



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34



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NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST..... NEWS NOVEMBER 2023

You may have noticed our Newsletter is only for November this time! With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays upon us there are many events upcoming and the dates have not yet been set for all. We've decided to break these last two months into separate Newsletters so we can get everything in and still have time to coordinate all the December activities.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Our Newsletter is now available for viewing on our website. There will also be limited copies available in the back of the church. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like a copy mailed to you, please advise either Michelle or Cheryl in the office.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are available for all ages each week at 8:30 a.m. We hope to welcome you soon!

CHECK US OUT.....

ON FACEBOOK at Newberry Church of Christ

OUR WEBSITE.....WWW.NCCWMPT.ORG

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Worship Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Center

2101 Linn Street,
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NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULES

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Nursery 9:30 am

Week 1—Merlyn Sawyer
 Week 2—Anna Monks
 Week 3—Diane Schlee
 Week 4—Michelle Paulhamus
 Week 5—TBD (As Required)

Men at the Table

Jim Smithgall & John Shirey Jr.

Communion Preparation

Pat Bryan & Linda Engel

Serving Communion

Jed Paulhamus & Bobby Heller

Greeter(s)

Sylvia Klopp

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning

9:30 am-Bible Study-Ed/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Evening (3 CLASSES)

7 pm-T2 Women’s Group, Band of Brothers, and Wednesday Night Group -Ed/Fellowship Hall

PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY

Saturday’s

7 am

Monday, November 6th

6 pm-Board Meeting- Ed/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 8th

10 a.m.—2 p.m. , Quilting Club
 Ed/Fellowship Hall



**Thursday, November 16th—DATE CHANGE
 SPECIAL HOLIDAY TURKEY DISTRIBUTION
 3-5 pm -Fresh Express Food Giveaway
 Ed/Fellowship Hall**

STATS

Date	Morning Worship	Children’s Church	Sunday School	Offering
09/03	89	8	18	\$4418.00
09/10	91	7	23	\$2503.00
09/17	91	7	24	\$2560.00
09/24	91	12	19/3	\$4046.00
10/01	102	8	25/4	\$3835.00
10/08	99	7	21/2	\$2500.00
10/15	113	13	19/4	\$3801.00
10/22	85	11	19/4	\$2872.55

Thursday, November 16th

6 pm—4-H Meeting - Ed/Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70+ YEARS

November

Pat Porter November 20
 Dan Lehman November 22
 Joe Welch November 30
 Clara Williamson November 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 40+ YEARS

November

John and Jenny Lannon November 9
 55 years

According to Johnny...
by John Shirey

As we enter the month of November we begin to focus on the themes of Thanksgiving and Praise.

We have so much to be thankful for, don't we? We have so much to praise God for. When I just stop and think of all that the Lord has done that give me reason to be grateful and to give Him my praise, it doesn't take long to become overwhelmed by God's goodness.

My salvation, my forgiveness, my Identity in Christ, the promise of eternal life, my wife, my children, my family, my church family, His provision of my every need...and the list could go on and on! I'm reminded of the words to that famous hymn... *"Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God has done! Count your many blessings, see what God has done."*

So with all of this to be thankful for, it's no wonder God's word gives us these instructions in **Psalm 100:1-5... Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his**

love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

God is certainly worthy of my worship and my gratitude, and I want to be a man who never stops giving those things to Him.

However, in the New Testament Jesus tells us a story about a man who in spite of all God's blessings, had no gratitude, no praise for God. Take a moment and read **Luke 12:16-21.**

In this man's life and choices, we see no recognition of God's provision. We see no gratitude toward God for his blessings. We see no intention or desire to give back to God out of the abundance that was given to him. And we see no concern for his fellow man; no steps are taken to bless anyone else with the blessings God had given to him.

We do not want to be like this man! We do not want to overlook the fact that all we have comes from the hand of God. **James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..."**

We do not want to fail to give thanks for the great things God has done. We do not want to fail to give back to God an offering as an expression of our gratitude. We do not want to be so focused on ourselves, our own wants, and our own

desires that we fail to bless others with the blessings we have received from God.

So let me encourage you... focus on the blessings and gifts the Lord has poured out on you. Remember that those good things all come from his hand. Look for ways in which you can express your gratitude to the Lord for all that He has done. Also, be watchful for opportunities to bless others with the blessings you have received from God.

Psalm 106:1 Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

In Christ, Johnny

A NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY

Who Is Really in Control?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4:3

"Why do the innocent suffer?" is a question that has plagued the conscience of humankind. And we wonder, "Why do the unrighteous prosper?" Both of these questions can lead to despair, suggesting that life is indeed meaningless.

But this famous chapter of Ecclesiastes poses a solution for life's apparent dilemma. The solution hinges on how one answers a third question—"Who is in control?" If humanity is in charge, then life is a game of chance whose rules are controlled by the most powerful among us. But if a just and loving God is in charge, then life becomes a set of ordained appointments which open the windows of eternity to us.

1. Think of an event of injustice you have personally experienced. What toll did it take on you?
2. Read [Eccles. 3:1-15](#). Describe the Teacher's view of time in [Eccles. 3:1-8](#).
3. How do you interpret this way of looking at time? (Is it despairing or hopeful—or both?) Explain.
4. What negative and positive things does the Teacher say about time in [Eccles. 3:9-15](#)?
5. How would you live your life differently if you believed God had no control?

