

First Church Of God
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November Family Night Meals

\$3.00 for adults - \$1.00 for children

(\$10.00 max. per family)

Date	Tables Set-up By	Meal Prepared By	Menu	Clean-up	Security
1	Ed Crawford Scott Jewell	Doris Crawford Stacy Jewell	Beef Tips Over Noodles Corn Cookies Sign-up to bring cookies	Ed Crawford Scott Jewell	Dale Brown
8	Dave Cunningham	Dave & Connie Cunningham	Sandwiches Chips Pudding	Pat Shoaf Kay Edinger Shirley Racan	Lobo Mitro
15	Barry Freed Rodney Dwyer	Mary Chandler Diane Shaner	Rigatoni & Meatballs Salad Cake Sign-up to bring cakes	Paula VanHorn Joyce Bucci Betty Strohecker	Mark Shaner
22			NO Wednesday Night Program		
29	Ed Crawford Scott Jewell	Stacy Jewell Leslie Quinn	Tacos Fries	Michelle & Jake Pentz	Ron VanHorn

			Cookies	Carrie Tilla	
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NOVEMBER

			1 6:00 PM Beef Tips & Noodles Meal 6:45 PM Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	2 6:00 PM Discipleship Team Meeting 6:45 PM EOB Team Meeting	3	4 9:00 AM Youth Pumpkin Roll Baking 9:00 PM Prayer Time
5 8:45 AM Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Morning Worship 	6 6:30 PM Volleyball	7	8 6:00 PM Sandwiches Meal 6:45 PM Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	9 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:00 PM Fellowship Team Meeting	10 6:00 PM Veterans Day Dinner	11 8:00 AM Trip to the Strip District in Pittsburgh 9:00 PM Prayer Time 
12 8:45 AM Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Morning Worship NOON Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon	13 7:30 PM Volleyball	14 8:45 AM Young at Heart Breakfast 6:30 PM Ladies' Paint Nite	15 6:00 PM Rigatoni & Meatballs Meal 6:45 PM Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	16 6:00 PM Property Team Meeting	17 THIRST Youth Convention	18 8:00 AM Men's Small Group 5:00 PM Couple's Night Out 9:00 PM Prayer Time
19 8:45 AM Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Morning Worship 6:00 PM Church Christmas Decorating	20 NO Volleyball	21	22 NO Wednesday Night Program	23 	24	25 9:00 PM Prayer Time
26 8:45 AM Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Morning Worship	27 6:30 PM Volleyball	28	29 6:00 PM Tacos Meal 6:45 PM Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	30 6:00 PM Coordinating Team Meeting		

NOVEMBER - WORSHIP SCHEDULES

DATE	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	SPECIAL MUSIC	PRAISE TEAM	SOUND & VIDEO
5	Pastor Phil Conklin	Pastor Phil Conklin	Men's Quartet	Kim Kaufman Lami Ziegler Barry Freed	Fred Ziegler Connie Cunningham
12	Pastor Phil Conklin	Jim Caldwell	Jim Caldwell	Kala Cunningham Doris Conklin Barry Freed	Jay Daugherty Beth Freed
19	Pastor Phil Conklin	Barry Freed	Barry Freed	Ashley Rugh Donna Jones Boyd West	Dave Cunningham Lisa Zeigler
26	Pastor Phil Conklin	Cliff Kaufman	Kala Cunningham	Autumn Heinz Lami Ziegler Barry Freed	Dave & Connie Cunningham

NOVEMBER - MINISTRY SCHEDULES

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	GREETERS	USHERS	DONUT SCHEDULE	SECURITY TEAM
5	Jodi Hall Mary Challis	Jen Parks Cindy Hunter Hunter Tritt	Joyce Bucci & Betty Strohecker	Skip LeViere Fred Tritt Dale Pritchard Dale Brown	Bill & Mary Challis	Dale Brown Lobo Mitro
12	Jen Parks Keaira Cunningham	Brenda West India Cunningham	Boyd & Brenda West	Fred Ziegler Alan Fabritius Stephen Shafran Mike Wawrzynski	Bill & Rose Hufnagel	Alan Fabritius Brad LeViere
19	Jackie Kushner Cindy Hunter	April Haswell Keaira Cunningham	Tom & Cheri Coulter	Mark Shaner Dale Brown Doug LeViere Cody Ziegler	Ron & Paula VanHorn	Mark Shaner Jeff Syphrit
26	Lisa Zeigler Connie LeViere	Jen Parks Austin Ziegler	Paula VanHorn & Kay Edinger	John Hall Fred Ziegler Ron VanHorn Ed Crawford	Fred & Sharon Tritt	Ed Crawford Dr. Roy Kerry

Dear Church Family,

Hi everyone! I am humming the verse of that great hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and just got to the words "morning by morning new mercies I see" – and it makes me think of how EACH DAY the Lord has something new and fresh for us to experience! It is my hope that you are enjoying a NEW blessing from the Lord this day! He is soooooooo good!!

