



## S.U.M. News

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### Shreve United Methodist Church

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Bill Lawson, Pastor

## Thoughts from the Pastor

October 16, 2016

Dear Church Family,

As Robin and I have been pondering the prospect of retirement for a while now, we are looking at a couple of life's realities that make this the right time to get serious about it. Both of us turned 62 this year, and we need to build a house. That may be something of a lengthy process for us, and it will certainly involve a lot of energy. Sixty-two seems like an age not to take energy for granted. And of course we can never take time for granted.

Speaking of time, where has it gone? This past July, we began our 17<sup>th</sup> year of ministry with you folks. It doesn't seem nearly that long to me, because I can say it has been a joy from the get-go. (My plan is for the rest of our time serving here to be a joy!) That joy part, along with the many relationships formed, engaging in ministry and mission together, serving the Lord together, worshipping together, praying together, watching the Lord work together, having a lot of fun together, and sometimes crying together—all these things are what make it difficult to think about retiring. When I say "Dear Church Family" that's not just a friendly greeting, it's a reality—for truly you are family, and precious to us.

There's also that element of excitement as we anticipate retirement. Excitement for what the Lord has in store for us—as well as what He has in store for you. I believe that with God at

work in His church, our best days can always be in front of us. God has done many great things in and through this church, and no doubt He has much more in mind.

The standard time for United Methodist pastors to retire is the end of our annual conference year, which is the end of June. So our plan is to retire at the end of June this next year. Between now and then, there will be plenty of conversations, committee meetings and consultations with our district superintendent, Rev. Ed Peterson, to help determine the best fit in the way of a new pastor coming on board.

In January, all ten district superintendents will start meeting with our bishop to begin praying, discerning, and setting appointments. Of course, it's not a process to be taken lightly, so let us pray even now for who will become the new pastor of Shreve United Methodist Church.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Bill

# COMING NIGHT UP!

## NOVEMBER MEETINGS

### Committee Schedule

SPR Meeting	Tuesday	November 8, 1:00 pm
Evangelism Mtg.:	Wednesday	November 9, 7:30 pm
Trustee Mtg.:	Monday	November 14, 7:00 pm
Finance Committee:	Tuesday	November 15, 7:00 pm
Church Council:	Tuesday	November 15, 7:30 pm



### Retired Men's Luncheon November 10, 11:30 am

We meet the second Thursday of the month at "Farmer Boy" Restaurant, 2448 Cleveland Road, in Wooster. If you are available at that time, and "wish" you were retired, we'd be glad to have you join us, as well. Questions, contact Fred Lendrum at 330-466-1686 or the church office for more information.



### Wednesday, November 16, 8:30 am

#### UMW Breakfast Meeting in the Old Fellowship Hall

Devotions and Breakfast Committee: Sharon Emler  
Make gift bags-visit friends and shut-ins.



### Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 pm

A free meal for the church family and community. In addition to providing a meal, this event provides a time of fellowship for those who might enjoy a meal with others.



### Men's Prayer Breakfast November 19, 7:00 am

We extend the invitation to all men in the congregation. Join us for a time of fellowship, prayer and enjoy breakfast, as well. Contact the church office for more details.

### 2016 Church Charge Conference November 20, 2:00 pm

Here at Shreve United Methodist Church

All members of the church will be voting members, and all Church Council members are especially encouraged to attend. Reports will be given and the slate of officers for 2016 will be approved at this meeting

### Student Sunday Offering November 27

We will receive an offering during worship on Nov. 29, which helps provide scholarships to members of the United Methodist Church, attending college. A number of our members have benefited from receiving these scholarships given by the United Methodist Church.



### Early Morning Prayer 5:00 – 6:00 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS.

Join us for a few minutes or the whole hour. Pray alone or with a group of friends. Pray sitting, kneeling, standing or wandering. Enjoy a slice of quality time with the Lord!

# Church Family Notes

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Dear Church Family,  
Our family would like to thank the congregation for the outpouring of sympathy we received in the loss of our beloved Winifred Plant. Your love, prayers, and kind expressions of sympathy mean so much to us. We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful loving church family.

Wes Plant and Family

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We wish to thank you for the use of your Fellowship building Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a great building to use for any meeting, something we needed in Shreve.

Thanks again, we appreciated it so much.  
County Line Historical Society

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Congratulation to Troy and Meg Wilcox on the birth of a son, Brevin Thomas Wilcox on 10-13-16. Congratulation also to Grandparents Bud and Beth Kobilarcik and Great Grandparents Vance and June Wilcox and Wes Plant.

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Our sympathy is extended to Frank & Mary Milliron and to Jessica Kiner upon the death of Frank's sister and Jessica's aunt, Gail Milliron

We also extend our sympathies to Michelle, Randy & Kayla Black upon the death of Michelle's father Mitchell Paulocsak on October 15.

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## Church Charge Conference

**Sunday November 20, 2 pm**  
**at Shreve United Methodist Church**

We will be meeting at Apple Creek UMC for a cluster conference on Nov. 20 with Apple Creek, Dalton, East Greenville, New Pittsburg, North Lawrence Faith, Oak Chapel, Shreve, West Lebanon & Wooster. All members of the church will be voting members, and all Ad. Council members are especially encouraged to attend. Reports will be given and the slate of officers for 2017 will be approved at this meeting.

*Starting Sunday*  
*November 27.*

*Bring Mittens, Hats, & socks*  
*(Children & Adult)*

*To decorate the Christmas*  
*Trees in*  
*the Sanctuary.*

*they will be distributed to*  
*those in need thru our*  
*outreach office and Shreve*  
*Elementary*

"Fold the arms of your faith and wait in quietness until the light goes up in your darkness. Fold the arms of your faith, I say, but not of your action. Think of something you ought to do, and go do it. Heed not your feelings. Do your work."

