



The Covenant

Community Church of Buckeye
"To serve God and community that all may
be one"

Nov./Dec.
2020

From the Pastor's Desk

This is a wonderful time of year. It is a season of celebration that seems to last a full two months. We start off with All-Saints Day where we remember and honor those whom we know and love who have gone on before us. That is followed up with Thanksgiving where we take the time to be thankful for all our blessings, although I'm sure we all do that throughout the year.

Immediately after Thanksgiving we enter the season of Advent in which we wait expectantly for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. What an awesome joy it is to know that our God loved us so much that he sent his own son to us in human form to live among us and show us all what God is like.

This year has been turned upside down by the covid pandemic, so we don't really know yet what these next two months will look like. We do know they will be different than prior years. What I think we need to do is remain faithful to God and trust in His guidance. Family gatherings may be minimized for now, but it is only temporary. Be patient and remain strong. We will get through this.

As we go through this joyous time of year, even with its challenges, I invite you to see all the ways in which God has blessed your life and see the ways in which you can and do bless the lives of others. God doesn't bless us just so we can keep it all to ourselves. God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. Catch the joy and spread it to others.

Have a joyous and blessed season in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love,

Bob Lind

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UMW REPORT

Barbara Floyd, President

Here we are again, another two months have passed and we are still in limbo as far as our outreach to others in our community and to each other. But we finally get to meet on Sundays (if we choose) either outside the sanctuary or by “zoom” meeting. So, we are making progress! You know what they say about “slow and steady wins the race”!

Our UMW is going to start meeting again starting **November 9th at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet in back of the sanctuary (as always) but will practice social distancing and wear masks. No beverages or snacks will be served.

Remember, you do not have to be a member of the church to belong to UMW. All ladies are welcome!

This year is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Voting is one way to honor the work of our foremothers and put your faith, hope and love into action. **VOTE!**

UMM REPORT

James Gray, President

Once each quarter a team of people from our church picks up trash along Miller Road between Southern and Broadway. Our church sponsors this section of road, and there are signs posted to let everyone know that we do this. We normally do this early in the morning, and it only takes about an hour. On September 19th **Scott Lowe and Sam Floyd** performed this task. Our next pickup date will be December 19th. If you would like to help with this, please contact Scott Lowe to express your interest.

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- Happy Moments – Praise God**
 - Difficult Moments – Seek God**
 - Quiet Moments – Worship God**
 - Painful Moments – Trust God**
 - Every Moment – Thank God**
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Wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere.

With 3 nails and 2 pieces of wood, Jesus built a bridge.

November Birthdays

- 8th – Melanie Kreikemeier
 - 13th – Sebastian Lopez
 - 15th – Sharon Bond
 - 16th – Bob Lind
 - 19th – Hayley Kay Melton
 - 25th – Susie Narramore
 - Esther Clay
 - 30th – John Youngker
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November Anniversaries

- 20th – Gary & Marilyn Taylor
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December Birthdays

- 1st – Shirley Youngker
 - 3rd – Barbara Floyd
 - 8th – Hayden Steven Melton
 - 13th – Sharon Habel
 - 16th – Marla Lind
 - 18th – Marilyn Jennings
 - 23rd – Len Williams
 - 29th – Robert Pierce
 - Carol Marten
 - 30th – Taylor Godfrey
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December Anniversaries

- 1st – Clem & Dixie Bastian
 - 6th – Robert & Avril Pierce
 - 22nd – John & Shirley Youngker
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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP
AND ZOOM MEETINGS CONTINUE**

We are now able to meet in person outdoors. We worship by the sanctuary building. We continue to worship and hold meetings over Zoom as well. If we have your email address, you are sent a message each week on how to access the link to participate in the worship service. If you would like to participate, but currently do not, please make sure the pastor has your email address. If you know of anyone else who would like to be in our worship service but who doesn’t want to give us their email address, please feel free to share the link with them.

Keep the faith and we will get through this together. We will request to be allowed to meet inside once it gets too cold to be outside.

Pray For Our Sister Churches

The churches of the Central-West District of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference are encouraged to pray for each other throughout the year.

In the month of **November** please pray for these churches:

Shepherd of the Valley UMC, Phoenix
Spirit of Hope UMC, Peoria
Spirit Song UMF, Peoria

In the month of **December** please keep these churches in your prayers:

Sunrise UMC, Phoenix
Willowbrook UMC, Sun City
Youngtown UMC

AMAZON SMILE

How many of you shop online on Amazon or have friends that shop on Amazon? I recently was introduced to an app called Amazon Smile. When you sign up for this program you can select to support a charitable organization. What that means is that every time you purchase something on Amazon, the company will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to that charitable organization.

