



# November 2021 Timely Notes

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## **WORSHIP**

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am

Worship begins at 10:30 am

It's easy to tune in over Zoom, on Facebook, or watch later on YouTube. If you would like to attend please let us know by reaching us at [miltonpreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:miltonpreschurch@gmail.com).



**Soup Luncheon and  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, November 21, 2021**

## **Holiday Arts and Crafts Show**

Saturday, November 13, 2021  
9am to 4pm



As we quickly approach November 13<sup>th</sup>, we hope your projects are progressing smoothly, and we are looking forward to seeing your wonderful creations as we prepare for a successful craft show after



missing last year. As a result of the Craft Show in 2019, we were able to decrease our Boiler Fund liability by \$3,600!

We are looking for volunteers to assist on the day of the show with various tasks such as baking for the bake sale, donating 'nearly new' holiday items for the Christmas Treasures Shop, assisting customers, helping at the lunch counter, cashiers and baggers, or set-up and take down. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call Nancy Leach, 330 925-9356 if you are willing to help.

For the Crafters, there is an instruction sheet available in the Narthex, detailing when to drop off your items, pricing, etc. Drop off times will be Thursday and Friday evenings, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm.

## **COMMUNITY MEALS**

**MEALS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM—SPEAKERS 7:00 PM**

Thank you "Strictly Accidental" for our entertainment September community meal.. Members of the band include our own Bill Timmons, Rickey Woods, and Linda Zahirsky.

Our next meal will be on Monday, October 25. Troop 405 will be preparing our meals with their Dutch ovens. They will be making pasta bake and cobbler. Be sure to attend. This was very popular when we had it several years ago. There are no meals in November and December.



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*If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

*1 Corinthians 10:12-13*

Some Christian traditions in our country have often taken issue with the celebration of *Halloween* as Americans celebrate it today. In the movie world, violent scary slasher flicks grace the big screen, or nowadays the big stream. People decorate their houses with all types of things to frighten, and the scary deeds of darkness seems to be celebrated with great fun.

I myself grew up in a household where it wasn't a big deal. We just had a lot of fun with it, and found it as a day to explore the neighborhood and collect lots of candy, so I don't personally have a problem with the spirit of the season. *However*, there is one aspect of the holiday that I've found to become more and more disturbing as I become older, wiser and theoretically more mature.

The other day, Andrea stopped into Target to get a few things, and she came back with a bag of Halloween candy. Since I cannot eat chocolate, she smiled and said 'I got these for you.' The bag contained Sour Patch Kids, Twizzlers, Twizzler Pull-n-Peels, and Jolly Rancher Lollipops. On the front of the bag is a yellow circle advertising that the bag contains '115 Pieces!'.

This was about two weeks ago, and over the course of those two weeks, the trashcan has frequently featured a cellophane film of empty wrappers on top of the other garbage beneath. At the time of this writing, there are considerably less than 115 pieces of candy in that bag. After all, it is hard to take just one. So, I open two, three, four ... maybe a few more ... and *this* is where my real problem with Halloween resides: in my desire to consume *all* of the candy before the hordes of miniature marauders, each one cleverly disguised in various ways, are unleashed upon the neighborhood searching for this source of great temptation. Why did Twizzlers decide to make the little Halloween packs 100 times better than their original candy?

The big bag resides on the shelf above our fridge, next to the healthy cookbooks, looming over the fresh vegetables and fruit and other things that I *should* be eating. It is all the more humiliating when I have to stand on my tippy-toes to reach the bag, but where there is a will (or a lack thereof), there is a way.

Walter Bagehot, former editor of *The Economist*, perceptively pointed out that 'It is good to be without vices, but it is not good to be without temptations.' When Jesus was led out into the desert to be tempted, it was a defining period of time that shaped his ministry to come, and strengthened his resolve the rest of the way. Without the temptation, he would not have been able to overcome it. After all, you cannot be fully human if you do not have temptations. At the same time, there is good reason that he taught us to pray that God *lead us not into temptation*. If you give in to temptation, you easily lose control and become a slave to something outside of yourself.

