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Psalm 111:1-7 (NIV)

Praise the Lord!

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.



Greetings Grace United Methodist Church!

As I write this today, it occurs to me just how eventful this year has been – so far. After all, it's only late October! 2025 at Grace Church has seen a long-serving pastoral retirement, followed by the ministry start of this pastor-dude who came flying in with all these crazy ideas like a Blessing of the Bibles, baptizing a young child, introducing <gasp!> praise music into Sunday worship, and... and... and. Halloween (for us here in Clark County at least) has come and gone, and the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons, with all their pomp and circumstance, are barreling unrelentingly towards us. To say it has been a long and difficult year would be a gross understatement. But as difficult as life has been in our world, our country, and even within our denomination, God's light still shines. Our church still stands strong. But we're just people. People who love God, who love neighbor, and who, above all, still desire to worship and serve, and that is what we will be celebrating and being thankful-for this holiday season.

It sometimes strikes me as odd this time of year, when according to the calendar at least, the year is winding down and coming to a close, with all those associated holiday happenings attached to them; and at the same time, it's the end of the Liturgical Year, where the dawn of the next Advent Season begins in just a couple of weeks. Which reminds me: we've just had our Trunk or Treat celebration (see pictures further along in the newsletter) and it was an amazingly great time. Many thanks to all who came out and participated in showing our neighbors and community that Grace is still here, still serving God, and still loving both friend and visitor. Last week we had our Super Soup Supper Community Meal event, and once again, the people who worship here stepped up with their shared food and volunteerism. A good hunk of funds was added to the general fund through donations, and we are grateful for the giving spirit of those who came.

We have so many great things upcoming on the horizon, and I invite you all to peruse the upcoming schedule of events on offer at our church. Veteran's Day is November 11th, which is why you're seeing the photo taken at Air Force Basic Training. That was July 1980 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Wow; who is that guy? It seems like a lifetime ago. The very next day; Nov 12th, Grace UMC will be hosting a special guest for lunch – Bishop He Soo Jung is coming to visit. Our Bishop is on a mission to visit and pray over every church under his supervision; or in other words, the Ohio Episcopal Area. It won't be long before both West Ohio and East Ohio Conferences will merge into the Ohio Conference, and it is a great honor to have Bishop Jung visit with us and hear not just from me, but any and all of you who wish to come. Again, that's Nov 12, from 11:45am – 1:15pm. Let's fill up the church for the Bishop's visit! On Sunday, Nov 16 following the service we will be having our Charge Conference, with Rev. Ed Fugate as presiding Elder. All are welcome to attend. We will not be having our monthly Fellowship Carry-in "Second Sunday" this month, as it's been moved to Nov 23rd, i.e. the Sunday before Thanksgiving, where we will be having a very special fellowship Thanksgiving Fellowship for our congregation. See me or Becky Frantz if any questions, but it is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with each other; to have a great meal, and truly kick off the holidays in a grand fashion.

I have learned much this past year; at seminary, at life, and through shared experience. Most of all what I've learned is that even through trouble and trial, or perhaps despite trouble and trial, the truth of God's love and light still resonates. It never dimmed, never faltered, never wavered. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So long as we keep our eyes on Jesus Christ, and remain true to our calling and mission, we'll be fine. We will all learn together, and any storms we encounter will be endured. So, my prayer today is that this newsletter finds you with that same hope, that same positivity of spirit around you and within you. We hope you can join us in worship this holiday season. And remember what a former DS, Rev. Dr. Tim Bias said: Don't give up - Keep going - Keep your eyes on Jesus.

In Christ,
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November Scriptures

Nov 1	1 Corinthians 6:19
Nov 2	Romans 5:5
Nov 3	John 14:16, 17
Nov 4	Acts 4:31
Nov 5	Ephesians 5:18
Nov 6	Acts 8:14-17
Nov 7	Acts 10:44-46a
Nov 8	Acts 19:2-6
Nov 9	Psalms 119:65
Nov 10	1 Thessalonians 5:24
Nov 11	Isaiah 54:9, 10
Nov 12	Genesis 9:16
Nov 13	Genesis 28:15
Nov 14	Deuteronomy 7:8, 9
Nov 15	Joshua 23:14
Nov 16	1 Timothy 4:4
Nov 17	Psalms 62:8
Nov 18	Psalms 30:12
Nov 19	1 Corinthians 15:57
Nov 20	Psalms 107:1-2
Nov 21	Hebrews 12:28, 29
Nov 22	Isaiah 55:12
Nov 23	Colossians 2:6, 7
Nov 24	Psalms 7:17
Nov 25	Psalms 145:13-15
Nov 26	Philippians 4:6
Nov 27	Daniel 2:23
Nov 28	2 Samuel 22:2, 3
Nov 29	Exodus 20:6
Nov 30	Colossians 3:17

