



The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community

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Come, Listen and Join Us for a Good Time

Christ Unlimited the Gospel Singing Group will be here at Hope Church, Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 pm for a concert. There will be a love offering for this concert. For more information call Christ Unlimited at 330-825-3928 or the church office at 330-753-2303.

KMA Thanksgiving Service

Kenmore Ministerial Association is once again sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 pm, Tuesday November 22nd at Kenmore High School. Various schools and music groups will participate in the hour of worship. Please plan to attend.

Hanging of the Greens and Light Congregational Dinner



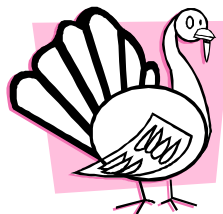
You are invited to attend the “Hanging of the Greens” and light congregational dinner, November 20th at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the table in the narthex with the number that will be attending. Each family is asked to bring a salad and/or dessert. The table service will be provided.

Roof Repair– Coming Soon

The Trustees would like to thank the donor who has brought the Roof Fund to completion. The long-awaited repair to the north side of the sanctuary roof will begin as soon as the work can be scheduled. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Roof Fund!

Are You Growing In God’s Word?

Each Sunday we offer Bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.



Holiday Food Baskets

We will be doing holiday food baskets again this year and we need considerable help for delivery, packing and organizing. If you would like to help please sign up on the clipboard in the lobby. If you know someone who is in need please call the office at 330-753-2303 or e-mail the church at office@hopeunitedmethodist.net to nominate them. Please bring in non-perishable food items, make sure you check dates for expiration, cash donations also welcome to help buy the turkeys. We are starting from scratch this year and need all the help we can get. We are planning on delivering the food the week of November 21st. If you have any questions see Phil Shook or Bev Fincher. You can contact them thru the church directory or leave a message at the church office.

Bible Quiz

Psalm 65 is a thanksgiving document. It focuses on God as the Great Gardener. In prayer to God, the psalmist says, “You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it” (Psalm 65:9, NRSV).

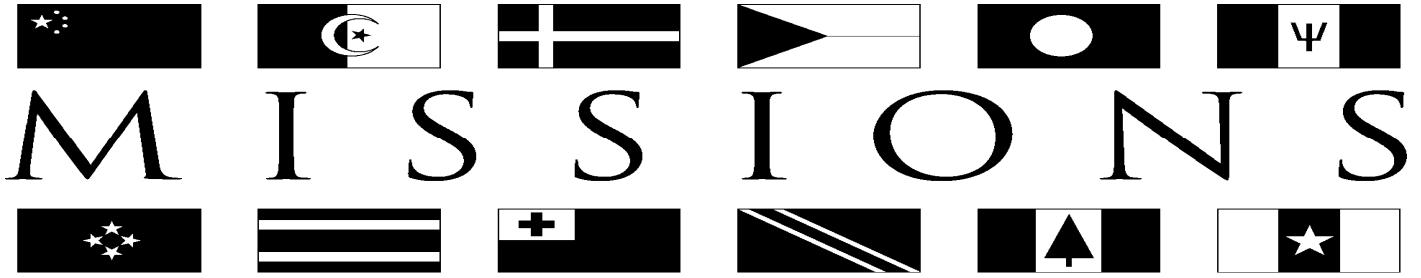
The psalmist goes on to say, “You crown the year with your _____.”

Choose the correct word that belongs in the space

- A. Bounty
- B. Goodness
- C. Generosity
- D. Gifts

(The answer is in Psalm 65:11, NRSV)





November’s Mission of the Month

The mission for the month of November is Flat Rock Homes.

Flat Rock Homes traces its history to the orphan trains in the years following the Civil War. But today its programs focus on the needs of severely and profoundly mentally retarded children and young adults. While the youngest child living at Flat Rock is currently 14 years old, developmentally the children are 18 months to six years. Imagine the preschoolers that you know. We face the same issues of toilet training, the “terrible two’s”, teaching colors, the alphabet and how to use silverware. The difference is that at Flat Rock we are doing it in bodies that you would expect to see in high school.

