

NOVEMBER



Rev. Christopher & Michelle McCain

Greetings Second Congregational,

It's the wonderful month of November when we finally begin to accept that fall is really here. We begin to put away the summer clothes and take out the jackets, coats and hats. We turn off air conditioners and fire up the furnace (ugh). We finally clean and put away the golf clubs

for the season 🍂, and take out the shovels and snow blowers. We prepare for the shorter days and longer nights, but it is also the season of chili and all the heart and stomach warming foods we love to eat. Another great positive about this month of November is we are almost done with the political season, (no more commercials, signs, debates, or any other redder, or banter.) Hallelujah!!! Along with all of this, it's also the season of family, friends and holidays full of Love and togetherness.

November is the month of one of my most favorite holidays. "Thanksgiving" or "turkey day," a time to gather with family and cherish the fact that no matter how tough a year it's been you still have the one thing that matters most and that's each other. As I look back I can truly be thankful for all of the blessings of God in my life and family, in this year. I never could have imagined at the start of this year that all these wonderful changes would have come into my life, especially you Second, the love and acceptance that each and every one of you have showed my family, and even as much as making us a part of your family is the richest blessing of all. (See PASTOR on page 4)

MEETINGS NOVEMBER

- 01 – LADIES LUNCH – NOON –
LAKEWAY RESTAURANT
- 05 – **CHURCH WORK DAY – 10:00AM**
- 06 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
(TURN BACK CLOCKS 1 HR.)
- 06 – COMMUNION & MISSION JAR SUNDAY
- 06 – *Continuous Improvement Committee Meeting – after worship service*
- 08 – **ELECTION DAY – Your vote does matters!!!!!!!!!!**
- 13 – **DIACONATE MEETING** – after service
- 15 – LADIES LUNCH – NOON –
LAKEWAY RESTAURANT
- 20 – **TRUSTEE MEETING** – after service
- 21 – **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DEADLINE**
- 24 – *Thanksgiving Day - Enjoy your family & friends*
- 24 – NO CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
- 27 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 27 – **CABINET MEETING** – after service
- 29 – LADIES LUNCH – NOON –
LAKEWAY RESTAURANT

NOTE: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 a.m.

THE BIBLE – THE WORLD'S GREATEST INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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MY WORD WILL GIVE YOU PEACE

The common denominator for all people at peace is my Word.

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“Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.”

Psalm 119:65





Prayer Requests

Repair of OUR elevator, The Presidential Election, Angel (Dustin & Stacey’s niece), Mike Barnes & Martha King, Aaron Bratys, Marge Coutts, Janet Covell, Elizabeth Coy, Melissa Crouse, Faith in Action Caregivers (for more volunteers, donations, grants awarded), Ruth Ann Falcione, Jean Glover, **Rita Balog Haapala’s family as they mourn her passing, Avery Grace Francis (Rita’s great-granddaughter), Gizella Lavick’s family as they mourn her passing,** Merle Malinowski, Ray McCarty, Tom McCumber, Charlotte Moore, Marilyn Onion, Lucile Roberts, Diane Sanford, Laurie Schoendorfer, Bill Sorenson, Les & Agnes Swanson, Evan Tobias, Tom Tobias, Twila Vas, Kim Wilson, Steve Young, and for *All the brave men & women who serve our military.*

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Julie Mirabell	11/19	Bradley Randolph	11/29
Jennifer (Speelman) Gibson	11/25	Betty Misinec	12/05
John Mirabell	12/06	Thomas Tobias	12/15
Kathryn McCarty	12/16	Natella Askerova	12/21
Jessica Bunnell	12/24	Jan McCumber	12/26
Tyra Miller	12/29	Alan Sidbeck	12/29

forever & always

John & Gloria Furcron	11/29/1963
Tom & Jan McCumber	12/26/1955
Glen & Nancy Warner	12/26/1971
Alan & Janice Sidbeck	12/29/1973



WITNESS
&
MISSIONS



- The current balance as of 10/31/2016 is: \$483.18
- We are again working with Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County by helping to collect new / gently used blankets & bed linens, until the end of November. Sizes and items being sought are: **Twin, Double and Queen size BLANKETS & LINENS** also **CRIB SIZE BLANKETS & LINENS**
- Please continue to support the Faith Lutheran Food Bank. Your food item donations can be placed in the box located in our coat room.
- If you are aware of a ministry needing support please let the church office know so the information can be forward to the Witness & Missions Committee.

