

# Grace Notes

November 2018

“Come Home to Grace”

From the Minister:

We are entering an exciting time of year we call “the holiday season.” It is an actual season of holidays in a row, celebrated to greater or lesser extent in our society, until we get to January/February. The holidays, in order, are: All Saint’s Day (11/1), Thanksgiving (11/22), Christ the King Sunday, (11/25), Christmas (12/25), New Year’s Day (1/1). These holy days (the basis for the word “holidays”), start for most folks with Thanksgiving. It is a very Christian holy day, originating in practice with the Pilgrims of Plymouth, our spiritual ancestors. Those brave intrepid souls, bumbled into the rocky Massachusetts coastline and literally carved out a meager existence. Though half their number died from disease and starvation, they were thankful to God for the harvest they had managed and for their newfound freedom in their faith in a new land.

While most of us today don’t go through the same struggles for life as these first Pilgrims did, we, as modern day Pilgrims, have our own struggles, and we have much for which to be thankful. Take a few minutes, around the table on Thanksgiving Day, if you are in a family and friend gathering, or even if you are alone, and give to the Lord a heart-felt list of thanks. I believe, after thinking about it, this must be very refreshing to God. Why? Think about it. God is used to hearing a long list of petitions, practically every day. On Thanksgiving, God gets to listen to a long list of blessings for which God’s children are truly thankful. So, on Thanksgiving, make God’s day. Actually offer some thanksgiving. It may actually make *your* day.

Every year the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches publishes a Thanksgiving Proclamation. This year’s was especially well written, so I thought I would share it. It was written by the Plymouth 400 Task Team.

## PROCLAIM THANKSGIVING 2018

We thank God . . .

For Grace and Love  
For a fruitful land  
For a faithful people  
For a place to live our Faith, Freedom and Fellowship.

We give thanks . . .

For those who have cleared the way before us  
For those who inspire us  
For those who serve us  
For those who sacrifice for us.

We are aware that . . .

We are not all we can be  
We do not do all the good we could  
We too often submit to fear  
We do not use the courageous examples before us.

We give thanks . . .

We continue to be called to be a pilgrim people  
To go places we’ve not been before  
To sing songs we’ve not sung before  
To meet peoples we’ve not met before  
To think things we’ve not thought before.

In the year of our God 2018

We are a pilgrim people yet today  
God still speaks to us today  
God is still with us. Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace to all at Thanksgiving, *-Pastor Rob*





### GRO Activities in November:

Busy, busy, so mark your calendar with the following events:

\*Collection day for the *Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes* is November 11. Please don't forget to return yours. Instructions and boxes are in the dining hall.

\*The *Columbiana Christmas Parade* is Friday, November 16. Once again we will warm up parade-goers with cookies and hot chocolate. We will need lots of cookies for the big crowd. Sign up in the dining hall.

\*Our next *Drive-Thru Rigatoni Dinner* is Tuesday, November 20. We will need prep workers in the morning, servers in the afternoon and cake bakers. We've been serving around 100 dinners!

\*The *Way Station Thanksgiving Dinner* at the Upper Room is Wednesday, November 21. We need volunteers to cook and prepare the turkeys for the meal. See Diane Barnes if you are able.

### Hangings of the Greens

After the worship service on Sunday, November 25.

Please plan to stay and help decorate the church for the holidays.



### Come Vote What You Are Thankful For!

Place your vote in the voting box for something you are thankful for!  
We will share your thoughts at Youth Club on Tuesday, November 6 from 4:30—6:00 p.m.  
Be sure to attend and cast your vote!  
Get ready for plenty of fun activities with crafts, messages, songs and a game!  
The menu will be roast turkey, mashed



Jerry & Bobbi Hughes  
November 28, 1969

Mark & Sharon Frost  
November 29, 1969

Earl & Johanna Crecelius  
November 30, 1974

Jack & Evelyn Johnston  
November 22, 2014

## Sunday School News

### Pastor Rob's Class (Middle and High School)

We are working on a project to answer some of the questions we have about heaven. If you think about it, we are going to spend A LOT more time there, than we ever will here! So it would be nice to know what we have to look forward to. Our big question is: "What Is Heaven Like?" This project, right now is being done by Pastor Rob and Alivia Bell. Join us if you want to get on board! We are making a trifold display board and when we are done, we will display it in fellowship hall.



Women's Guild  
Thankoffering  
Sunday

Sunday, November 11.  
The guest speaker is Nicki from the  
Christina House.

There is a basket in the dining hall to collect personal size hygiene products to help out the women and children who may need it. The items will be collected through November 11.



## ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

Look for the order forms in your Sunday bulletins. They will be red, with gold foil wrapping and are \$10.00 each.

The last day to order will be November 25.

### *Those Ministering This Month:*

#### **Greeters:**

11/4: Bill & Cathy Hoover  
11/11: Kim Davis & Tawnya Gologram  
11/18:  
11/25:

#### **Liturgists:**

11/4: Jack Johnston  
11/11: Thank Offering Sunday  
11/18: Becky Stearns  
11/25: Amanda Frost

#### **Nursery:**

11/4: Patty Lanterman  
11/11: Vicki Cope  
11/18: Cathy Hoover  
11/25: Colleen Eisenbraun

**Usher:** Mark Frost

**Elevator Attendant:**

**Candles:** Ann Gustafson

## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time (as if we can actually save daylight!) begins on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Set your clocks one hour BACK when you retire for the evening Saturday night. That way when you come to worship on Sunday you won't arrive a full hour early! But if you do, just join in Jolane's or Debbie's Sunday School classes. You probably will like it.