Flat Rock parents say that this is the only place they have found in the state that will work with the children with this severe of a mental challenge but who are still healthy physically. Through the support of the Hope UMC and literally thousands of other donors we are able to provide a unique, effective and obviously Christian environment where these children can learn to live as independently and successfully as they are able.

Ministries Budget Update

Ball Field to date:	Goal	\$1500
As of 9/20/05	Received	\$ 797
	Balance	\$ 709
Roof to date:	Goal	\$16,000.00
	Received	\$16,000.00
	Balance	\$ 0

Thank You

To all the people at Akron Hope UMC— Thank you so much for allowing us to come share with you all. It was such a blessing to be part of your church and get to know so many of you. Thank you to those who committed to pray for us (we really need it) and those who gave financially. We are so blessed by y’all.

Thanks for everything!

Love, Jason & Laura Swain

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE

(through October 23, 2005)

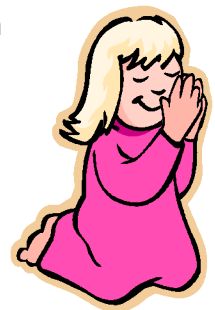
Ministry goal YTD	\$125,750.20
Received, YTD	\$118,328.59
Difference	— \$ 7,421.61
Haven of Rest Received:	\$209.00
Sent:	\$325.00

**Please Pray for our Missionaries,
their families and their work**

- ◇ Dale Kinkade—CSB—Ohio
- ◇ The Way Out Prison Ministries –Akron
- ◇ APS-Akron Pregnancy Services
- ◇ Sam & Karen Sue Kohler—O.M.S. – Japan
- ◇ The Youth –Shine 2005 –Akron
- ◇ Bill & Nancy Kidwell –O.M.S.-Russia
- ◇ Billie Sue Dunn-W.G.M.-Southwest Native American Learning Center—Tulsa, OK
- ◇ Mark & Cindy Freer –O.M.S.-Indonesia
- ◇ Summit Missions –Akron
- ◇ Haven of Rest Ministries-Akron
- ◇ Flat Rock Home—Ohio
- ◇ Victim Assistance—Akron

Also Pray

- ◇ Special missionary requests
- ◇ All our M.O.M. projects
- ◇ That each of us would invite someone to church with us. Be specific in prayer as to whom you will invite and then do it.
- ◇ Shut-ins and military personnel
- ◇ Participation of children, youth and adults in this years family night activities
- ◇ For persons to answer God’s call to teach or help in Sunday School
- ◇ For persons willing to provide child care on Sunday evenings.



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: **SINGLES PLUS** :
: **November 4-** Meet at noon at the church :
: for BYOL & B in the overflow. :
: **November 18-** We will have the Novem- :
: ber lunch eat-out at David B’s in Barber- :
: ton. If you need a ride, call Genevieve :
: Seibert (330-753-1351) or Millie Miller :
: (330-745-8272). :
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Organ Donor Registration Sunday

Organ Donor Registration Sunday will be November 13th. Cards will be available for your use. These are carried in your wallet or purse. Save a life donate your organs.

Worship Opportunities

Prayer Meeting

Join us each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for prayer. You may join us to pray with us or so that we can pray for you. God is at work in our church. Prayers are being answered. Come join us!



The 2nd Annual Klondorah

On Sunday November 13 at 2:00pm for ages 12 and up there will be a fundraiser for the Battalion. This fundraiser helps pay for camping fees for the two yearly outings the Klondike and the Camper-All.

For questions please contact Sam McKeown at 330-714-5073.



Men's Breakfast

We will meet Saturday, November 12th at 8:00am for breakfast, share in the bible study, and pray together. Please bring your F.R.A.N.

