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8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:15 AM

The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH | NOVEMBER 2019 | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:29*

November is usually a month we remember to give thanks.

The word gratitude is derived from the Latin word *gratia*, which means grace, graciousness, or gratefulness (depending on the context). In some ways gratitude encompasses all of these meanings. Gratitude is a thankful appreciation for what a person receives, whether tangible or intangible. With gratitude, you acknowledge the goodness in your life. And in the process of expressing gratitude, people usually recognize that the source of that goodness lies at least partially outside themselves. For a Jesus follower, gratitude also helps us connect to something larger than ourselves: to God the creator and sustainer of life.

Modern day research shows that gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships.

God's Word encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "to give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." God says, "I want you to be thankful in all circumstances." It does not say "for all circumstances". You cannot always be thankful for the circumstances, but you can be thankful in the situation. I know that God is working all things for good for you. He has a pattern and He fits even the bad things in our lives into that pattern for good. God's purpose for my life is greater than my problems, so in everything I can give thanks. Not *for* but *in*. I develop the attitude of gratitude and I learn to be grateful for what I have.

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Do you have a hard time being grateful? Living with a thankful heart is actually something that can be cultivated! Gratitude is a way for people to appreciate what they have instead of always reaching for something new in the hopes it will make them happier, or thinking they can't feel satisfied until every physical and material need is met. Gratitude helps you refocus on what you have instead of what you lack.

Consider one or more of these ideas to cultivate gratitude on a regular basis in your life:

Write a thank-you note. You can make yourself happier and nurture your relationship with another person by writing a thank-you letter expressing your enjoyment and appreciation of that person's impact on your life. Send it, or better yet, deliver and read it in person if possible. Make a habit of sending at least one gratitude letter a month. Once in a while, write one to yourself.

Thank someone mentally. No time to write? It may help just to think about someone who has done something nice for you, and mentally thank the individual.

Keep a gratitude journal. Make it a habit to write down or share with a loved one thoughts about the gifts you've received each day.

Create a gratitude jar this year. Any time you experiences a poignant moment of gratitude, write it on a piece of paper and put it in a jar. On New Year's Eve, empty the jar and review everything you wrote! When a good thing happens, note it out loud, "That's one for the gratitude jar!" This can immediately make that moment more meaningful.

Count your blessings. Pick a time every week to sit down and write about your blessings — reflecting on what went right or what you are

grateful for. Sometimes it helps to pick a number, such as three to five things, that you will identify each week.

Pray. Cultivate gratitude by giving thanks unto the Lord.



I echo Paul when I think of all of you...

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:3-6**

Pastor Andy



New Women's Bible Study

TLC is excited to announce that we have a new women's Bible study! The class is exploring a four-week series: "Prepare the Way: Cultivating a Heart for God in Advent."

Throughout Advent we read and sing the words "Prepare the Way" as we make room to welcome the Christ child into our lives once again. We prepare our streets, buildings, workplaces, and homes.

But sometimes Advent can slip away from us before we can prepare our hearts. This four-week Advent study offers guided prayer, scripture readings and reflections to help prepare our hearts.

Pamela Hawkins guides us through four weeks of focus on particular words—one word for each week.

For each week's word, we're invited to engage in a variety of prayer practices (intercession, lectio divina, sentence completion, imaginative reading of scripture, and reflection) all designed to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

Meetings are at 10:00 am the first and third Thursday of each month in the Library.

2019 Meeting Dates:
Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5 & 19

"...Advents' message finds its integrity
by placing the Prophets next to the
Gospels-darkness against light, despair
against hope, fear against love."
—Pamela Hawkins

The Wise Owls

The members of the Wise Owls and their guest met on Saturday October 18, 2019 at the church. After a delicious potluck luncheon was served, Jim Riley gave a presentation on Fire Safety in the home. Jim is a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Bainbridge Fire Department in Bainbridge Township. He explained that the fire department and the paramedics are there to serve not only when something happens but if you have concerns or questions. Firemen would prefer preventing fires then put them out. After the end of his presentation Jim answered several questions.

The next meeting of the Wise Owls will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 12:00 pm. Seniors and guests are invited.



Announcements

- ◆ Ladies, it's that time of year again! TLC's Christmas Party at O'Charley's at Chapel Hill is on December 7 at 11:30 am. A sign-up sheet and flyer can be found under the church mailboxes, If you would like a ride, please contact Sandy by phone, 330-688-6258, or email her at sgtfrond@gmail.com.
- ◆ Natalie Hahlen, a new resident of Tallmadge, is looking for a loving and long-term babysitter to care for her four month old and help her six year old onto the bus 2-3 times per week. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Natalie at 330.800.8887.
- ◆ Daylight Savings is Sunday November 3. Enjoy an extra hour this weekend!
- ◆ The TLC Mom's Group meets on Thursday, November 14 from 9:30am – 11:30 am in Room 12. Childcare is available. Reach out to Erin Gerlach (erin.gerlach@yahoo.com) or Brooke Michlberger (themichlbergers@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions!
- ◆ The Open Congregational Forum is November 3 (after late service)-to review Annual Ministry Reports, accomplishments and vision. Proposed budget will also be available for review. List of Board of Directors Candidates will also be available.
- ◆ The Annual Voters Meeting is December 1 (after late service) to approve budget and new Board of Director's members.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! Fill your own shoebox or pick up a shoebox from in front of sanctuary or near the mailboxes to fill for needy children around the world! Bring your filled shoebox back during Operation Christmas Child National Collection week, or give to Christy or Andy Wahl.