The OVERWHELMING thought and feeling on my heart as I write to you this month is GRATITUDE! My oh my!! You folks have certainly BLESSED me and Doris beyond words with your many cards, kind words, and gifts to us throughout this pastor appreciation month! Thank you SO VERY MUCH for thinking about us and expressing your many encouraging words. It has meant more to us than we can put into words!

Having said that, I want to repeat once again what is continually on my heart – and that is that ALL THE GLORY for ANY and EVERYTHING I (we) do goes directly to our Lord Jesus Christ! Without ANY hesitation I want to "admit" that if there is any good that comes from Doris and/or my ministry – it is because of the presence, guidance, help, and strength that THE LORD gives to us! It is HE that works through us – for HIS GLORY! So, thank you for your kindness and encouragement to us . . . it is a blessing to us as we serve HIM!

Let's all pause throughout this month and give thanks to the Lord for ALL of His goodness to us. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving – the day set aside for us to come together with family and friends to celebrate our many blessings. As you do that, take some special time to STOP . . . PONDER . . . and PRAY A PRAYER of sincere thanks for all that the Lord has provided, for all He has done, and for how He has blessed YOU in particular. You might be surprised as how LONG the list of blessings is!!

Again, our sincere thanks to all of you for a very humbling month of appreciation!! It has meant more than I could print on this paper!! We love and appreciate you all very much!! Thanks, again!!

In His love, Pastor Alice



THANKS TO THE CHURCH FAMILY!!!

***Dear Church Family - Even though we've been gone for 45 years, you are still our Church Family. Thank you for all your love, support, and prayers over the years and especially with Richard's passing. Ask to see the pictures of the people pulling the plow with a rope to break ground for the present church - that was his idea. Thank you for the lovely greens planter and all your cards. Thank you, Pastor, for the hospital visit and for the lovely devotion at Richard's "Celebration of Life". In Christian love,
Blanche Kind and the whole Kind Family

***Thank you to Ron VanHorn and Kim Kaufman for the providing all the log slices for the pumpkin craft night and the upcoming snowman craft night. We appreciate all of the preparation involved in providing our FUN craft nights!

***Thank you to the Bring a Friend Committee - Jim Fatula, Doug & Connie LeViere, and Jake & Michelle Pentz for all of their work and plans for the "Bring a Friend Sunday". What a great day in the life of the church! Thank you to everyone who invited a friend to worship with us! There were 185 in attendance that day and we pray that lives were blessed and seeds were planted!

***Thank you to the Fellowship Team and Kitchen Committee for providing the meal for the Pastor Appreciation Lunch. The meal was delicious as always and the fellowship was a blessing! We couldn't have all the meals we have here at the church without all the wonderful people willing to serve in the kitchen!

***Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for all the cards and the fruit basket that was sent to me when I was in the hospital. I want to thank Pastor Phil for coming every day to pray with me. His visits helped me get through it all. Vallie George

***Dear Church Family, Thank you to everyone for all of the prayers for Tasha and Hayden. Thank you to Pastor Phil for coming and praying with us while she was in labor. Thank you! Stacy Jewell



Operation Christmas Child 2017

Please continue to pray for Rev. Franklin Graham, the Samaritan Purse, and the Operation Christmas Child Ministry to children all over the world.

There's three ways to give and help fill the shoe boxes. The first; shopping for individual items for the "Pack and Pray Party" on November 15th.

Second; you can fill your own shoebox with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. These filled shoeboxes need to be here by Nov. 19th.

And third; you can give a financial donation for the shipping.

New this year, no toothpaste or candy of any kind is allowed in the shoeboxes due to customs regulations.

If you have any questions, please call.

