



The Witness

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Holiday yummies

Fall can bring colder temperatures, snow days and holiday celebrations. Some folks look out their window to enjoy snowflakes glistening in flight while others bundle up to challenge the chill in the air for some outdoor fun. Holiday celebrations can include gatherings of loved ones who will enjoy grand meals and a variety of desserts.

What is your favorite holiday dessert?

Linnie Grisso enjoys a Chocolate Delight dessert. **Lydia Calahan** and **Russ Calahan** named cookies as their favorite holiday dessert. "Cherry pie," said **Carly Atwood**.

Bradley Neff stated, "Grandma's pumpkin cookies and muffins" are his holiday favorites. Pumpkin Roll is a favorite for **Kourtne Hildreth**.



Holiday desserts abound in the Polley home. Dad, **Adam Polley** enjoys peanut brittle and fudge while mom, **Kimmie** also looks forward to fudge. **Evan Polley** named his favorite holiday dessert as cookies...no bakes and hot chocolate cookies while



his sister **Amelia** claims Christmas cookies and chocolate cupcakes with Christmas sprinkles as her favorite holiday desserts.

Whether you enjoy the season from inside or outside your home, with gatherings or independently, may you be blessed with good food and your favorite holiday desserts.



submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

Welcome, Sharon!!!

Sharon Harper has graciously accepted the reins from **Vicki Beavers** (Thank you so much, Vicki for your years of dedication to this ministry). She will be writing the recipe column and has opted to keep the name, Comfy Corner Creations.

Sharon has been married to her husband **Ronnie** for 52 years! They have two sons, **Jerry (Marla)** and **Eric (Kimberly)**. The couple are the grandparents of **Matthew (Alyssa)**, **Luke** and **Lake** with one great-grandson, **Hayden**.

Sharon is retired from Logan Elm School District where she was a cook at the high school for 32 years.

"When we visited Circleville First Church, the congregation was very friendly and welcoming. The preaching was biblical and we felt God's calling to attend permanently. We have been here for 12 years," she stated. Sharon has been involved in the JOY Ministry, Benevolence Committee, EDGE Team, prayer chain and car show. Then added, "Ronnie and I also served as custodians of the church for 5 years."

Reading and grandkids are the two of the activities Sharon enjoys. Her favorite color is green. Favorite food? She said, "I love all food!!" Philippians 4:8 is her favorite Bible verse, as for her favorite Bible story, the empty tomb in Luke 24 tops her list.

"I was saved at a revival at Pleasant Ridge Church 48 years ago," Sharon recalled. "I love Jesus. Without His love and saving grace I would not be able to deal with life's struggles. Jesus has been faithful in answering so many prayers. I want to be faithful when He returns or calls me home."

Welcome, Sharon to "The Witness" staff!

Operation Christmas Child

We will be sorting items and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this month. Item donations and monetary donations are appreciated



Sort Shoebox items

November 17

2 – 6 pm

FC Hall

Pack Shoeboxes

November 18

7 pm

FC Hall

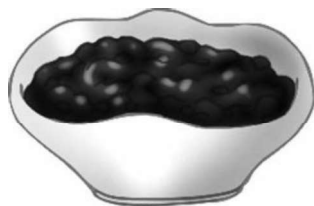


Comfy corner creations

Mom's Cranberry Salad

My mother, **Jane Seymour**, makes this every Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is my favorite dish of the holidays.

- 1 pkg. cranberries
- 1 c. water
- 1 c. sugar
- ¼ t. baking soda
- 2 small boxes cherry Jell-O
- 2 c. hot water
- ½ c. apples, chopped
- ½ c. celery, chopped
- ½ c. walnuts, chopped



Combine Jell-O with 2 cups boiling water. Stir until dissolved—DO NOT let Jell-O set up. Cook cranberries in 1 cup boiling water and 1 cup sugar; add ¼ teaspoon baking soda. Boil gently for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Mix this into the Jell-O; add celery, nuts and apples.

submitted by **Sharon Harper**



Stay connected...Sunday morning worship service is available on DVD. If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service, please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.

Operation Christmas Child

How to prepare a shoebox...

