



# Steeple News

November 2011



Gather

My People

Home

Psalm 50:5

# **Stewardship Sunday**

## **November 13**

### **Lunch prepared by EHOVE**

### **Culinary Arts students.**

#### Pastor's Page

Now that the holidays are looming near, the back of my mind is pondering the multitude of busy tasks that lie ahead. Seemingly endless shopping trips, planning for special worship events and the general busyness of this time of the year. At this point, the temptation is there to throw myself a small pity party thinking, "Woe is me. Look at all the things that have invaded my level of comfort."

Just about then, I'm drawn to images of a Marine corporal who is catching a catnap in a hole dug into the sand. Thoughts of young women and men who are entrenched in a dreadful place eight time zones away. I've seen pictures of teenage soldiers with missing limbs and burnt faces and wonder how they will meet life's challenges with physical and emotional scars. And finally, I wonder about the thousands of families who will never again see the youthful faces of their sons and daughters this side of eternity.

During the Second World War a song was written to comfort the hearts of those who were separated by the ravages of war on foreign soil. The words say, "I'll be home for Christmas, You can count on me. Please have snow and mistletoe, and presents under the tree. Christmas Eve will find me, where the love light gleams. I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams."

The other day, my daughter, Valerie, asked me what I wanted for Christmas. Without thinking I said, "Peace on earth." She chuckled and said, "Beside that, what do you want for Christmas?" I couldn't think of anything I really needed or wanted.

We have so much stuff now," I thought to myself. I couldn't help but thinking of lonely teens holding weapons that could cut a human being in half surrounded by munitions that could level a city block. What are they wishing for this

Christmas?

I'll be sitting next to a roaring fire this coming Christmas Eve, sipping apple cider and listening to ubiquitous Christmas songs flowing out of the stereo system. Peace is not a place or a political condition. Peace is a state of mind that can be realized in the comfort of a middle class home or in a foxhole out in the Mesopotamian desert. For believers it's a peace that passes understanding – or location. For most people, peace just seems better when it comes to you in the comfort of our homes. Peace can be realized this holiday season, if only in our dreams.

Let's pray for our troops and the people of the Middle East.

Rev. Gary Proietti



**American Red Cross**

**Blood Drive**

**Friday, December 2,**

in the Fowler Room

Watch for the times.

### **Remember in Prayer**

Jackie Harward, Lois Edwards, LeRoy Hayes, our Government leaders, Jim & Jean Nickols, Tom & Jackie Holland, the Search Committee, the Vision Team, Judy Shover, Don Hupfer, Ray Gibbs, Brad Blaich, Mattie Short ( a 2 year old with Person's Syndrome( Rober Stilgenbauer, William Trauger (Sandy Shively's brother) Barbie and Trish (friends of Marianne Shyder), Lynn Grant, Cheryl Drake

**Thank You**

**To Point of Light**

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for your donation in memory of my dad to Back Bay Missions. — **The Grech Family**

**We are grateful to Erie County United Way** for donating nine boxes of food to our Food Pantry. —**Point of Light**



**Marriage announcements**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

**Jenessa Delamater** married Chris Faller at First Congregational Church. Jenessa is the daughter of John and Brenda Delamater.

**Alison Wallace** married Eric Barney at Maple Grove United Methodist Church in Columbus, OH. Alison is the daughter of Roger and Nancy Wallace.



**Women's Fellowship November Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 1 7:00pm**

Service Project: Making favors for Admiral's Point residents

Hostess: Pauline Malone Devotional: Barb Bement

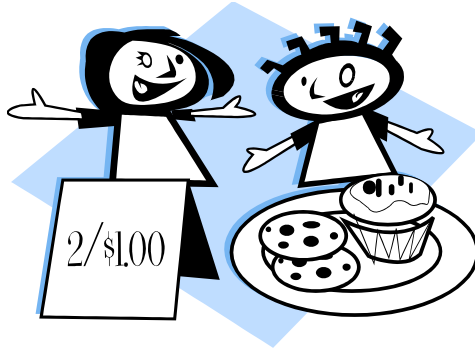
**Women's Fellowship December Progressive Dinner**

**Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm**



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| <b>Salad</b>   | Mary Ann Robinson<br>church Fowler room             |
| <b>Entrée</b>  | Lindsay Aruskevicius<br>97 E. Main Road, Berlin Hts |
| <b>Dessert</b> | Nan Link<br>826 Gloucester Drive Huron              |

**Reservation to Pauline Malone due Tuesday, November 30th.**



**November 19 Holiday Bazaar at**

**Berlin Heights Edison School 9am—3pm**

**Bake Sale** baked goods, cup cakes, candies, cookies, cut out cookies, and fudge, caramel corn, and mixes, **(ingredients information needed)**  
**plus crafts items.**

- ◆ **Saturday, November 5 Making Fudge from 10am-Noon**
- ◆ **Thursday, November 17 Preparing Caramel Corn 10am-Noon**

**Join us in the church kitchen.....making goodies for the Bazaar.**

**—Women's Fellowship**

**Lectionary.....****Laity Sunday: Fall Back Time Change**

**11/6/2011**,TRUE,"Wisdom 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Wisdom 6:17-20 or Psalm 70

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Matthew 25:1-13

**Stewardship Sunday**

**11/13/2011**,TRUE,"Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30 Matthew 25:14-30

**Thanksgiving Sunday/ United Black Christians Anniversary,**

**11/20/2011**,TRUE,"Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23 Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46 Matthew 25:31-46

**First Sunday of Advent Year B,11/27/2011,TRUE,"First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37 —**Diaconate**



### Christmas Stockings to fill!

Women's Fellowship has 16 children's Christmas stocking to fill.

