



South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

Anchored to the Rock

Relevant to the Times

Reaching to the Future!

November 2006

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Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

—Psalm 100:4-5

Of all the memories of Thanksgivings past, none shine brighter in my mind than the thought of a wax candle turkey. It was about five inches high and nearly as wide. Its abode for most of the year was a cardboard box in the garage of my childhood home. Its annual appearance (facilitated, no doubt, by my mother) heralded the beginning of the Thanksgiving season. Every autumn around the first of November, it would rise, like the phoenix, from its resting place in the garage and appear on top of the piano in our living room. There it would remain until it was time for the Christmas decorations to go up.

That little wax turkey traveled from the garage to the living room and then back again for many years. It is the single most enduring memory I have of Thanksgivings long ago. After I left home and went out into the world, I would often think of it at Thanksgiving time. To this day it reminds me of all that I have to be thankful for.

The Plymouth colonists didn't realize they were celebrating the first American Thanksgiving in 1621 when they sat down for a three day feast with their Wampanoag Indian guests. But for the fifty-two colonists—who had experienced a year of disease, hunger, and diminishing hopes—their bountiful harvest was cause for a special celebration to give thanks to God.

After the twelve tribes of Israel entered the Promised Land, the land flowing with milk and honey, they remembered to give thanks to God through their festivals and celebrations. They, too, had much to be thankful for. The Psalmist sums it up for all of us throughout the ages: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations* (Psalm 100:4-5).

“Come, follow me.” Let's see where Jesus leads our church.

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Lance



Honors and Memorials

Budget:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Don & Gloria Neikirk.

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. Given by:

- Justine Deters
- Mary King
- Johnnie Daniels

**In Loving Memory of George & Thelma Steele. Given by Don & Gloria Neikirk.

**In Loving Memory of John Hill. Given by Don & Gloria Neikirk.

Costa Rica Farm:

**In Love & Honor of Rannie Cooper on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Love & Honor of Charlene Cooper on her birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Love & Honor of Steve & Darlene Meyers on their anniversary. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Loving Memory of Cliff & Geneva Klaiber. Given by David & Brenda Klaiber.

Hospitality Committee:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Jon & Candy Lett.

Prayer Garden:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by:

- Spurge & Jean Mason
- Ken & Peg Williams
- Bob & Jo Keifer
- Claire Schweitzer
- Gennis & Roberta Tipton

**In Loving Memory of Thelma Steele. Given by Ashland Classmates of 1954.

**In Loving Memory of John Hitchcock and John Hill. Given by Dick & Trish Wheeler.

**In Loving Memory of Kenneth Baldock. Given by Gennis & Roberta Tipton.

**In Loving Memory of Paul Bradford. Given by Gennis & Roberta Tipton.

**In Loving Memory of John Picklesimer. Given by Gennis & Roberta Tipton.

**In Loving Memory of "Pup" and Thelma Steele. Given by Gennis & Roberta Tipton

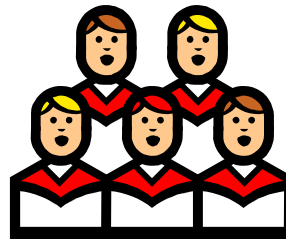


Deaths

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Rick & Terri Leake and family in the death of his father, Stanley "Bo" Leake.
- John & Karen Hinkle and family in the death of her mother, Christine Ward.
- Joe & Beth Schuler and family in the death of his father, Joseph Schuler, Sr.
- Dan & Mary Jo Dove and family in the death of their sister-in-law, Betty Dove

Music Notes



The Chancel Choir has begun work on the Christmas Cantata. If you would like to be a part of the "Christmas Plan" please join us on Wednesday nights from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. The cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 10th, in both worship services.

Prayer Garden Update

Work on the Prayer Garden continues but has been slowed due to the fall rains. Hemlock trees and Evergreens have been planted, benches added and soon the fountain will be in place. The Cross has been completed as 2460 bricks have been inlaid in the cross shaped border. As etched bricks (In Honor/Memory of) are received they will replace a blank brick in the cross. The Cross is completely walkable so take the time to view the names of those so honored.



Missions

Thanksgiving Baskets for Hillcrest Bruce Mission and our community will be placed on the altar during our morning worship services on Sunday, November 19, 2006. Some suggestions for a basket: 3 lb. canned ham, instant potatoes, instant milk, canned fruit, canned vegetables, jello, lemonade, and prepared dessert. (No cream pies, please.) If you want to add extra items to the basket, some suggestions are – dried beans, corn bread mix, peanut butter, saltines, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, tuna, tuna helper, hamburger helper, applesauce. This is the time of the year that food pantries are sparse, please give

Two Hearts Pregnancy Center – Items that are **desperately** needed for layettes for either boy or girl – baby bottles, receiving blankets, newborn sleeper or gowns, newborn onesies, bibs, pacifiers, newborn socks and/or booties. Baby wash cloths, baby towels, crib sheets, water proof pads, toiletries – lotion, baby wash, shampoo, baby wipes, newborn diapers, rattles, etc.

The Adopt a Child and Senior for Hillcrest Bruce Mission and Adopt a Child for our community will be in swing soon. A gift of \$20.00 is requested to purchase the gift and have it wrapped. We will have these names and wish list by the end of November or first of December. Please remember this is probably the only gift they will receive. What a joy it is to add someone special to your Christmas shopping! Our list is growing so it would be wonderful if each family will adopt a person. Some of these children are from the same family, so please limit spending to \$20.00 per child.