Decide whether to prepare a box for a boy or a girl. Next, determine what age group to prepare your shoebox: 2-4 years; 5-9 years and 10-14 years. So far, simple, right?

So, what should I put in the box? **The most important thing to place in the box is prayer.** Pray for the child, his family and every person who touches this box. Pray for the items you should place in the box (what the child needs).

Next place **toys** such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), dolls, stuffed animals, etc. Also **school supplies** such as pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. You can include **non-liquid hygiene items** like toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc. **Accessories and crafts** such as T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), hair bows, finger puppets, etc. **Other items** such as tools, hammers, nails, screwdrivers, nuts, bolts, screws, soccer ball & air pump (must deflate).



Please Do Not Include: used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; toothpaste; food of any type; candy; gum; chocolate; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

The things children ask for the most are washcloths, soap and school supplies.

You can help meeting the goal is to show needy children God's love in a tangible way.

Church website

circlevillefirstchurch.com



Men's Prayer Breakfast

November 21

Ferguson/Clark Hall at 8 am

Those serving our country—thank you!



Thank you for serving: **Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Brandon Burroughs, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Elijah Garrison, Trent Holbrook, Brittany**

Mozingo, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson. Please pray for these serving our country and their families.

Thank you, Veterans!!

Freedom is not free. Veterans Day is November 11. “The Witness” would like to take a moment to thank and recognize the veterans of Circleville First Church. **Thank you, Veterans from the bottom of our hearts!**

I hesitate to name names due to the fear of missing someone. If you were left out. PLEASE know that no disrespect intended—this was unintentional, I just did not know you are a veteran. All veterans need to be thanked and recognized, if you are a veteran and was overlooked, PLEASE let Kay Agin know and a retraction will be run—I want to recognize all veterans. Thank you for your service! Freedom is not free!



Urban Adams-Air Force

Jeff Burroughs-Air Force-4 ½ years-fuel specialist

Bob Byerly-Air National Guard-active-22 years

Stephanie Jo Chattos-Air Force & Army Reserve- 8 years-personnel & medical dental clinic in field

Ron Cutright-Marines-1974-78-machinist welder

Jim Daft-Army- 3 years-fuel & electrical repair and dispatcher

Bob Dollison-Army-2 years-communications operator

Gary Greene-Marines-4 ½ years-communications operator

Ronnie Harper-Army-2 years-teletype operator

Ed Hatfield-Air Force-4 years-loaded bombs

Delbert Holbrook- Army



Bob Johnson-Navy-4 years-machinist maintenance

Jerry Keaton-Marines

Barry Locke-Air Force-4 years-aircraft mechanic

Dan Mason-Marines-21 years-gunner in helicopter

Dan Namowicz-Navy-4 years-nuclear guided missile cruiser and supply ship

Jeff Oliver-Army- 8 years-airborne infantry

Jerry Parish-Army-15 years

Marcus Paul-Marines-4 years-infantry



Dean Queen-Navy Reserve- 6 years-supply

Tim Tener-Air Force- 6 years -security specialist

Paul Vance-Army-2 years-combat medic

EDGE team ministry

Are you interested in being part of one of the EDGE Teams?

The mission of the EDGE team is to recognize, welcome and encourage new visitors as well as provide continual care of those in the church family by extending God's love to them. As we strive to be an example of Jesus Christ, we will allow God to use our individual spiritual gifts to Evangelize, Disciple, Grow and Equip.

As lay workers, extend God's love to visitors and regular attendees who comes to the church. Simply smile, shake hands, and welcome them. (Due to Covid-19, we are not shaking hands at this time).

The EDGE Team Ministry needs greeters for the second Sunday of the month and baked goods are also needed.

If you would be interested in being a part of EDGE Teams or baking bread/cookies, please contact **Carl or Vickie Moore, (740) 954-3003** for more information.

submitted by **Vickie Moore**

Men's Prayer Meetings

Saturdays

8 am

church sanctuary

Jokes of the month

"Can you do anything to keep my ears from ringing?" asked the patient.

"Umm...Have you considered getting an unlisted head?"



"Is there anything I can do to preserve my hair?" the patient asked.

"No," said the doctor, "but you may be able to shrink your head so that the hair you have fits better."



