

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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December will be
SACK THE PULPIT
to restock our church pantry.



- Any dry cereal
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Soups
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Saltine crackers
- Canned vegetables - carrots, potatoes
(We do not need green beans or corn.)
- Canned fruit
- Applesauce
- Spaghetti sauce/pasta
- Treet or Spam - canned meat
- Vienna sausages
- Tuna
- Gravy



Please leave items on either side of
the pulpit area.

Monetary donations may be given
to the Elders.



Elders:

Pat Barclay
 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
 Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Josh Barclay
 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Doug Hershman
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THANK YOU NOTE

- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls and especially the prayers for Jim's serious heart procedure that took place a week or so ago. He is home doing as well as possible. Again, thanks so much.
 Love, **Jim and Sue VanCamp**

Cecil and Virginia McCutcheon are now residents of the
 Cedar Grove Personal Care Facility.
 The address: 110 Nicolett Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob and Lillie Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jo Langler, Ted and Rebecca Miller, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Butch & Madonna Smith, Jim VanCamp

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Don Gault (Mildred Gault's son), Glenn Jones (Tammy Kerns' father), Betty Morris, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

You may call the office and update or add names to the Prayer Lists.



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are so happy that Don and Sharon Midkiff placed their membership with us. They will be in Care Group 3.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's meeting will be today at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. The residents enjoy this time of worship and fellowship.

POTTER'S CHILDRENS HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter's Children Home will be here this week to collect the coin banks. Please return them to the church office.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip to the Smuckers and Rubbermaid Stores near Wooster, OH on Thursday, December 6 and leaving at 8:00AM (*Weather permitting*) \$30.00 each, includes fuel costs and dinner at the Amish Door.

DECEMBER LADIES LUNCH RESERVATION

It is very important that if you are planning to attend the ladies lunch at the Parkersburg Country Club **you need to sign the sheet in the foyer by November 28**. The luncheon will be at noon on December 14. The cost will be \$16.00 each and includes buffet and dessert.

Daily Bible Reading

November 25 - James 3, Eze 22-23
November 26 - James 4, Eze 24-26
November 27 - James 5, Eze 27-28
November 28 - I Peter 1, Eze 29-31
November 29 - I Peter 2, Eze 32-33
November 30 - I Peter 3, Eze 34-35
December 1 - I Peter 4, Eze 36-37
December 2 - I Peter 5, Eze 38-39

Watch
"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"
Sunday mornings at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV.



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UPCOMING TOPIC

December 2
GOD ISN'T GOING AWAY

DANA'S DIRECTION

“Unusual things for which to be thankful”

I hope everyone has been enjoying a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We all have so much to be thankful for. I want you all to know how thankful I am for the opportunity that I have been given to work with the congregation here at Camden Avenue. I love you all with the love of the Lord. I pray everyday for our leaders and that God will use this church to do His will.

A few years ago, about this time, I ran the following article in our bulletin. I received so many comments about it that I decided to run it again. I'm thankful for the fact that during the time I am usually working on my article for the bulletin, I can now spend with my granddaughters who are ready to “have some Poppy time.” ~Dana

“SOME UNUSUAL THINGS FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL”

- **Be thankful** you don't already have everything you desire. If you did what would there be to look forward to?
- **Be thankful** when you don't know - it gives the opportunity to learn.
- **Be thankful** for difficult times - during those times you grow.
- **Be thankful** for limitations - they give opportunities for improvement.
- **Be thankful** for a new challenge - it will build strength and character.
- **Be thankful** for your mistakes - they teach valuable lessons.
- **Be thankful** when you are weary - it means you've made a difference.
- **Be thankful** for the mess after a party - it means you have friends.
- **Be thankful** for the taxes you pay - it means you are employed.
- **Be thankful** for the clothes that fit a little snug - it means you have plenty to eat.
- **Be thankful** for the lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing - it means you have a house.
- **Be thankful** for the spot you find at the end of the parking lot - it mean that you can walk.
- **Be thankful** for all the complaining you hear about our government - it means we have freedom of speech.
- **Be thankful** for the huge heating bill - it means you are warm.
- **Be thankful** for the lady behind you in church who sings off key - it means you can hear.
- **Be thankful** for the piles of laundry and ironing- it means your loved ones are nearby.
- **Be thankful** for the alarm that goes off early in the morning - it means you are alive.
- **Be thankful** for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day - it means you have been productive.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. “In everything give thanks.”