The Cookie Caper is being planned for Sunday, December 3, 2006. We will need an assortment of home baked cookies and helpers to package and distribute these cookies to be passed out in the different neighborhoods. Please come and be a part of this event, as we will have a great time of working and fellowshiping together.

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report September 2006

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 79,298.06	\$36,018.76	\$ 0.00	\$115,316.82
Receipts	36,211.94	5,741.36	1,909.00	43,862.30
Disbursements	(34,666.07)	(1,914.66)	(1,909.00)	(38,489.73)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 80,843.93	\$39,845.46	\$ 0.00	\$120,689.39
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/05	\$ 57,309.06	\$29,025.94	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,335.00
Receipts	350,314.55	48,512.62	25,015.00	423,842.17
Disbursements	(328,424.77)	(35,730.90)	(25,015.00)	(389,170.67)
Transfer	1,645.09	(1,962.20)	0.00	(317.11)
Closing Balance	\$ 80,843.93	\$39,845.46	\$ 0.00	\$120,689.39



Van Driver Rotation November 2006

November 5 Bill Rice and Jenny Johnson
November 12 David and Rita Russell
November 19 Jim and LuAnn Glockner
November 26 Ken and Peg Williams

Breakfast Rotation November 2006

November 5 Rudy and Charlotte Dunnigan
November 12 Jon and Brenda Roberts
November 19 Mark and Paulette Meenach
November 26 Don and Gloria Neikirk



United Methodist Women

EXTRA!

The UMW have 3 large ornaments at \$10.00 each, 1 small ornament and 14 key chains that can be used as small ornaments by using the ribbon enclosed at \$8.00 each. These are pewter replicas of South Ashland United Methodist Church and are beautifully crafted. What a wonderful way to display your love for the church and pride in its spirit. If you have never seen one ask Joyce Neill or a UMW member to show you one. Again, heartfelt thanks for helping us help others. Have a Great Day in Jesus!!!

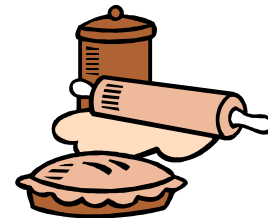
**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!!
THE PECANS ARE HERE!!!!**

These are large whole fresh picked pecans – You can plan your holiday Treats & Gifts and help the UMW as they reach out to help and serve others by ordering one or more pounds of fresh Georgia pecans. The cost is \$7.50 per pound and you furnish the love that goes with each surprise! Mmmm – chocolate covered pecans – cinnamon glazed pecans – pecan caramel clusters – and of course, the pecan pie of your choice. A great gift to give a hostess or friend. Please help us reach our goal and support our mission work. Thank you.

RECIPE OF THE SEASON

TOASTED COCONUT – CHOCOLATE CHUNK PECAN PIE

- 1 15 ounce pkg. refrigerated pie crusts
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine – melted
- cup sugar
- cup light corn syrup
- 4 lg eggs – lightly beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cup UMW fresh picked pecan halves
- 1 cup sweetened flaked coconut – toasted
- 3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chunks or morsels



1. Unroll 1 pie crust and place on lightly floured surface to fit 9" pie plate and crimp. Set aside.
2. Stir together butter and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl; stir well. Stir in pecans and remaining ingredients. Pour filling into pie crust. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour & 15 minutes or until set, shielding crust after 45 minutes with aluminum foil if necessary. Cool completely.

Children's

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I want to thank the all of the people who have helped with the children's ministry during this session of SAMSS. I well up when I think of how willing everyone has been to assist in so many different ways. What an honor and pleasure it is to serve with all of you. Since this is the month highlighted by Thankfulness let me just continue in thanking everyone for being so kind and supportive of me and the children's ministry over the past six months. Please continue to pray for all of the children in our community and our church. During the month of November the children will continue preparing for the Christmas program which will be in December. In Sunday school they are studying Daniel and the Lions Den and will start an Advent Study during the last part of the month

Too Blessed to be Stressed.....Love, Maebelle

Library News

Did any of you ever have to memorize this poem:

Helen Hunt Jackson (1830-1885)
October's Bright Blue Weather

O SUNS and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather;
When loud the bumble-bee makes haste,
Belated, thriftless vagrant,
And Golden-Rod is dying fast,
And lanes with grapes are fragrant;
When Gentians roll their fringes tight
To save them for the morning,
And chestnuts fall from satin burrs
Without a sound of warning;
When on the ground red apples lie
In piles like jewels shining,

And redder still on old stone walls
Are leaves of woodbine twining;
When all the lovely wayside things
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields, still green and fair,
Late aftermaths are growing;
When springs run low, and on the brooks,
In idle golden freighting,
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the hush
Of woods, for winter waiting;
When comrades seek sweet country haunts,
By twos and twos together,
And count like misers, hour by hour,
October's bright blue weather.
O suns and skies and flowers of June,
Count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year
October's bright blue weather.

Well, I did. Although, I cannot say I can recite it now. It's a beautiful poem celebrating the month of of October.

There's also a much shorter free-style *poem* in our library that asks the question.....*Do you have a question?* *Our library has the answer.* Now that may have been on the wall for some time and I just noticed it on Sunday. However long it has been there, though, the question is haunting. How long have you been carrying around a question that our library has the answer to? Have you given that much thought? We have plenty of books in our library just reaching out their pages to give you a hand in answering your stickiest questions. To help you think things through on YOUR time. To ponder. To re-read until you totally understand. To have your own EUREKA! moment. And don't you deserve that?

Stop standing out there in the cold. When you're done admiring October's bright blue weather, come in from the cold and with your question in hand, choose the book that most clearly answers your most burning question. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

In the Christ Spirit,
Georgia