Office Has New Hours

The church office has the following new hours:

Monday—Closed

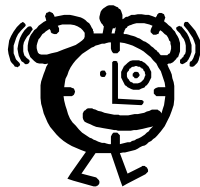
Tuesday—9:00 am—3:00 pm

Wednesday—Closed

Thursday—9:00 am—1:00 pm

Friday—9:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday—9:00 am—1:00 pm



November 6

9:00 AM- Bring A Friend Breakfast

9:00 AM- Prayer

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship—

A Spiritual Oil Crisis

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Matthew 25:1-13

6:00 PM- Bible Study—Acts

November 13

9:00 AM- Prayer

9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship—

When Jesus Comes Back

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

6:00 PM- Christ Unlimited
Gospel Quartet

November 20

9:00 AM- Prayer

9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship—

What the World Doesn't Know!

Revelation 7:9-17, John 3:1-3

Ministry of the Month Update—

6:00 PM- Covered Dish—
Thanksgiving Service

November 27—Advent Starts

Student Day Offering

9:00 AM- Prayer

9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship—

Hanging of the Greens—

after worship service

6:00 PM- Bible Study—Acts

United Methodist Student Day

Your offering on United Methodist Student Day is the last Sunday in November, nurtures persons to serve their churches and their communities. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference. For further information please see



PASTOR'S PEN



Brothers and sisters, as I write to you, I have just finished preparing the November calendar. The month will be full of many wonderful experiences. I hope you will read about them elsewhere in the Herald, and plan to participate. But, as I write this article (before my surgery) my heart aches for the lost of our community. Does yours? It seems to me that we get so busy, that we fail to spend enough time doing the things that are most important. I hear many of you say that you would like to see more people come to know Jesus. Then I hear you recite a litany of reasons that you can't or haven't shared the plan of salvation with anyone. You haven't even brought someone to church, family night, prayer meeting, youth group, or Bible study with you.

Any effective sharing of one's faith will always begin with a God-given burden! And if some of us today were brutally honest, we would have to say that we don't have that burden. If we did, quite frankly, I think many of us would do more than we do. How would you respond: Let's say that you are walking down the street and hear the screams of a woman. You turn to see what the problem is and she points to a burning house and hysterically cries that her little baby is inside. You realize that you have only moments before the entire house will be engulfed with flames. Would you simply walk away, reasoning that it was her child and not yours? Not likely. Would you try to quiet her down and tell her to wait until the professionals arrive? Possibly, but again not likely. Would you risk your own life and try to get into the building and save that child? I would hope so.

A fate even worse than that awaits those who do not know Christ. For them, the fire is not temporary but eternal. Do we honestly care? People can tell if we really do when we talk to them about our faith in Christ. They can sense if we are simply doing it out of duty and our heart is not really in it. You can talk about love, you can quote scripture, but the best thing you can do is to demonstrate it as you share your faith. To do that you need the same burden for the lost that Jesus had shown he looked out over Jerusalem, wept and said "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing (Matthew 23:37) Paul has this same burden in Romans 9:2,3 " I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh. " No wonder Paul had such a powerful and effective ministry. He cared!

There is time to pray and a time to move—at time to sow and a time to reap. But it all starts with a God-given burden for lost people. If you have such a burden—if you care whether or not your F.R.A.N. (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors) know Jesus Christ, you must act now. The house is on fire so to speak—only you can offer Jesus to the lost that God puts in your path. Write down the names of at least one person in each category (F.R.A.N.) - pray for them and then invite them to come to church with you . You want them to meet someone that changed your life—His name is Jesus Christ.

I look forward to seeing you and meeting your F.R.A.N. this week and every week.

May you experience this blessing,
Pastor Ken

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 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-

- 1- Phil Shook
- 2- Melanie Brown
- 7- Neil Christman
- 7- Phyllis Wood
- 11- Cindy Akers
- 12- Marian Mulhern
- 16- Ralph Scott
- 19- Bernice Sayre
- 20- Ruth Rasmussen
- 23- Walt Russell
- 25- Rusty Swope
- 26- Codey Daniel Mellinger

Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord’s work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Sherry Jackson or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office. Memorial gifts given since the last Herald were given by:

- ◇ Friendship Class in memory of Dick Snyder
- ◇ Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in memory of Edna Deihl

If you wish to designate a memorial gift for a particular project, please do so on the memorial forms at the time of your gift. A list of suggested memorials is available in the church office.



