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From the Associate Pastor... November 2025

"Submission in Earthly Relationships"

The Apostle Paul wrote:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise – "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4 NIV)

Beginning in Ephesians 5, the Apostle Paul addresses three relationships: wives and husbands, children and parents, and employee and employer. Both sides of each relationship have responsibilities to the other. Wives are to respect their husbands; husbands are to love their wives; children are to obey and honor their parents; parents are to train and instruct their children; employees are to obey and serve wholeheartedly; employers are to treat their employees well without threats. One verse summarizes the overall theme of those addressed:

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21 NIV)

Parents, you should submit to the needs of your children. Doing so requires you to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4 NIV). Taking children to church before they can take themselves, training them in prayer and Bible reading, and teaching them to tithe are just some of what is required. But don't miss the first part of Paul's instructions:

"Father, do not exasperate your children" (Ephesians 6:4 NIV).

Paul doesn't highlight any examples, so allow me to share a few from scripture.

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KEEP THOSE FILLED
BOXES COMING IN;
PLACE THEM UNDER
THE TABLES IN THE
HALLWAY.

ALL BOXES SHOULD
BE TURNED IN BY THE
MORNING OF SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 16TH.

DID YOU KNOW THAT
YOU CAN PACK A
SHOEBOX WITHOUT
LEAVING YOUR
HOME? GO TO **SA-
MARITANSPURSE.ORG**,
CLICK ON **WHAT WE
DO**, CHOOSE **OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD**, AND CLICK ON
PACK ONLINE. THE
COST IS \$30 PER BOX.
PLEASE LET REX OR
BOBBI MCCONAHAY
KNOW HOW MANY
YOU PACKED.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
DURING DROP OFF
WEEK, NOVEMBER
17TH THROUGH 24TH.
SIGN UP AT THE
INFORMATION TABLE.

THANK GOD FOR
YOUR PARTICIPATION
AND FOR THE
RESULTS.



A Note from Your Librarian

November - A GREAT month to think of all you are thankful for. Also a GREAT time to pick up a new book at the Church Library and spend the cooler evening reading a good book. We have LOTS of new ones to pick from. Here are a few of the new books for you to choose from.

1. **The Pharisee's Wife** by Janette Oke
A young Jewish woman, plucked from obscurity and thrust on a perilous journey, is about to witness the world's most life-changing story.
2. **Unfailing Love** by Janette Oke
Lillian Walsh and Grace Bennett have learned so much already about caring for children in distress. It hasn't been easy, but it becomes even more difficult when they suddenly discover that three children have run away.
2. **Hope Like Wildflowers** by Pepper Basham
An Appalachian Outcast seeks a place to belong.
4. **The Shop Down the Lane** by Leslie Gould
"An anonymous connection through bird-watching letters leads to a tender, unexpected journey of healing and true love."

Find these and more new books on the wall or on the table in the library!

Keep Reading!

Your Librarian,
Rachel Krabill

Quote: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

ELEMENT 412 EVENTS (6TH-12TH GRADE)

Sunday, November 2 6:30-8:00

**Pumpkin Carving Night—BYOP
(bring your own pumpkin)**

Invite your friends and enjoy some fall fun!
Sign up on the Band app.

Sunday, November 23 12:30-3:00

OCC Collection Help

Lunch provided; invite your friends.
Sign up on the Band app.



FRIEND'S CLUB EVENTS (AGE 5-5TH GRADE)

Sunday, November 16 2:00-4:00

Service Projects & Snack Making

Drop off your student at the west door;
we will meet in the lower fellowship hall

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Caroling with Element 412



THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Again this year, we will be partnering with Green Local Schools and the Central Fire District to distribute food to local families in need.

This is a great way to make a positive impact in our community.

Tuesday, November 25th

Sort/Organize—9 a.m.

Distribution—2:30 to 4 and 6 to 7:30

**Want to help? Look for the sign-up sheet
at the Information table.**

From the Associate Pastor continued from page 1

Don't expect perfection

Paul elsewhere writes:

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23 NIV)

There is nothing wrong with your child that is not also wrong with you – a sinful nature. Just as you would appreciate grace when failing, extend the same to them.