In Jesus' Name, Mary Challis

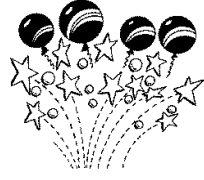


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kathy Rugh
- 2 Colten LeViere
- 3 Lisa LeViere
- 4 Shelly LeViere
- 4 Betty Strohecker
- 6 Maudie Boots
- 10 Evelyn Rae Williams
- 12 Kim Tyler
- 15 Patti Geer
- 15 Pat Lazar
- 20 Alania Peffer
- 22 India Cunningham
- 24 Tom Coulter
- 24 Nolan Johns
- 28 Carrie Tillia
- 30 Beth Freed

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Eric & Anesa Richard
- 8 Shelly & Sally LeViere
- 10 Rob & Jen Parks
- 19 Dale & Wendy Pritchard
- 20 Bill & Patty Snyder



Milestone Celebrations

We would like to celebrate the following "Milestones" with a card shower during the month of November. Please bring in your cards and place them in the boxes in the narthex.

Maudie Boots will be celebrating her 85th Birthday on Nov. 6th and
Tom Coulter will be celebrating his 60th Birthday on Nov. 24th.



Welcome Baby

Congratulations to Jake Tritt and Tasha Jewell on the birth of their son, Hayden Lane Tritt. Hayden was born Oct. 17th and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. He joins big brother Hunter Tritt. Congratulations to "NEW" Grandparents, Scott & Stacy Jewell and Fred Tritt Jr. **AND** Congratulations to the proud Great-Grandparents, Ed & Doris Crawford and Fred & Sharon Tritt.



Ladies' Paint Nite

Ladies are invited to our

"Nativity" paint nite on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 6:30pm. Our color theme for this night is to wear something **YELLOW** or **BLUE** for a starry night. But also keep in mind that you need to wear something that you can paint in or bring an apron. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex with the sample painting and the cost is \$10. We are asking that several of you volunteer to bring a snack to share, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Ladies' Christmas Party

Ladies are invited to our Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30pm. We are asking everyone to bring new underwear, socks, hygiene products, and non-perishable snacks for the homeless that evening. Tanis Fox will be sharing with us about her ministry with the homeless and we'd like to have a great collection of items to give to them. Please wear something **RED** or **GREEN** and join us for some food, fellowship, and fun as we share Christmas with each other and with those less fortunate. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway to attend.



January Snowman Craft

We are planning another craft night in January to make "log" snowmen. Please sign up ahead of time so we know how many to plan for. The date and cost is to be determined.

Ladies' Christmas Collection

The Ladies' Group is hosting a "Christmas Collection for the Homeless" and we are asking the church to join us. We will be collecting **NEW** underwear, socks, hygiene products, and non-perishable snacks for the homeless shelter from Nov. 12th through Dec. 12th. Please bring in your items and place them in the box in the narthex.

Clothing Collection

There is also a collection being held for **GENTLY USED CLEAN** clothing items. These will be given to Table of Grace and Mission from Mars Homeless Organizations. Please clean out your closets and bring the items for the box at church. We are in need of mostly men's clothing. The list includes: duffle bags, book bags, blankets, sweatshirts, coats, sweatpants, hoodies, tennis shoes, boots, t-shirts, flannel shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, long underwear, sleeping bags, hats, scarves, gloves, and tarps- you can get these free at Harbor Freight or for \$2 at Busy Beaver. If you have any questions – please see Kim Kaufman.



Couples' Christmas Party

Saturday, Nov. 18th 5:00pm

Nico's Café on Wampum Ave.

\$35.00 per couple

(Tax & Gratuity Included)

Catered Buffet includes:

Chicken Parmesan, Penne & Meatballs, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Beans,
Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Pie, and Drink.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway by Nov. 5th so reservations can be made. Please see Stacy Jewell or Doris Conklin with questions and to pay.

Veteran's Day Dinner

ALL Veterans of the church and their spouses are invited to a special dinner in their honor on Friday, Nov. 10th at 6:00pm. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert will be served. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway for reservations by Sunday, Nov. 5th.



"Deck the Halls' Party

Please come out on Sunday evening, Nov. 19th at 6:00pm to help decorate the church for Christmas. We need help putting up wreaths, garland, nativities, lights, and several Christmas trees. Plan to join us – we have a lot of fun transforming the church to look beautiful and festive!



Turkeys, Turkeys...

We are in need of four volunteers to bake turkeys for the Annual Holiday Dinner here at the church on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. The turkeys need to be stuffed, roasted, and carved the day before the dinner. The turkeys are provided by the church.

Please see Doris Crawford if you can help!

Church Holiday Dinner

Everyone is invited to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas together as a church family at our Annual Holiday Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 3rd following the morning worship. Ham, turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, rolls, drink, and table service will be provided. Please bring pies, coleslaw, sweet potatoes, or a jello salad to share. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at midnight on Saturday, Nov. 4th as Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 5th.



