake sale
- Donations of vegetable soup
- Where- Kitchen
- Sign up to work a shift in the kitchen that day

**FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL - November 17th -**

- Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm, Music starts at 6:30-9:00 pm
- Price: \$5.00per adult, \$2.50 for children under 12
- Where: Fellowship Hall
- Featuring:

Tom and MaryAnn Tucker, playing a variety of music.

Russ Rentler, playing original compositions of folk music.

Russ is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, and songwriter.

Darin Jellison, playing a variety of music

- Light fare will be available for purchase  
(hotdogs, pierogies, soft pretzels, baked goods, beverages)

**5 Below FUNDRAISER - December 2-8th -**

- Shop at 5 Below in Quakertown, give them the paper we will provide, & the church will receive 10% of the sales.
- Where Quakertown 5 Below Store

**PENNY PARTY - January 27th - (snow date March 3rd)**

- Time: Doors open at 12:00, Penny Party starts at 1:00
- Where: Fellowship Hall
- Light Lunch Fare will be available for purchase

**We hope you all can come out for some fun!!**

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## ***NOVEMBER BIBLE READINGS***

### **November 1**

Isa. 26:1–21  
Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27;  
22:1–5  
Matt. 5:1–12

### **November 2**

Nahum 2:13–3:7  
Rev. 13:1–10  
Luke 12:13–31

### **November 3**

Nah. 3:8–19  
Rev. 13:11–18  
Luke 12:32–48

### **November 4**

Zeph. 1:1–6  
1 Cor. 12:27—13:13  
Matt. 18:21–35

### **November 5**

Zeph. 1:7–13  
Rev. 14:1–13  
Luke 12:49–59

### **November 6**

Zeph. 1:14–18  
Rev. 14:14—15:8  
Luke 13:1–9

### **November 7**

Zeph. 2:1–15  
Rev. 16:1–11  
Luke 13:10–17

### **November 8**

Zeph. 3:1–7  
Rev. 16:12–21  
Luke 13:18–30

### **November 9**

Zeph. 3:8–13  
Rev. 17:1–18  
Luke 13:31–35

### **November 10**

Zeph. 3:14–20  
Rev. 18:1–14  
Luke 14:1–11

### **November 11**

Joel 1:1–13  
1 Cor. 14:1–12  
Matt. 20:1–16

### **November 12**

Joel 1:15–2:2  
Rev. 18:15–24  
Luke 14:12–24

### **November 13**

Joel 2:3–11  
Rev. 19:1–10  
Luke 14:25–35

### **November 14**

Joel 2:12–19  
Rev. 19:11–21  
Luke 15:1–10

### **November 15**

Joel 2:21–27  
James 1:1–15  
Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

### **November 16**

Joel 2:28–3:8  
James 1:16–27  
Luke 16:1–9

### **November 17**

Joel 3:9–17  
James 2:1–13  
Luke 16:10–17 (18)

### **November 18**

Hab. 1:1–4 (5–11)  
12–2:1  
Phil. 3:13–4:1  
Matt. 23:13–24

### **November 19**

Hab. 2:1–4, 9–20  
James 2:14–26  
Luke 16:19–31

### **November 20**

Hab. 3:1–18  
James 3:1–12  
Luke 17:1–10

### **November 21**

Mal. 1:1, 6–14  
James 3:13–4:12  
Luke 17:11–19

**November 22**  
Mal. 2:1–16  
James 4:13–5:6  
Luke 17:20–37

**November 23**  
Mal. 3:1–12  
James 5:7–12  
Luke 18:1–8

**November 24**  
Mal. 3:13–4:6  
James 5:13–20  
Luke 18:9–14

**November 25**  
Zech. 9:9–16  
1 Peter 3:13–22  
Matt. 21:1–13

**November 26**  
Zech. 10:1–12  
Gal. 6:1–10  
Luke 18:15–30

**November 27**  
Zech. 11:4–17  
1 Cor. 3:10–23  
Luke 18:31–43

**November 28**  
Zech. 12:1–10  
Eph. 1:3–14  
Luke 19:1–10

**November 29**  
Zech. 13:1–9  
Eph. 1:15–23  
Luke 19:11–27

**November 30**  
Zech. 14:1–11  
Rom. 15:7–13  
Luke 19:28–40



# FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



## What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

## What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

# **MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI**

(Registration No. 7 of 1969 under Registration of Societies Act XXI of 1960 )

**Family Village Farm**

Ph : 91 416 2274202

**Kasam, Katpadi, Vellore - 632 007, Tamilnadu, India.**

E-mail : [mbkgpdirector@gmail.com](mailto:mbkgpdirector@gmail.com)

Website : [www.mbkpgkasam.org](http://www.mbkpgkasam.org)

Dear Ms. Sandy David and Faith United Church of Christ,

June 2018

Greetings from MBKG Pannai (FVF) Family!

