

SILO SOUNDINGS NEWSLETTER

OOOPS, DID YOU FORGET?

This is the weekend that all clocks should be turned back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday. (November 1) If you forgot, then when you get to church be sure to get the coffee started!! ☺



BARNSTORMING AT THE BARN

The November Barnstorming event is fast approaching. On Thursday, November 12th we will be fortunate to have Lucas Ward from the Midwest Young Marines as our guest speaker. Lucas was chosen as the National Young Marine of the Year! Part of his experiences was being able to go to Iwo Jima and Guam with veterans of World War II for the 70th year anniversary of the battle. Because Lucas will be talking about his experiences the day after Veterans Day, it would be great to invite veterans and current service men and women to hear Lucas.

Don't forget too that we'll begin the evening at 5:30 with a dinner. Mary Jane Johnson has been responsible for the meals, so we know it will be something good! So please feel free to invite friends, family and co-workers to join you for November's Barnstorming. It runs from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.—you won't want to miss it! ☺



PASTOR AND MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Every year we like to say "thank you" and honor our two pastors and music director for all that they do for us as a congregation. This year is no different as we would like to show our appreciation of Pastor Penny Frame and Pastor Mike Claver along with Nancy Campbell on Sunday, November 15th. As of this writing, I don't know what has been planned for the service, but I'm certain it will be enjoyable. Some years the youth have done the service and on others members of the congregation have taken over. I do know that a potluck will be held following the service this year.

Because we are so good at doing potlucks, you are asked to bring a dish to share. Fried chicken and cake will be provided along with the usual beverages. So plan on staying after the service to enjoy some good food and Christian fellowship.

As a small congregation we were so lucky and blessed when the call went out for a new pastor that we ended up with not one, but two great individuals to lead our church family! And we got even luckier when we were able to talk Nancy out of retirement to once again provide us with the music on Sundays and to lead our choir. Yes, we have been truly blessed.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Yes, I know we haven't even eaten the turkey and we are already talking about getting the church decorated for the advent season. In fact we are planning to do the decorating even before the bird is stuffed and placed in the oven!

On Sunday, November 22 following the worship service we will take the hour or two to get out and put up the "greens." We would like to do it then as the following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and it is always nice to begin with the church appropriately decorated.

So plan on staying and giving us a hand. The more that will do, the quicker we will get done.



ONE IS SILVER AND THE OTHER GOLD

Over the almost 50 years that our church has been open, many people have come through our doors and quite a few of them have left. They have left us for many different reasons. Some have relocated due to jobs, or retired and moved south, or moved to be closer to family, or gone into nursing homes, or found other places of worship, or left us to be with the Lord, or just quit coming. Whatever the reason, it is always special when we get a chance to see or hear from someone who was part of our church family. Just like it is special to greet someone for the first time at "The Barn" and show them around. ☺

Just recently Tom and Nancy Mazich were in town and were able to visit with several of the congregation before they headed back to Florida where they have now retired to. (For those wanting their new address, just contact me for it.) And not much before that we had Lorraine Lindner join us for a Sunday service. ☺

Visits like those always bring a smile to the faces of those that remember back when they were a vital part of our congregation. So if we have you on our email list or snail mail one and haven't had the pleasure of your company in a while, please don't wait until the Christmas Eve service to come again. Stop on by anytime or drop us a line that we will post on the bulletin board. As the old song goes..."Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

November 6—Lisa Grant
November 13—Mike Johnson
November 21—Anna Pearson
November 29—Andy Johnson



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Edna Johnson—for continued good health.
Lois & Gary Mort—for better health for both of them.
Linda Harbaugh—as she works to stay on the road to recovery.
John Harbaugh—is doing well but shoulder surgery still lies ahead for him.
Dorothy Williams**—her MS is taking more and more of her strength.
Dorothy & Pete Vallosio—for continued good health.
Barb Necessary—for pain free health.
Terry Frame—as he recovers from surgery.



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing
We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know
Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided
And bless each and every person invited
Amen!

-Scott Wesemann

THE THANKSGIVING FACTOR

*In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

In the classic autobiography, "The Hiding Place", Corrie ten Boom tells of her sufferings at the hands of the Nazis during the evil reign of Adolph Hitler. Corrie and her sister, Betsie, were incarcerated at the Nazi concentration camp, Ravensbruck, and experienced terrible atrocities there. On one occasion, they were forced to disrobe before the German soldiers. In that awful, humiliating moment, an amazing discovery came to Corrie's mind: "They took Jesus' clothes too. He hung naked for me." When she relayed that wondrous thought to Betsie, she gasped and said, "Oh, Corrie, and I never thanked Him for it."

One of the things that made Corrie and Betsie such dynamic Christians was the fact that they chose to see life from God's perspective. In the worst of situations, they found new insights to praise and thank God.

The Bible tells us that we are to give thanks in everything, the good things AND the bad things. In Psalm 50:23, God says, "*He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me.*" In the hard times, thanksgiving is difficult. It is definitely a sacrifice to thank God in a Nazi concentration camp, but it is so very necessary. Thanksgiving honors God, and when you and I honor God, He honors us (*1 Samuel 2:30³⁰ Therefore the LORD the God of Israel declares: 'I promised that your family and the family of your ancestor should go in and out before me forever'; but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt).*

How is your thanksgiving factor? Are you facing tough times? Have you been griping and complaining about the things in your life that are hard, lonely and frustrating? Why not try praising and thanking God for your difficulty. He knows about it, He is over it, and He cares for you. Without question, He has a purpose in every trial and tribulation. Start today to live a life of thanksgiving. If you will do it, I promise you on the authority of the Word of God, your attitude will change, the people around you will be blessed, and Jesus Christ will be glorified and honored.

Hoping you have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Shalom,

Pastor Penny