



# SMITHVILLE BRETHREN CHURCH

*"Introducing people to Christ - together becoming completely committed Christians."*



## Forward Look

Issue 11

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November 2024



### 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 26th**

**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.**

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**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR  
CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR!**

November 3

**Join us as we celebrate with the sounds of the season. We thank the music committee and the many musicians for this special performance.**



Smithville Brethren Church

*Christmas Carol  
Celebration*

DECEMBER 8, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

Light Refreshments to follow in Upper Hall



☞ **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 17TH.**

☞ **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED DURING DROP OFF WEEK, NOVEMBER 18TH THROUGH 25TH. SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION TABLE.**

☞ **THANK GOD FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND FOR THE RESULTS.**

## A Note from Your Librarian

LOTS of new books coming into the library. This month I would like to introduce you to a few:

1. **"The Daughters of the Mayflower"** - Three epic tales of intrigue and Love in the New World all in one book: "Join the adventure through history, intrigue, romance, and family legacy as the Daughters of the Mayflower series begins with three epic novels: 1. *The Mayflower Bride* by Kimberley Woodhouse, 2. *The Pirate Bride* by Kathleen Y'Barro, 3. *The Captured Bride* by Michelle Griep"
2. **"Stories for the Heart"** - Over 100 stories in a collection of timeless stories of compassion and encouragement by authors such as: Billy Graham, Max Lucado, Paul Harvey, James Dobson, Kay Arthur, Chuck Swindoll, and many more.
3. **"The Heart of the Amish"** by Suzanne Woods Fisher - "We all need someone to forgive—Fisher's stories of the Amish will arm you with tools to forgive and find the path to reconciliation as you draw closer to God."
4. **"Courting an Amish Bishop"** by Mindy Steele  
"No one is ever too old to love again."
5. **"Sierra Weddings"** by Jeri Odell  
"Romance in Nevada faces an uphill climb—challenges abound for three modern women who seek men with whom they can build a future free of the haunting past."
6. **"Paint and Nectar"** by Ashley Clark  
A mysterious benefactor gifts Lucy Legore an old house along with its secrets in Charleston.

Look for these new books on the library back wall.

Keep Reading!

Your Librarian,  
Rachel Krabill

Quote: "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." Maya Angelou

### ADDRESS UPDATES

**Ron and Judy Reinking**  
1536 Arthur Drive  
Wooster, OH 44691

**Levi and Anna Sprowls**  
1534 Jones Avenue  
Wooster, OH 44691

**Steve and Pat Patt—FL address**  
4779 Curlew Drive  
Saint James City, FL 33956

## **ELEMENT 412 EVENTS** **(6TH-12TH GRADE)**

### **~ESCAPE ROOM MEDINA~**

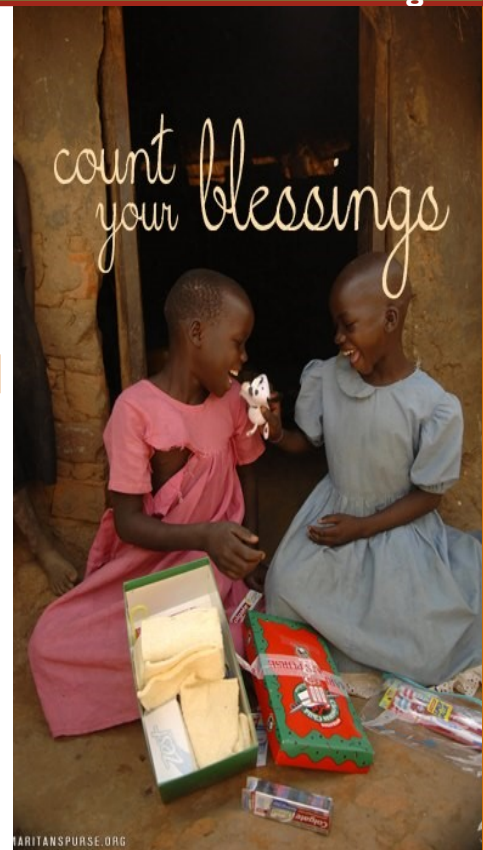
**Sunday, November 3rd 12:30-4:30**

Thanksgiving meal together, then head off to the Escape Room. All spots are filled. If you missed out and would like to go in the future, let Pastor Scott know.

### **~OCC COLLECTION HELP~**

**Sunday, November 24th 12:30-4:00**

Lunch provided; have some fun, then help with OCC Collection



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## **FRIENDS' CLUB EVENTS** **(AGE 5-5TH GRADE)**

### **~SERVICE PROJECTS AND GAMES~**

**Sunday, November 17th 2-4-p.m.**

Drop off your student at the west door;  
we will meet in the LFH

We will do service projects, make a snack  
and play games; bring your favorite  
game to share with friends

**Parent volunteers are needed each month;** if you would like to help, please sign up on the church website. A current background check on file with the church is required. Complete the Children's Ministry application found on the Information wall if you have not already done so; the required background check form is included. Completed applications should be turned in to the church office. Thank you!