If you are able to volunteer to help during these hours, donate snacks for the volunteers or have any other questions, please contact Christy Wahl christnchristy@gmail.com or 330-389-1238

National Collection Week Drop-Off Times

Mon, Nov. 18, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 19, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 20, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 21, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 22, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 23, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 24, 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 25, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come help pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to send to children around the world! Bring a couple items to pack and help us stuff the shoeboxes to overflowing! Some ideas of items we can use more of; gallon Ziploc bags, bar soap, hair brush, toy cars, Barbie sized dolls, socks, and t-shirts. We could also use more empty shoe boxes! Come help pack shoeboxes on Saturday Nov 16 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in room 5!



Tallmadge United

On Thursday, October 24 members of the community including Tallmadge City Schools, Tallmadge Fire & Police departments, Churches and political figures, gathered at TLC to discuss a what we can do as a community to fill a need.

Lists were written and plans were made to help Unite Tallmadge, OH in Christ to better serve our community and beyond.

Thanks to Jan Tiedemann, TLC's finance and ministry manager, for coordinating this positive and much-needed community event.

More to come as we implement plans made, reach out to the community and bring people together as a united force to give back and work with one another.

Please visit our website to view pictures hear our panel discussion and find out how YOU can be a part of this movement: <https://www.tlcoh.org/pep-talk/>



Welcome to TLC

Robbie Bladow, Kristina & Heath Crilow, Vicki Meek, Steve & Michelle Wendland (Kaleb & Kaitlyn), Daniel Giza, Dick Bock, Tammy Voelker (Zoe & Xavier), Mitch & Debbie Cochran



Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion	Wednesday, Nov. 27 7:00pm
Midweek Advent Worship Services	Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 6:30pm
Choral Christmas Cantata	Sunday, December 15 at 8:00am & 10:30am
Children's Christmas Program	Sunday, December 22 at 10:30am
Christmas Eve Worship	Tuesday, December 24 6:00pm Blended Christmas Eve Family Worship 9:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Christmas Day Worship	Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 10:00am
New Year's Eve Worship	Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 6:00pm

Youth Group Corner

Andy Wahl

Lori Whipple

Jennifer Larson


Bread Baking

The youth group will be meeting for a fun night of baking November 26, at 4:00 pm. Bread will be given to members and guests that attend our 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service the following evening. Please let Andy know if you can help.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Nov 10, 11:45 pm	Thanksgiving meal
Nov 10, 12:45 pm	Leaf Raking
Nov 22-24	Senior High Trip
Nov 26 4:00 pm	Bread Baking
Dec 4, 5:30 pm	Youth Host Advent Dinner
Dec 8, 1:00 pm	Bowl-A-Thon
Dec 13, 7:00 pm	Lock In
Dec 15, 8:00 am	Cookie Bake

Ministry Spotlight



TLC would like to offer leaf raking again this year after the Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 11:45 am.

TLC encourages you and your family to help rake leaves of those in our congregation who need some help.

If you and or your family would like to help with leaf raking, or you would like some help leaf raking please let Lindsay, in the church office, know by Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Music Ministry News



Chancel Choir heads to NYC!

The Chancel Choir is gearing up for our Carnegie Hall trip on November 14-18. We've been working very hard on preparing the *Sing Christmas* music, and we enjoyed a fantastic showcase concert (*Walking in Purpose*) on September 29. Thank you to all those who have continued to support us and donated funds throughout the course of the year. We're grateful to God for this amazing opportunity we have to sing worship music on the Carnegie stage! Please pray for our safe travels and positive experiences.

Interested in traveling to NYC for our Carnegie Hall performance on November 17? Contact the Carnegie Hall box office for ticket information or to purchase advance tickets. Phone: 212-247-7800 Online: www.carnegiehall.org

We will be performing selections from the *Sing Christmas* cantata at TLC for our annual Christmas Cantata services on Sunday, December 15 at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. The choir will be led by Bryon Black II & Jenna Wolff (Conductors) and Sadie Fellows (Collaborative Pianist).