## Consistory Meeting of October 2018

Members Present: Steve Barnett , Matt Bell, Wayne Bonsall, Logan Cope, Chris Eisenbraun, Mark Frost, Bill Greenawalt, Alex Heintzelman, Patty Lanterman, Cindy Perorazio, Jack Sitler  
Excused: Ed Todd

I. Devotions – Bill Greenawalt Next Month: Wayne Bonsall

II. Duty Roster: October – Elevator: Matt, Usher: Alex November – Elevator: Usher: Mark Frost

III. Informal Discussion/Goal Setting: None

IV. Communications: Coon construction sent letter requesting second half of payment for church tuck pointing. We believe they have not adequately finished the work they promised and will be discussing with them.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September reviewed. 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>: Logan, motion carries.

VI. Financial Secretary Report (M. Bell):

Financial report from September 2018 – Current Fund Revenue: \$12,757. Received 97% of budgeted (\$12,987). Current Fund Expense: \$13,183. Spent 102% of budgeted (\$12,962). At 74% expense and 71% revenue of annual budget through the first 9 months. 1<sup>st</sup>: Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris, motion carries.

VII. Financial Committee Report (Jack Sitler):

In October, the finance committee will be determining the 2019 budget. The income and expenses of October through December of 2017 and January through September of 2018 generally determines the 2019 budget, with consideration for any changes needing made. Any church committee requesting changes should inform the Financial Committee (Matt Bell, Jack Sitler, Janice Heintzelman, Leslie Eisenbraun, Carol Czarneski, Tom Bell, Lois Pittock, Connie Scullion, Logan Cope) prior to Mid-October.

VIII. Pastors Report (R. Joy):

5 Services in September. 14 visitation ministry visits. Visitation at Street Fair. Attended NACCC meeting in CLE. Average attendance down 10.45 congregants compared to last year in September.

IX. Unfinished Business: None.

X. New Business: Movement to approve pastoral vacation on 12/30. 1<sup>st</sup>: Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Logan, carries

Movement to schedule congregational meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> after the worship service for street fair fund disbursement. 1<sup>st</sup>: Patty, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jack, carries

XI. Committee Reports:

-Worship Design – Celebration for Judy's 60<sup>th</sup> on 10/28/18. November 11<sup>th</sup> – Christina House presentation for thank offering Sunday .

-Endowment – Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

-Property – Joseph Painting repaired/painted ceiling defects. Coon Restoration discussion regarding tuck pointing. Thanks to the Grace Church Painters who painted the entryway and other areas.

-Elders – Yearly employee evaluations upcoming.

-Women's Guild – Garden Club dinner mid-October.

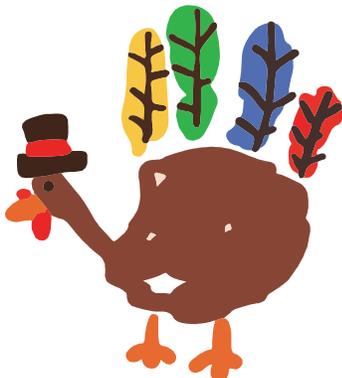
XII. Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting November 5th, 2018 at 7PM.





- 11/1 Tom Hoover  
Cathy Hoover
- 11/4 Theodore Bunevich
- 11/6 Nate Joy
- 11/7 Wayne Lanterman
- 11/9 Bill Hoover  
Samantha Nussbaumer
- 11/10 David Hanna (Jr.)
- 11/13 Dick Weber  
Sharon Frost
- 11/17 Wayne Sitler
- 11/20 Kris Reash
- 11/23 Amber Sell
- 11/24 Kathy Reash
- 11/25 Brady Bell
- 11/26 Gary Scullion
- 11/28 Matt Bell  
Mike Bell
- 11/29 Shelley Reash
- 11/30 Bobbi Hughes  
Heather Kollar



What a beautiful day to remember — my 60th Anniversary Celebration service. The worship service was a service of thanksgiving and an inspiration to share with family and friends. The love from our Grace congregation, Pastor Rob's service, Mark Frost's remarks, and all the personal cards, plus the handmade cards from our young folks are something I will treasure. The innocent looks on the children's faces as they came up to the organ area with their cards was priceless (I still say I have the best seat in the house).

That incredible buffet provided by all the members sure held up the tradition of Grace Church cooks being the best in town. The food and fellowship of the lunch was so heartwarming. Thank you to everyone that was involved in the planning and preparation of this special affair.

The gift card to Chestnut Ridge Sewing Center was just over the top and I thank you all for your generosity. That is my favorite place to shop for sewing treats and classes. Thank you all for your kindness.

— Judy Bott

Dear Grace Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to the Ministerial Assistance and Enrichment Fund in memory of Mr. Fred Ward and Mrs. Norma Ferrall.

We are grateful for your commitment and your expression of fellowship represented by your gift.

—Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Ex. Dir., NACCC

GRO is very grateful for all the support that we are given so that we are able to complete the many missions we do throughout the year. Because of your support, we feel that every member of Grace Church is a member of GRO.

Thanks to you, we were able to recently donate \$200 to Canine Companions, \$300 to the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and \$500 to the Red Cross for Hurricane Relief.

We encourage your continued support and would love to have more helpers at the upcoming events. We have lots of fun and fellowship and get to know our Grace Church Family!



*Be thankful for everything*

When we're faithful, we see that God provides all we need.

Use the list of vowels below to complete the words of Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV.

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L\_\_rd J\_\_s\_\_s Chr\_\_st.”



\_\_ph\_\_s\_\_ns 5:19-20, N\_\_V



Answer:  
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks  
to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV)

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*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV