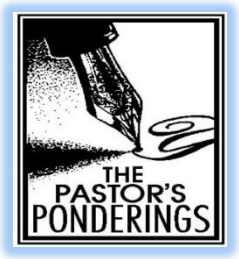
THE FRIENDLY VISITOR

10:15 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
7:00 PM WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

November 2026



November is already upon us. The days are getting shorter, the leaves are changing colors, and it's certainly getting colder outside. With that being said, it will soon be time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the blessings in their lives. Yes, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. And with that celebration, comes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, and pumpkin pie just to name a few of our favorite holiday foods. But even with Thanksgiving, and all of its culinary trimmings, there is still room for us to consider the spiritual side of giving thanks. And where better to do this than turning to the sacred scriptures, and from them, refocusing and re-centering our hearts on the One who is the cause of all good things in our lives.

So, from the Old Testament let us reflect.

Psalm 100:4: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

Psalm 69:30: "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving."

1 Chronicles 16:34: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"

And from the New Testament let us consider.

Colossians 3:15: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

1 Corinthians 15:57: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, may never lose sight of the One who is the giver of all good things...yes, the One who truly deserves our heartfelt gratitude and genuine thanksgiving.

Blessings,
Pastor Todd

Do you know what an **Empty Nester** is? It's a person who wants to connect with our church family, socially. The group formed several years ago to get together with Christian friends outside of church activities. Having lunch together after worship is a great way to get to know each other.

You don't have to be an Empty Nester to join in. Each month, usually the 2nd Sunday, people gather at a specific restaurant for lunch after worship. The list of dates and restaurants is on the bulletin board next to the drinking fountain in the hallway. Sign up if know you can go, but don't let that stop you. Also, listen at announcement time on the lunch day. You may hear something about letting a certain person know that you are going.

November 8
meet at
Red Lobster

Coins for C.U.P.

We started collecting coins for C.U.P. in May of 2022. It's a fairly easy way to collect money to help feed hungry people. In October, we collected $159.00. Thanks for generosity and keep up the good work!!!

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks are held the first Sunday of each month by our Congregational Health committee.

Puzzle!

A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14 is a Bible story about a special dinner. Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____ .
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

Chiefs Receipts

We are still taking Chiefs receipts even though the receipts no longer say Community Rewards. Bring them to church with you.

6 Cindy Daley
Jessica Redd
7 Kelly Fronzaglia
9 Sue Chivington
Wes Croft
10 Ansley Kill
11 Elizabeth Waggoner
12 Pete Prichard
13 Charlotte Apfelbeck
Cheryl Clemans
Hudson Kill
Nancy Taylor
15 Leah Coppler
Rick Robinson
20 Jackie Austin
Tytus Dally
Betty Raines
Dave Roosenberg
23 Lora Streets
25 Judy Lane
27 Ida Sensel-Hawkins
29 Rochelle Twining
Bill Ware

6 Jack & Jodi McDermitt
Rick & Barb Robinson
9 Brian & Traci Barrington
Adam & Katie Oatman
22 Caleb & Abbey Johnson
29 Ron Hawkins & Ida Sensel-Hawkins
30 Terry & Peggy Miller

Disciples Men's Fellowship Update

We will do litter pick up on 10/27 immediately following our meeting. Rain date: 11/10.

We are doing dinner at the Men's Rescue Mission on October 20.

We will do our annual pancake brunch this winter.

Window clings: Available in the narthex. Cost is $2.00.

During November, we will conduct a drive to collect new socks and gloves that will be donated to the Men's Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army. We will announce the drive during worship on October 25th.

We met for breakfast on Thursday, September 24th at Bob Evans East.

Jim Ottarson

The Elders would like to thank everyone who participated in the **ACTS 29** project to raise donations and items for Meals till Monday and Spread the Love. We would also like to thank the Youth Group for loading up the van with the items donated.

We were able to donate $1,576.00 to Meals till Monday and $986.00 plus a van load of items to Spread the Love through your generous donations.

Both ministries were grateful to receive these blessings!

Wednesday Worship is at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The service is for anyone who feels the need of a mid week service. Communion is celebrated.

On the first Sunday in June we will be changing the way we do communion and collect the offering. We'll pass the offering plates and communion trays in the pews. Many of you will remember this way as before COVID, but for many this will be a new way. The packets of prepared elements will still be offered at the Welcome Center.