Some things are quite minor – like the candy on the top shelf, gently wooing me as effectively as any inanimate object could to *just go ahead and grab another piece*. Other things can swiftly destroy relationships and suffocate lives with betrayal, distrust, obsession, depression and an unhealthy dependence. Adultery, pornography, drugs, alcohol, entertainment, and a myriad of other escapes can quickly take precedence over everything else in our lives when addiction and sin takes root. Once the *bad* seed is planted, the weed can take root and grow into something that is quickly out of control and takes over your whole life.

The good news is that faith can do this exact same thing. With every great temptation, God has provided a way out. It is up to us to find it – and Jesus always gives us the way. The more that we can root out these temptations, the more room our faith has to grow. So today, I will not eat any Halloween candy ... and I will at least wait until the kids have had their fill.

- Rev. Alex Barnes

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## MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETINGS

Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Contact Kim Hart for information.  
Meetings are open to everyone.

November's lesson will be chapter 3 of Horizons, *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"* by Merryl Blair. This study covers women in the Bible. Please join us for an uplifting study and fellowship time.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL AND JOSEPH FREEMAN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR THIRD SON, PARKE STEINER FREEMAN. HE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 AND CAME INTO THE WORLD AT 8 POUNDS AND 20 INCHES. HE JOINS BROTHERS BODIE AND BRIGGS.



## Eagle Project

Brady Wachter, Life Scout, with Troop 405 is working on his Eagle project. He has chosen to create a nature walk on the church's wooded ravine. He will be removing trash and brush then laying out walking paths, one specifically for children. He plans to build a new bridge over the creek. Brady is working with Pastor Barnes and Ken Mann on the details. If you wish to donate money, materials, or time please contact Pastor Alex.



## LASAGNA MEALS TO GO Sunday, October 17

Thank you everybody that either worked on the lasagna meals to go project or purchased tickets! MPW mission funds were raised by \$1,140! Terrific!



Having fun while putting together lasagna.

## SAFETY FIRST

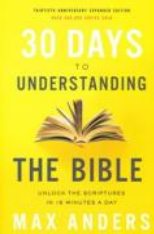
Don't know what to do with all those left over medicines? Check out the "Deterra" Drug Deactivation System bags in the narthex. It is a safe, effective way to dispose of medicine while keeping it safe from children and possible misuse of the medication.



# Christian Education

## Tuesday Book Study and Sunday School

The Book Study group and the Sunday School class are studying "30 Days to Understanding the Bible" by Max Anders.



If you'd like to join either group call or email the office -  
[rev.alexbarne@gmail.com](mailto:rev.alexbarne@gmail.com) or  
[miltonpreshchurch@gmail.com](mailto:miltonpreshchurch@gmail.com).  
 Books are available.

## JUNIOR CHURCH

**Junior church** for the children is held during regular church service. Service starts at 10:30 a.m. We hope that you and your families will join us for worship when you can!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for keeping up the donations! Everyone has been so generous.

### Summary of September Revenue & Expenses

#### Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of Sept.   \$   6,210

HeadStart Deposit	2,150
	\$   8,360

Expenses from Sept.           - \$   10,300

Net Income/Expense           - \$   1,940

#### Boiler Donation Update:

**Sept. 2021: \$ 215**

**Total donations to date: \$39,304**

**Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$31,736**

*Thank you* for all your donations!

## CAR SHOW AND CHILI COOK-OFF

**Saturday, October 9th**

What a fund event for everyone! We also raised much needed money for mission work. Thank you for your support. See you next year.



**1st Place**



**2nd Place**



**3rd Place**

**Pictured: Bud Gross  
and Bill Crawford**

## Car Show Winners

1st   Clive Gross  
2nd   Bob Ludolph  
3rd   Bud Blosser



**Our Worker Bees!**

## Chili Cook-Off

### Winners

1st   Justine Brandes  
2nd   Bill Crawford



**Something for every-  
one....**



## November 2021

### Timely Notes

#### Our Mission Statement:

*Believing in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, the Milton Presbyterian Church, as the Body of Christ, will carry out the ministry of Jesus within the congregation, within our community, and to the world.*

#### To accomplish this mission we will:

*\*Experience God's presence through worship, prayer, Bible study, the sacraments, fellowship, and service;*

*\*Demonstrate our Savior's compassion through our daily lives to those in need;*

*\*Give our time, our talents, and our material possessions according to God's gifts of them;*

*\*Share the Good New of Jesus Christ by word and deed to all the world.*

*Moved by the Holy Spirit, our mission as a congregation of forgiven and loved disciples will be carried out in the Name of Christ.*

Rittman United Methodist and Milton Presbyterian Churches are pleased to serve again as the coordinating agencies for the assembly and distribution of Christmas baskets for needy families in the Rittman area. Because of your help, and the help of organizations, groups, and individuals such as yourself, our community provided help and a happy holiday for over 175 families.