Model repentance

If both of you know what it is like to sin, teach your child how to make amends after missing God's mark. Nothing was so impressive to me as a teenager as having a father who would apologize when wrong and without prompting. The lesson to me was a big – and godly – man would apologize and make right what they got wrong.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16 NIV)

Love is spelled D-I-S-C-I-P-L-I-N-E

Love your child enough to discipline them. The best parent is the Lord. Here is what has been said:

... the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son. (Hebrews 12:6 NIV)

Discipline – properly administered early – leads to less and lesser discipline later. What parents don't address at home has to be addressed at school. What isn't addressed by parents must be addressed by teachers, spouses, bosses, or judges. Love your child enough to say – and enforce – “No!” It may be work for you now, but it may mean a better life for them later.

Until next month ...

Pastor Scott

November 10
Erik & Jessie Dravenstott
13th anniversary



November 14
Matt & Kristie Kovacs
33rd anniversary

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



November 4
Tate Riggenschach

November 5
Jacob Cline
Judy Reinking

November 6
Carol Hochstetler

November 8
Rochelle Shane

November 9
Julie Hostettler
Adam Bupp

November 10
Larry Sauer

November 12
Anita Roller
April Pearce

November 15
Dana Sillman
Dennis Schnipke

November 17
Heidi Rennecker

November 18
Elizabeth Frantz

November 20
Ben McConahay

November 21
Gene McConahay

November 22
Karen Troyer
John Clabaugh

November 27
Bill Snyder
Mark Bachman

November 28
Lou Kiba
Lloyd Horst

November 29
Tessa Underwood

November 30
Clark Grimm

THIS AND THAT

Combined worship service and all-church Thanksgiving meal will be held on Sunday, November 2nd; Sunday School at 9:30, Worship Service at 10:30, meal to follow. Turkey, pork loin, mashed potatoes and stuffing provided. Please bring a side or dish to share.

The annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the upper fellowship hall. Please join us as we conduct the business of the church, including voting on the 2026 budget as well as electing officers and board representatives for 2026. You must be a member of the church to vote. We encourage you to attend this important meeting. The 2025 meeting packet is now available at the Welcome Center for you to review prior to the meeting.

The Final Craft Day of 2025 will be held on Saturday, November 15th from 9 to 4 in the upper fellowship hall. Bring your holiday projects to work on, your mending, or just come and fellowship! We break at noon for lunch; bring a dish to share. RSVP to Dee Sillman by Wednesday, November 12th at 330-466-2287.

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO PRIMETIME (55 AND OVER) MEAL IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, OR JANUARY. SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY! ♥♥♥♥

The November Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at 11:30 a.m. at The Barn Restaurant. No need to RSVP. We order off the menu, and each pays their own way. If you have any questions or need a ride, please reach out to Louise Liebhart at 330-347-8544.

Thank You!

Chet Underwood and crew,

Thank you for coming to my house last Saturday and raking leaves. What a blessing to have the help! May God bless all of you for your kindness as you continue to do for others.

In Christian Love,
Wilma Hartzler

Please remember, however, **they do not accept Guideposts** and other magazines which are not exclusively Christian. So give those uplifting Guidepost magazines to friends and neighbors, but continue to donate the materials mentioned in order to bless more people.

Thank you,
Norm Ream

Dear Pastor Carr and SBC,

We continue to make occasional deliveries of new and lightly used Christian materials to the Love Packages collection point. Over the past few years they have received numerous new and lightly used Bibles, non-fiction Christian living books, devotionals, and children's Sunday School materials from SBC and the congregation. They are extremely thankful for these donations which are then distributed to needy ministries around the world and shared among multiple people.

Dear SBC,

Ellis and I would like to express our gratitude for all of your prayers and support during this difficult season of both of our lives. Your kindness and words of encouragement are a continuous beacon of light and hope throughout the darkest moments. We request that you please keep us in your prayers while Ellis remains on his healing journey.