Disciples Men's Fellowship Sock and Glove Drive

During the month of November, the Disciples Men's Fellowship will be collecting new gloves and socks (men, women & children) which will be given to the Lima Men's Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army.

Winter is a hard time of year for the people who are served by these two organizations. Our donations will make things a bit easier and more comfortable for them.

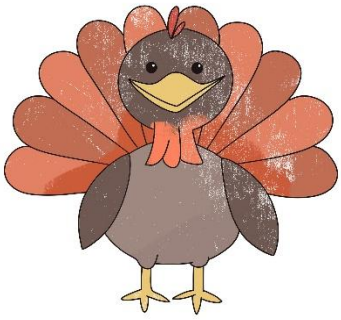
You can bring your donations and place them in the box which will be located in the narthex.

Last year, this drive was extremely successful and we were able to help a lot of people. Please consider supporting this drive knowing your gifts will be gratefully put to good use.

Teddy Bear Sunday

Teddy Bear Sunday is December 6th. Bring your new teddy bear with you to worship and the children will pick them up from the congregation and put them under the Christmas tree. The bears will be given to local agencies to be handed out.

Thank you for your continued support for this outreach ministry.



Food for C.U.P.
at Thanksgiving Time

On November 15th we will collect non-perishable food items for C.U.P. Bring your items with you to worship.

November is typically the month of the year that we count our blessings and share food and fellowship with our families and friends. Food is such an important part of our daily lives.

Blessings are for everyone, but food may not be as plentiful. We support C.U.P. in many ways throughout the year and it is greatly appreciated. Once again, we're asking for non-perishable food items to help feed the hungry people in our area. It is one way that we can bless people that we don't even know.

Let us count our blessings and pass them on.

Lights of Love

December 2, 2026

Our annual beloved Lights of Love Service will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. In November we will have the opportunity to purchase tags for $5.00 each, representing "lights" in honor or in memory of loved ones. Each name is written on a tag and is placed on a Christmas Tree which will be lit at the end of the service after all of the names are read. The donations collected are given to local charities. This year we will be supporting **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** and **Lima Rescue Mission**.

We will gather after the service to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to attend this very meaningful Christmas season service!

You may obtain Sign-Up Sheets and purchase Lights of Love at a table in the Narthex after services on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning November 1st. **We ask that all names and money be turned in no later than Sunday November 29.**

Please make checks payable to Disciples Women.

On November 1st we recognize **All Saints Day**. It is a time to remember and honor those of our church family and friends who have died. We ask that you keep their families and friends in your prayers. Listed below are the names of those loved ones who died between September 29, 2025 and September 10, 2026.

Perry Truesdale November 4, 2025
Craig Somers December 10, 2025
Sharon DePalma January 9, 2026
Jean Boyd February 12, 2026
Linda Jesko February 24, 2026
Shirley Bixel February 28, 2026
Ron Strange March 7, 2026
Jean Mack May 8, 2026
Karen Kohrn June 10, 2026
Lesli Ryan June 15, 2026
Louise Myers August 15, 2026
Robin Kiriazoglou August 2026

Martha Ingledue November 29, 2025
Doris Sites January 3, 2026
Don Ziegenbusch January 13, 2026
Julie Hibbard February 23, 2026
Bob Kayser February 26, 2026
Helen Corrello March 6, 2026
Gary Harmon April 11, 2026
Michael Myers June 7, 2026
Alexandra Hover June 12, 2026
Dianne Bacome August 13, 2026
Cindy Feathers August 27, 2026

Thanksgiving Special Offering

For more than 130 years, Higher Education & Leadership Ministries (HELM) has supported higher education and theological formation across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Today, HELM partners with 15 colleges and universities and 7 seminaries and divinity houses connected with our denomination.

Your Thanksgiving Offering gifts go directly to these schools to support their students and educational ministries. These funds help provide scholarships, financial assistance, and resources that make a Disciples education more accessible to students preparing for lives of service and leadership.

At a time when the cost of education continues to create significant challenges, your generosity helps remove financial barriers and helps nurture the next generation of Disciples leaders.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to continue higher education in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). You can use the enclosed envelope for your donation and put it in the offering plate on Sunday or Wednesday, or mail or bring it to the church.

Mark your calendar…The Annual Advent Lunch is Sunday, December 6th following our worship service. More information to come in the bulletins.