



The Weekly News of the  
**Northeast Church of Christ**

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### **ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...**

- ▶ Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- ▶ We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- ▶ About halfway through the service, the children kindergarten through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those 4 years old and under, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- ▶ If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE**

This Wednesday night we will have a devo in place of our normal Bible study time, and then have what we call “**pie church.**” All classes, including the children, will be combined that evening and meet in the auditorium. Bring your favorite pie, and after a devotional we will all go downstairs and eat together.



### **GIVING TREE**



Once again this year we have the opportunity to help two needy families in our area with Christmas gifts. Amy Mickey has put up the giving tree in the back of the auditorium with gift suggestions for the families. Take one or more of the ornament tags, purchase the item, and put the wrapped gift in the basement. Please *lightly* tape the tag on the outside of the package. Do not wrap gift cards. Your gifts need to be at the building no later than Sunday, **Dec. 17.**



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Barb Kramer** is recovering from the first of a two part surgical procedure as a follow up from previous surgery. She requests prayers for healing and good results.

**Judy Eldridge** fell in her home last week and is still experiencing quite a bit of pain.

**Johnny Lynch** will have hernia surgery later this month.

**Jim Graves**, Terry's father, is in hospice care.

**Brielle Hicks**, a little one in Francine Cutright's day care, was rushed to the hospital last week after suffering a seizure. Brielle's mom, **Lenora**, and her family are in need of our prayers during this difficult time.

### HOLIDAY GOODIE EXCHANGE



Plans are being made for a holiday goodie exchange for all the ladies. We hope to include everyone so we want your help to decide which night is best for everyone. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please take the time to check it out and indicate which day is the best for you. We will then make plans accordingly. Thanks to Carla Murray and her helpers for planning this event.

### TURKEY TROT



The **Molly Poe Turkey Trot** Association is looking for walkers, runners or sponsors for their 2017 5K Run/Walk this Thursday beginning at 8:00 a.m. All the funds raised will go for the education fund of Molly & Brian's sons, Caleb and Benjamin. There is a flyer on the bulletin or you can see Brian for more details.

### KIDS CLUB PARTY



Make plans now for the Kids Club Christmas Party on **Sunday, Dec. 17**, after morning services. There will be more details soon but make sure you mark your calendar so you don't miss this fun event.

### MISSION TRIP



Brenda McCraw will travel to South Africa **Dec. 26 - Jan. 8**, with a group of Christians from other congregations for an evangelistic/medical mission. If anyone would like to help Brenda financially for this trip, you can make out your check to Mission Minded Charitable Trust, earmarked for Brenda McCraw, and give your donation to Brenda. You will receive a tax deduction receipt at a later time. Brenda is also collecting used eyeglasses to take on the trip. There is a box in the lobby for your donations.

## THANKSGIVING TRADITION

By Dan Flourney

Thanksgiving has long been an American tradition. We trace its history back to 1621 when Governor William Bradford established a day of thanksgiving among the early settlers of the new world. In the early days of our great nation George Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. In his proclamation, Washington reminded the citizens of the Divine care and protection they had enjoyed before and during the Revolutionary War. Later, during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln made a similar proclamation that read in part:

*“It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.”*

Our forefathers enjoyed Thanksgiving as a time to recount God's bountiful blessings. It was a time for families to be together. It was a time to rejoice and enjoy the simple things of life.



With the increase of affluence, many have become so self-sufficient that they have lost the grace of gratitude. Thanksgiving Day, for some, has degenerated into a day of feasting and football. It is merely an excuse to overindulge. Like ancient Israel, some take life's blessings for granted and forget to acknowledge the blessed Giver. God warned Israel about growing wealthy and forgetting that it was God "that giveth thee power to get wealth" (see Deuteronomy 8:11-20).

May we enjoy Thanksgiving Day with our loved ones. Let us pause to acknowledge our great God and give thanks for his blessings. Furthermore, may we remember to be thankful every day. In the words of Inspiration: "Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father" (Ephesians 5:20).

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### TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday  
**Bible School - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

Wednesday  
**Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.**



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### Our Missions ~ Near and Far

- ✚ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✚ China
- ✚ Church of Christ Care Center
- ✚ Eastern European Mission
- ✚ India
- ✚ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✚ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✚ Nigeria
- ✚ Shults-Lewis Children's Home
- ✚ South Africa

### ELDER CHAIRMAN

**Mark Wilson**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

November 19, 2017

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell  
Song Leader - Mark Wilson  
Sermon - Brian Poe

#### Communion servants for November

Craig Sims                    Dave Anderson  
Steve Karwowski                    John Kaganac

#### Audio visual servitor for November

Jenna Mason                    Craig Sims

### FOR THE RECORD

November 12, 2017

Bible School	61
Sunday Morning Worship	102
Avg. attendance for 2017	113
Sunday Evening Worship	28
Mid-Week Bible Study	29
Contribution	\$3,303.15
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,636.01
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$33.00
Total for 2017	\$1,567.63