

Newsletter November 2024



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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

With the month of November comes Thanksgiving. This holiday is a traditional time for us to give God thanks for the many ways we have been blessed in our lives. To be blessed is to be a blessing. To receive something is to give something.

This Thanksgiving I would like to invite you to join me in giving God thanks for the gift of the church. In particular, for the gift of this church, Bremen Bethel Presbyterian, located in Bremen, Ohio. This church has been a blessing for Susan and me in many ways. I'm sure you will agree that this church has blessed you and your family as well. Of course, the church is the people.

Blessings from God are to be shared, not kept in hiding. What are some of the ways this church has blessed your life? Grace? Peace? Hope? Identify them. Share them with your friends and family members who do not attend a church. Invite them to come. Jesus said, No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house [Matthew 5:15]. To be blessed is to be a blessing. May God bless you in your family gatherings.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Grace and peace,
Larry

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

Susan (Ricket) Henwood gave me some clippings from the Bremen Derrick, from 1940 and 1952 (assumed from the type of the print-type). The 1940 article detailed the dedication of the Hammond Organ which is in the sanctuary today. This was a very expensive venture at this time in history, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,000 (+). (This was the yearly salary of Rev. John McEwen when he was hired in 1932!!) In order to finance this venture, 'shares' were sold for the organ at \$10.00 per share. Somewhere in the 90s(?), the McGhee Family donated a set of Leslie speakers which enhanced the sound quality. The organ is in good working order today, and the pitch is still perfect after all these years.

The 1952 article details the 'Christmas' meeting of the (Women's) Presbyterian Mission Society. You will note that two ladies, among others, mentioned are Miss Margaret Holcombe and Mrs. W. D. Mericle aka Grace or 'Grammie', the clerk's grandmother. These two are noted as they were the first female elders in the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church. They were ordained in January of 1952.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry (continued)

Also mentioned was Mrs. W. C. Ricket (Emma) who was the mother of Ralph Ricket, father of Susan Henwood and Mrs. E. R. Johnston, grandmother of Sally Spangler and Cinda Keller. May Kagay was related to Linda Shreyer and Judy Turner. The Women's Missionary Society was one of the women's church groups which included the Ruth Rowles Westminster Class and later, the Gamma Chi Ladies Group.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO DEDICATE ORGAN SUNDAY
1940

The Hammond electric organ and Maas cathedral chimes recently purchased by the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church will be dedicated



Sunday morning with elaborate ceremonies of Presbyterian ritual.

Mr. Robert Bingman, radio organist of Columbus, will be guest organist both morning and evening.

The morning service will be at the usual hour of 10:30 but the evening changes to 7 o'clock with October.

These service will start the annual observance of October as Loyalty Month.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20, 1952

MRS. W. C. RICKET NAMED PRESIDENT OF PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Twenty-seven members and five guests enjoyed the November meeting of the Presbyterian Missionary Society held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lester Nixon.

Miss Margaret Holcombe, president, opened the meeting with meditation, hymn singing, and prayer. Mrs. W. C. Ricket presided for the program on "Thanksgiving." Mrs. Emma Everett read the scripture. Mrs. J. S. Lytle read an article on Thanksgiving. The leader gave a "Thanksgiving Meditation" assisted in the presentation by Mrs. R. R. Black, Mrs. Maria Stoner, Mrs. Mary Stoltz, Mrs. Delbert Merckle, Mrs. Wade Norris and Mrs. E. T. Baum. The program closed with prayer for the missionaries by Mrs. Ricket.

During the business election of officers took place. The nomin-

ating committee gave their report, with Mrs. Anthony Wilson as chairman. The following officers were nominated and accepted to serve for the coming year: president, Mrs. W. C. Ricket; first vice president, Mrs. E. R. Johnston; second vice president, Mrs. J. L. Mosier; third vice president, Mrs. Clyde Rowles; secretary, Mrs. E. T. Baum, and treasurer, Mrs. Walter Mericle. Miss May Kagay was again named contingent treasurer.

Plans were discussed for the Bazaar to be held in connection with the annual turkey supper at the church. The president asks every woman of the church to support this project.