How do you keep a rooster from crowing on Sunday morning?
You eat him on Saturday.

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Swap shop

If you have an item to give away, an item to sell (no dollar amounts will be printed) or an item you need OR if you are willing to provide a service or if you need of a service, you can place an ad in the Swap Shop.

Just give a brief description of the item, whether this is a free item or for sale or a wanted item OR a description of the service you will provide or need and how to contact you, your name and phone number.



There is a box on the Welcome Center table with a pad of paper and pen you can write down you information and leave it in the box or you can place your ad with **Kay Agin** by calling or texting her at 740/500-9836 or email her at aginkay@yahoo.com

Watch the service live stream on youtube at
circlevillefirstchurch on Sunday mornings at 10:45

Place your tithes and offerings in one of the boxes located on the back-sanctuary wall.



Election Day
November 3

Verse of the month

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 4:6,7



submitted by **Mike Paul**

I would like to take a moment to apologize to **Venita Daft** for omitting the JOY Ministry article in the October newsletter. I apologize for any inconvenience. —Kay Agin

Second Chance Ministry

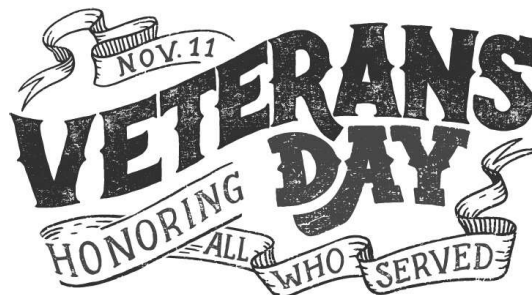
November 6 & November 20

7 pm

Ferguson/Clark Hall



Daylight Savings Time ends
November 1



CFC Kids

This November, grab a package of Skittles with your family and do the Skittles Thanksgiving prayer.

Skittles Prayer for Thanksgiving



Orange - Pray a prayer of thanks to God for everything he has given you: your family, your friends, your church, food, clothes, shelter, toys and anything else you are thankful for.

Yellow - Pray for someone in your life you are thankful for by name. Pray specifically for that person that God would bless them. If they don't know Jesus as their Savior, pray that God would help you tell them how much Jesus loves them.

Green - Pray and ask God to show you how you can give to others this holiday season. Pray that God would show you someone you can help out by spending time with them or giving them something they need.

Purple - Pray for those who may not have food or family to spend time with this Thanksgiving. Pray that God would comfort them and provide them with food and with people in their life to show them love.

Red - Pray that as Christmas season begins after Thanksgiving people would remember that Jesus is the reason we celebrate. Pray that people who don't know Jesus as their Savior will come to know Jesus as their Savior this Christmas.



Born a Savior, this year's **children's Christmas program** will be held **December 20** at 10:45 am.

Thank you for giving individually wrapped snacks! We currently need juice/ Kool-Aid boxes or pouches.

Our children's ministry is growing! With the growth in our children's ministry, we are in **need of a third volunteer on Sunday mornings**. Would you be able to help one Sunday morning a month? This helper will run kids to the bathroom and smaller group time for any child that may need a break from the larger group. Please see **Kiera Yaniga** for questions or to help out in this great ministry!

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

JOY (just older youth)

WOW! We have truly missed all of you and all the fun times we have together. Covid has really changed everything but we know God is in control. I will say Covid has changed some things for the good. I am sorry that all of the summer trips we had planned were cancelled, but there is next year...



We will be having our **Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner on November 7** in the Ferguson/Clark Hall at 5:30 pm. **This will be a carry-in dinner.** We will set up on Saturday morning at 10 am. for those that want to help. **We will practice social**

distancing and work everything out for everyone's protection including how the food will be served. I hope and pray for a large crowd where we can all get together for Christian fellowship--finally.



The program for the evening is a work in progress, so watch the church bulletin for updates. A **sign-up sheet** is located on the back table. **We need** individuals to commit to preparing turkeys. **We also need** individuals to prepare mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, noodles, sweet potatoes, vegetables, deviled eggs, relish trays, salads and desserts. **PLEASE** designate what food item you will be bringing so we will have a variety of foods and enough of each item for a big holiday meal.