Prayers Needed:

Phyllis & Larry Garber

John Shough

Janet Blazer

Jeann Powell



Shower of Blessings

Recipient for November:

Larry & Phyllis Garber

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Trunk-Or-Treat!

Our first annual Trunk-or-Treat was November 25th! We had a great time and a steady stream of Trick-or-Treaters. Thank you to everyone who turned out with a decorated trunk! From classic clowns, wicked witches, suspicious spiders, and a rubber duck, we had it all!





Last Thursday, we held our annual Super Soup Supper, opening our doors to the wider community. The event was a wonderful success! We fed so many people that our helpers had to scurry for more soup before dinner and raised nearly a thousand dollars for the church. To everyone who volunteered, donated, or invited people:

Thank you for making this meal so wonderful and we'll see you next time!



Upcoming from Grace:

A Visit from the Bishop

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will be visiting Grace Church on Wednesday, November 12, from 11:45am—1:15. Bishop Jung will speak and we will host a lunch afterwards. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 16th after service. Rev. Ed Fugate will be the presiding elder. All members of the church are invited to stay as we review the past year.

November Fellowship Hour

This month, our Fellowship Hour will be Sunday, November 23, and will be Thanksgiving themed!



Everyone is invited to bring a Thanksgiving dish to share as we enjoy each other's company before the holidays.

Silent Auction

Grace Church will be holding our annual Silent Auction

Saturday, December 14th. We will be looking for people to help and for donations of new or gently used houseware such as blankets, candle sets, or fun dishware. Stay tuned for more!



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI-DAY	SAT-URDAY
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2 All Saints Sunday 7pm NA Meeting	3 7pm Men's Bible Study	4 Election Day Soap Making 7pm NA Meeting	5 11:45am Choir Practice	6 6pm Trustee Mt	7	8
9 7pm NA Meeting	10 7pm Men's Bible Study	11 Veterans Day 7pm NA Meeting	12 11:45am Bishop Hee-Soo Jung: service & lunch	13 6pm All-Church Mt	14	15
16 Charge Conference 7pm NA Meeting	17 7pm Men's Bible Study	18 12pm Women of Faith 7pm NA Meeting	19 11:45am Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 Thanksgiving Fellowship Hour 7pm NA Meeting	24 4:45 Soup Kitchen 7pm Men's Bible Study	25 7pm NA Meeting	26 11:45am Choir Practice	27 Thanksgiving! (Office Closed)	28	29
30 7pm NA Meeting						

