



# PIFER-FOOTE NOTES....



# NOVEMBER 2017

What incredible courage they must have had, those 102 brave souls who boarded the Mayflower and landed on the shores of New England on November 11, 1620! They had left 66 days earlier from Plymouth, England. Sailing under the auspices of the Virginia Company, they had intended to land in Virginia, but they had been blown off course. Members of the Separatist congregation at Scrooby, their goal was to move to a place where they could create a church that would be separate from politics, from royal control, from the Parliament and from the lordly bishops. The New World promised to be that place where they could worship God according to their conscience.

This was no pleasure cruise! When they arrived, they found wilderness. William Bradford, who governed the colony for 30 years, wrote, “there were no houses...and the wilderness...seemed full of only wild beasts and wild men.”

That first winter in New England was devastating. When spring came, half of the settlers had died. But aided by a Pawtuxet native named Squanto who showed them how to cultivate corn and other crops, they realized a bountiful harvest. In the fall of 1621, they invited their Native American friends to join them in a great feast consisting of turkeys and other wild game, seafood, corn, dried berries and vegetables. For these pilgrims, this three-day festival was not a great indulgence, but a grateful recognition that by God’s grace, they had survived.

Thanksgiving came after hardship! As we prepare later this month to celebrate in our families and to give thanks to God on our national day of Thanksgiving, I invite you to reflect upon the ways in which your little ship has been blown off course in the past year. By what name do you call the wild beasts you have encountered? How has devastation touched your life and who has been there to teach you to cultivate a garden of hope? I believe that our ancestors learned to give thanks as a way of life; it didn’t just happen over a long weekend! May God grant us those same thankful hearts as we acknowledge God’s grace among us!

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*It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Supply Pastor since the end of June. For your kindness and support, I give thanks! You will always have a special place in my heart! Good things are around the next corner for the faith family at Wyomissing UCC!*

Peace,  
Pastor Chris



# Music Notes



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Chicken Corn Noodle Soup Sale this Fall.

Your help with making, selling, and purchasing was much appreciated.

Over 337 qts. were made.

The Senior Choir will sponsor a light lunch following the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19th. Donations of desserts/baked goods will be appreciated!

The choir will be selling poinsettias for the Christmas season. Details will be shared in upcoming weekly bulletins and the December newsletter.



## **CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULES**

**Cherub Choir—After Worship on Sundays**

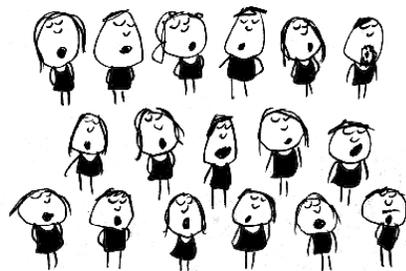
**Adult Bell Choir—6:15 pm on Thursdays**

**Senior Choir—7:30 pm on Thursdays**

All choirs are always looking for individuals who are interested in joining.

It is a great way to give back to the church through music! Consider joining!

## **HAPPINESS IS**



**...singing in a choir.**

# Sunday School Happenings

## Mince Pie Sale

November 21 2:30—4:30 pm

Pies cost \$9.00 each

Deadline for orders is  
Sunday, Nov. 12.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the  
narthex & kitchen.

Be sure to order your pie and  
have a great dessert for Thanksgiving!



Special thank you to all who helped and supported the Apple Dumpling Fundraiser! We made and sold 558 dumplings. The profit was \$2,022.11.



CHRISTIAN ED BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12TH  
AFTER WORSHIP

## Social Ministries

Wyomissing UCC was represented by 12 walkers who joined the Annual Crop Walk held at Grings Mill on October 8.

As Christmas approaches, the gift list for Bethany Children's Home will again be hung on a small Christmas tree in the Narthex. Hanging of the Greens will take place December 3, with a luncheon to follow for all those who volunteer to help with the hanging of the greens.

Anyone who enjoys crafts is invited to join us on the first Tuesday of the month and also come see what we do at our Social Ministries meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month. After our business meeting, we work on current projects and finally gather for a social time during lunch. Next *Craft Meeting is November 7* and *Social Ministries Meeting is November 14*.

**REMEMBER THE DATE, December 9 @ 12 noon (please arrive by 11:30 am)** for the **church-wide Christmas Banquet** to be held at Weaver Markets. The menu will consist of fruit cup, pot roast and turkey, potato filling, gravy, lima beans, baked corn, peas, and carrots. Dessert is apple crumb pie, blueberry crumb pie and ice cream. The cost will be \$17 per adult and \$9 per child.

The entertainment will be provided by Chuck Cahoe. Everyone is invited. Come and join the fellowship for a delicious and entertaining time!

