

Parish Paragraphs



Community Thanksgiving Service

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Nov. 19—6pm @ Messiah

Give thanks and praise to God with our sisters and brothers from other Point/Shoreland churches. The Ottawa River school choir will sing, and any 1st-5th Grade are welcome to join!

Offering will go to Mustard Seed!

What's Inside

*Congregational
Budget Meeting*

*Community Thanks-
giving Service*

Giving Tree

Growth Groups

Calendar

Christmas VBS

Choir News

**POINT PLACE
UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST**



I have a friend who has planted a church in Davenport, IA. They call themselves “A Community of Transformation” where people are moving “from greed toward generosity, from violence toward peace-making, from isolation toward neighborliness, from fear toward faith.”

I absolutely love this idea of the church as a transformational journey. As we have discussed this fall, we are “Semper Reformanda”: Always Reforming. None of us is “there” yet, and yet we are endowed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is bringing Jesus alive in us, day by day, from glory to glory.

When I think of who I want to be (and who God desires me to become) as a follower of Jesus, one of the first words that comes to mind is: GRATEFUL. And to stay on the theme of journey, I hope the Spirit of God is moving me *towards* a spirit of gratitude *from* the spirits of entitlement, insatiability, and fault-finding.

November, of course, is a great month to engage this journey towards gratitude. In the Church Calendar, the month begins with gratitude to God “for all the saints,” and by the end of the month, we are celebrating Thanksgiving.

None of our lives are perfect. All of us have problems and struggles. But that is not the point of gratitude. If we wait for everything to be perfect and in order to give thanks, we will surely miss out on gratitude. Our gratitude is not based on the perfection of our lives, but the goodness and glory of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the assurance of the Holy Spirit that all things are being made new.

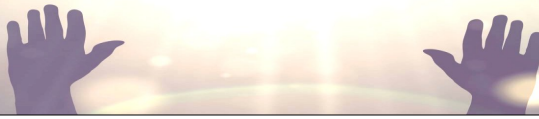
We all have our “things to be thankful for” lists—many of which are filled with people and possessions specific to us, and things that come and go. I urge you to root your practice of gratitude this month in the deep and fertile soil of the unchanging God and the sure Good News of Jesus.

~ Pastor Jon

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



November 5th: All Saints Day

10:30am: Worship w/ Communion & All Saints Memorial

11:30am: Cornerstone Celebration

Romans 15-16: "A Gospel that Connects"

November 12th: Guest Worship Leaders

10:30am: Worship

Guest Preacher: Deacon Sharon Lee

12pm: Congregational Budget Meeting

November 19th: Celebrate Worship

10:30am: Celebrate Worship

1 Chronicles 29: "Building the Temple" (Stewardship)

6pm: Community Thanksgiving Service @ Messiah

November 26th: Stewardship Sunday

9:15am: Church History Adult Book Study

Ezra 3: "Re-Building the Temple" (Stewardship)

December 3rd: 1st Sunday in Advent



Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, Nov. 19—6pm @ Messiah
Give thanks and praise to God with our sisters and brothers from other Point/Shoreland churches. The Ottawa River school choir will sing, and any 1st-5th Grade are welcome to join! Offering will go to Mustard Seed!

growth groups

JOIN ONE AND START GROWING TODAY

FOUNDATIONS

A GROWTH GROUP ON THE BASICS
OF FOLLOWING JESUS
wednesdays 6:30pm



Foundations

The final Foundations groups will meet on Wednesdays, November 1st and 8th at 6:30pm in the lounge. We will be discussing the role of prayer in the Christian life and then wrapping up what we've learned and what we want to take away from the group.

think on
+ these

*Women's Growth Group
Begins September 21
Meets every other Thursday
7pm in the Lounge*

*spend a season of your life
seeking to fill your mind with
thoughts that bring you joy*

Point Place
ucc



Think on These

A Women's Growth Group about How We Think. The group meets every other Thursday (November meetings will be the 2nd, 16th, and 30th at 7pm in the lounge) to focus on Paul's encouragements in Philippians about what thoughts fill our minds.

Ongoing Growth Groups

Monday Growth Group



On the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month, this group gathers for fellowship, Scripture, prayer, bible studies, missions, and social time. All are welcome. They gather at various members' homes. Please contact Susan Korecki (419) 297-4674 for more info.