Author unknown

The Attitude of Gratitude: (Luke 17:11-19)

“And _____ of them, when he saw he was healed, _____, and with a loud voice glorified _____, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him _____.” (Luke 17:5)

Ingratitude – the source of all _____. “Although they _____ God, they did not _____ Him as God, nor were they _____.” (Romans 1:21) **The greatest ingratitude of all is _____ Jesus.**

Three Keys of Gratitude

#1) To show gratitude – We must be _____. Our vast blessings are by the _____ of God.

#2) To be grateful – we must _____ gratitude. Thankfulness does not become _____ until it is _____. The Samaritan _____ God with a loud voice and fell down on his face at His feet giving Him _____.” (Luke 17:16)

Worship is _____ God. “Enter into His gates with _____, and into His courts with _____. Be _____ to Him, and _____ His name. (Psalm 100:4) “Therefore by Him let us _____ offer Him the _____ of praise to God, that is, the _____ of our lips, giving _____ to His name.” (Hebrews 13:15) **Gratitude is expressing _____.** **Gratitude toward God – Results in gratitude toward _____.** “In _____ give thanks, for this is the _____ of God.” (I Thess. 5:18)

#3) To truly express our gratitude – we must live _____. The most flagrant sign of ingratitude is _____. “Neither _____ as some of them complained and were _____.” (II Corinthians 10:10)

Gratitude leads to _____. “Let your conduct be without _____; be _____ with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never _____ you or _____ you,’ so we may boldly say; the Lord is my _____, I will not fear.” (Hebrews 13:6) **Grateful Christian will live a gracious _____.** **A grateful Christian is a _____ Christian.** **When you see all the gifts – look to the _____.** “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not _____ all of His _____.” (Psalm 103:2) “Surely the _____ shall give _____ unto Your name.” (Psalm 140:13)

It's Not About The Turkey

Paul Nygard



Harold Reddick offers a thought to us that is appropriate during this thanksgiving day holiday. After you consider his words, I encourage you to visit this web site (<http://history1800s.about.com/od/abrahamlincoln/a/Lincoln-Thanksgiving-proclam.htm>) where you can find President Lincoln's proclamation. How refreshing it would be to hear a president think this way once again.

When we hear the story of what we refer to as the first thanksgiving, it is normally about the settlers of the Plymouth colony in what became known as Massachusetts. The pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in the fall of 1620 and were beset with hunger, disease, and the inability to adapt rapidly. Had it not been for Squanto and other Native Americans who befriended and taught them, the Pilgrims of the Plymouth colony would most likely have been forgotten on the pages of history.

Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until another time which was also fraught with hardship, pain and desperation. This time was the American Civil War, the year was 1863 and the man who was pivotal in what happened was Abraham Lincoln. He declared a national day of celebration and thanks to God. During a war? Yes, right in the midst of a war that was to decide the fate and future of our nation.

Most people seem to think that Thanksgiving has to do with roasted turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, but the concept of Thanksgiving is not about the turkey. Rather it is about Almighty God, the Lord of heaven and earth. In my Bible the word "thanksgiving" is found 25 times, and in each and every instance it is referring to an attitude that human beings have toward the Lord God.

The three feasts or festivals commanded by God each year for the Jewish people had to do with different scenes in their history, but the overriding attitude was the same: thanksgiving and gratitude. The Passover was a memorial of freedom from slavery, but was also saying thank you to God for this freedom. The feast of Tabernacles which was in the autumn and was connected with the general harvest of crops was offering thanks to God for being able to feed their families. The feast of weeks was for the harvest of the wheat crop and came fifty days after Passover which is why it was commonly known as Pentecost. All of these gathering times were for the Israelites to offer a community "thank you to God."