What consequences of not acknowledging God's authority are taking place in our society?

6. How does God's sovereign control of time and eternity bring meaning to life?

Who Is Really in Control?, CONTINUED.....

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4:3

7. Read [Eccles. 3:16-4:3](#). What observations does the Teacher make in [Eccles. 3:16](#) and [Eccles. 4:1-3](#) about human wickedness?
8. How do you struggle with the tension of knowing God is in control and yet seeing wickedness in control?
9. In the future God will bring judgment ([Eccles. 3:17](#)). For the present, however, God brings us a test ([Eccles. 3:18-22](#)). What is the test and its desired results?
10. Contrast the world view of [Eccles. 3:18-22](#) with that of [Eccles. 3:11-15](#).
11. What kind of perspective results from viewing wickedness from a temporal viewpoint ([Eccles. 4:1-3](#))?
12. What kind of perspective results from viewing wickedness from an eternal viewpoint ([Eccles. 3:17](#))?
13. What is one area in which you need to exercise confidence in God's sovereign control for the upcoming week?

LOOK!

*******DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES*******

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS TO SUBMIT A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS STORY, POEM OR HOLIDAY WISH TO THE CONGREGATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!

PLEASE DO SO IN WRITING AND SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 20TH !



Reminders.....

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

The Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class will begin a new study of I, II and III John in September. We will meet on the second floor of the educational building at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please consider joining us for this interesting discussion and study time led by Jeff Ward.

BIBLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST BUFFET

A children's Sunday School program for kids in Grade 1-7 will be offered this fall at 8:30 a.m. Each week the children will learn a Bible story with a healthy snack/craft to follow. The goal is for them to create their own Bible Cook Book by the end of the season. What a delicious way for young disciples to discover God's word.

"I am the Bread of Life, whoever comes to me will never go hungry"

JUNIOR WORSHIP

The Junior Worship program will be reorganizing for the Fall semester. The Elementary class (Grades 1-4) will be studying the Old Testament story of God's chosen people, Moses and the Ten Commandments. A new class (Grades 5-7) will begin a Bible Quest program, learning bible skills, timelines and Old Testament history.

CELEBRATION 2023

LYCOMING CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 10 AND 11

I LIKE BIG BIBLES AND I CANNOT LIE

PSALM 119:9

SPECIAL GUEST, DAN SMITH, RAPPER, STORYTELLER/PREACHER
WORSHIP LEADER, EVAN GETTIG

YOU CAN VISIT THE CELEBRATION WEBSITE
WWW.THECELEBRATION.WS

ATTENTION LADIES.....SAVE THE DATE

A sister to sister day retreat with Julie Nevel. A special day of worship, teaching and fellowship for the women of Newberry Church is being planned for Saturday, March 9, 2024. Please mark your calendars today and watch for registration information to come!





FRESH EXPRESS.....

SPECIAL DATE FOR NOVEMBER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH. NCC WILL BE DONATING ONE TURKEY PER CAR.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD FROM 11 A.M UNTIL 2 PM THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL WHO ATTEND AND WILL FEATURE A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND A BLANKET GIVE AWAY.

PLEASE NOTE: IN PREPARATION FOR THIS EVENT, THERE WILL BE NO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE SOCIAL HALL MONDAY-FRIDAY THAT WEEK, NOVEMBER 20TH THROUGH THE 24TH. THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us for some daylight Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec 3. We will have a soup and chili luncheon after church and then serenade Newberry to get everyone in the mood for the holidays! Come for one or both events and help spread the reason for season all over the neighborhood!

REMINDERS!!!

WORSHIP TEAM

If you can sing or play an instrument and would be interested in being part of the worship team, please contact Steve Lingle at 717-513-7245

SECURITY / REPAIR

- Please check all external doors when leaving our buildings to be sure they have locked or been locked when you exit.
- If you have any maintenance requests, please fill out a work order form and drop it at the church office or to Jeff Ward.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE

If you haven't yet filled out the form to update your church records, please do so at your earliest convenience. This information is necessary for us to update our Servant Keeper System. Even if you feel you haven't changed anything we'd still like to have a form from you to confirm our current entries. Place your form in the collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary or drop them at the church office. Extra forms are on the table near the collection basket.

Fresh Express/Food

Pantry??? There have been questions about the difference? The **Fresh Express** is just once a month on the first Thursday. The **Food Pantry** is considered emergency food and is available Monday-Friday. Both are no cost and are available to anyone in the congregation as well as the public. There are no income requirements. **Fresh Express** does not



cost the Church anything. Food is donated by Pa. Food Bank. The **Food Pantry** is a minimal cost to the Church through the PA Food Bank, we also can use the extra food from the Fresh Express. The **Food Pantry** gets donations from you, the Congregation. If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to ask Mary Miles, Pat Bryan, Michelle Paulhamus, Cheryl Lose, or one of the Elders....

We are in need of non-perishable items for our food pantry.

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Hamburger Helper
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups

Please contact the office if you have items you'd like to drop off.