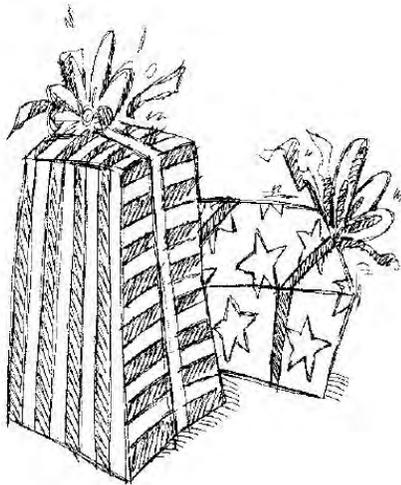
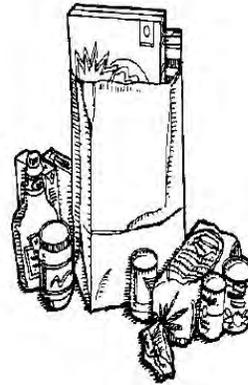
—George MacDonald

## Give a Christmas Project

The Caring & Sharing Committee is beginning preparations for the annual "Give a Christmas" project. As in previous years, the generous support of the congregation makes this a very special project for the less fortunate in our community

In the narthex, beginning November 20, you will find brown paper bags with a shopping list attached. Take a bag with the list attached to do your shopping for the food baskets which we give to each family. You may purchase some or all of the items. Place the items around the Christmas Trees in the sanctuary.

**Please return in bag provided**  
**by December 11**



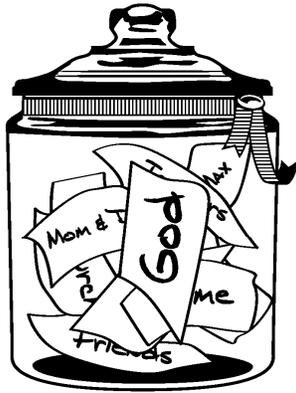
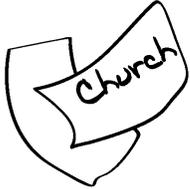
If you choose to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need, tags will be available from the "Give a Christmas Tree" starting Sunday, November 20. Any questions, please contact Sandy Smetzer at 330-466-1872. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

All gifts must be returned  
to the church

**NO LATER THAN**  
**DECEMBER 11**

# BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



## What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



## What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



# Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

*Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.*

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28:2, NIV

Answer: “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV



# November

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

# 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Cheryl Gordon	<b>3</b> Addyson Diffenderfer	<b>4</b> Noah McClintock	<b>5</b> Allyson Chandler Erma Miller
<b>6</b> Vance Wilcox Allison Wolford	<b>7</b> Karen McFarland Ruth Meredith	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Lucas Garst Marcus Garst Phil Peck
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Katie Wiggam	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Mary Schlabach	<b>18</b> Lisa Haberbusch Kathy Murphy Dale Smetzer	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Joy Acker	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Dorothy Callihan Lester Kitchen	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bonnie Sheeter Laurie Sidle
<b>27</b> Thomas Gress	<b>28</b> Donna Daugherty	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			



**December/January Newsletter Deadline - Nov 21, 2016**

If you have an announcement or activity you would like included in the newsletter, place the information in Kaye Janes' mailbox which is the top left file tray, on the mail table outside the church office. Please email the information to [shreveum430@centurylink.net](mailto:shreveum430@centurylink.net) or put in my mailbox.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 am Early Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Jr. High ComMISSION'd 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Elementary ComMISSION'd	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm AA
<b>6</b> 8:00 am Bell Choir 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High ComMISSION'd	<b>7</b> 12:00 pm Helping Hands 7:30 pm Boy Scouts SUMAC: Reserved	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm SPR Mtg.  SUMAC: Reserved Voting	<b>9</b> 5:00 am Early Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Jr. High ComMISSION'd 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Evangelism Mtg.	<b>10</b> 11:30 am Retired Men's Luncheon 6:00 pm Elementary ComMISSION'd	<b>11</b> Moorhead/Wells Rehearsal	<b>12</b> Moorhead/Wells Wedding  6:30 pm AA
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## Those Serving Us In November

### Greeters

6 Vivian Wolf  
 13 Patti Carmony  
 20 Scott & Rhonda Boothby  
 27 RJ & Marty Black

### Acolytes

6 Tyler & Jenna Zimmerly  
 13 Olivia & Elliott Daley  
 20 Culver & Anthony Sidle  
 27 Lexi & Luke Starr

### Lay Leaders

6 John Weaver  
 13 Laurel Sidle  
 20 Carla Lendrum  
 27 Aaron Boothby

### Ushers:

Dave Acker, Scott Boothby, Aaron Boothby,  
 Will Brenner, Phil Peck

### Nursery

6 Luke & Rebecca Rohr  
 13 Gary Sidle & Lisa Haberbusch  
 20 Sheila Wells & Rhonda Boothby  
 27 Elsie Burkholder & Ruth Sprang

### Explorers

6 Meghan Wright  
 13 Beth Acker  
 20 Jen Zehnder  
 27 Christi Franks

### Believers Month of October

Matt Diffenderfer

### Tech Support

6 Rosemarie Daley, Dennis Daley, Ashton Franks  
 13 Jeremy Burnison, Laurie Sidle, Todd Gordon  
 20 Dennis Daley, Jeremy Burnison, Luke Daley  
 27 Dennis Daley, Abigail Daley, Seth Franks