**From the Associate Pastor...  
Kingdom Wealth Series  
November 2024**

**How to Develop a Gratitude Attitude**

It's been said they are called the Ten Commandments, not the Ten Suggestions. The first four highlight one's relationship to God and the last six to one's neighbors. The last is unique as it forbids what no one can see. To covet is to have a wrong or excessive desire for something, and the tenth commandment forbids desiring those things our neighbor owns. Whether a house, spouse, servants, or animals, those who left Egypt were warned to keep their hearts and hands off. It was a problem then, and it's still a problem today.

Like water around a fish, we often become oblivious to what surrounds us. We look across the street, the parking lot, or room and think how happy we would be if only what we see was ours. Keeping up with the Joneses has been described as spending money we don't have to impress people we don't like. And too many of us regularly play the game.

Let me suggest the Gratitude Attitude as a humble replacement. Instead of looking around the neighborhood or community, take a few minutes to browse your house. Here's how to play. Take a few minutes in each room to notice everything you've acquired. The best players notice everything – furniture, carpet, decorations, etc. As you notice items, let your lips begin to audibly thank God (you may find it helpful to play solo, but your children or spouse might be helpful). If time is a factor, you might start with only one room or category of items (like gifts, certain colors, or recent acquisitions). Don't just thank God but think about the circumstances around how you ended up with the item. For instance, my green Disney Grumpy coffee mug reminds me of a family trip to Disney gifted by my parents. It also reminds me of my son Ian who has already gone on record as wanting the cup "after I'm gone".

Most people who play a round or two of Gratitude Attitude quit before every item is covered, and with a smile on their face. God has been very good to most of us, and we have more than enough for which to be thankful.

Good luck and get ready player one!

The Lord is my God!  
I will praise him and tell him  
how thankful I am. (Psalm 118:28 CEV)

Until next month,

Pastor Scott

**November 10**  
**Erik & Jessie Dravenstott**  
**12th anniversary**



**November 14**  
**Matt & Kristie Kovacs**  
**32nd anniversary**

# NOVEMBER



## BIRTHDAYS

**November 4**  
Tate Riggerbach

**November 5**  
Jacob Cline  
Judy Reinking

**November 6**  
Carol Hochstetler

**November 8**  
Rochelle Shane

**November 9**  
Julie Hostettler

**November 10**  
Larry Sauer

**November 12**  
Anita Roller  
April Pearce  
Beth Pearce

**November 15**  
Dana Sillman  
Dennis Schnipke

**November 16**  
Marti Schwartzfigure

**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 3rd;** Sunday School at 9:30, Worship Service at 10:30, meal to follow. We are blessed to bring back this well-loved tradition.

**The annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10th 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 2025 budget as well as electing officers and board representatives for 2025. You must be a member of the church to vote. We encourage you to attend this important meeting. The 2024 meeting pack is now available at the Welcome Center for you to review prior to the meeting.

**The Final Craft Day of 2024 will be held on Saturday, November 16th 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 13th at 330-466-2287.

**OCC Jump Rope Making** in conjunction with the Craft Day will be from 9 to noon on Saturday, November 16th. This is a fun and easy way to contribute to the cause! Contact Tom McConahay at 419-651-6176 with questions.

**The November Ladies Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, November 20th 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. We may continue to meet in the winter months if the weather cooperates; more details to come.

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO PRIMETIME (55 AND OVER) MEAL IN NOVEMBER.**

**The December Primetime Meal will be on Monday, December 16th at noon.** Sign up on the church website, smithville.church, or call the church office at 330-669-2267. Join us for great fellowship and amazing food. There are some new faces; let's make them feel welcome!

## SAVE THOSE CANCELLED STAMPS!

Thank you abundantly for those who continue to provide cancelled stamps for an important ministry! The income generated “goes to support the preparation, publishing and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations and missions in 19 different Spanish speaking countries in South America, Central America, Spain and even the USA.” A total of \$35,000 was raised in 2023!

If you cut the stamps from the envelopes yourselves, please leave 1/4-1/3” all around the stamp. Cutting is always better than tearing as the corners tend to tear too close to the stamp. If you’d like, you may donate the entire envelope and I’ll cut for you and recycle the remainder.

We are heading into a heavy-mailing season! Keep those stamps coming with you to church!

If you’d like to learn more about this ministry or have any questions you may call me at 419-234-4833 or email me @ [wfetter500@hotmail.com](mailto:wfetter500@hotmail.com).