There is of course something else connected with Pentecost which affects us. It was the time in history when the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ was first proclaimed. Each of us ought to be thankful because of that event every day. 2 Cor. 4:15-16a tells us "All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart."



Our Friday Night Sing

We had 157 in attendance and 25 song leaders.

Thanks to all who assisted with the sing: leading singing, offered prayers, managed the overhead and sound system, brought snacks, served, cleaned up, set up, stayed over, sent out announcements, and made the sing a GREAT TIME for ALL as we sang and fellowshiped together . . .

John R. Life



Youth Section

6th-12th Grade Devo. 11/30

Devo. at the Saunders' home at 7:00PM
Friday, November 30.

K-12th Grade GIRLS Devo. 12/1

The K-12th grade girls devo. at the Wadlington's home Friday, December 1 at 1:30.

6th-12th Grade Devo. 12/9

The 6th-12th grade devo. will be held December 9 after evening services in the MP Room, hosted by Scott & Gwen Johnson.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 12/15

Details to follow.

K-12th Grade Devo. 12/15

Dustin Hughes will host a devo. December 15 at 6:00PM for the K-12th grade at his home.

Youth calendars are available on the counter in the foyer.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Three little boys were debating whose father was the best. The first started the debate by claiming his father knew the mayor. He was soon topped by the second boy who said, "That's nothing. My dad knows the governor." The stakes were getting pretty high, and the eavesdropping father wondered what his young son would say about him. The little boy shot back, "So what! My dad knows God!"



Could your son say that about you? I hope so! Someone once told me that "Unless there is WITHIN us that which is ABOVE us, we will soon yield to that which is ABOUT us, and sink into that which is BENEATH us!" As fathers, we have the responsibility to put God first in our lives. If we do this, everything else will fall into place just as it should. Never forget that if you live your life and be just average, then you are as close to the bottom as you are to the top!

"Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where **you** are **always** welcome.

Response to the victims of Hurricane Sandy:

The elders wish to thank the congregation here for your immediate gift of \$1670.00 to help with those in the Northeast who have suffered the ravages of Hurricane Sandy. Your donations were forwarded to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief effort in Nashville, TN. This organization has been meeting the immediate needs of people across this nation for 22 years by funneling goods through local congregations of the church for distribution to the people involved. Disaster Relief is overseen by a board that is made up of members of the church. John Miller, former minister from North End here in Parkersburg, serves as the president of that board. You can receive additional information and follow the progress of the effort in the Northeast on their webpage: www.disasterrelieffort.org.

An early report, dated November 9th, shared the following information: We have sent over \$1 million worth of supplies to the victims of Sandy, and will continue to send goods as long as congregations want to work. Even though we are doing our part, we are a drop in the bucket. The population is so dense, that a truckload with 324 food boxes, personal care boxes, cleaning buckets, water, rakes, shovels, brooms and mops can all be distributed in 1-2 days. We are sending trucks out as quickly as they can drive back, and we can reload them. 90% of what we send is prepackaged, so it can be immediately given out. Nobody has to oversee tables of food, or clothing or personal care items, it is boxed and sealed and ready to hand out.

Disaster Relief has sent trucks to 10 different congregations in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Connecticut for distribution. Because of their donations of merchandise and bulk purchasing, they can supply \$3 worth of materials for every \$1 donated - all under the oversight and influence of the local congregations of the Churches of Christ.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay

DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Dave Nulter

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Daniel Nygard

SCRIPTURE

AM - Phil Deem

PM - Steve Gray

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Bill Hoover

Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Bill Davis

2 - Ray Sams

4 - Carolyn Davis

PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover

2. Harvey & Mary Caplinger

3. Stan & Debi Inman

4. Mike & Teresa Wade

5. Bill & Mary Lemley

6. Jon & Brandi Hescht

Facts and Figures

November 25, 2012

AM Service.....331

Bible Study.....273

PM Service.....222

Wednesday.....NA

Contribution.....\$7210.40

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....11

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....6

Placed Membership....26

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM