

# TOWER NOTES - November 2020

Prospect Street - A United Methodist Congregation

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**Brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Allow me to state the obvious: this has been a very difficult year. We are nearing the end of 2020 as we head into November, and the holiday season is now upon us, beginning with Thanksgiving. I want to invite you to participate in our Thanksgiving service: **Wednesday, November 25, at 6pm.**

Precisely because this has been such a trying season, taking the time and space to reflect for that which we can be thankful in the presence of God and each other is crucial. We Christians are learning that even in the desert-periods of life God is with us and provides daily bread, never leaving us or forsaking us. In giving thanks, we stay anchored, rooted in what God has done and what God is doing. While we are bombarded by "doom-and-gloom" and tempted to give in to despair, giving thanks becomes an act of Christian discipleship and radical resistance in which we decide to stick with God's story, rather than the other stories that seek to pull us into their orbit.

Furthermore, when we find things for which to thank God, our spiritual senses become more attuned to seeing God and being aware of God. The late Henri Nouwen said, "Every time we decide to be grateful it will be easier to see new things to be grateful for. Gratitude begets gratitude, just as love begets love." When I am in the company of other Christians who are aware of the blessings and gifts of God, it helps sharpen my spiritual eyes and inspires me to be open to seeing even more for which to thank God.

I invite you, then, to spend the evening before Thanksgiving with us, as we pray and celebrate and reflect and worship the Giver of all good gifts. We worship and give thanks most especially for the Good Gift which God has given us and the whole world: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

In the love of Christ,

*Pastor Ty*

# Happy Birthday

- 1 Allen Brooks
- 2 Bernie Davidson
- 3 Shelley Standley
- 5 Dana McCrery, Marilyn Sanderson
- 6 Jeff Minner
- 7 Jeff Burriss, Amy Sponseller, Robert Bender
- 8 Rita Brutchey
- 9 Ciera Greene
- 10 Asher Gates, Leland Fassler
- 12 David Starner, Linsey Avery
- 13 Julie Michalski, Caleb Rector
- 15 Mark Norris, Ronita Case
- 16 Lucille Risch
- 19 Myrishka Harrison
- 20 Janey Fassler, Loren Fulton
- 24 Mike Moran, Susan Rockwell, Isaiah Lewis
- 25 Julie Kubbs, Robert Bish, Joyce Miller, Michelle Kelly, Cooper Robinson
- 26 Laura Grover
- 27 David Minner, Amanda Blackburn
- 28 Pete Stambazze
- 30 Clara Bolander, Katy Roszman, Lynn Mullins

***Please pray for our shut-ins:*** Darlene Beveridge, Bob Bish, Rita Brutchey, Kay Castle, Virginia Chaney, Marie Conkle, Ernest & Norma Denney, Susanne Hall, Betty Hampton, William Heineman, Louis & Betty Hughes, Dorothy Houser, Helen Little, Bob Lucas, Beth Martin, Brenda Rider, Trent Standley, and Thelma Starner.

***Our Liturgist for the month of November are:***

- November 1 - Norma Stump
- November 8 - Faye Roszman
- November 15 - Cheryl Doezema
- November 22 - Ronita Case
- November 29 - Jerry Marquis

We will put our new ***Liturgist*** list together for 2021. If you are already on the list but want to be taken off, or you would like to be added to the list, please call Erika.

**REMINDER!!** Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2 a.m. Turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed Saturday night or you will be EARLY for church on Sunday!

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served during both worship services on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2021 Communion Schedule** ~ We are putting together the new schedule for 2021, if you would like to help please contact Molly Lu Balis or the church office.

### **Sympathy Note**

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Ault. Robert went to his heavenly home on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

We express our deepest sympathy to the Spillman-Kear family on the passing of Helen Spillman on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

We express our deepest sympathy to Carolyn Bennett on the passing of her father.

### **Address Change**

Tom & Victoria Zubler, 1175 Cherington Drive, Galion, OH 44833

## *Things to look forward to...*

### **Team Meetings**

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relation Team will meet on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m.

The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Leadership Team will meet on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m.

### **UMW Circle Meetings**

S.K.I. Group ~ Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susie Norris.

Guiding Light Circle ~ Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the church youth area in the basement.

Honoring COVID-19 protocol: masked and distanced seated. Please plan to attend!

**Newsletter Deadline** will be Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, for our December Tower Notes!

**Neighborhood Supper** will be Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 - 5:30 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

We will collect items for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Suggested donations: **Thanksgiving/Christmas Fixins'**. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. If you are not comfortable to bring your donations on Sunday, you can drop them off any day during the week and just leave them in the foyer. Erika will take care of them!

We will once again celebrate a **Thanksgiving Eve Service** on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. Please come and celebrate a short service of thanksgiving for all God has given us.

**Operation Christmas Child** ~ will be a little different this year! We will not collect individual items. We have left over boxes and items that we will fill and only purchase the items that are needed to make complete boxes. To help cover shipping and other costs, you can make a monetary donation. Checks should be made payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church. Please write "OCC" on the memo line. The boxes will be delivered the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Mitten Tree** ~ It's time to bring in mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to place on the Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, the items will be taken to Leapin' Outreach in December and given to those who are in need. It may not be cold while you are reading this, but as we all know, winter comes and many children do not have mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to keep them warm. If you have any questions, please see Lucille Copus or Erika.

**Applebee's Gift Card Fundraiser** ~ Since our annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser was cancelled, we would like everyone to participate in a new fundraiser "Applebee's Gift Card Fundraiser." The order form is included in this newsletter and all you have to do is sell gift cards. These gift cards make great gifts for any occasion, especially with the holidays coming up. Please return the order form with your payment made out to "Prospect Street UMC" no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>! Order forms are also available on the library table in the south alcove. Erika will contact everyone once she receives the gift cards. Profits from this fundraiser are being used to help with the purchase of cleaning supplies that are needed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Help Needed!!** Prospect Street UMC is in charge of the "**Live Nativity**" during the "Christmas By Candlelight" light display at the Marion County Fairgrounds again this year. We manage the display on Saturday and Sunday nights in December. (December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20) We need help to dress the participants on each one of these nights from 5:00-9:30p.m.

Prospect Street UMC is scheduled to portray the characters on Dec.5. The night is divided into 2 sessions - 6:-7:30 & 7:30-9:00. This year we will not need as many participants per session as in the past years because of Covid19 virus precautions. (Mary, Joseph, 1 or 2 shepherds, 1 or 2 angels, 1 or 2 Wise Men) Please prayerfully consider helping with this mission project.

Since many churches are either "Live Streaming" or not having services at this time, we may need additional help on some of the other nights to act as characters. Please consider this, too. Call the church office or call Karen Seckel at 740-389-4163 to offer your time.

**JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!! AND FOR ALL TIMES!!** Thank you, Karen Seckel

**Christmas Eve Services** are in the planning stages. Since we have to keep the attendance low this year, we are thinking about offering three services. What are your thoughts? Call the church office or email your thoughts to pastor@prospectstreetumc.com or secretary@prospectstreetumc.com.

**Monday Morning Bible Study** ~ The group meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

**T.E.A. on Tuesdays** ~ Panera Bread is the place to be on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to be uplifted and supported by a group of sisters in Christ. Please wear a mask!

**2021 Wall Calendars** are on sale again this year for \$8.00. These make great Christmas gifts! Profit will go to the General Fund. Contact the church office.

The **Flower Calendar** for 2021 is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers will be \$45.95. Silk flowers are \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church. Please use the hand sanitizer if you use the pencil hanging on the bulletin board.



Happy November! Can you believe it is "Happy Thanksgiving" time? With this corona virus we have had a rough year. With God we can find so much to be thankful for.

If you know me, you know I'm real big on inviting someone to church. Did you know 86% of people who started attending church were invited by a friend.

I asked Pastor Ty who invited you to church for the first time? His answer, "My uncle Jim." I pray that we all are staying safe and doing what we can to help one another during this pandemic. Please continue to pray for our leaders and our congregation. Love, Peace and Grace be with all.  
Lay Leader Terry Huff

## *Church Finances*

**Consecration Sunday** ~ November 15<sup>th</sup>. You should have received a letter by now with the Commitment Card. You can mail your commitment card to the church or bring it on November 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Thanksgiving Offering** ~ The Thanksgiving Offering has been designated to the General Fund. The Thanksgiving envelopes are included with this newsletter. You can bring your envelope to any Sunday morning service, to our Thanksgiving Eve Service, or mail the envelope to the church. Thank you for your offering.

**Wesley Scholarship Sunday** ~ On Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, you will have an opportunity to help some of our local youth further their education. A special offering will be taken that day to help with funding the Wesley Scholarship that will be given next year. Already the Wesley Scholarship has helped 23 of our youth with their education expenses. They were Eli Burris, Zane Burris, Mike Cook, Ceri Criswell, Haley Criswell, Keeley Criswell, Mary Criswell, Missy Dean, Lillian Smithey, Bradley Flinchbaugh, Katelin Flinchbaugh, Lauren Frank, Mallory Haas, Tyler Haas, Kevin Hoppes, Kalyn Kubbs, Kara Kubbs, Elizabeth Lorenzo, Eric MacFadden, Grant McGinnis, Corbin McKenney, Megan Miller, and Christopher Robinson. All of these youth have expressed appreciation to the church for their help. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special offering envelope in the pews and all the money that is put into the envelope will go to help the youth of your church with their education. You can also mail in your offering to the church office. It will be a fine time to show our support for the youth of our church who are in Higher Education.

2021 *Offering Envelopes* are available on a table in the hallway on the second floor. If you need envelopes or would like to sign-up for E-Tithing, please contact Erika.

**Would you like to enroll in E-Tithing?** E-Tithing is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

The holidays are approaching and you will be busy shopping for gifts, decorations, and more. Please shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and increase our **AmazonSmile** donations. Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4405934](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4405934) and Amazon donates to Prospect Street United Methodist Church.

General Fund Income YTD as of October 23: **\$181,200.27**  
General Fund Expense YTD as of September 18<sup>th</sup>: **\$186,077.92**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Erika  
or see our Treasurer, Pete Stambazze.



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOOD DRIVE ~ I'd like to thank all of you who generously gave to our new Mission Outreach, the Peanut Butter and Jelly Truck. Your gifts will help feed many people who are in need of a meal. In the 3 weeks we collected 45 jars of Peanut Butter, 28 jars of Jelly, 78 cups of Applesauce, 48 Go-Gurt tubes, 450 Lunch bags, 850 Sandwich/Snack bags. If you would like to continue supporting this mission, please drop off your donations in the Church kitchen and I'll take them to their drop off location.  
Thanks Again, **Pete**

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and calls while I was recovering from surgery. They were much appreciated. **Lee Saiter**

Bring on the broccoli! Cruciferous veggies help your gut.

