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Pastoral Perspective

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To the Bethel Murdoch Family,
This is the month to be thankful and I am surely that. From time to time, I try to thank people for things that they do that goes above and beyond the call of duty, so here are just a few reasons and people that I am thankful for this month.

Thank you to Anne Fritz for the Campton KY trip and everyone that donated to such a wonderful cause. Our basement was literally full of stuff. I counted over 100 bags of clothes and other items, not to mention the furniture, etc. Thank you. I'd also like to thank everyone who has participated in our adult Sunday school program. I have been teaching a class on Sunday morning and Steve has been leading a study along with the prayer group on Monday. Thank you to everyone that has participated in those.

I'd also like to thank my wife, Stephanie, and the Mission Committee for their outstanding work. Our Angel Food Ministries Program will be donating 12 Thanksgiving meals this year to needy families. What a way to give back! We also walked in the Hike for Hospice last month with a solid turnout and we've got a

lot of things planned in the coming year.

Finally, thank you to Sue Fields and the Fellowship Committee for Pastor Appreciation Sunday and then Family Fun Night. Both took a lot of planning and work, but I think both went extremely well. I truly do appreciate all of the kind words and cards I have received from all of you. As a Pastor, sometimes you never know how much of an impact, if any, you have made is someone's life. It's always great to hear about it when you do.

The thanks will keep on coming this month. We are going to thank our Veterans with a special Veterans Day Service and Luncheon on November 8th and then we are going to have a Joint Thanksgiving Service with Grace Community and Pleasant Plain on November 22nd at 7:00pm at Grace.

It is a wonderful time of year to stop and recognize all of the things we are thankful for. We should do that year round, but if it takes a turkey and some time with the family to do that, so be it.

In Christ,
Pastor Frank

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Q&A – Inquiring Minds Want to Know:

Q: Pastor Frank mentioned something about checking into a new Reserve unit, what's that all about? Will anything change?

A: Similar to Active Duty, in the Reserves, you can only stay in one unit for so long. Pastor Frank had been with his unit in Columbus for 3.5 years, so it was time to transfer. He is now assigned to a Marine Corps Infantry Battalion, 1/24, out of Detroit. The congregation shouldn't see much of a change, only that his drive is now 5 hours rather than 1.5. He will be assigned to that unit for 3 years as their Chaplain.

Q: What is this Joint Thanksgiving Service? Why do we even have these Joint events anyway?

A: The Presbyterian Church, actually all Christian churches, are united by a common goal. We work together to try to achieve that goal. Bethel Murdoch has a long history with Grace Community and Pleasant Plain in doing just that. We've also done things with Loveland Presbyterian Church, as well. The services, whether it be during Lent or a Thanksgiving Service serve two purposes. One, it's more practical for small churches to share time and resources and combine ser-

Q & A Continued Many Thanks from the Folks at Campton

vices for special events. Two, it's what we are called to do as Christians, to worship with one another. It's also a great way to get to know different people, worship in a different space, and hear a different perspective from time to time. The goal is not competition, but collaboration.

Letters of Thanks

For a very caring Congregation:

God bless you ALL for being so kind- It meant even more than you know.

Thank you for your prayers & kind words during our time of need.

Linda & John Howell &
The Sirk Family

Dear Ms. Flynn,

Thank you so much for registering for the 28th Annual Hike for Hospice which benefits Hospice of Cincinnati.

As you may know, Hospice of Cincinnati is the fourth oldest hospice in the nation and the second to have created an inpatient resident program. Everyone needing the services of Hospice of Cincinnati is welcome regardless of ability to pay. That is why your gift is so important to the patients and families served by Hospice. Many of our most important programs are not funded by insurance-including the Patient Distress Fund for patients with little or no insurance coverage, and our bereavement services that include Expressions-a program especially designed for children who have lost a parent, sibling or close relative.

Again, on behalf of Hospice of Cincinnati and the patients and families it serves, and the committee for the Hike for Hospice, thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,
Ed Osotsky
President & CEO
Bethesda Foundation



The folks at Bethel Murdock church are truly AWESOME! Once again you have freely given to others who need the things we have to share. We sent at least one hundred bags of clothes, purses, shoes, bedding, curtains and warm sweaters and coats to keep folks snug this winter. That was only the half of it. We also sent about 50 boxes of kitchen items, knick-knacks, yarn, quilt squares, glassware, toys, greeting cards, and lots of pretty things that will make someone's birthday or Christmas a little brighter. And in-between all those things we had furniture. We completely filled the trailer that Miss Alice's uncle hauls cars in. We also filled the back of his pick-up truck. One lady and her cousin brought two pick up loads for us to send and ended

up buying some furniture that had been donated. She gave us \$100.00 for the furniture, plus we had two other monetary donations so we had \$140.00 to give to their food pantry. Because of all of you, Good Shepherd of Campton, Kentucky will be able to provide meals for Thanksgiving to those who come for food.