UPCOMING CONCERTS (Contact Bryon Black for more details)

Worship Invitational Concert

Featuring KSU Gospel Choir, YEPAW,
and Durrell LeGrair & Higher Ground
Sunday, November 3, 2019 • 4:00pm

Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Bryon Black II and Durrell LeGrair,
conductors

Coro Cantare & Cantique Fall Concert

Friday, November 8, 2019 • 7:30pm
Kent State University: Cartwright Hall

Bryon Black II and Jesse Reed,
conductors

KSU Gospel Choir Concert

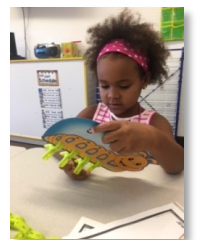
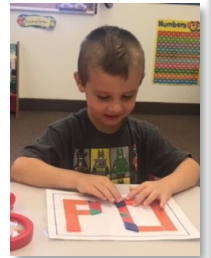
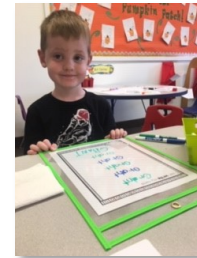
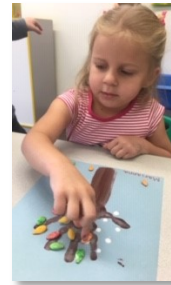
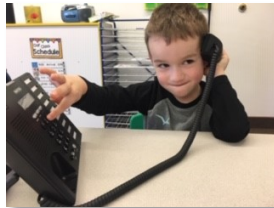
Thursday, December 5, 2019 • 7:30pm
Kent State University: Cartwright Hall
Bryon Black II, conductor

KSU Choral Holiday Collage Concert

Saturday, December 7, 2019 • 3:00pm
Kent State University: Cartwright Hall
Scott MacPherson, Bryon Black II,
Chris Venesile and Jesse Reed,
conductors



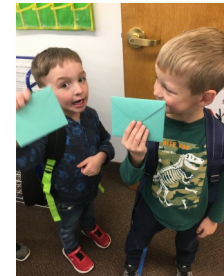
Fall Fun with the Four's



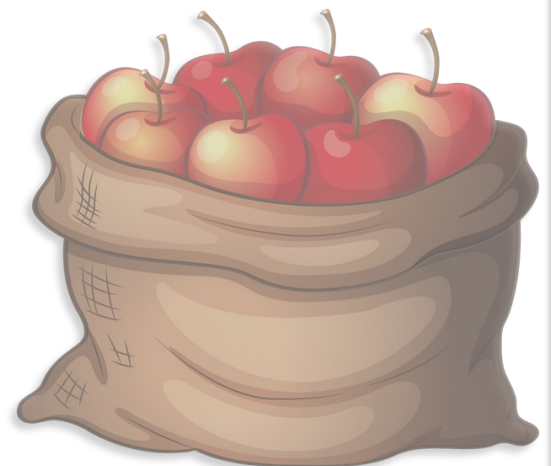
"Building Up" our Imaginations at King's Kids



Prayer Buddy Excitement



Our Pre-K teachers, Kristi Durfee & Sandi Malish, looking wonderfully festive for fall. Memo received!



TLC Building Projects:

Your financial gifts help us care for God's House.

Thank you!



- * Room 12 completion
- * Girls' & boys' bathrooms in the office hallway: wallpaper stripped, new paint, new locks new mirrors, shelving & hooks
- * River rocks on the Preschool playground
- * Sanctuary lights replaced
- * Gym lights replaced
- * New Safe for flammable materials



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 9:30 AM FPU for Lay Leaders 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Open Forum	4 1:00 PM FPU - Lay Leaders 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	5 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	6 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Library) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM FPU for Lay Leaders (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Bells 7:00 PM - 7:40 PM Youth Choir	1 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting (Youth Rm)	2
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Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Adam Pifer | 14 Betty Brewer |
| 3 Heath Crilow | 16 Brent Ralston |
| 3 Brian Pendleton | 17 Grace Carmen |
| 4 Olivia Hedderly | 18 Deborah Cochran |
| 5 Dorothy Murray | 18 Beth Niemann |
| 6 Kris Kodzev | 20 Christian Catherine |
| 9 Jay Downey | 22 Walter Fowles |
| 9 Sue Pifer | 22 Chris Tywon |
| 10 Tim Ross | 24 Rebecca Bailey |
| 11 Shelia Cambem | 24 Pam Klicman |
| 11 David Dailey | 25 Walt Satterfield |
| 11 Ethel Walent | 26 Jamie Huzzard |
| 12 Taylor Graf | 27 Denise Larson |
| 12 Michael Kenny | 28 Dorothy Tailcet |
| 13 Gracie Craddock | 29 Joyce Downey |
| 13 Seth Milhal | 29 Jeffrey Gearhart |
| 13 Eva Tailcet | |
| 13 Gunther Zehner | |

Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Phipps
- Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Currier
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sterling
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Nickol



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