We are making plans now for Christmas 2021. Now is the time to be asking, "How can WE help?" There are many ways of helping. Cash donations are always welcome, so we can purchase for specific needs.

Basket delivery date this year is set for Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Please consider becoming a partner in this community project. **You may submit names of only Rittman residents to receive baskets** by calling the Community Christmas Basket sign up at 330-925-4025 from Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 9:00am – 1:00pm & Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 1:00pm.



**ALL CHECKS FOR DONATIONS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO:**

**Christseekers Christmas Basket Fund  
211 North Metzger Avenue**

**\*Please remember our church family members who are in our local area nursing homes:**

Inn at Coal Ridge , (1300 Coalridge Rd., Wadsworth, 44281): Elsie Richards

Apostolic Christian Homes, (10680 Steiner Rd., Rittman, OH) - Barbara Ramsier

(10710 Steiner Rd, Apt. 14, Rittman, OH) Dorothy Johnson

Oak Point Nursing & Rehab (130 Buena Vista, Baltic, OH 43804): Gus Brandes

Danbury Columbus Senior Living, (2870 Snouffer Rd., Apt. 210, Columbus, OH 43235):



### PRAYER CONCERNS

Karen & Gerry Aberegg, Shawn Aronhalt, Jessica Austin, Sally Barnes, Linda Beddow, James Bennett, Bill & Judy Beuth, Jane Bishop, Bill & Jackie Boak, Justine Brandes, the Brigham family, Gracelyn Burgess family, Pam Burres, Tanya Coleman, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Linda Crawford, Megan Crawford, Jim Davis, Lonnie Fletcher, Vickie Fox, Shawn Gammell, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Laurie Halliwell, Dwayne Hopton, Debbie Keel, Larry Kollert, Tom Langton, Abbey Lentine, Bob Ludolph, Helen (Grubb) Mann, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, Linda Melenbacker, Frances Nichols, Karen Peters, Barbara Ramsier, John Ramsier, Jim Roberts, David Robey (Debbie Russell's brother), Sancy Robey (Debbie Russell's sister-in-law), Bill & Donna Robertson, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Jay Russell, Kati Russell, Linda Rutter, Anne Schumacher, Todd Shreve, Tina Simcox, Rick Singleton, Ed Steele, Todd Stephan, Patti Stuart, Bill Timmons, Sandy & John Ulinski, Anita Vohar, Scott Wilson, and Robert Young.

# THANKSGIVING GATHERING



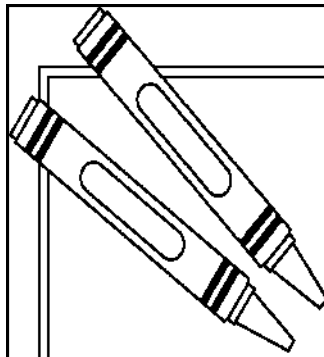
When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

## What you need:

- Photos (group or individual) of each person
- Ruler                      • Pencil
- Scissors                  • Envelopes
- Cardstock or construction paper
- Glue sticks

## What you do:

1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each person.
2. On the back of each picture, use a ruler and pencil to draw vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
5. On the bottom of each piece of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, Philippians 1:3 (NIV)." Then sign your name.
6. Give each person an envelope and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
7. For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.