Table service and drinks will be provided. Please pray about this special meal--hopefully you can feel comfortable attending, even if you have not been getting out much. If you have never attended any JOY activity and you or your spouse is 50 or above, please try us, you may like us!

We love you all and have truly missed being with you. Hope to see you all soon.

Venita

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REMINDER:

Bible Initiative Reading

10 signs you may not be reading your Bible enough

- 10) You open up your Bible in church and a huge dust cloud rises.
- 9) You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
- 8) You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
- 7) Your favorite Old Testament Patriarch is Hercules.
- 6) A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in the Psalms of your Bible.
- 5) You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
- 4) Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
- 3) You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.
- 2) You keep falling for it every time when Pastor tells you to turn to Second Opinions.

And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

- 1) The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."



submitted by **Jerry Parish**



Children's Christmas Program

Born a Savior

December 20

10:45 am

A church vote was held on October 11 to remodel the restrooms and purchase adjacent property. The vote results: 60 yes; 1 no.



11 – 1 Daylight Savings Time ends

11 – 3 Election Day—Remember to vote!



11 – 6 Second Chance Ministry 7 pm FC Hall



11 – 7 JOY Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner

5:30 pm FC Hall

Set Up 10 am

11 – 11 Veterans' Day—Thank you for your service!

11 – 17 Sort Shoebox items 2 – 6 pm FC Hall

11 – 18 Pack Shoeboxes 7 pm FC Hall



11 – 20 Second Chance Ministry 7 pm FC Hall

11 – 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall

11 – 23 & 24 Decorating Church

11 – 25 Evening Service—cancelled



11 – 26 Happy Thanksgiving!!!

11 -26 & 27 Church Office--closed

11 – 29 Communion Service 10:45 am
Evening Service—cancelled

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



The story behind the song *As the Deer*

In 1984 Marty Nystrom was a schoolteacher in Seattle and since he had the summer off, he decided to go back to bible college, but only for the summer term. Marty headed for Dallas, Texas to Christ For the Nations Institute. He had no idea what was about to happen to him, especially with all that he would be exposed to and the worship emphasis of the school.



Marty had a roommate at CFNI who was a very vibrant Christian. He challenged Marty to go on a fast – which is a period of time when a person refrains from eating solid food in order to give time to the reading of the Bible and to pray.

He accepted the challenge and on the 19th day of the fast, he found himself sitting at a piano trying to write a song. He was simply playing chord progressions when he noticed a bible on the music stand of the piano. It was open to Psalm 42. Marty's eyes fell on the first verse of that chapter... As the heart (deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

After reading the verse he began to sing its message, right off the page. He wrote the first verse and the chorus of a song, pretty much straight through. The whole adventure was completed in a matter of minutes.



Marty had no intention of showing the song to anyone. It was to be for his own devotional time with the Lord. However, before leaving the school to go back to Seattle, Marty did share it with one person, Dave Butterbaugh who introduced it to the students of the school and it became a favorite.

Since the introduction of this song, it has been translated into several languages; it is often sung in other countries; orchestras have used it and has been sung in unusually different styles.

Marty continues to write songs and travel extensively, teaching in worship conferences. In Korea in the 1990s, he attended one such conference and as he walked into the stadium 100,000 Koreans were singing *As the Deer*.

Lyrics:

As The Deer Panteth For The Water
So My Soul Longeth After You
You Alone Are My Heart's Desire
And I Long To Worship You



You're My Friend And You Are My Brother
Even Though You Are A King
I Love You More Than Any Other
So Much More Than Anything

You Alone Are My Strength, My Shield
To You Alone May My Spirit Yield
You Alone Are My Heart's Desire
And I Long To Worship You

I Love You More Than Gold Or Silver,
Only You Can Satisfy.
You Alone Are The Real Joy Giver
And The Apple Of My Eye.



As The Deer Panteth For The Water
So My Soul Longeth After You
You Alone Are My Heart's Desire
And I Long To Worship You

You Alone Are My Strength, My Shield



To you alone may My spirit yield
You alone are My heart's desire
And I long to worship You

submitted by **Mark Agin**

"The Witness" is on the church website

Go to circlevillefirstchurch.com -- This will be the first page of the website

Scroll down beyond *Upcoming Events*;
scroll down beyond *Most Frequently Asked Questions*.