Pumpkin Rolls

The youth will be baking pumpkin rolls on Saturday, Nov. 4th at 9:00am. The pumpkin rolls will be available for sale on Sunday, Nov. 5th for \$10.00 each.

Please see Lami Ziegler or
Ashley Rugh.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 4th Youth Pumpkin Rolls
- Nov. 10th Veteran's Dinner
- Nov. 11th Strip District Shopping Trip
- Nov. 12th Annual Business Meeting
- Nov. 17 – 19th Thirst Youth Convention
- Nov. 18th Couples' Night Out
- Nov. 19th Christmas Decorating
- Dec. 3rd All Church Holiday Dinner
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service

All Church Trip to Pittsburgh's Strip District

Saturday, Nov. 11th 8:00am

Everyone is invited to go to Pittsburgh's Strip District for shopping, eating, etc. There are ten blocks of walking with various markets, shops and restaurants so wear comfortable walking shoes! Please bring a small cooler if you plan to purchase any meat or cheese. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway to attend. We will be taking the church van and other vehicles. There is a special insert on the table in the narthex with more details!



Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the church is Sunday, Nov. 12th at 1:00pm. We will gather in the fellowship hall after the morning worship for lunch (subs, salad, and dessert) and then return to the sanctuary for the meeting. Please plan to attend as this is a very **IMPORTANT** part in the life of the church.

Pictorial Directory

It is that time again in the life of the church to put together a new Pictorial Directory! We will be working with Life Touch again and every portrait appointment will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a free church pictorial directory. Please set March 23 – 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday Weekend) aside and plan to set up an appointment to have your photo taken. We need you to be a part of our directory! Please see Michelle Pentz or Chris LeViere with any questions!



Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will be going out for breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 14th to Nico's Café on Wampum Ave. We will be leaving the church at 8:45am or you can let us now that you will just meet us there. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway to attend and please bring money for breakfast.



Church Website

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

to Michelle Pentz for updating and working on the church website. She has spent many hours and we appreciate **ALL** of her help! Please check out the updates and information at www.ecfcog.org.

From the EOB Team -

The EOB Team is looking for someone to take over/coordinate this year's Living Nativity in December. Without your involvement, we will no longer be able to provide this outreach to the community. **Please contact Jeff Syphrit or Pastor Phil no later than Sunday, Nov. 12th if you can help.** Thank you!

Also, the EOB Team is trying to gauge interest in participating in this year's Christmas Parade in Ellwood. Specifically, the coordinating and transporting of child/adult characters to and from the parade. **Please contact Jeff Syphrit no later than Sunday, November 12th if you would like to help with the parade.** The parade is Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 3:30pm. They usually meet at the church at 2:00pm to get ready.
Thank you!

"The Messiah"

The Music Club Chorus of New Castle will present "The Messiah" at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, Nov. 26th at 3:00pm. The church is located at 212 North Mill St. in New Castle. Everyone is invited to attend!



Business Meeting Reports

Just a reminder to all "Team Chairpersons" that it is time to write your Annual Reports for the Annual Business Meeting. Your Annual Reports are **due by Sunday, Oct. 29th!!!**

Updated Address/Phone Directory

Please be sure that we have your updated mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers in the church office. I will be printing updated church directories in November for the Annual Business meeting and I would like to have all the corrections and updates **by Sunday, Oct. 29th.**



New Library Books

Please check out these new books donated to the church library.

"Cancer Now What?"

by Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D.

Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead

"The Riverhaven Years"

3 Book Amish Series by BJ Hoff

"The Daughters of Caleb Bender"

3 Book Amish Series by Dale Cramer

"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

by W. Phillip Keller

"A Perfect Day"

by Richard Paul Evans

"Love Finds You In..."

Paradise, PA; Martha's Vineyard, MA; Prince Edward Island, Canada; Charm, Ohio; Homestead, Iowa; Sugarcreek, Ohio; and Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA.

7 New Locations in this Love Series –
by Various Different Authors



Stamp Ministry

The income from the sale of used stamps goes to support preparations, publishing, and distribution of Spanish language curriculum for "Sunday School Projects" in 40 different denominations in 19 different Spanish speaking countries in South America, Central America, and even in the USA. The Stamp Ministry started back in 1972 and has raised over \$800,000 for missions work. There is a box in the narthex labeled "Stamp Ministry" to collect your used stamps. Please see Nora Lee Kerry if you have any questions about this ministry.