It has been long since I sent you a sponsorship update letter. I trust this letter finds you keeping well. You are special to us and we remember you in our daily prayers. God has been good to MBKGP Home. The year 2017 was a blessed year for the organization. God with His divine providence is meeting the needs of the organization and with His divine presence protecting all the residents. The children, mothers and elders are keeping well. There have been many significant developments at the Home such as a separate play area for the nursery and the older children and a new library at the Home campus. We are grateful to you for your love, prayers and financial support which enables us to continue this challenging mission in transforming lives of hundreds of children adhering to the mission and the vision of our founder Dr. Pauline King.

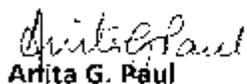
In December 2017, the residents celebrated the birth of Christ in a grand manner and the school was closed for a week for Christmas holidays. In January 2018, the children entered the third and the final term of the school year. They wrote annual examination. This academic year ended with the annual exams and the summer holidays started. Also, alumni reunion was held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January on the death anniversary of the founder.

In the end of last year and in the beginning of this year, during winter months when the weather is pleasant, many sponsoring church groups, individual sponsors and donors visited us and experienced the life of children and elders at MBKG Pannai. They were able to personally witness the great transformation in the children's lives with their love, prayers and support. Many generous people sponsored special meals for the residents and also donated in kind which has immensely contributed to the welfare of the children and elders. Our 21 elders, all of them females are keeping well except for their age related problems. In the recent past, sponsorship of elders through the Global Ministries has increased which helps us to meet the ever increasing demands of keeping the elders comfortable.

In the month of May, the children that had families visited them for a week and also the older ones above 13 years of age were taken out for summer camp for a week to a hill station. Others who did not have families stayed at the Home and were entertained with regular TV time, Picnics, library and play time. On 1<sup>st</sup> June, school reopened for a new academic year after a month long annual summer holiday in the month of May.

Your sponsored child **Robert Clive** is keeping well. He is 16 years old. His birthday is on October 26. I am glad to tell that he completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade successfully and enrolled to Higher Secondary (11<sup>th</sup> grade). He has chosen Science as his major group amongst other groups such as Math, Commerce and Computer Science.

Please find enclosed herewith Robert Clive's letter, photos and our newsletter. I thank you once again for playing a major role in the upbringing and the life of Robert and we are sure that as he grows up he will continue to be God fearing and become a successful individual with good values in the future.



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***"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history". Mahatma Gandhi***

Dear uncles and Aunties,

How are you all? how is your church, how is your family? how is your Sunday school? how is your weather?

I am fine by God's grace, I passed 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Public exam and now joined 11<sup>th</sup> standard. I have taken science major group. I have 6 subjects to study. They are English, Tamil - 2 language subject, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology - 4 science subjects same 6 subjects for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards.

Our school started on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have blue checked shirt and dark blue pant uniform. On Monday we wear white pant, white shirt, white socks and shoes.

Now we have summer season also we have rain. So it is not very hot. In annual leave, I went to Summer camp to Yelagiri hills. We stayed in YMCA. It was nice weather and beautiful place. We went for trekking up and breathing. There is a big lake in the hill.

I am daily praying for your church and all members supporting me. Please pray for me and my sister Pannai. Thank you.

Your's lovingly  
PH Robert Clive.

Robert  
Clive—

2007

5 yrs  
old

2018

16 yrs  
old



# Pottery Painting Fun

December 2nd 11am-1pm



Adorable projects for families at  
Faith Church UCC!



PaintSome Pottery will bring FUN ceramic ornaments, small figurines, mugs and plates starting at \$10 each. Get there early to get the best selections. FREE PERSONALIZATION & DETAILS available. These adorable pieces will make lasting keepsakes & great memories.



# November

01 Zackery Campbell

02 Russ Shelly

03 Jessica Schaffer

04 Catherine Stevenson

05 Glenn Gunkle

05 Emma Hardy

06 Joseph Orach

08 Bruce Keeler

11 Tootie Koch

11 Steve Sosnowsky

13 Joel Thompson

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19 Marvin Neely

19 Meryl Bixel

22 Nolan Ryan

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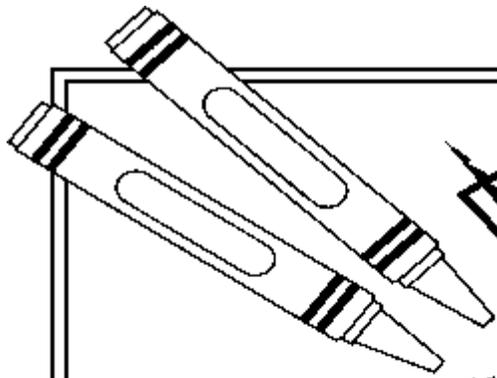
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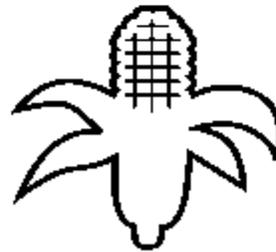
# PUZZLE

## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*



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