Watch for more upcoming projects from our Witness & Missions outreach committee. It is through your generous monthly giving that we are able to support the local needs in our community as well as some international needs.

Thank you,

Al Sidbeck and Rev. Glen Warner





Keeping an eye on those dollars:



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Income on Oct. 30: \$235.00
Income Oct. 1-31: \$5,802.26

Expenses Oct. 31-Nov. 6: \$905.54
Expenses Oct. 1-31: \$5,231.49



OUR CHURCH SCHEDULES:

GREETERS:

- Nov. 6 – Jim & Marilyn Onion
- Nov. 13 & 20 – John & Gloria Furcron
- Nov.27 & Dec.4 – Joe & Diane Surbella
- Dec. 11 & 18 – Kaye Lind

TRUSTEES:

- Nov. – John Furcron & Al Sidbeck
- Dec. – Joe Surbella & Russ Hurd

FLOWERS:

- Nov. 6 – Communion – Diaconate
- Nov. 13 – Gloria Furcron
- Nov. 20 – Kaye Lind
- Nov. 27 – Kathryn McCarty
- Dec. 4 – Communion– Diaconate
- Dec. 11, 18, 25 – Christmas Flowers



Friday, NOVEMBER 11TH



Thursday, NOVEMBER 24TH

ASHTABULA'S



Friday, NOVEMBER 18TH



AAMA COMMUNITY SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH – 6PM



Sunday, NOVEMBER 27TH



(PASTOR - continued from page 1)

I truly thank God for the richness that you all have brought to our lives and I trust that we continue to be blessings in each other's lives. As I look to the future of our togetherness, I am encouraged that God will be with us and help us to accomplish great things for him. So much has been done yet there is a desire to do so much more.

We are still in our Sunday series on prayer and it is so encouraging to hear the responses that I am getting from you in the congregation. It was my prayer and desire that this series would expose you to the wonderful gift that prayer is and its wondrous power in the life of the Christian as well as all it does in our world. Truly, prayer is a priceless power that the believer has been given to change his/her world, and to be a blessing to them individually. Please continue to avail yourselves to this series for I believe it will change you for the better and give you fresh new blessings to share with others, as well as introduce you to a new level of fellowship with Christ through the Spirit and his revelations.

Lastly, allow me to encourage you to enjoy the blessings and all that this holiday season brings. Hold your family close; be generous with the blessings you have been given so that others will be blessed, for that truly is the richest blessing of all and the most rewarding use of your blessings. Remember, the more blessings you share the more blessings he makes sure you have to share. As you prepare to enter and enjoy the season's joys and blessings, remember to take time to be grateful for the true reason we have all these blessings and be willing to share Him with everyone you get a chance to. May God continue to richly bless you & A Very Happy Thanksgiving to each & every one of you.

In the Love of Christ,

Pastor Chris & Michelle McCain

Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

The Faith In Action Caregivers Of Ashtabula County will be hosting a



On Saturday, December 10th, 9am-NOON

RSVP by DEC. 3rd to 440-964-5506

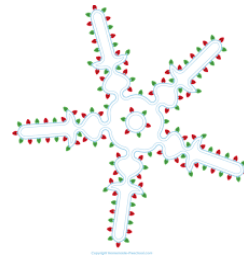
Location: Gateway Church, 2300 Ashtabula-Austinburg Rd, Ashtabula

Take FREE Pictures with your cell phone

Fundraiser Proceeds to benefit Faith in Action Caregivers



You Light Up My Life!



ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

Second Congregational will be helping Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 5:30-9pm at the "Lights on the Lake" display this year. Three Volunteers are needed. Please contact/see David Speelman for more information.



Some "Senior" Personal Ads seen in Florida and Arizona newspapers (courtesy of "WORD of MOUTH of Ashtabula County, Ohio": Issue 339, September 23, 2016)

FOXY LADY: Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'-4" (used to be 5'-6"), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

MINT CONDITION: Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

WINNING SMILE: Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flossier to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

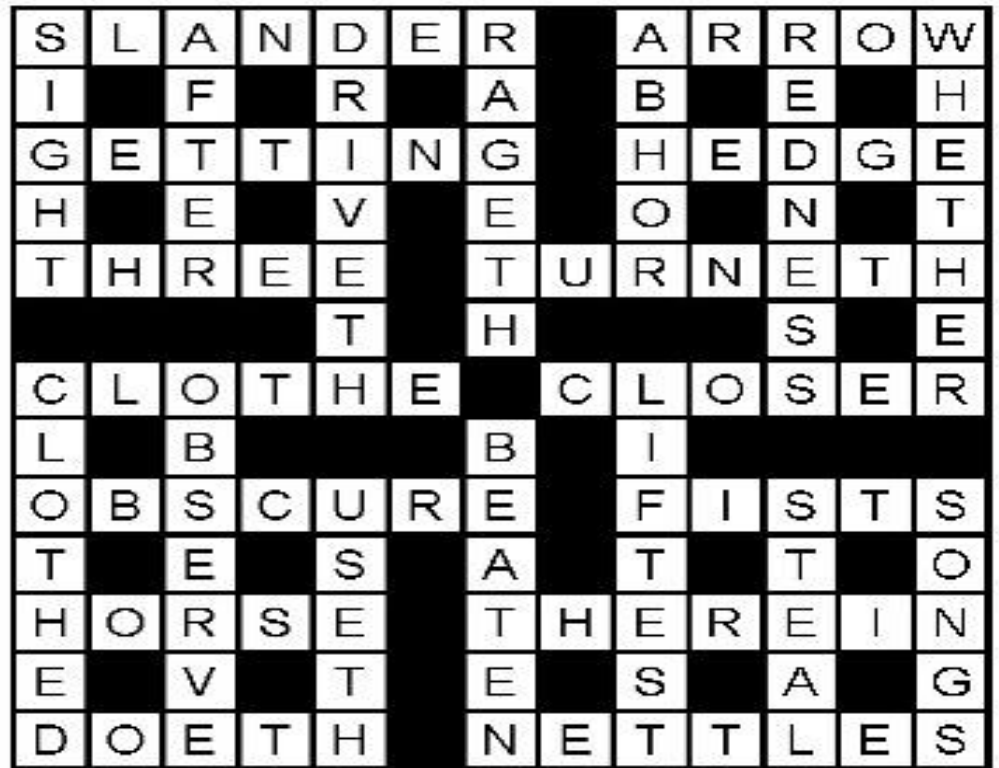
MEMORIES: I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.



Proverbs

ANSWER
KEY TO
OCTOBER'S
PUZZLE.

HOW DID
YOU DO?



The time is quickly approaching for the 18th Annual Samaritan House Main Ave. Miracle Mile Turkey Trot, on November 24th, 2016.

This one-mile downhill road race is an official Ashtabula Distance Runners Club event and is open to all runners, walkers & wheelchair racers.

(SEE FLYERS on the TABLE in the COAT ROOM or CALL the CHURCH OFFICE for more INFORMATION)

HOW MANY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE CAN YOU FIND.....

30 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elanie Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam. Especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

God Bless...

ANSWERS WILL BE IN DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

