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Pastor's meditation October 2019

A Happy Halloween to everyone. I'm looking forward to Trunk or Treat, having kids come by the parsonage to get their treats, seeing all the costumes, and all the stuff that goes along with this time of the year. I know some Christians think that Halloween is a pagan holiday that should be avoided by the church, but I don't agree with that. Life is what you make it, and I think Halloween can be an enjoyable and fun time for everyone. You can make it as "horrible" as you want.

Halloween has become big business in the United States, but I find it interesting that we don't use the word "hallow" very much today. Hallow is a word that has a broad range of meaning. It also a word that is used a lot by the church. Christians use the word when we say the Lord's Prayer, with "Hallowed by Thy name." The word comes up the most in this country at this time of year, when we say the word "Halloween," which is a shortened form of "All Hallow's Eve."

In the Bible, the word "hallow" is a synonym for the word "sanctify." When we hallow something, or sanctify it, we are setting that something apart as being holy. The name of God is not the only thing that we are to hallow.

We too are to be hallowed. In 2Timothy 2, Paul urged Timothy to be a vessel sanctified and useful for God.

How does Timothy do this? In 2Timothy 2:21-23, Paul tells him to "pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart, and avoid foolish & ignorant disputes, knowing they generate strife."

On the last day of October, children all over the country will be carrying bags filled with candy. Thinking of those kids and all that candy can remind us to ask the question, "What's filling me up? Is it a bitter attitude that causes disputes and strife? Or, do I have a sweet spirit that leads to righteousness, faith, love & peace?" We can be hallow today, and every day, by setting ourselves apart for God to be used by him. Our greatest joy as a follower of Jesus is to be used by God for his glory.



If you have an item to put in the newsletter, please submit it to Susie Hoffman by the 3rd. Sunday of the month. Susie's email address is fcogrisingsun@gmail.com



Kids for Christ

This year all KFC classes have begun digging into the Old Testament using Group Publishing "Faithweaver Now" material. Everyone has the same Bible lesson and point but, at their age level. It's never too late to sign the kids up to attend. Every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7pm we enjoy a great meal that feeds us physically and then dig into God's word to fill us spiritually. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Sandy Laborie.

OVERTIME AFTER

Lakota Varsity Football games.

Friday, October 4, & 25. Setup for overtime will be the night before at 5pm. If you could help with setup or chaperone during overtime it would be appreciated.



Annual Craft Show-

November 2, 9am-4pm

Lunch will be served from 11 AM—2 PM Shop early for Christmas! Over 60 vendors! Many items will be available for cash and carry on the day of the event as well as items that can be special ordered. Enter for one of our many FREE door prizes (need not to be present to win)



Flu shots will be available from 9am-3pm

Operation Christmas Child

Kick off October 6th

Your shoebox represents more than smiles and laughter; they become Gospel opportunities to share the love of Jesus with children and their families around the world. You can help by filling an empty shoe box (standard size) or a small plastic container. We will also have the Operation Christmas Child boxes in the narthex. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring joy to a

child. Gift suggestions: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps, and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, coloring and picture books, small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yo's, socks, sunglasses etc... Please note: no toothpaste or candy this year. Bring your filled shoe box into church by **November 17th** and fill out a shoe box envelope and tape the label to the box. If you have any questions please contact Dolly Harmon.

ONE SERVICE—October 27, 10:30AM **in the gym.**

—> 9-10:15am Pastor Appreciation carry in Breakfast. 10:30am ONE service in the gym followed up by a light lunch and the Annual Congregational Meeting. *What takes place at the meeting?.....* Council members give their yearly report and we will vote on new committee members. You must be a member to vote but, everyone can share their opinions. Please come and share in the "business" of the Church it is important and informative.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 26th 3-4:30pm



This year you can decorate a trunk and pass out treats in the parking lot or setup in the gym to pass out treats. People will vote for their favorite decorated trunk or table area in the gym. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. It's an opportunity to meet our neighbors and have fun seeing all the little ones dressed in costumes. Many people look forward to seeing our creative ideas in our decorated trunks or tables. Decorate your trunk, pickup, van, or table and pass out candy to the kids! **Not sure how to decorate?** Pinterest, Google images, Oriental Trading all have great ideas. If you have any questions please contact Bobbie or Randy Edinger



CGYA Events: October 6,
Sunday, meeting at Becky
Geyman's house, time is TBA.
October 20, meeting at Judy

Worstein's house, time is TBA. November 10,
Progressive Dinner, time is TBA. December 8, Star
Show at the BGSU Planetarium, 7:30pm. All are
invited.

Yacht Club Retreat at Camp Otoyawh will be
Nov. 1-2 & 3 Men, if you haven't been on a retreat you
should! Always lots of good eating, good fellowship and
Fun, God ALWAYS shows up.

OUTDOOR FREE FOOD PANTRY

Items that are taken the most at the Outdoor Free
Food Pantry are, mac & cheese, cheese potatoes,
pasta sauce, spaghetti, peanut butter, cereal, fruit,
apple sauce, and corn. Donation bins are in the New
Lobby. Please double check the expiration dates.
Thank you.

Women's Breakfast Club will meet on
Saturday, October 19, at 9am! At present, we will
get together at the church. Come one, come all!
You'll want to enjoy a delicious breakfast and find
out what the group is planning for the future! Hope
to see you on the 19th!

Join us on November 17, during the Sunday School
hour, for a delicious Pay-To-Eat brunch, hosted by
the Women's Breakfast Club! What a great way to
kick off the holiday season! Part to all of the pro-
ceeds will go to repairs/revisions to the picnic shel-
ter! Watch for other details soon!

Saturday, February 15, 2020! Men's Appreciation
Dinner! Happy Valentine! Please mark your calen-
dars! More info to follow at a later time!

Health Tip – Head Lice Season

With school starting in all local districts now, head
lice become a concern. Lice are tiny, wingless, para-
sitic insects that feed on your blood. They spread
easily—especially among school children—through
close personal contact and by sharing belongings.

Head lice are those found on your scalp. They're
easiest to see at the nape of your neck and over your
ears. People can have good personal hygiene and
still get lice. Unless properly treated, this can be a
recurring problem. Signs & symptoms include: In-
tense itching, tickling feeling from movement of hair,
seeing lice on your scalp or clothing, lice eggs (nits)
on hair shafts, small red bumps on scalp, neck &
shoulders. Adult lice may be about the size of a sesa-
me seed. Nits resemble tiny pussy willow buds. Nits
can be mistaken for dandruff, but unlike dandruff,
they can't easily be brushed out of hair. When to see
a doctor: Usually you can get rid of lice by taking self-
care steps that include using non-prescription sham-
poo that's specifically formulated to kill lice. But, see
your doctor if non-prescription shampoo doesn't kill
the lice—the doctor can prescribe a stronger, pre-
scription shampoo. If you're pregnant, don't use any
anti-lice products until you talk to your doctor. See
the doctor if you have infected hives or skin abra-
sions from scratching. Causes: You can get lice by
coming into contact with lice or the eggs. Eggs hatch
in about one week. Lice can't fly or walk on the
ground. They spread through these ways: head-to-
head contact, proximity of stored belongings (closets,
lockers, hooks at school, personal items like pillows,
blankets, brushes & combs, stuffed animals, etc.)
Sharing items among friends or family like clothing,
headphones, brushes, combs, hair decorations, hats,
towels, blankets, pillows, stuffed toys. Lying on a bed
or cloth-covered furniture recently used by someone
with lice can spread them. Lice can live for one to two
days off the body. Prevention: It's difficult to prevent
the spread of head lice among children in day care
and school settings. With so much close contact
among children and their belongings, lice spread eas-
ily. It's no reflection on your hygiene habits or those
of your children. A number of "natural" products
claim to repel lice, mostly plant oils. They aren't regu-
lated by Food & Drug Administration, so their safety
and effectiveness haven't been tested. The best ap-
proach is to take thorough steps to get rid of lice and
nits so you don't have more lice to deal with.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
S Date	1st. Service	2nd. Service				
10-6	Phil & Jim	Randy & Greg	2 5:30-7pm KFC	3 9am Bible Study 5pm Overtime setup	4 9pm Overtime	5
10-13	Scott & Chis	Alana & John	7pm Bible Study			
10-20	TJ & Tim	Tim & Pam				
10-27	ONE service-- Steve & Brad					
6 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:15 AM donuts, juice 9:45-10:30am Sunday school Nursery: Need helpers Youth group @ Geyman's	7 6:40pm Congregational prayer	8	9 5:30-7pm KFC	10	11 hall rental setup	12 7am-6pm hall rental
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