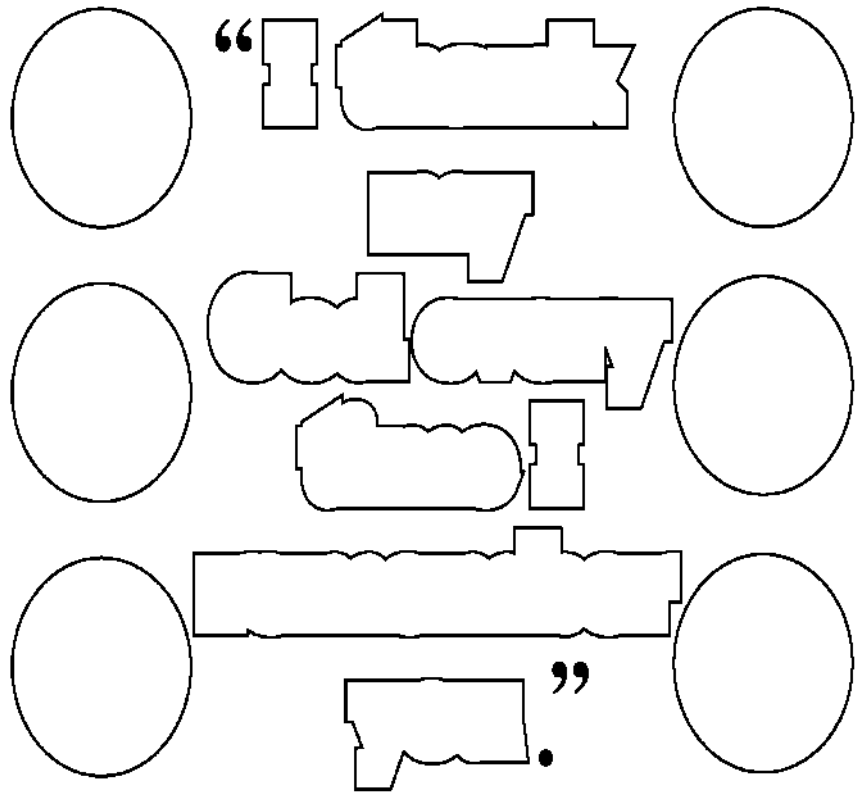
Just for **KIDS**

# Thanksgiving and Prayer

When Paul sent a letter to the church at Philippi, he told his friends how he felt about them. Finish this puzzle to read what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3.

Match words in the list below to the correct word shape. Then write the letters inside each shape. In the circles, draw the faces of people you're thankful for in your life.

**WORD LIST:** remember    time    you    I    God  
I    my    thank    every



Answer: "I thank my God every time I remember you."



# NOVEMBER

## 2021



### ***November Birthdays***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katie Killough
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Melenbacker
- 4<sup>th</sup> Michelle Farlow
- 5<sup>th</sup> Hunter Moore
- 6<sup>th</sup> Emma Pyle
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mary Adams
- 7<sup>th</sup> Karen Kinch
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lori Rue
- 10<sup>h</sup> Landon Farron
- 16<sup>th</sup> Todd Shreve
- 19<sup>th</sup> Caleb Wilson
- 21<sup>st</sup> Katherine Hart
- 26<sup>th</sup> John Saunders
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bill Robertson
- 28<sup>th</sup> Kim Adams

### ***November Anniversaries***

- 10<sup>th</sup> Chris & Robin Goodman – 14 yrs.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Kyle & Destinee Fetter – 8 yrs.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Hal & Nancy Leach – 53 yrs.

Please let the church office know of address or telephone number changes. If your birthday or anniversary was missed or is incorrect we will gladly update our records. Thank you!

**THANK YOU!!**

### ***Flower Schedule***

- 7 - Kim & Ron Hart
- 14 - Donna Robertson
- 21 -
- 28 -

### ***Junior Church Schedule***

- 7 - Tammy Wilson
- 14 - Vickie Schumacher
- 21 - Angel Mackey
- 28 - Cindy Mann

Nursery workers are needed! Please contact Cindy Mann to help at (330) 925-2651.



# November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	1 7:00 pm Rittman Garden Club	2 Noon— Book Study (Library)	3 6:00 pm DAA (FH) Bldg. & Grounds Meeting	4 10:00 am Worship & Music (Library) 5- 6:00 pm Head Start	5	6 Boy Scouts -Eagle Court of Honor
7 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Daylight savings time ends	8	9 Noon— Book Study (Library)	10 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	11 12:45 am Nominating Committee 7:00 pm 6-8 pm Craft show setup	12 6-8 pm Craft show setup	13 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Craft Show
14 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Deacons (Library)	15	16 Noon— Book Study (Library)	17 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 7:00 pm Session - (Library)	18 7:00 pm MPW Circle	19	20
21 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion) 11:45 Soup Lunch/ Cong. Mtg	22	23 Noon— Book Study (Library)	24 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	25 Thanks- giving 	26	27
28 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	29	30 Noon— Book Study (Library)				

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