



# THE *Spiceland Friend*

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## November 2020

### “Being Thankful and Trusting God During Difficult Times”

November is the traditional month for being thankful in the USA, mainly due to harvesting of crops. If you lived in Canada, their Thanksgiving is in October. I am not sure about other countries around the world. I think it is sad that we have to have just one month to remind us to be thankful. We should be thankful every minute of every day for the blessings God has given us!

I don't think we can be thankful without trusting God to be in total control of our lives. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18 says: “Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” I absolutely love that I belong to Jesus. It brings such comfort and relief knowing that He wants only the best for me. We have to look at our circumstances from God's perspective and trust in His Perfect Will!

1 Peter 5:10: “In His kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered for a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and place you on a firm foundation.” So even though we are struggling somewhat with Covid, elections, violence, and unsure about our future here and now, we can take great comfort and be ever so thankful that our true everlasting future is in Heaven with God and Jesus.

James 1:12 (ESV) “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

We need to remain steadfast in our thankfulness no matter what our circumstances.

So as the song goes: “Count Your blessings name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God has done!”

**Nancy Wadman,**  
Ministry Coordinator

### Bazaar Update

We are still having the bazaar this year. However, we have made a few modifications. We had a brief but productive meeting after church on November 1. Due to the rise in Covid cases recently, we decided not to have Attic Treasures and the Sweet Shop. There are several really good reasons for this decision, and I will be happy to share them with you individually. We will be serving lunch with the usual menu, and we have vendors ready to sell their wares.



We will need donations of food for the kitchen: pies, cakes, hot dogs, buns, soft drinks and bottled water. This year due to Covid we will be using individual cans of soft drinks and water. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center at church for food donations.

– Nancy Wadman

## Preaching Schedule for November and December

Nancy Wadman, Eric Bowman, and Mark Herbkersman will be preaching in November. David Brock will return to the pulpit on December 6. David will preach three Sundays in December and the Christmas Eve Service. Nancy Wadman will preach one Sunday in December.

**November 8** – Eric Bowman

**November 15** – Mark Herbkersman

**November 22** – Mark Herbkersman

**November 29** – Nancy Wadman

Sermon – “Comfort for God’s People”

Scripture – Isaiah 40:1-11

## Thursday Lunch and Bible Study



any time!

We will meet on November 5, 12, and 19, and then we are taking a break during December. If the weather cooperates, we will start meeting again in January on the 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great group, and we would love for you to join us at

– Nancy Wadman

## Wednesday Bible Study

We have only two more evenings of studying Acts with **Ron Reece**. Please feel free to join us on November 4 and 11. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., and discussion will begin at 6:45. Just bring your Bible and come!

## Quilt Group is Selling Chances on Quilt

The quilt group has made a lovely king-size quilt which will be raffled at this year’s bazaar. The quilt contains 1,851 pieces and took two years to complete. Tickets are now on sale – \$1.00 per ticket or buy six for \$5.00. See one of the quilters or purchase tickets after worship. The winner will be drawn at the bazaar on November 14. You do not have to be present to win.



## Prospective Associate Pastor Is Giving Message

Ministry & Oversight has interviewed **Eric Bowman** from Hagerstown and has invited him to speak on November 8.

Eric and his wife will be joining us for worship, and a Soup and Dessert Luncheon will follow on Sunday, November 8. Eric will bring the message for this Sunday. Please stay for lunch if you feel comfortable in doing so. It will be a great opportunity to meet Eric and his wife, Diana, and get acquainted with them.

We will have a Monthly Business Meeting later to decide whether or not to extend Eric a calling to be our Associate Pastor.

**Nancy Wadman,**  
Ministry Coordinator



## Worship Assistants for November

### Scripture Readers

Nov. 1 – Pam Pyle  
Nov. 8 – Lisa Knotts  
Nov. 15 – Nancy Wadman  
Nov. 22 – Priscilla James  
Nov. 29 – Teresa Batt

### Children’s Story

Nov. 1 – Mike Van Osdol  
Nov. 8 – Janet Putnam  
Nov. 15 – Mike Van Osdol  
Nov. 22 – Linda Brock  
Nov. 29 – Mike Van Osdol

**Greeters** – Ron & Brenda Reece

**Junior Church** has been canceled for the month of November due to unforeseen circumstances. All Sunday School classes are still meeting.