On December 3, the Society will join with the Ruth Rowles - Westminster Class for a Christmas party to be held at the church. This affair will feature a covered dish dinner at the noon hour and an exchange of gifts.

During the social hour the hostess group, Mrs. Walter Mericle, Miss Margaret Holcombe, Mrs. Harry Kelsey and Mrs. Elim Bowen served a plate lunch. The remainder of the afternoon, the women packed two large Christmas gift boxes to be sent to a Kentucky Mission which this society remembers annually.

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

As of October 25, the congregation has given \$1,120.00 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund for Hurricane Relief. Contributions are still being accepted.

FROM THE SECRETARY/FINANCE CLERK: Loretta Dawson

Office hours the week of Thanksgiving are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Nov. 25 - Nov. 27) from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Calendar of Events

Nov 2nd - Paper bags will be left on porches in Bremen for canned food donations.

Nov 5th – Election Day

Nov 9th - The bags left on porches in Bremen will be collected. This collection is in anticipation of the Christmas food give-away in December.

Nov 7th, 8th & 9th - Bremen Community Methodist Church will hold a Next2New sale. Proceeds from this sale will go to their sweatshirt fund for the Christmas food give-away. The church will accept donations starting November 3, should you have any gently used clothes or household items to donate.

Nov 10th – Zeta Alpha will meet in the church basement at 9:30 am; Bible Study: Let Justice Roll Down, Lesson 3

Nov 11th – Veteran’s Day

Nov 24th – Session Meeting after worship service

Nov 28th – Thanksgiving Day

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov 1st – Mary Schmidt

Nov 11th – Andrew McCandlish

Nov 14th – Andy Ray

Nov 29th – Tom Ankrom

******Please Note: There are no anniversaries for the month of November.******

November Communion Servers, Lay Readers and Ushers:

Nov 3rd – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader & Usher
Cindy Cullumber: Usher

Nov 10th – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher
George Shreyer: Usher

Nov 17th – Judy Turner: Lay Reader & Usher
Cinda Keller: Usher

Nov 24th – Brenda Winegardner: Communion Server, Lay Reader & Usher
Kerry Boyd: Communion Server & Usher

Kids' Section

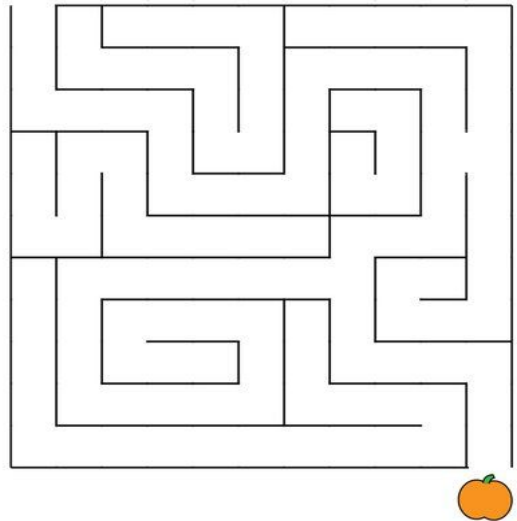
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Help the turkey find the pumpkin.

Happy Thanksgiving

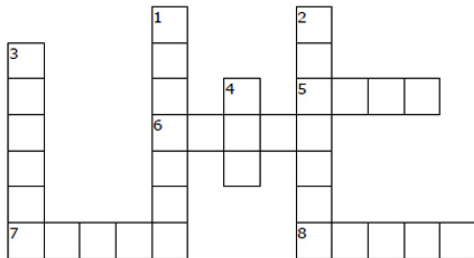


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Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Puzzle is based on Psalm 100



ACROSS

- A short piece of music that is sung
- To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
- A small animal with a woolly coat
- The planet where people live

DOWN

- To express one's love and adoration for God
- A field covered with grass where animals eat
- An expression of appreciation
- A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP	SONG	JOY	THANKS
PASTURE	EARTH	SHOUT	SHEEP

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good."



Psalm 136:1 KJV

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