Donation of stocking stuffers would be appreciated.

Suggested Items:

- ◆ Card games like Old Maid or Crazy 8
- ◆ Hair ribbons and accessories
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Coloring Books
- ◆ Candy
- ◆ Candy Canes
- ◆ Stickers
- ◆ Small balls
- ◆ Silly Putty
- ◆ Craft kits

▪ —Women's Fellowship

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Our Pastoral Search Committee: John DeLamater, John Hartman,  
Pauline Malone, Bob Bement, Melissa Johnson and Linda Phillips (not  
pictured).



# Poinsettia Orders Due December 11

**Number and Color**

**Cost \$7.00**

6 1/2 pot

\_\_\_\_\_ **Red**

\_\_\_\_\_ **White**

**Total Amount of Order** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders to Sandy Shively -Diaconate**

**In Honor**

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**In Memory**

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**Christian Enlistment looking for Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. Dates and Times:** Fridays, December 2, 9 and 16 from Noon to 4:30pm and Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17 from 9am to 11:30am. 1/2 hour shifts. All the proceeds will help those in the Berlin Heights community.  
**—Christian Enlistment Barb Bement**

**Fisher Titus Health Ministry**  
 Healthy Habits-Newsletter/ Bulletin Insert

The Thanksgiving holiday is approaching, do not forget to “Give Thanks to God”.

Each year we have a national day of “Thanksgiving,” a holiday set aside for remembering and counting our blessings. We stuff ourselves with delicious food, reunite with family and friends, and enjoy a good football game. This Thanksgiving take a few moments to give thanks to God for who He is and for all His mighty works. Consider each of the “good things” about God that David names in Psalm 103 in light of what you may be experiencing.

- ◆ Forgives all your sins. Regardless of what you have done, God forgives you.
- ◆ Heals all your diseases. God brings you through the tough times and pain.
- ◆ Ransoms you from death. When you were sinking in sin, utterly without hope, God pulled you up, and set your feet on solid ground.
- ◆ Fills your life. Whatever your struggle, God meets your need.
- ◆ Renews your youth. When you feel weak and old, God gives you strength to continue living for Him. (taken from Healthful Hints Vol 1 by Helene Elaine Vander Werff RN-C,

MRE).

***“Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name.”***

***—Psalm 103:1.***

**—Jill Schafer, R. N.**

Fisher-Titus Medical Center  
Health Ministry

**Disaster Kits:** Each Clean-up Kit includes:

- A large container of **Clorox Cleanup\*** disinfectant cleaner
- A scrub brush
- **A metal wire cleaning (not grill) brush\*\***
- A pair of rubber gloves
- A large heavy duty sponge
- Some plastic trash bags
- A common household bucket
- A personal note

**All ingredients should be placed in the bucket, which will be placed in a 12" x 12" x 12" box.**

\* **Please** include this specific brand of cleaner. Other cleaners contain more water.

Most of our kit storage areas are unheated. Other cleaners freeze, the containers break and then leak when thawing occurs, damaging or ruining other kits. Also, please note that this is **not** Clorox **bleach**.

\*\* **PLEASE, NO grill cleaning brushes. They are not effective in a disaster cleanup situation. A metal cleaning brush is needed.** Brushes that you find in grocery stores are usually **not** the type needed. You will find effective metal brushes with painting supplies in home improvement stores.



—[www.ocucc.org/Disaster/disaster/htm](http://www.ocucc.org/Disaster/disaster/htm)

**With the cancellation of Angel Food Ministry, Point of Light Missions** will be starting "**Second Sunday Sharing**" on **November 13**. This is a new mission that will take place on the second Sunday of every month. We are asking that when you are at the grocery store that you pick up an extra non-perishable item or two, that will be distributed during the Angel Closet. Cornell's, in Huron, donated a grocery cart that will be located in the narthex to collect the items. Items can include , macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix and syrup, or general cleaning supplies. ( Please watch the expiration dates on food items. ) We hope that this will help those less fortunate in our area. **Thank you for your support!**

**You probably have noticed that we are using regular coffee mugs for coffee hour.** This is a small step toward "going green". We have placed 2 recycle bins in the Berlin Community Center and they are being emptied every few days by Phoebe Van Zoest of the After School Club. The bins collect plastic / paper and aluminum cans. There are recycle receptacles in the church also. We need to do our part in "going green".

