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Happy Thanksgiving month to all of you Northbentonians,

My prayer is that this newsletter is finding you well. That is my prayer for you now and always. Praise God! Another reason to give thanks.

But what if this is not finding you having a mountaintop experience? What if it finds you on a plain of everyday everydayness? Or, shudder, if you are going through a deep valley?

I was talking to someone recently who was in one of those valleys. It is a hard place to be, for sure. One of the ways we react to that is that we think that we must have done something very bad for God to be punishing me like this. Or maybe God does not love me anymore. Or worst of all, is there even a God? It is not uncommon for humans to sometimes react that way. King David, who you would think “had it made”, wrote: “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?” David writes this way for the first half of Psalm 22. But that was not the end of the Psalm. The rest has some of the most wonderful and positive verses in the Bible. There are many praises there.

Even Jesus, while on the cross, cried out, quoting Psalm 22: 1. For a while, He felt abandoned. But we know how that all turned out.

Paul also knew tough times, for sure. But he was also able to write: “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am convinced that...nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8: 37-39)

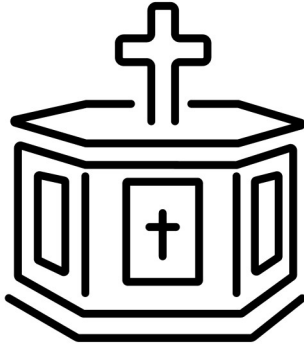
I have experienced it countless times how God, while never abandoning someone, actually was closer through it all and they became conquerors.

And that is another reason to be thankful this month, no, check that, for the rest of our lives!

Blessings,

Pastor Herb





Here are our sermons, scripture basis and themes for the eleventh month of the year, 2025, as we continue to “Grow In Our Relationship With Christ”:

November 2, 2025: The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. “Growing Through Holiness” is a sermon based in part on First Thesalonians 4: 7. There are many adventures in this world but there is none like the greatest of them all.

November 9, 2025. The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. One of the great blessings of this life is walking in the light. “Growing Through Fellowship.” is the title of the sermon that explores what that means based in part on First John 1: 7.

November 16, 2025 The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. Can temptation ever be good? We will be considering that in the sermon “Growing Through Temptation.” First Corinthians 10: 13 will part of the scriptural basis for this sermon.

November 23, 2025. Christ The King/Reign of Christ Sunday. We will be finishing our sermon series on “Growing Through” with the best way to live a full life in Christ. The sermon, based in part on Romans 6: 16, is “Growing Through Obedience.”

November 30, 2025. The First Sunday of Advent. We will begin our time of Advent with the sermon “AWAKE!” based on Romans 13: 11-14. There were many people who slept through the greatest event in history. We do not want to miss it.

November 2025

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 11/1 Bryan & Kimberly Evans
- 11/2 Beth Lewis
- 11/5 Michael Jones
- 11/6 Wesley Miller
Dennis Buchs
Debbie Rice
- 11/7 Pastor Herb Goetz
- 11/9 Carol Schiffler
- 11/10 Lydia Wilmoth
- 11/11 Margaret Hickman
- 11/13 Chris & Sharon Fay
- 11/14 Lou & Joyce Winters
- 11/15 Joseph McDaniel
- 11/16 Jeff Smith
- 11/19 Brandi Pierce
- 11/22 Kolton Evans
- 11/23 Greg & Cindy Gaines
Abigail (Berger) Carver
- 11/24 Jason Pierce
- 11/25 Nick Myers
Pastor Herb & Linda Goetz
Christine DiVencenzo



OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

September 2025

	Offering	Attendance
7	6368.50	39
14	1119.50	53
21	1359.50	40
28	1139.50	36

DEACON GREETERS

November 2025

Cindy Ruffier

Barb Franklin

Coffee & Pastry

November 2, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



CONTINUED PRAYER

Nursing Home/Homebound**Dan Rowe**

(Essex #1 Salem, Rm. # 210, Salem, OH 44460)

Ongoing Health ConcernsDenton Herron, Jim Hilles, Stan Jozwiakowski,
Sandy Jozwiakowski, Val Winters, and Paul Bates