You should see *Upcoming Events* and right under it *To See Our Monthly Newsletter—click or tap here*.

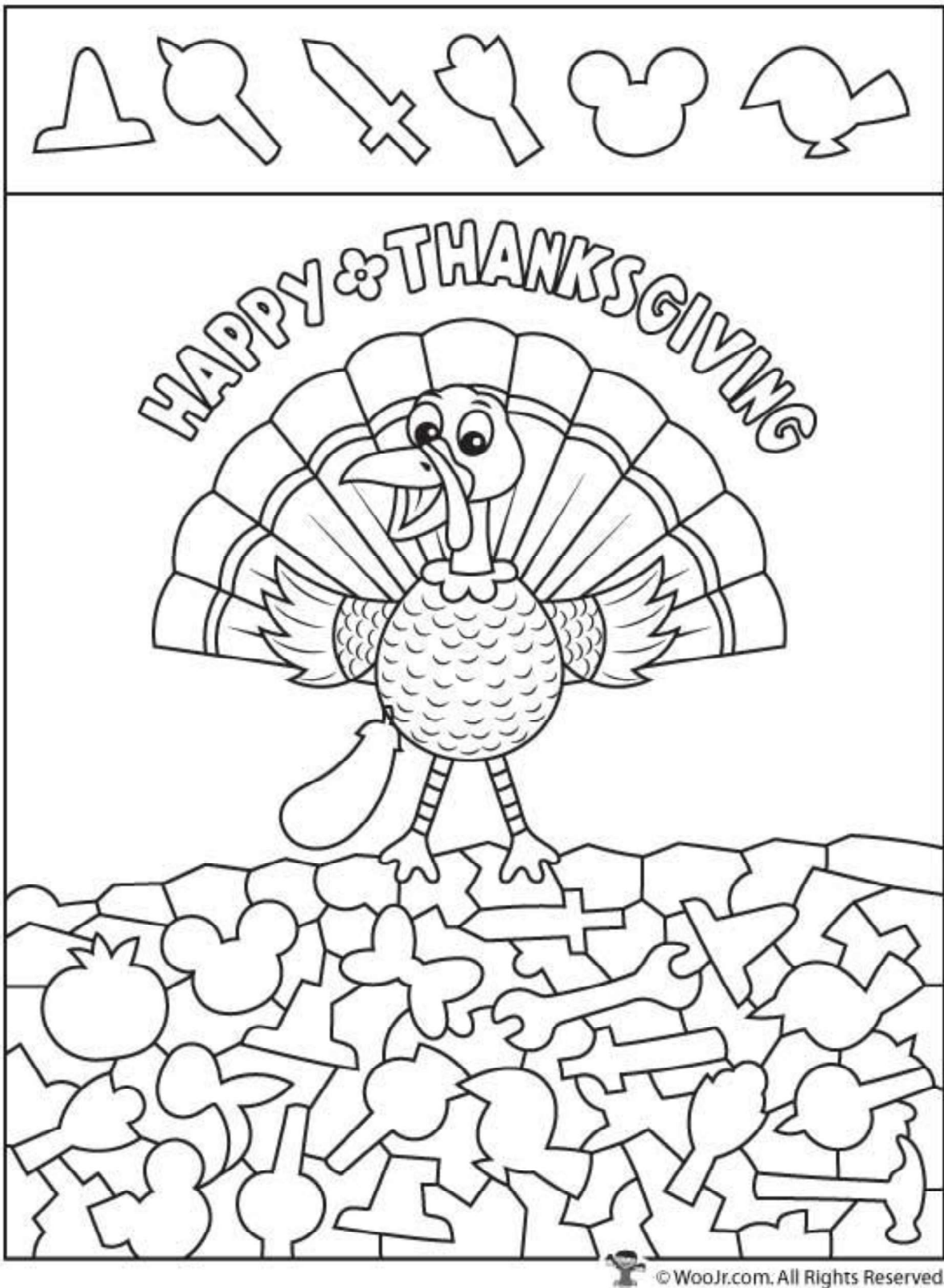
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HELP NEEDED

November 23 & 24

5:30 pm



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