Elizabethans Women's Group

November 6, 2017 at 6:30pm

The Elizabethans meet on the first Monday at 6:30pm in the conference room. All women are welcome to this "small but mighty" fellowship group.



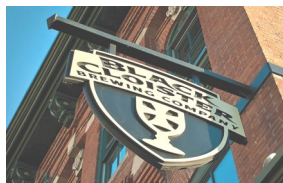
November 2, 2017 8:30am



The **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:30am. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church. All men are welcome

Something Brewing November 3rd at 7:00pm

This men's group meets at Black Cloister Brewing (Monroe & Erie St. downtown). You don't have to have a beer to enjoy conversation about what God has brewing in our lives and the world around us.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 12

Immediately following worship

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting as we prepare financially for the coming year.

Celebrate

Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 Sean & Sarah McDonagh
 8 Ron & Andrea Aricchi
 13 Mike & Tami Wioland
 19 Dan & Kim Boldt
 22 Rick & Carol Puderbaugh
 21 Dick & Betty Bellair
 28 Bill Reimschuessel
 & Nancy Bright

1 Chip Geletzke
 1 Travis Geletzke
 2 Georgia Rose Hartley
 2 Roberta Carter
 3 Chris Fairchild
 3 Gabriella Aricchi
 8 Nancy Slater
 12 Brent Beebe
 19 Betty Moharter
 19 Dick Bellair
 19 Brian Cosgrove
 26 Carl Chesko

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.



the
birthdayclub

The Birthday Club will celebrate our November Birthdays on Thursday, November 16th at 11:30am @ KT's Diner.

Please RSVP to Ruby Usher or Cindy in the office if you would like to attend.

"If you love me, feed my sheep."
 John 21:15-19

Monday, Nov 13

Dinner at
 RiverPoint Ministries
 2862 131st Street

Tuesday, Nov 21

Chicken a la King
 Vegetable
 Dessert
 Coffee, Juice, Water

Tuesday, Nov 28

Quiche
 Salad
 Dessert
 Coffee, Juice, Water

TWAS THE LIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS YBS*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

9AM TO NOON

HOSTED BY POINT PLACE UCC (4920 297TH ST)



REGISTER PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE STUDENTS FOR A FUN-FILLED MORNING ALL ABOUT THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

REGISTER:

LIGHTYBS2017.EVENTBRITE.COM OR CALL 419-726-7390

*THIS EVENT IS A COLLABORATION OF THE POINT PLACE CHURCHES

We will be doing registration and teaming up with CrossPoint on the Preschool group. We could also use volunteers on Friday to help set up and Saturday to shepherd groups.

Choir News



Come and enjoy the new music and have some fun! We are always looking for shiny new faces and any past members that want to be rejuvenated. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, our joyful choir joins the Worship Service. We practice at 9:15am on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month.

Also, if you are interested in singing with the **joint choir** at the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, Nov. 19—6pm** @ **Messiah**, please contact Kevin at 419-392-3867 or kevin.korecki@gmail.com for more information.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ~ Psalm 100:2

Financial Information for September 30, 2017

	9/30/17	Year To Date (9/30/17)
Total Income	\$10,046	\$ 83,583
Total Expenses	—\$18,957	—\$116,671
Net Income	—\$8911	—\$33,088
Endowment Supplement		+ \$ 14,951

Building Maintenance Fund

	9/30/17	Year To Date (9/30/17)
Total Income	\$370.00	\$3827.78
Total Expenses	\$0.00	-\$2307.78
Balance in Maintenance Fund 9/30/17		\$6529.12

On The Lighter Side

Three men went out to play a round of golf, Moses, Jesus, and an old man. Moses tee'd off first, and the ball landed in the water. He parted the water, and hit the ball in for a birdie. Jesus tee'd off next, and the ball landed in the water. He then walked on the water, and hit the ball in for a birdie. Lastly the old man tee'd off, but before the ball could hit the water, a fish jumped out and caught the ball in its mouth. Then an eagle swooped down and caught the fish. Lightning then struck near the eagle, frightening it, and it dropped the fish. When the fish hit the ground, it dropped the ball in for a perfect hole in one. Jesus and Moses turned to the old man, and Jesus said, "Dad, if you don't quit playing like that, we're not going to bring you anymore."

**POINT PLACE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

4920 297th Street
Toledo, Ohio 43611

419-726-7390
www.pointplaceucc.com
office@pointplaceucc.com



Address service
requested

*To care for one another
as God cares for us.*