—Point of Light

**Small Tool Wish List  
For Habitat for Humanity**

- 3 Hand Staples
- 2 Guns Pro-foam Insulation
- 4 Cat Paws (nail pullers)
- 6 25' Measuring Tapes
- 4 Scribes
- 2 Wiss Tin Snips
- 12 Nice Paint Brushes (angles)
- Utility Knives and Blades
- Nail Sets
- 2 Scratch Awls
- 4 #2 Phillips Screwdrivers
- 2 Tie Down Straps (Bungies)
- 2 10'x12" Tarps
- 2 10'x16" Tarps
- 3 24" Bar Clamps
- Cash Donation Accepted

**Point of Light**

**Shower for**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Sunday, November 20**

Following Worship.

Check out their wish list.

## **Church is Home because.....**

Church is a place of shelter, a place to be, a retreat to be revived, a place to learn, a place to serve and a place to belong. Home is a shelter, a place to be, a retreat and the place where I belong. Church is home to me. Thanks be to God! — **Barb Bement**

Church is home to me because everyone there is like family to me.

—**Becky Coleman**

Church is Home because of the warm feeling's I get every time I walk in the door, a feeling of calm and fellowship.

—**Sandy Shively**

Home is a place to go to after school, work. A place to meet parents, siblings, spouses. A place to eat, rest and sleep. A place that is safe and comforting. A place to feel wanted, loved. Church...this church, my church. A place to come to after a busy week. A place to feel safe, comforted, encouraged, wanted and loved. A place to come together with my church family. A place to worship my God.

—**MaryAnn Robinson**

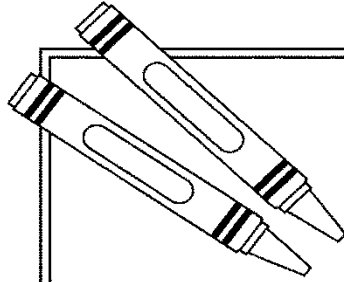
Church is home because home is where the heart is. At church, our hearts are filled with faith, love and kindness.

—**Norma Robson**

Church is home because it is where my spirit can find renewal and purpose. --**Linda Phillips**



Third graders receive their bibles.



# Just for KIDS

## Acts 14:17b

Fill in the blanks to find the words from the Scripture.  
Use the special code.

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**The Berlin Heights Community Orchestra** is preparing to begin practice for the Christmas season. Practice dates at the Berlin Heights Community Center will be at 4:30 Sunday afternoons for about one hour beginning October 23rd, then every other Sunday including November 13, November 27, December 4 and December 18. We hope to play for both the First Congregational Church and the Florence Congregational Church during the holidays. Anyone interested in joining the orchestra should contact Linda Phillips 419-588-2497.

—Linda Phillips

### **Berlin Heights Community Center Update**

The board of directors of the BHCC is happy to welcome Linda Moon as a new member. She brings great administrative experience as well as a passionate desire to help within the community to the board. We are glad to have her with us.

At this time, the Community Center board is involved with finding funds to keep the after school club operating. Towards that end, we are sponsoring **another Spaghetti Supper**. The supper will be **Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>, serving from 6:00pm until 7:30pm**. **Tickets will again be two for \$15.00, kids \$3.00 each**. Take home will be available. Our first spaghetti supper was on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Many parents of AFC kids contributed either baked goods or help in the kitchen. It was a very successful venture and we THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED! Please come and eat more spaghetti on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

A Sandusky Erie County Community Foundation grant has been presented to the Board of the Community Center for some of the expenses of operating the After School Club. The grant for \$2410 was applied for before August 1<sup>st</sup> and was granted October 1<sup>st</sup>. Money from this grant can only be used for certain expenses such as recreational equipment, educational supplies, registration and book keeping, and snacks.

Two raffles are in preparation at this time to provide funds for the center and its goals. Each will involve the sale of just 100 tickets for ten dollars per ticket, and each raffle will give cash prizes totaling \$500 with great chances to win.

Another fundraiser upcoming is a **Comedy Night at the Community Center in Early December**. This will be the first evening entertainment event held at the Center since the very

enjoyable plays of a few years ago. Think about it. Are you a comedian at heart? Do you love humor? You will want to attend, or even participate in the local comedy event. It will be a return to the fun of past performances at the Center. The Board of Directors of the Community Center gives our sincere thanks to all who have supported the goals of keeping the building in operation and promoting community oriented programs. Without this support there would be no center available for community oriented activities.

**—Glen Bernhardt BHCC**

**We thank the Neighbors in Need (UCC offering)** for responding to First Congregational Church grant submission, applying for and receiving a \$2,000 grant for the BHCC After School Club for snacks and programming.

**—Barb Bement**





Window installed in Pastor's Study door.

### **Humor**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous.

When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

## **Two Kinds of People in the World**

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

**November 6th**

**Time Change**

**Fall Back 1 Hour**