One big concern was how to get enough help to get all those items back up from the church basement. Just as we began to bring things up God sent the Boy Scouts of Troop 53 to our rescue. The scouts were assembling in the parking lot as they do when they go camping. They were in the right place at the right time to lend many hands and made short work of the problem of bringing all the things up to so the trailer was loaded in record time. Hats off to Troop 53 and many thanks for being there for us.

Again, thanks to all of you for your generous donations. May God shower you with blessings and give you all you need. Already we are taking donations for another trip, early in 2010. And thanks for partnering with the good folks of Campton. AF

Christmas In Warren County A Community Concert Seeks Volunteers



CHRISTMAS IN WARREN COUNTY, the popular all Warren County Community Concert now in its' fifth

year is seeking interested volunteers.

The concert which will be held on Dec. 13, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church will once again feature choirs, bells, brass and strings. The theme this year will be JOY TO THE WORLD! The performances of local talented groups are highlighted. Volunteers are welcome in all phases of the event and there are places too for those who

would like to help but are not musically gifted. Please note that the concert will be held the second Sunday of December as in previous years it has been the first Sunday.

For information about volunteering for this year's concert please call : 513-932-3731 or email: darcidoll@juno.com

Submitted by:
Cheri Brinkman
CWCCCC Director/
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Youth Group Schedule 2009

Attention all 6-12th graders! Our youth group will begin on Saturday, November 7 at 6pm at the church. We'll have pizza, games, and discuss our upcoming events. I encourage all of you to come and bring friends. This year will be a mix of food, fun, and missions. All events will be the first Saturday of the month at 6pm, unless noted differently below. Here is our schedule:

November 7 – Kick-off event – At church with pizza

December 5 – Parent's Night Out – Youth Group will baby-sit children of our congregation at the church so their parents can go out on a date or Christmas shopping

January 2 & 3 – 30 Hour Famine – More details about this at kick-off event (see www.30hourfamine.org)

February 6 – Laser Tag

March 20 – Angel Food pick up & distribution (note this is the 3rd Saturday from 7am – 10:30am)

April 3 – Bowling

May 8 – Repair Affair – All day event providing home repairs and modifications that enable low income, elderly and disabled residents to remain safely in their homes (see www.pwchomerepairs.org)

May 15 & 16 – Relay for Life

30 Hour Famine!



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Vision. Churches, youth groups, and schools around the nation will support this event that helps raise funds and awareness for the hungry. Our event will begin on Saturday, January 2 at 8am and will continue through the church service on Sunday, January 3, ending with a break-the-fast meal after church. The youth will be fasting for the 30 hours, learning through some mission and fun, and raising money to

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help some children have food for an entire year. They will prepare and serve a meal at a homeless shelter, compete in an Amazing Race, help with the Sunday morning service, and more. We will need volunteers to help prepare the meal for the homeless shelter, drivers for the Amazing Race, volunteers to host a "pit stop" at your house for the race, help with a candle ceremony in the evening, a videographer, and cooks for the meal at the end of the event. I really encourage all the parents to get their youth involved in this – I think it will be a life changing experience for them.

Those We Care About And Miss

William Anthony (Tony) Robinson
Largo Health and Rehab Center
Room 123
9035 Brian Dairy Road
Largo, Florida 33777

Ann Zabriskie (Barb Rolke's Mom)
8 Boathouse Rd
Hampton Bays, NY 11946

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10065 Morrow Cozaddale Rd
Morrow, Oh 45152

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Cincinnati, OH 45242

2LTMichelle Trauger
P O Box 12332
Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85670-2332

We Need Your Help!

We have an ambitious schedule of events planned for our youth group that require some volunteers. Please look at the youth group schedule and consider helping with one of these events. There are so many different ways to help. We will especially need some manpower for the 30 Hour Famine and some handy people for the Repair Affair. Also, to allow Frank and Stephanie to focus all their attention and energy on the youth, they are accepting volunteers for babysitting!

Women's Advent Service



Attention Ladies!

Mark Your Calendars!

December 2,
2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Women's Advent Service

"Give Us Back That Night"

Come and enjoy this holiday event starring our own spectacular BMPC actors, decorators, bakers, cooks etc. Remember: Invite a relative, friend or neighbor. It may just be where God wants them to be!

Tri Church Bowling League

The Fall Bowling League is in full swing on Monday nights at Eastgate Bowling Lanes on SR 28 between Milford and Goshen. BMPC has several teams bowling and would love your support. Stop by and cheer them on to victory!

Kathy Flynn

November Birthday's & Anniversaries

The members of Bethel Murdoch Church would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary on your special day!