November

- 2– Brooks & Mary Tanner
- 3- Bob & Beth Tanner
- 8- Tim & Diane Tanner
- 9– Andrew & Stephanie Howell

Memorials to be Dedicated

On Sunday November 6th, we will dedicate memorial gifts during morning worship. These gifts have been received since last spring's dedication service.

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

Make a
"Thankful Garland"

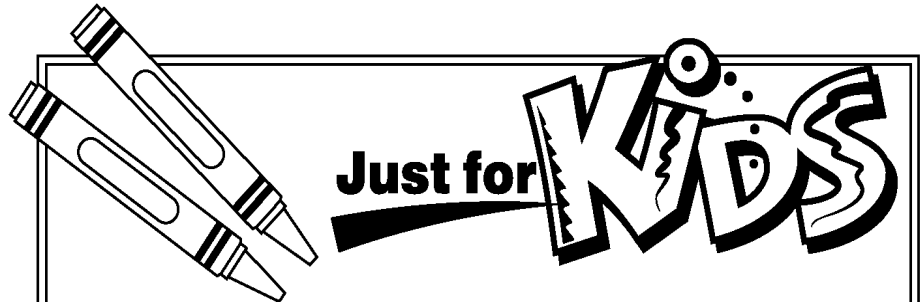
What you need:

- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- pencil, marker or crayons
- yarn, ribbon or raffia
- scissors
- hole-punch
- spray bottle filled with water
- (optional) real leaves
- (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole



What to do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



Here's a Story of a "Thankful Bunch."

We can rejoice and give thanks to God, just as many thankful people did in Bible times. Use the list of names to fill in the blank lines, and then use the leaf code to complete the verse.

Names: Elijah, Naaman, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha



Led his people through the Red Sea.




Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.



Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.



Ravens brought him food.




Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.



Their brother was raised from the dead.



Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.



Jesus brought his daughter back to life.

"SO WE ... W _ LL G _ VE Y _ _ _ _ NKS F _ _ EVE _ ;
 WE W _ LL S _ _ W F _ _ _ Y _ _ _ _ ISE
 _ _ _ LL GENE _ _ _ NS." *Psalm 79:13, NKJV*

Answers: "SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER, WE WILL SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAISE TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Prayer Chain

Do you need prayer? Please call the office or Patti Reeves at 330-784-6707

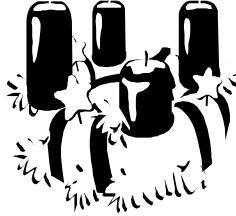
From Bishop John Hopkins

I want to express thanks to the congregation at Hope UMC for the generous response to Hurricane Katrina. When we share what we have, the resources are always more abundant than we ever expected.

Advent is a Beginning

Advent begins on November 27 this year. Many Christians may not realize that Advent is the beginning of the "church year." The church year starts with our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. Advent obviously leads to Christmas Day.

After Christmas, churches move on to observe Epiphany (the arrival of the wise men). Epiphany is always observed on January 6. Next comes the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent continues through Holy Week when we observe Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Forty days after Easter we recall the ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9) on Ascension Day. Fifty days after Easter comes the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's followers in Jerusalem giving them power and unity. It happened on the day of Pentecost, a harvest holiday celebrated by Jews. Pentecost is observed until the start of Advent, when the church year begins again.



Aluminum Cans

Keep the aluminum cans and tabs coming. To date we have raised more than \$576.50 and as of September 19th we have turned in 30 pounds of tabs to Children's Hospital. Thank you!

Addresses Needed

If your address or phone number has changed or if you have an e-mail address we can use please inform Sherry Jackson, Secretary.

We would also like this information for the college students, and military on our prayer list.