



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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Faith Community Choral Group

Under the direction of Dorothy Kowalski, the Faith Community Choral Group provides special music at a recent Sunday service.

Pastor's Message

How is everyone doing? I hope you are not too depressed with November here and the temperatures getting colder and the thoughts of what last winter was like bouncing around in your head. But November **is** here, and let us enjoy the *here and now*. After all, November is a beautiful month with the temperatures changing, the leaves changing, the healthy crispness felt in the air when you take a walk. We also have *All Saints Day*, *mid-term elections*, *Veteran's Day*, as well as *Thanks-*

giving Day going on in November. As always, it is important to bring the month, and time we are **in**, back to our religious lives.

I was thinking November is like our *God Sighting time* in our worship service that we share. November, after all, is the month of **Thanksgiving**, which is really what we do when we talk about our '*God Sightings*' for the week every Sunday. In our *God-sightings* we are giving thanks for the positive things that have hap-

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Calendar of Events

- Bible Study**, Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Communion**, first Sunday every month
- Chimes Practice**, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- Sun., November 2**
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
COMMUNION
All-Saints Sunday
- Sun., November 9**
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Stewardship Sunday
Potluck Luncheon
- Tues., November 11**
Good Bunch, Bob Evans Restaurant, Maumee
11:30 a.m. (details on pg. 2)
- Sun., November 16**
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Council Meeting
- Thurs., November 20**
December *Dialog* deadline
- Thurs., November 27**
THANKSGIVING DAY
- Sat., November 29**
Decorating Church for the Holiday, 10:30 a.m.
- Sun., November 30**
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

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pened in our lives and the world around us. So, let's break down the happenings in November into *God Sightings*.

First, let's think about *All Saints Day*. This is when we honor and remember the people in our lives who have died since last year. Even though the loss of a loved one is a sad time, the celebration of their lives is a mixture of sadness and happiness. We honor them by remembering how much they meant to us during their lifetime, which gives great value to their lives as well as the ones still living. Then, we have our *elections*. Elections, with all the mud-slinging candidates do, are not always pleasant, but it is a time when every day citizens can make their voices heard in government. Not all countries have that privilege. Next up is the *celebration of our veterans*. Our veterans are the ones who preserve that right of voting that we generally

take for granted. Rightfully, we have set aside a day each year to honor their service that keeps us the greatest nation on earth—where you and I are the ones who decide what we want, who we want to be, and where we want to go in our lives.

To wrap all this up is our *Thanksgiving Day* celebration. November is the month we set aside to give thanks for all that we have—to give thanks for all our freedoms—to give thanks for the freedom to pick our government leaders—the freedom to marry who we want to—the freedom to pick our own occupation—the freedom to live where we want—the freedom to be who we want to be. So, my friends, take the month of November to just be thankful to what or whom you want to be thankful for. **I am thankful for all of you!**

Sincerely,

Pastor Kaufman



Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 1	Margaret Loos
Nov. 7	Aubrey Mangan
Nov. 9	Joseph Lark
Nov. 10	Kathy Shollenberger
Nov. 15	Philip Mangan
Nov. 25	Earlene Billings
Nov. 30	Dorothy Trail

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 11	Joe & Dorothy Kowalski
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The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Bob Evans Restaurant, 6420 Kits Lane, Maumee (off Briarfield). The hostesses for the day are Barb Hadley, Darla Myles, and Jo Szulkowski. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board to sign up and make a reservation.



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Joe Kowalski, Richard Zack, Mark Barrios, Allan Miller (Carol Kaufman's cousin), Glenna Scanlan, Amber McCullough (friend of Brian Utter who is suffering a heart condition), Roger Reese, Hope Billings, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.

Winter Clothing and Bake Sale

The Winter Clothing and Bake Sale earned \$866 for the General Fund. The 50/50 Raffle was won by Carl Anderson. He won \$52.