For parents of young children, getting broccoli from the bunch to the belly can require sleight of hand and other tricks. (Broccoli brownies, anyone?) Thank goodness for growing up! Broccoli is a nutrition superstar, loaded with vitamins, minerals, fiber, and disease-fighting phytonutrients. And preliminary research shows that it may also promote a healthy GI tract, which is good news for your health. For starters, broccoli encourages a wide variety of beneficial bacteria in your gut to flourish. And according to a new animal study, it may also help protect against intestinal permeability, also known as leaky gut, a condition in which harmful particles from food pass from the GI tract into the bloodstream. Leaky gut is controversial, but some evidence suggests that it creates inflammation in the lining of the intestines and may contribute to a range of chronic diseases. Now, the mice in the study ate a lot of broccoli — the equivalent of three and a half cups' worth a day! We don't recommend that. For one thing, broccoli shouldn't crowd out other colorful veggies and fruit from your plate. And given broccoli's gas-producing potential, vast quantities may make you a tad unpopular. But start incorporating broccoli into your weekly menu. To jazz it up, go beyond simply steaming it, and try roasting with a little olive oil and salt. Roasting brings out the natural sweetness and adds crunch. Or try broccoli's cousins, like Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. While these veggies weren't part of the recent study, the researchers suspect they offer the same benefits. That's good news for your taste buds, your gut, and your health.

Source: Dietary broccoli impacts microbial community structure and attenuates chemically induced colitis in mice in an Ah receptor dependent manner



## "Alphabet for Thanksgiving"

- A** is for America, adventure, affection, appreciation, and autumn.
- B** we have beauty, benevolence, the Bible, blessings, and books.
- C** suggests Christian, Christmas, Christ, the Church, Communion, and Children.
- D** offers delights, devotion, democracy, disciple, and duty.
- E** gives us Easter, encouragement, energy, enthusiasm, and eyes. Yes, to see.
- F** could stand for father, faith, forgiveness, fortitude, and friendship.
- G** is for God, gardens, generosity, gladness, and grass.
- H** there is healing, happiness, one's husband, home, and hope.
- I** suggests ideals, imagination, immortality, inspiration, and independence.
- J** offers Jesus, journeys, joys, justice, and Joseph.
- K** gives us kindness, the Kingdom, knowledge, kitchen aromas, and kindergarten  
(where you learn all you need to know)
- L** could stand for laughter, liberty, life, light, and love.
- M** stands for Mother, marriage, memory, Mary, and minister.
- N** suggests nature, nation, neighbors, good news, and nurses.
- O** offers opportunities, optimism, orderliness, orchestras, and organ music.
- P** stands for pilgrims, patriotism, parables, physicians, and peace.
- Q** brings to mind quality, questions, quest, and quietness.
- R** could stand for rain, rainbow, reconciliation, religion, and righteousness.
- S** means Sabbath, Sacraments, salvation, serenity, and sincerity.
- T** we have trees, teaching, temperance, tenderness, and time.
- U** suggests unity, unselfishness, uprightness, usefulness, and U.S.A.
- V** offers variety, victory, vigor, vicar, visit, and Voice of God.
- W** brings to mind one's wit, wife, wisdom, water, and warmth.
- X** has limited possibilities: as a monogram sign suggesting "Christ," or X-Rays,  
Xerox, and Xylophones
- Y** says yard, you, yours, yoke, yield, yodel, younger, and youth.
- Z** could stand for zeal, zest, zephyrs, Zero, Zebra, and Zion, our heavenly city.



# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday  8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Traditional Service	2  9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Board of Trustees	3  9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	4  6 p.m. Praise Team	5	6	7
8  8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Traditional Service	9  9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. SPPRT Meeting	10  9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS Sub Prep	11  6 p.m. Praise Team	12  7 p.m. Finance Team  Making Subs	13  5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Sub Pick-Up	14  10 - 11 a.m. Sub Pick-Up
15  8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship	16  9:30 a.m. Bible Study	17  9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. S.K.I. Group 7 p.m. Guiding Light Circle	18  6 p.m. Praise Team  Newsletter Deadline	19  5:30 p.m. Leadership Team	20  5 - 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Supper Carry-Out	21  8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
22  8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Salvation Army Food Pantry Collection	23  9:30 a.m. Bible Study	24  9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	25  6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29  8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship	30  9:30 a.m. Bible Study					



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*Sunday Worship*

*8:30 a.m. ~ Praise Celebration*

*9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School*

*10:30 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship*

*Pastor: Ty Williams*

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*Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

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