Sincerely,
Katie and Ellis Border

November 2025

						1 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Worship Service ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING MEAL 6:30-8 Element 412—Pumpkin Carving Night	3	4 	5 9:30-11 Women's BSF 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	6	7	8 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
9 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 6:30 Congregational Business Meeting	10	11 6:30 CE Board Mtg	12 9:30-11 Women's BSF 6:00 SHE Builds 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	13	14	15 9:00 Bell Choir Practice 9-4 Craft Day UFH
16 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 2-4 Friend's Clubs—Service Projects	17	18	19 9:30-11 Women's BSF 11:30 Ladies Luncheon @ The Barn Restaurant 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	20 OCC DROP OFF	21	22 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
23/30 OCC DROP OFF	24 OCC DROP OFF	25 FOOD DISTRIBUTION Sorting: 9-10 a.m. Distribution: 2:30-4 and 6-7:30	26 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	27 Happy Thanksgiving—office closed	28 Office closed	29 9:00 Bell Choir Practice

Nursery/Jr Church Schedule

	November 2 COMBINED SERVICE	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
9:00 Nursery Traditional Service	10:30 a.m. Erica Shaffer April Pearce Averie Mahas	Bridgett Collins Jennifer Carr	Kelly/Ronan White Bridgett Collins	Nora Zemancik	
10:15 Nursery Sunday School	9:30 a.m. April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King
11:30 Nursery Contemporary Service		Bridgett Collins Wendy Fetter	Melissa Underwood Kiley Arnett	Julie Hostettler Lori Cline	Wendy Fetter Kiley Underwood
9:00 Jr. Church Traditional Service	10:30 a.m. Courtney Maibach Jessie Dravenstott Sabrina Brandenburg	Debbie Rinehart Elizabeth Frantz	Emily Chenevey April Pearce	Susan Boyes Bridgett Collins	Kim Chittenden Elizabeth Frantz
11:30 Jr. Church Contemporary Service		Chet Underwood Kylie Hostettler	Russ King Cassandra Gasser	Russ King Ashley Burns	Susan Dilyard Sarah Bozsik

Ministry Statistics: Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance			Weekly Giving
	Sunday School	9:00	11:30	
October 5	140	176	67	\$14,205.36
October 12	142	180	101	\$18,234.80
October 19	142	178	69	\$12,837.44
October 26	157	193	78	\$8,641.58

Ministry Statistics: Designated Giving

Camp Bethany	\$1,700	Library Fund	\$300
Element 412	\$700	Primetime	\$20
Facilities Usage	\$65	Salt & Light Ministry	\$796.10
Flowers	\$200	Samaritan's Purse—OCC	\$750
Good Samaritan Fund	\$400		

SMITHVILLE BRETHREN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Attention High School Seniors and College Students: Even though it's less than halfway through this school year, you may already be thinking about continuing your education next year and how to pay for it. Consider the opportunity for a church scholarship as part of your planning. In the coming months, be on the lookout for more information about award amounts, eligibility requirements and the application process.



Join us as we celebrate with the sounds of the season. We thank the Music Committee and many musicians for this special holiday celebration.

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.

CONTACT CHET AND MELISSA UNDERWOOD FOR MORE INFO.

MARRIAGE FOR LIFE
Conference

REGISTRATION DATE

November 1st @ 6am:
General registration opens
(\$85 per couple covers registration, hotel room and breakfast)

Guest speakers
DAVE & ASHLEY WILLIS

MFL HOLMES COUNTY
Amish Country Theater, Berlin OH
3 weekends, 6 identical sessions
January 9-10 • January 10-11
January 23-24 • January 24-25
February 6-7 • February 7-8

MFL CLEVELAND
Embassy Suites Cleveland Rockside
February 27-28

For more information visit
www.mflfamily.com
or email info@mflfamily.com

CAMO (Central American Medical Outreach) is in need of collapsible toddler-size strollers, new or used in good condition; if you can help, drop off at their office at 322 Westwood Avenue, Orrville OH 44667. Reach out to them with any questions at 330-683-5956.

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