## **Please Remember in Prayer**

### **Church Family**

David Brock – heart attack  
Linda Brock – broken wrist  
Tom Weber – health concerns  
Judy Smith – released from hospital  
George Lacy – lung cancer; chemo  
Steve Stevens – health concerns  
Rick Little – recovering from cancer  
Darlene Darling – at home  
Gary Stegner – recovering from surgery  
Linda Rutherford – breast cancer; chemo  
Kathy Painter – at home recovering; still weak  
Janice Radcliff – recovering from rotator cuff surgery  
Jenny McDaniel – recovering from heart surgery  
Marilyn & Mark Thompson – Marilyn – Bell’s palsy;  
Mark – loss of job  
Max Jessup – continuing to decline  
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems  
Irene Goodwin – health problems  
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes  
Darrell & Janet Craft – health problems; Darrell –  
knee surgery  
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor

### **Extended Family and Friends**

Aunt of Pam Reno – Covid-19  
Brooke Runyon (Cindy Mitchell) – cancer on her  
face  
Marcia Ash (Jason Ash) – liver cancer  
Alice Womack – heart issues  
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – cancer has returned  
Family of Kim Gibson  
Megan (Kandi Rutledge’s granddaughter) – health  
issues  
Brother of Chris Garner – testing for possible tumor  
Brian, Nephew of Gerald & Darlene Darling – has  
Covid-19  
Jennifer (friend of Debi Zimmerman) – breast  
cancer  
Isabelle Cummins (Claudia Garner) – recovering  
from back surgery  
Juan (Beverly Reece) – 7-year-old whose organs are  
failing  
Angela Thompson (Priscilla James) – health issues



Charlene Haugh (Claudia Garner) – recovering from  
bad stroke  
Claire Wallace (Pam Pyle) – upcoming back surgery  
Kirk Albertson – ankle/foot surgery  
Parents of Teresa Batt  
Jack Pew (Sara Jane Stegner) – cancer  
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer  
Joyce Butler (Sara Jane Stegner) – Covid-19  
Doug Schweikhardt – cancer  
Cain Kneply (Brian Thomas) – surgery on both hips  
Catherine Scott (Amie Thornburg) – ALS; severe  
lung infection; is on ventilator  
Leona Blake (Mother of Helen Rust) – heart attack  
Connie Smith (Linda Ratcliff’s sister) – cancer  
Jason Ash’s mother – in Rushville nursing home  
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation  
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – advanced breast  
cancer  
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam’s mother) – uterine  
cancer  
Students, teachers, and school administrators  
Our country and servicemen and women  
Prison Staff and Prisoners  
Long-term care facilities staff and residents dealing  
with Covid-19

### **Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM**

Friends United Meeting  
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac &  
Bernie McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw  
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar  
Mmbali, Nikki Holland)  
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)  
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries



“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

–William Arthur Ward

## Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Back November 15

There's still time to grab and fill some shoeboxes! Please take as many boxes as you are interested in filling. Then fill the boxes, indicate



the age/gender, include a check for \$9 made out to Samaritan's Purse to help with the cost of shipping, and return the boxes to the Family Center by November 15. They

can be dropped off any time before that as well. Carol is in the office Wednesday-Friday, 9:00-12:00, and Nancy is in on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach ministry supported, managed, and sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, which is run by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. They have one of the best/highest ratings for a charitable organization.

## Directory Changes



### Bill Byrket

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### Paul Copeland

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### Jack & Chelsea Garner

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Spiceland, IN 47385

## Notes of Thanks

"Thank you so much for the monetary gift for Pastor Appreciation Month! I am so blessed by your friendship and all of your encouraging words."

– **Nancy Wadman**  
Ministry Coordinator

"Appreciate your kindness."

– **Halle Chandler**

"Your prayers and your church are greatly appreciated. Thank you very much."

– **Alice Womack**

"Heartfelt thanks to all that helped with the Miller family following their recent house fire. It is very much appreciated."

– **Donna Tauber and Family  
of Phyllis Miller**

## Present Tense

After "turkey day" came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not "How *was* your Thanksgiving?" but "How *is* your Thanksgiving?" After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn't always need to be profoundly deep, either. A. J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply – "Sometimes I'm just grateful I have arms." That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being "thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice."

So . . . how *is* your Thanksgiving?