It just so happens that Community Church of Buckeye is one of the listed charitable organizations. Instead of going to Amazon.com to shop, go to smile.amazon.com. You then sign up and select your charity. Bookmark smile.amazon.com because you need to shop from that site in order for your charity to receive the donation.

Our church is registered and set up now so you all can select **Community Church of Buckeye** as your charity and encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could be a great revenue for our church.

CHARGE CONFERENCE SET

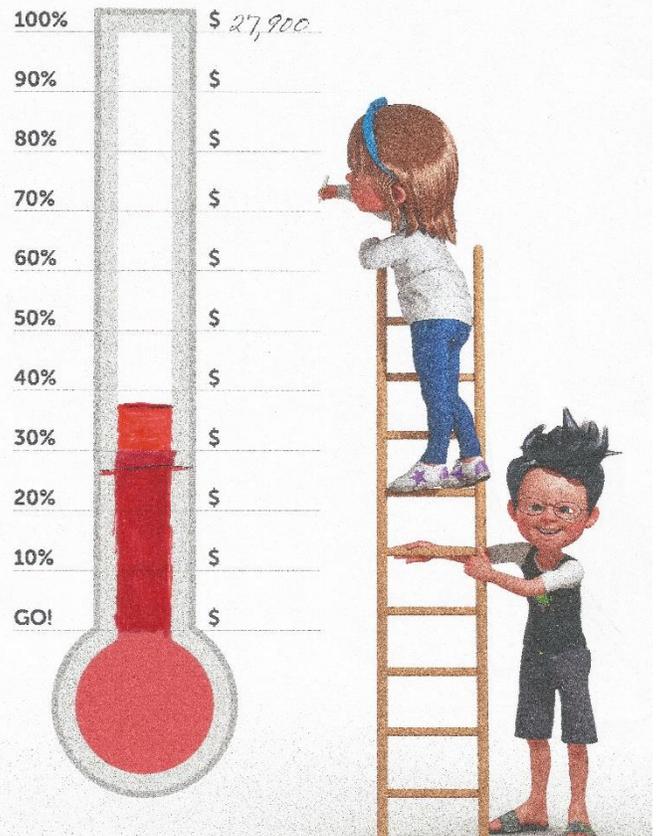
Our annual charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 at 11:00. It will be conducted by Rev. Nancy Cushman, our District Superintendent, via Zoom. On that Sunday I ask that you return home immediately after church and then sign on to the charge conference on Zoom. When we get the link for the Zoom meeting, it will be forwarded to you via email.

The District Superintendent will meet with the Staff-Parish group on Saturday, November 14 via Zoom at 3:30.

FELLOWSHIP ROOF FUND

We are well on our way to reach our goal of \$27,900. We now have 37.8%, which is \$10,549.78.

OUR GOAL!



How to Display the U.S. Flag

1. Flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
 2. Flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
 3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
 4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
 5. U.S. flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
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Save Your Ink Jet Printer Cartridges

Our inkjet printer cartridge collection program is working well. We are working with a company that pays us to send them our used cartridges so they can recycle them. The cartridges they want must have a printhead on them; that is they must have the metal copper strip on the outside. Cartridges that qualify are made by Lexmark, HP, Dell, some Canon models, some Neopost/Hasler models, and some Sharp models, so please bring your empty cartridges to church and talk to your neighbors. Collect their empty cartridges, too. Just drop them off at the church office.

The Upper Room

Our church makes available the Upper Room daily devotional booklets for your use. Each booklet covers two months, and both regular and large print editions are available. You can pick one up at the Church Office. We ask for \$1 donation for each booklet.

Pop Top Tabs

Keep saving those tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House is a place for parents to stay if they have a child in a local hospital. They first opened their doors in 1985. They now have 78 rooms for families traveling to the Valley for medical care for their children. In September 2020 they celebrated being in business 35 years!

Recycling

Thanks to everyone for bringing aluminum cans and plastic water bottles for recycling. The church is raising some good money from this program. We have found there are some items the local recyclers do not accept. They do not want aluminum foil or tin cans—only aluminum drink cans. And they do not want clear plastic wrapping like that for cakes and cookies. Thanks, again, for your help.

Just love everyone. I'll sort them out later. -God

When God answers my prayers, sometimes He says "Yes", sometimes He says "No", and sometimes He says "You've got to be kidding!"

Work for God. The retirement benefits are great!

Does running late count as exercise?

Donations Needed for All-Faith Food Bank

We help support the All-Faith food bank on a monthly basis. Donations are accepted at any time, but we especially look for donations the first Sunday of each month. This was supported quite well when we first started, but donations have dropped off over time. The problem is that the need for food for people in our community never ends. Below you will see a list of the types of food the food bank would like to have us donate.

In addition to the items listed below we also collect egg cartons for a dozen eggs. The food bank receives eggs in bulk crates and packs them in the cartons for distribution, so they are in constant need of your used cartons. You can also donate cash by making a check out to All-Faith Food Bank and putting it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. We will make sure it gets delivered to them quickly.

We thank you for your support of this ministry. It is a wonderful way for us to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. If you have any questions or would like to help out in a special way, contact **Marilyn Taylor**, the coordinator for this effort.

Foods Needed For All-Faith Food Bank

Peanut Butter	Juice
Jelly	Boxed Pasta
Canned Meat	Cereal
Canned Beans	Rice
Hygiene Products	Dried Bean

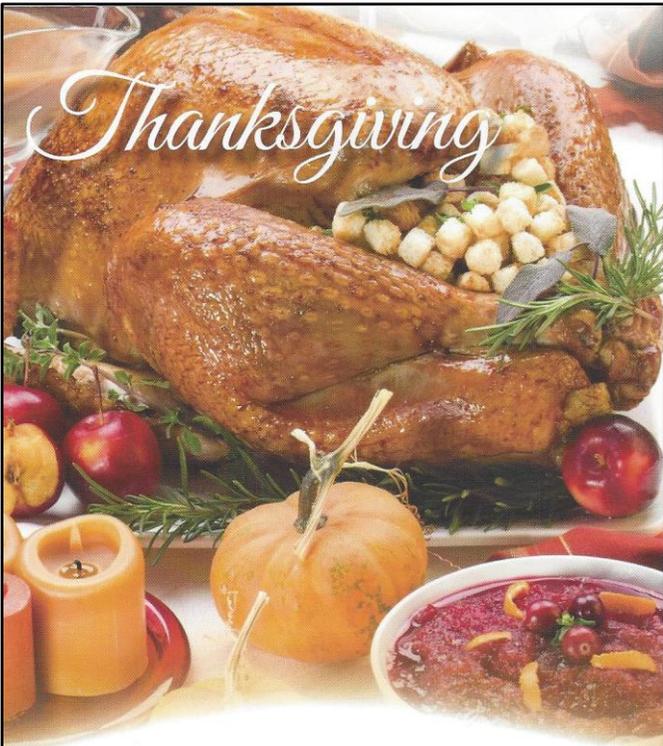
Old Age

Old age is golden, or so I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I crawl into bed.
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup
My glasses on the table until I get up.
As sleep dims my vision I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth is all spent
Is my get up and go has got up and went.
But in spite of it all I'm able to grin
And think of the places my getup has been!

Warnings to Men:

Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.

Women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.



*Dear Lord,
 Thank You for this gift of food
 You've placed upon our table —
 And help us all to do Your work
 In any way we're able.*

Flag (continued)

6. Flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. Flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. Flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. Flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, the eve of
 Christ's birth,
 Many people were resting all over the earth.

The shepherds were watching their sheep
 in the night,
 When all of a sudden they saw a bright light.

And what to their wandering eyes should
 appear
 But a beautiful angel, high up in the air.

His face was all shining; his garment so bright,
 That the shepherds began to tremble with
 fright.

But as he came nearer, the words that he said
 Soon gave them to know there was nothing to
 dread.

He told them of peace, with no fear or danger
 For their wonderful gift, they would find in a
 manger.

So leaving their sheep they went into town,
 To seek for this gift; they would look all around.

They came to the stable, the covers they lift,
 And there in the manger, God's wonderful gift.

So pure and so holy, so full of God's love,
 They knew it was Jesus, God's gift from above.

And so as we think of this Savior again,
 May our worship this Christmas not be in vain.

Let us love Him and trust Him; there's none
 that's too small;
 May the Lord richly bless you. Merry Christ-
 mas to all!

--Bernice Norton

**Kindness costs nothing—but it is the most
 precious gift you can give someone.**

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