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS RESERVATION FORM TO JANET BLIMLINE  
BY **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.**

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

*The cost is \$17 for Adults and \$9 for Children (ages 4-10)*

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please let us know if you need a ride.*

## November Birthdays

- 6 Evan Ulrich
- 7 Ron Slichter
- 9 Tyler Hill
- Linda Turner
- 10 Hailey Payne
- Samuel Ulrich
- 15 Victoria Ulshafer
- 22 Rachel Ulrich
- 24 Michael Kern
- 27 Joan Texter
- 28 Janet Blimline
- Verna Ulshafer
- 29 Kristen Hill



## November Consistory Greeters

- 5 Bob Hartman
- 12 & 19 Daryn Ebersol
- 26 Richard Diedrich

*“Autumn is a second  
spring when every  
Leaf becomes a  
Flower.”*

## November Acolytes

- 5th Dillon Taylor
- 12th Hailey Payne
- 19th Daryn Ebersol
- 26th Brandon Taylor



## Stewardship Report

Monthly Budget Guideline	\$ 11,739.00
Sept. Offerings	\$ 4,499.25
Sept. Monthly Difference	\$ 7,239.75
Sept. Average Attendance	62



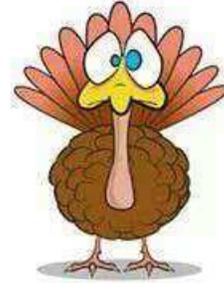
## HILLTOPPER'S

November 2—Anniversary Dinner at Weaver's Banquet Room. Our family style dinner will be served at 12:00 noon. Doors will open at 11:30 am. Entertainment by "Karl Hausman".

December 7—Covered Dish/Christmas Party. Enjoy the delicious food prepared by the women of our club. Let the games, singing, etc. put you in the Christmas spirit.



May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.



May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off your thighs!

*The birthstone for  
November is the topaz.*

*The flower is the  
chrysanthemum.*

## Save the Date

**November 5**—All Saint's Day Remembrance during Worship.

**November 19**—Congregational Meeting after Worship/light lunch.

**November 21**—Mince Pie Sale 2:30—4:30 pm.

**November 23**—Happy Thanksgiving

**December 3**—**Communion**/Hanging of the Greens/  
First Sunday of Advent/  
Lunch for volunteers.



November is  
"National Pepper  
Month."



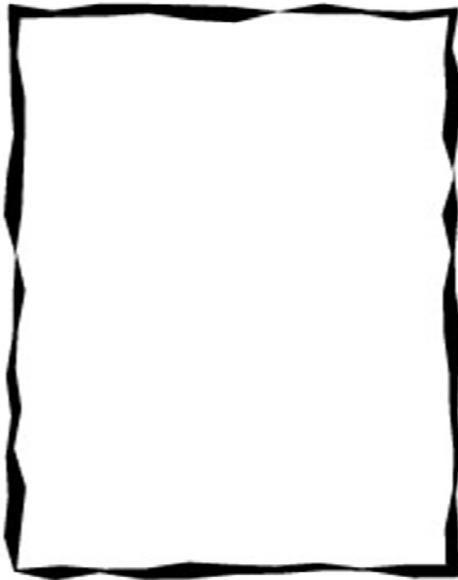
OUR GREATEST GLORY IS NOT IN  
NEVER FAILING, BUT IN RISING UP  
EVERY TIME WE FAIL.

~RALPH WALDO EMERSON

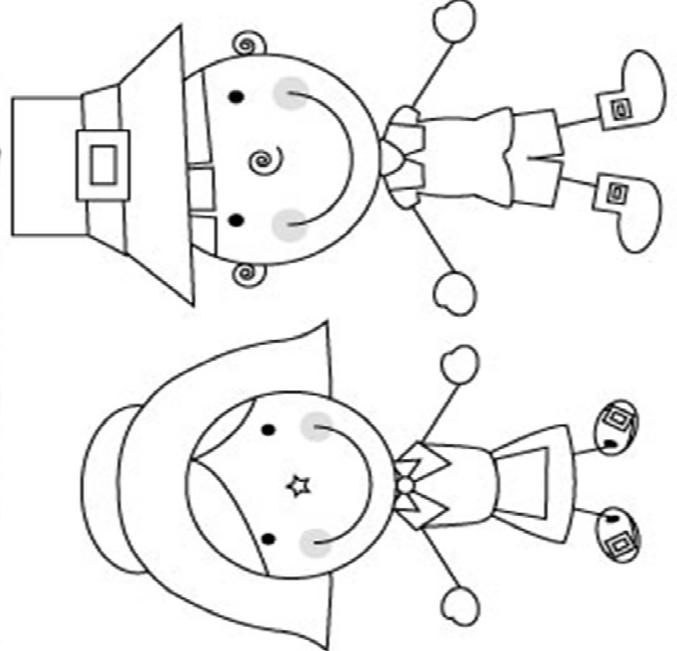
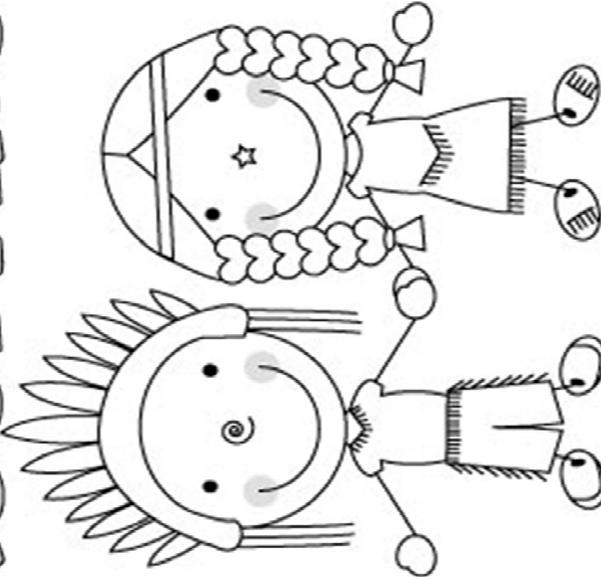
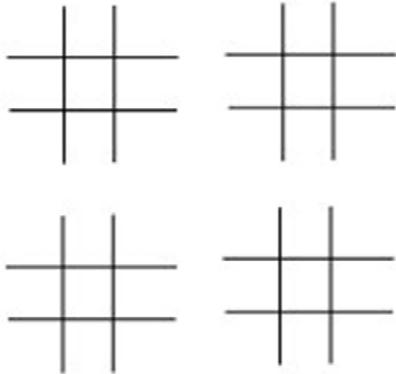


# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Draw a picture of what you're thankful for.



Play Tic Tac Toe with a friend



- Circle the words
- Native American
  - John Smith
  - Pocahontas
  - Pilgrim
  - Columbus
  - Cornucopia
  - Turkey
  - Harvest
  - Santa Maria
  - pumpkin
  - cake
  - Pie
  - ham
  - Nina
  - corn
  - Pinta
  - Peas
  - butter

A M P P I N T A W N Z N F G  
 N A T I V E A M E R I C A N  
 B H Q L N P I E N Y P N I B I  
 C J N G T U N V A Y P N U K  
 D H A R V E S T X O A B T P  
 E K R I P E A S C O R E T M  
 F L S M T N T U R K E Y E U  
 P O C A H I R A M A T N A S N  
 G M A A J O H N S M I T H D H  
 I O E C O L U M B U S C E I

# Consistory Corner

The end of September and October were busy for us here at church! On September 24th, we had our spaghetti supper. While it's not our biggest fundraiser, it's always a great time and brings the church and community together. A special thanks to Kathy Hartman for chairing that event! Let's not forget about the delicious apple dumplings and chicken corn noodle soup fundraisers that took place in October. A big thanks to all who helped with them!

On Sunday, October 8, we participated in the CROP Walk at Gring's Mill. We had 15 walkers and had a nice time despite the hot day and the pesky gnats. It's always a good feeling knowing that community wide walk is about raising funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Speaking of helping others, we will continue to support the hurricane relief through the conference. There are envelopes in the narthex marked 'hurricane relief' if you are able to contribute.

There is no rest for Bob Hartman and other helpers as they take care of different projects or repairs that need to be done around the church. The most recent project was trimming the trees around the labyrinth. We are still hoping to have the walls repaired this fall in the lower section of the Sunday School addition once we get bids back for the repair. We appreciate all the time and dedication our members give to the church!

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -*

*Aesop*

On October 15th, we joined Allegheny UCC in celebrating their 250th Anniversary. What an honor it was to join them. It was an uplifting,

packed full service with great music!

Pastor Christine's last Sunday with us will be November 5th. We thank her for her excellent service to our congregation!

The Consistory has decided on calling Jean DeLong Custer as our supply pastor. Jean is local to the area, and is very excited about starting her calling with us. Please make her feel welcome when you see her!

There is a lot of excitement going on in our church! The new organ and piano are wonderful to hear during worship. The sermons are always inspirational in helping us continue to be better Christians. Don't forget to check out the November calendar for all the upcoming events that you will not want to miss!

*- Dennis Swartz*

## **IMPORTANT:**

**The annual congregational meeting will take place, after Worship, on Sunday, November 19. The proposed 2018 budget and nominations for Consistory will be posted in the church Narthex**

**and side hall bulletin board by Sunday, November 5. We hope as many of you can attend worship and the meeting as possible.**



# NOVEMBER

# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November is National Aviation History Month</p> 			1	2 12 pm Noon— Hilltopper's Anniversary Dinner @ Weaver's 6:15— Handbells 7:30 pm—Senior Choir	3	4
5 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/All Saints Day Remembrance Pastor Christine's Last Day After Worship— Cherub Choir	6 7:00 pm Consistory Meeting	7 10 am Craft Time 	8	9 6:15— Handbells 7:30 pm—Senior Choir	10	11
12 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Communion After Worship— S.S. Board Meeting Pie Orders DUE! Cherub Choir	13	14 10 am Social Ministries	15	16 6:15— Handbells 7:30 pm—Senior Choir	17	18
19 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship After Worship— Congregational Mtg. & luncheon Cherub Choir	20	21 Mince Pie Sale 2:30—4:30 pm	22	23 Happy  Thanksgiving	24 	25
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