In The News

Our very own Brian Utter was featured as a "Spotlight Athlete" in the Toledo Blade on Oct. 9, 2014.

Brian Utter

School: Maumee

Year: Senior

Sports: Football, basketball, track

Notes: Football — Quarterback has led Panthers (4-2) to 3-0 NLL record; leads league in passing yardage (50 of 96 for 676 yards and nine touchdowns; 114 carries for 973 rushing yards; basketball — averaged 4.6 rebounds per game last season; track — runs 100-meter hurdles and 200; 3.5 grade-point average; plans to major in business in college

FAVORITES & MORE

School subject: Science

Car: Lamborghini

Store: Dick's Sporting Goods

Musical artist: Jason Derulo

Song: "Don't Stop Believin' " by Journey

Social media: Twitter

Radio station: 105.5 FM

TV show: The League

Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Actor: Will Ferrell

Actress: Jennifer Aniston

Local hangout: Taco Bell

Place to visit: Texas

Food: Chinese

Beverage: Red Gatorade

Fast food: McDonald's

Can't resist snack: Goldfish

Athlete: Kevin Durant

Baseball team: Tigers

NFL team: Lions

NBA team: Thunder

Way to spend free time: Listening to music

Person I'd like to meet: Will Ferrell

The world would be better if: People weren't so mean

In 10 years I hope to be: At a job I love

My No. 1 goal this year: To finish with good grades

Top sports moment: Beating Anthony Wayne Ohio State or Michigan? Michigan

Fundraiser with Bob Evans

Faith Community United Church of Christ and Bob Evans are participating together in a community fundraising program. On Thursday, December 4, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., anyone coming into the Bob Evans restaurant at 3025 Glendale, purchasing anything, and presenting the fundraiser flyer shown below, will result in 15% of that purchase being paid to Faith Community UCC.

Copies of the flyer are available on the table in the entry. Please take several copies and distribute to all your friends. Plan eating out with your friends that day and let's get as many people as we can into Bob Evans on Dec. 4. Not only is this a great opportunity for fellowship with family and friends, but it's good eating too. Most people like Bob Evans and they have a menu large enough to satisfy most palates.

The image of the flyer shown below is a sample only. Pick up full-sized copies printed on bright pink paper at the church and let's all meet at Bob Evans.

Bob Evans
**COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISER**

Dine to make a difference

**Faith Community
United Church
of Christ**

**Thursday, December 4, 2014
7 am - 9 pm
Valid on Dine In or Carry Out**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales
when you present this flyer* to

Bob Evans
3025 Glendale Avenue in Toledo
www.BobEvans.com/BEkind

*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

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THE GOOD BUNCH

at The Black Pearl Restaurant
on Tuesday, September 9



at Charlie's Restaurant
on Tuesday, October 14





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OFFICE OPEN:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)
 WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.
 Closed — Mon. and Fri.

Happy Thanksgiving



Order your 2015 Faith Calendar

The 2015 Faith Calendar is in production at this time. An order sheet will appear on the bulletin board soon. As in past years, we only print enough copies to fulfill advance orders, so if you want a calendar for 2015, please sign up on the order form. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, Dec. 7. The calendars will be ready for pick-up at the church on or after Sunday, December 21. The suggested donation again this year is \$5 per copy.



NANCY COLLIER
1940 - 2014

Nancy Collier passed away in a hospice in a suburb outside of Dallas, Texas in mid-August. We do not have any details of her death or services that may have been held. There is the possibility that a Memorial Service may be held at Cooley Canal at some point in the future, but at this time we have nothing firm to report. If and when we do receive that information, we will let everyone know.

Nancy worshipped with us at Faith Community for several years. She came to Faith from Salem UCC, where her great grandparents were founding members of that congregation. She was born on Jan. 18, 1940, but we do not have the exact date of her death.



Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 9

A membership service is also scheduled.

A potluck luncheon will follow.

Please bring a dish to share.