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Are You Thankful?

In our busy lives, it's easy to overlook the simple but powerful act of giving thanks. The Bible teaches us that thankfulness is more than just good manners. It's a key part of our relationship with God. When we take the time to be grateful, we align our hearts with God's will and open ourselves up to His blessings. Gratitude helps us shift our focus from what we don't have to all the amazing things God has already given us. It's a beautiful way to acknowledge His goodness, His provision, and His constant care. By embracing thankfulness, we nurture a humble spirit and strengthen our trust in God's promises.

Ellis



November 17 and 24

Support for Disciples Mission Fund and gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering are a critical part of the ongoing collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students, and it makes a difference in the world.

Thanksgiving Meal

Our annual Thanksgiving meal will be on **Sunday, November 17**, immediately following the worship service. The congregation is asked to bring their favorite dessert to share. *Membership Ministry*

Pastor's Noon Bible Class

Pastor's noon Bible class will meet in the Chapel.

Community Outreach Project

Please join us at the Community Services Clearinghouse, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, on **Monday, November 18, at 10:30 am**. We will fill bags for the Backpack Program, which benefits school children with food insecurities. Thank you.

Community Outreach

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, November 17, 11:30 am** Thanksgiving Meal
- **Sunday, November 17, following** Short Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Sunday, November 17** There will not be a Board meeting.
- **Sunday, November 17, 5:00 pm** Youth Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 19, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at JJ's Grill, 5400 Phoenix Avenue
- **Tuesday, November 19, 4:00 pm** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, November 19, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, November 20, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, November 20** Pastor's Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, November 21, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, November 21, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Thursday, November 21, 2:00 pm** Book Club

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- November 17** Disciples Bells Quintet
- December 8** Disciples Bells
Chancel Choir
- December 15** Bell Duet: Randy Alexander &
Brad Kidder
- December 22** Chancel Choir and Bell Duet:
Kim & Brad Kidder

Disciples Bells Quintet meet in the Sanctuary this Sunday at 8:30 am to rehearse.

There will be a short rehearsal for Disciples Bells following the Thanksgiving meal.

**Happy Thanksgiving.
Enjoy your family time.**

**No Disciples Bells rehearsal on
Sunday, November 24**

**No Chancel Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, November 26**

Elder for November

Greta Pryor

Deacons for November

Floyd Hamm (Foreman), Stephanie Bailey, Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger Jefferies, Barbara Lynch, Margot Mundy, Dewayne Pryor, Audrey Stewart

Greeters for November

Jimmy Hudlow, Margot Mundy
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for November

Terry Hales

Hope Campus News

We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal to take to Hope Campus.

Prayer Concerns

- **Abby Musset**

DWF Group 3

DWF Group 3 will meet **Tuesday, November 12, at 6:00 pm** in the Parlor for a brown bag supper. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Toddler Class Needs

The Toddler Sunday schoolers are in need of small, old shirts to use when they paint. If you have any children's shirts your kids or grandchildren have outgrown, please consider donating them to the toddler classroom. Nothing larger than a size 10, please. Just bring your donation to the children's building on any Sunday morning. Thank you!

Connie Alexander

Book Club News

Book Club meets **Thursday, November 21, at 2:00 pm**. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

Future reads include:

- November *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge
- December no book this month
- January *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

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FOR THE RECORD November 3 & 10, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 11,745.00
Endowment To Date	740.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am-3:00 pm - Monday-Thursday

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Worship at 10:00 am

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson**, Senior Pastor, 479-651-0456
- Dianna Jackson**, Director of Music Ministry
- Mary Beth Oliver**, Organist
- Barbara Brown**, Office Administrator
- Pam Shelby**, Financial Administrator
- Lesley Fleming**, Nursery Attendant
- Rev. Howard Marshall**, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
- Rev. Randy Jay**, Pastor Emeritus

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