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| 1 | Dana Burkhammer | 14 | John & Gretchen Hoskins |
| 1 | John Howell | 21 | Adam Goodrich |
| 5 | Sarah Volkman | 21 | Kenneth Edward Ross |
| 6 | Stephanie Rupnik | 22 | Tim Compson |
| 6 | Carol Cobb | 23 | Kathy Flynn |
| 8 | Carol Dick | 24 | JT Tullis |
| 9 | Kristin Compson | 25 | Russ Hall |
| 11 | Tom & Margie VanOsdol | 27 | Nick Pace |
| 13 | Jim Cobb | 28 | Skip Keiser |
| 13 | Terry Stouder | 29 | Pat Winchell |
| 14 | Libbey Walker | 30 | Mike Rudkin |

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 145:7

Special Reminders

On Sunday, November 8th, there will be a luncheon after services to celebrate our Veterans. Please bring a dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.



Dates To Remember: November 7, 2009 - Turkey Dinner at Grace from 4-7pm

November 21, 2009-
Grace Craft Show

December 12, 2009 – Pleasant Plain
Craft Show from 9-3pm

Success and Concern for Sunday School

The CE committee is very pleased with the success of the new hours and great lessons for Sunday school classes. Lots of folks have been coming since the program began in early September. The most popular class has been the adult class, led by Pastor Frank. Average attendance each week has been between 10 and 15! So Pastor Frank receives the TEACHER OF THE MONTH AWARD! Congratulate him on a great job when you see him, and if you haven't had a chance to sit in on one of the classes try to make it. Lessons begin every Sunday morning at 9:45 am until about 10:15 am. Find out what's going on. We may be missing something very important. The second largest attendance has been in the Pre-school class (ages 3 to 5), taught by Kristie Howell. I see wonderful crafts coming out of that room and happy, smiling faces. Good job, Kris! And not to slight the blessed nursery workers who willingly miss worship service to cradle and love our little ones so their parents can hear the word of the Lord. Hat's off to Tara Szekley, Sue Fields, Marty Bivens, Stephanie Rupnik, Linda Howell and others who have

volunteered to backup the current nursery staff. Your work is appreciated as well.

My concern is that I have a wonderful, qualified, prepared teacher, who happily took on the Class for ages 6-10, but she has no kids that come to the lesson. Debbie has been very faithful and ready to help kids learn, and it saddens me that the children aren't coming. Please join me in praying that we can find an area where her talents can be used to glorify God, or that we have a bunch of kids show up for that age group. Thanks, Debbie. I believe God will show us where He wants to use your talents. And I would like everyone in the congregation to keep the continued success of the Sunday school in their prayers. AF

Giving Thanks

Thank you for the blessings that you give to us each day;
For friends and family we hold dear, for all you send our way.
We ask that you will guide us well, in everything we do,
And pray we never will forget these blessings came from you.
Amen.


Angel Food Ministries



As part of our Angel Food ministry, we receive \$1 back from the Angel Food organization for every unit that we sell to be used for a mission of our choice. Bethel Murdoch would like to take the money we have earned so far to give some needy families a full Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. We will be giving away five Thanksgiving meals from Angel Food that consist of: 7 lb Perdue Roaster, 2.5 lb Boneless Ham, 2 lb. Frozen Diced Sweet Potatoes, 3.5 lb Frozen Corn Cobbett's, 2 lb. Frozen Green Beans, 1 lb. Frozen Cranberries, 17 oz. Ready to Cook Corn Bread Dressing, 8 ct. Heat and Serve Large Dinner Rolls, 4.5 oz. Brown Gravy Mix, 1 Dessert Item (Pie or Cake), 1 Recipe Sheet with Scripture. Please talk to Stephanie if you know of a family within our church or a family or friend that could really use some food this holiday season. If you would like to donate a box yourself, they are \$36. **Please let us know by November 7.**

November 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Worship Service 10:45am	2 Prayer Group 7:00pm Bowling 7:00pm	3	4 Choir 7:00pm	5 YAH Luncheon 12:00pm	6	7 Angel Food Order Dead-line Youth Group 6-8:00pm
8 Worship Service 10:45am Veterans Day Luncheon	9 Prayer Group 7:00pm Bowling 7:00pm	10	11 Choir 7:00pm	12	13	14 Angel Food Pickup
15 Worship Service 10:45am BD/Anniv. Sunday	16 Prayer Group 7:00pm Bowling 7:00pm	17	18 Choir 7:00pm	19 Session 6:30pm	20	21
22 Worship Service 10:45am Thanksgiving Service	23 Prayer Group 7:00pm	24	25 Choir 7:00pm	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 Worship Service 10:45am	30 Prayer Group 7:00pm Bowling 7:00pm					

Please check the bulletin inserts and office calendar for additional information on committee meeting etc. this month.

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www.thebmpc.org

Our Mission Statement:

Bring People to Jesus,
Educate them in God's truth.
Teach them to love God and each other,
Heal the brokenhearted
Enjoy God and each other, and
Live worshipful lives

Ten Inspirational Reasons to Give Thanks

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of
God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted
for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile
you,
and persecute you, and shall say
all manner of evil against you falsely,
for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad:
for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets
which were before you.

(Matthew 5:3-12)