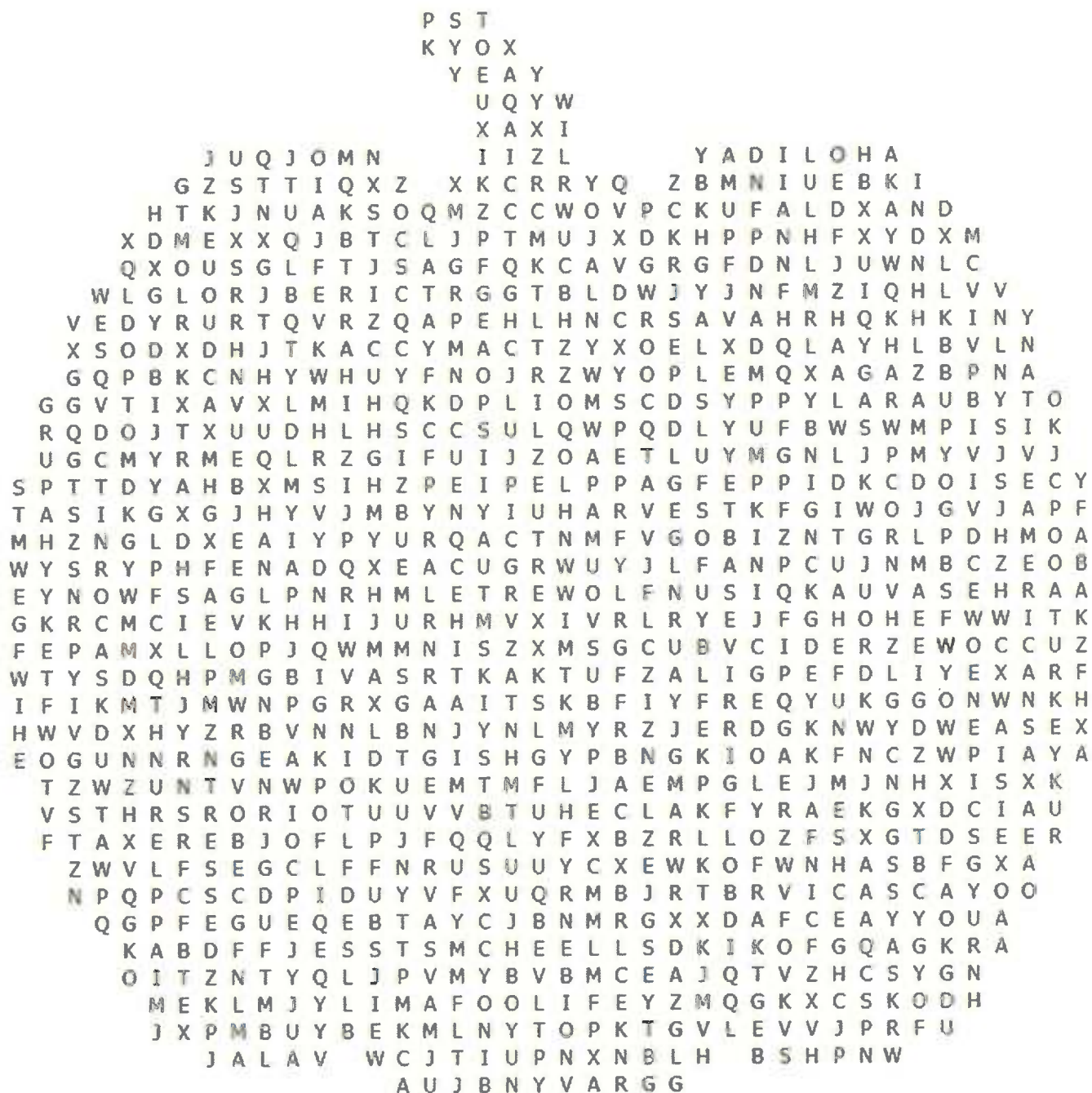




<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte	November	Bruce Eckler
Communion Set-up	Nov. 2	Pastor Rob Stufflebeam
Communion Servers	Nov. 2	Mary Olmstead & Dave Speas
Communion Clean-up	Nov. 2	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	Nov. 2, 9	Mary Ahlborn & Kim Stehle
	Nov. 16, 23	Marilyn & Tom Martin
	Nov. 30	Deb Cooke & Pam Smith
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	Nov. 2, 9	Larry Campbell & Fonda Setters
	Nov. 16, 23	Donna Myers & Barb McCoy
	Nov. 30	Mary Olmstead & Dave Speas
Liturgist	Nov. 2, 9	Becky Frantz
	Nov. 16, 23	Dave Speas
	Nov. 30	Amanda Stufflebeam
Ushers	Nov. 2	Pat & Gene Hart
	Nov. 9	Donna Layne & Greg Hosier
	Nov. 16, 23	Larry Campbell & Dave Speas
	Nov. 30	Donna Layne & Greg Hosier

<u>Counters</u>	<u>Special Music</u>
Nov. 3 Marilyn Martin & Deb Cooke	Nov. 2 Choir
Nov. 10 Connie Mitchell & Aileen Wasser	Nov. 9 Jim Mayhugh
Nov. 17 Kim Stehle & Pam Smith	Nov. 16 Choir
Nov. 24 Mary Ahlborn & Ramona Keeton	Nov. 23 Choir

November Word Search



Acorn

Apple

Apple Pie

Cider

Corn

Dessert

Family

Feast

Gravy

Harvest

Holiday

Hunting

Mayflower

Native American

November

Pilgrim

Pumpkin

Pumpkin Pie

Scarecrow

Stuffing

Sunflower

Thanksgiving

Turkey

Voyage

Jasmin