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

November 2025**John & Jennifer
Lesko & Family**

MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School

**Special Dates for November 2025***All Saints' Day, November 1, 2025**Daylight saving time ends, November 2, 2025**Veteran's Day, November 11, 2025**Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025**Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025**First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025*

Book Review

It's Good to Be a Man

A Handbook for Godly Masculinity is a refreshing take on what it means to be a man in modern society. The authors, Michael Foster and Bnonn Tennant, argue that men's natural aggressive instincts are gifts from God that should be used for the kingdom. They encourage men to found households, join brotherhoods, and work towards a mission. The book challenges the prevailing notion that men should be meek servant-leaders and instead reminds them of their strength and risk-taking abilities. Overall, It's Good to Be a Man is a thought-provoking and empowering read for men seeking to improve their masculinity and sense of mission.



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

CIRCLE — The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final comings we anticipate anew during Advent.

Favorite Recipes of Old

Recipes are chosen at random from the North Benton Church "Favorite Recipes" cookbook.

PUMPKIN PIE CAKE

June Peterson

1 box yellow cake mix	1/4 lb. margarine
1 29-oz. can pumpkin	4 eggs
1/4 cup light brown sugar	1/2 cup white sugar
1 small can evaporated milk	1 tsp. cinnamon

Remove 1 cup of dry cake mix; set aside. Mix together the rest of cake mix, 1 egg, and melted margarine. Spread onto bottom of 9x13-inch pan. Mix pumpkin, 3 well beaten eggs, white and brown sugar, milk, and cinnamon all together. Spread on top of dough in pan. To the 1 cup of cake mix add 1/2 cup white sugar, 1/2 chopped nuts, 1/2 stick soft margarine (not melted). Mix until crumbly. Spread over top of pumpkin mixture in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes. Test with toothpick to see if done. Cool cake and refrigerate. Top with Cool Whip.

Engage Your Mind

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

FEAST, KHAKI, MOUTH,
ESSAY, LLAMA, ORBIT, CARRY,
UDDER, BRUSH, ITEMS,
~~APPLE~~, LEARN, CIDER



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Answer: Praise the Lord!

GIVE PRAISE

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		



_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ to the _____ 3 _____, _____ 4 _____ his _____ 5 _____;
_____ 6 _____ 7 _____ among the _____ 8 _____ what he has _____ 9 _____.
_____ 10 _____ to _____ 11 _____, sing _____ 12 _____ to him; _____ 13 _____ of
_____ 14 _____ his _____ 15 _____ _____ 16 _____.



PSALM 105:1–2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

Bible Quiz

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
D. The one who rewards those who are generous

Answer: C (See James 1:17)



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,
thank you for every good gift—
for the food before us,
the people around us,
and the love that surrounds us.
Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice
in Your constant goodness and grace.
May our hearts overflow with gratitude,
not just today, but every day. Amen.

Giving Thanks for All Things



It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

A Day to Honor Our Veterans



On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Daylight Savings Time ends Birthday Sunday 9:00 Coffee & Pastry 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Deacon's Mtg 10:45 Searcher's Class	3	4	5	6 7:30 Session Mtg (in person, at church)	7	8
9 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class						

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

“A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord”

A GREAT MULTITUDE

In 2010, nearly four thousand believers in Jesus gathered in Cape Town, South Africa. Participants from 198 countries were represented at the conference - a gathering considered to be the most representative meeting of the Christian church in the two thousand years since Jesus walked the earth.

There will come a day when a gathering needn't be “representative” because all believers will be together. John, in a vision from God, describes it this way: “I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...and they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits

on the throne’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

Our local churches may not always reflect the diversity that exists in God's eternal kingdom. Sometimes that's the result of factors outside our control - other times we may be drawn to worship with those we perceive to be similar to ourselves culturally, generationally, politically, and economically.

But we honor God when we embrace - and even seek out - the beautiful differences He has endowed to His children. They offer a foretaste of that diverse, heavenly gathering when all those who trust in Jesus' sacrifice will worship Him together.

How can you better embrace those who are different from you? How might those differences grow your understanding of God?

Thank You, God, for the opportunity to worship You with those who are different from me-both now and in eternity

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-Kirsten Holmberg

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