Bless you!  
Wendy Fetter



# November 2024

					1	2 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
3 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Worship Service ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING MEAL 11:30-4:30 Element 412 Lunch provided & Escape Medina	4	5 	6 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	7	8	9 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
10 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 6:30 Congregational Business Meeting	11	12 6:30 CE Board Mtg	13 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	14 6:30 Vision Team Mtg	15	16 9:00 Bell Choir Practice 9-4 Craft Day UFH 9-noon OCC Jump Rope Making
17 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 2-4 Friends' Club LFH Service Projects and Games	18 6:30 Official Board Mtg	19	20 11:30 Ladies Luncheon @ The Barn Restaurant 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	21 <b>OCC DROP OFF</b>	22	23 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
24 <b>OCC DROP OFF</b>	25	26 <b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b> Sorting: 9-10 a.m. Distribution: 2:30-4 and 6-7:30	27 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	28 Happy Thanksgiving— office closed	29 Office closed	30 9:00 Bell Choir Practice

### Nursery/Jr Church Schedule

	November 3 COMBINED SERVICE	November 10	November 17	November 24
9:00 Nursery Traditional Service	10:30 a.m. Erica Shaffer Nina Hart Averie Mahas	Bridgett Collins Jennifer Carr	Wendy Fetter Kelly/Ronan White	Susan Dilyard
10:15 Nursery Sunday School	9:30 a.m. Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King
11:30 Nursery Contemporary Service		Lori Cline Julie Hostettler	Bridgett Collins Kayla Hartzler	Wendy Fetter Rochelle Shane
9:00 Jr. Church Traditional Service	10:30 a.m. Emily Chenevey Elizabeth Frantz Sabrina Brandenburg	Debbie Rinehart Chin-Chin Frantz	Susan Dilyard Bridgett Collins	Susan Boyes Beth Pearce
11:30 Jr. Church Contemporary Service		Chet Underwood Cassandra Gasser	Russ King Sarah Bozsik	Cindy Cline Lorah Meech

### Ministry Statistics: Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance			Weekly Giving
	Sunday School	9:00	11:30	
October 6	133	178	73	\$12,172.76
October 13	114	182	50	\$18,887.14
October 20	122	172	56	\$8,590.26
October 27	114	164	70	\$9,813.78

### Ministry Statistics: Designated Giving

Camp Bethany	\$600	Riverside Christian School	\$250
Element 412	\$200	Salt & Light Ministry	\$272
Flowers	\$40	Samaritan's Purse	\$700
Friends' Club	\$350	Samaritan's Purse—OCC	\$200
Primetime	\$75		

# Thank You!

## Salt & Light Donors,

Thank you for your recent donation. Your generous gift allowed us to have a very successful trip to East Tennessee. We were able to deliver necessary items to help farmers there.

Please lift our group up in prayer. God continues to use us as we minister to people.

Russ Mayer, Treasurer  
Disaster Relief Haulers

## Dear Pastor Carr and SBC,

Thank you so much for the boxes of great Bibles, Christian books and devotionals from your church that Norman and Linda Ream so faithfully deliver.

One book is on average shared with 20 other people as the hunger for God's word is rising with all the climate changes and disasters! Likewise is the need to save trees and reduce paper trash to become better stewards of God's creation.

Please keep on collecting and sharing with others about this much needed ministry! Thank you again so much and God's rich blessings!

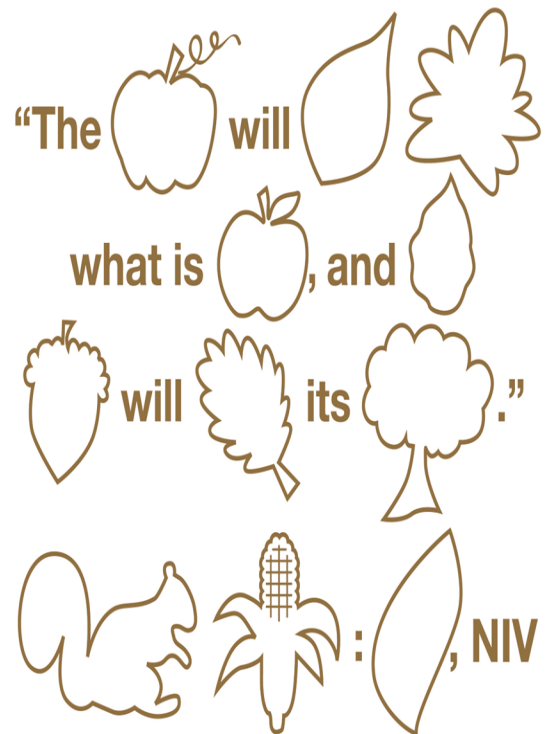
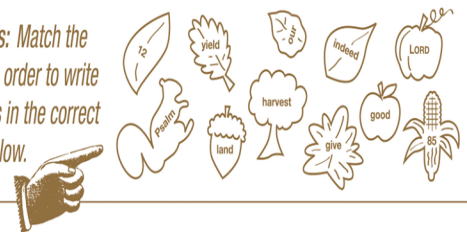
From the heart,  
Rita & Brian Selle-Grider



## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV

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