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November Refreshment Schedule

	<u>Hostess</u>	
Sunday, Nov. 5	U,V,W,X,Y,Z	Eileen Woodard
Sunday, Nov. 12	A,B,C,D,E	Karen Compton
Sunday, Nov. 19	Consecration Sunday	
Sunday, Nov. 26	F,G,H,I,J	Jeri Kris

If your last name begins with the letters of the day, please consider bringing something to share for about 8-10 people. The Hostess will be responsible for preparing coffee, setting out refreshments, and cleaning up for that morning. If you are interested in volunteering to be a host /hostess for a future date, please call Sue Squire at 762-1428.

PRIME TIMERS NEWS

Mark your calendars now for the November 21 Prime Timers meeting. The timely topic will be Christmas trees and other holiday decorations. John Nash from the Purdue Cooperative Extension will present the program at noon in the Ogden Dunes Community Church fellowship hall. For \$9.00 enjoy a festive holiday meal along with good fellowship and useful knowledge. Please note that all are welcome--non-residents, visitors and guests of all ages. Newcomers are especially welcome. Call Jayne Mann at 218-3670 or Judy Petrou at 763-2186 to reserve a spot. Walk-ins are welcome.



COME EXPERIENCE A

Journey to Bethlehem

Join a Free Walking Tour
Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Complete with live animals and refreshments
Indoor/outdoor experience | Wheelchair accessible
For more information, call 219.762.1184

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A Word From The Children's Ministry

Thankful in All Circumstances

Paul writes to the church of Ephesus and encourages them to give "...thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," (Ephesians 5:20 ESV).

If I ask what we are thankful for, the happy things in life typically come to mind. But when we pause to think, are we "giving thanks always and for everything"? Everything? Are we appreciative for the harder things in life?

This topic makes me think of Corrie ten Boom and her sister, Betsie. They were Dutch Christians who hid Jews during WWII. They were eventually arrested and held in a concentration camp. The living conditions were riddled with fleas and sickness, but Betsie encouraged her sister to remain thankful to the Lord. Corrie was not so easily convinced given their situation. They soon realized that the fleas infesting their housing meant that the guards wanted nothing to do with coming inside, meaning they could perform Bible studies without fear of discovery. They could even be thankful for the fleas!

Teaching an attitude of thankfulness to our children is no easy feat; however, here are some simple things we can do:

- Regularly check your own attitude. Display thankfulness to others and express it to and in front of them. Kids will model what they see.
- Pray frequently together, making sure to start with thanking the Lord.
- Teach the young to have a heart of service for both inside and outside the home. Starting early also sets the expectation that they are to be helpful members of the household and society, which can help ward off poor attitudes later in life.
- Practice generosity - we can freely give when we are thankful for what we already have. Encourage sharing and giving when those moments arise. Learn to say no. It is hard to be thankful for what you have if you are always given what you want.

Having an attitude filled with gratefulness and thanksgiving in everything allows us to see how our trials can not only benefit us, but it will draw us closer to God so that we can appropriately give Him all the glory.



ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Stewardship

The first two Sundays of November (5, 12) are our Stewardship Campaign for 2018. Kindly give prayerful consideration for your pledges for next year.

Sunday, November 19

- **Consecration Sunday (taking of pledges)**

Sunday, November 19

- **Thanksgiving Service**
- **Reception of New Members!**
- **Dinner in Honor of our New Members and A Time of Fellowship and Celebration**



Fall Back

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 5th!

Historical Society of Ogden Dunes



English Holiday Tea
at Hour Glass Museum
Sunday, December 3

Noon– 2:00 p.m.
and 3 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

\$15 per person

To make a reservation, please contact

It's Pledge Time

Why we give to the church

We give to the work of Christ's church a portion of the gifts that God has already given us. We give:

- in response to God's grace in sending His Son;
- in response to the love of Jesus Christ's dying for us;
- in response to the gifts of life which we have so abundantly received;
- in response to the opportunities God gives us to discover the meaning and purpose of life;
- in response to His presence in our lives when we need Him the most.



Ogden Dunes Women's Club Arts and Crafts Fair

The Ogden Dunes Women's Club will be hosting their Fall Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ogden Dunes Community Church at 116 Hillcrest Road. A bake sale will be onsite, as well as chili and soup, hot dogs, chili dogs and drinks for eating-in or take-out. Join us for a fun day of shopping and sustenance! Your patronage supports numerous local charities.

Food Drive

The deacons are sponsoring their food drive to benefit the Portage Food Pantry on November 3th, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drop off your grocery bag or monetary donation in front of the

