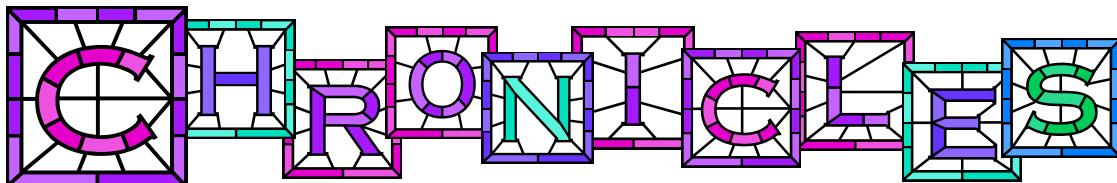


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Note from the Pastor

What do Transformation 2.0 and Stewardship have to do with each other?

We all know what Stewardship is—the use of our time, talents and financial resources in the service of the church. Stewardship season, which we are currently in the midst of, is a time when we reflect on the sharing of our resources and on how to best use them to the glory of God. Some of us are tithers, enjoying being able to give on a particular schedule; and some of us are not, preferring to share our gifts as fits our personal time, talent and financial budget. It depends on personal style and, to a great extent, what we grew up with.

Most often when we talk about Stewardship we are really talking about money and the financial aspects and obligations of church life. This is fairly normal, I think;

if we didn't pay attention to the budget we might not be able to do God's work in the world and maintain our location for worship and fellowship.

But there is more to Stewardship than money. When we talk about Stewardship and giving we're also talking about our time and our talents.

There is a story I heard many years ago about a church passing the offering plate, and when it came to a certain woman she put the plate on the floor and stepped into it! Her intention was to show that she was offering her whole "self" to God, not just her money but her time and her gifts too. This is especially important to people on limited financial resources, to know the joy of being able to give back to God from somewhere other than their bank account.

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Note from the Pastor, continued

As we get older it seems to become easier to give our dollars instead of our time and talents. We don't have as much energy as we did, and some of us may feel we've put in our time, it's someone else's turn! And younger folks today are often overwhelmed with jobs, children (and perhaps elderly parents) and activities, and their financial resources are often stretched very thin. But the church is something we all have to give to, as much as we can. Not just to keep the doors open, though, but in joyous and grateful response to the blessings we have received from God.

Transformation 2.0 is meant to help us change our church culture in ways that help us reflect on God's gifts to us—gifts of time, talent and financial resources. It's easy to forget, when times in the church are tough or when we've been going along doing the same things for many years, that we come together in

God's name not just to *receive* what we need, but to give as well, to share our blessings together with one another and the community around us.

Transformation 2.0 means transformation not only of our church culture but also of ourselves. We should always and forever be growing in the spirit of God through worship, study, service and fellowship. Some of us enjoy different parts of the church experience more than other parts, but to truly grow we must experience all parts in some measure. And as we are transformed and we grow in faith and in the spirit of God, our understanding of Stewardship will also grow and be transformed, and our sharing of our resources—our time, talents, and financial resources, will be transformed as well.

Peace,

Rev. Sharon

Poinsettias to Decorate the Church

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas in memory or honor of a relative or friend, please call the church office or sign up in the narthex. Please specify Pink, White or Red and whom the flower(s) are in honor or memory of. The estimated cost is \$8.00 each. Orders and payment must be received by December 6th.



IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS



Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth & John Roeber, The McDermott Family, Howard Story, Donna Kreicker, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Jean Jennings' Family, Emille Walden, Joanna Bailey, Mary Lee Harrison, Deborah Grover and Margaret Meyer.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cliff Brown	4th
Tracy Nowak	4th
Howard Story	5th
Jean Jennings	8th
Regan Bales	10th
Sandy Beach	10th
Paula Reinhart	11th
Carol Alverson	21st
Christian Bales	23rd
Jimmy Beckett	26th
Emille Walden	30th



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kliff Kreicker	8th
Paisleigh Suer	8th
Keith Bales	10th
Donna Kreicker	13th
Krista Roy	22nd



Save the Date
Our Annual Christmas Tea will be
Sunday December 18th!

MISSION AT WORK

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be thinking about how to lose the pounds we gained from the Thanksgiving Dinner. That's a good problem to have as many people are more worried about what they will be eating this year. There is a long list of things that affect people's lives and cause them to go hungry. The people of Haiti lost most of their food crop to storms. Homelessness, wars and being forced to flee without having anything to take with them. The list goes on and we can each add to it. When we have enough to eat, a warm place to sleep and a reasonably safe place to stay, we need to thank God that we are so blessed. Let's use our season of thanksgiving to do just that.

Advent begins Nov. 27, 2026. As we prepare for Christmas we have a number of projects, that will allow us to share the season with others who may not have as much. You can pick and choose as many or as few as you would like.

Buckhorn Children's Center. This project started way back when as a "Shoes For Buckhorn" project. Then it morphed into an adopt a child project and finally "Gift Cards For Buckhorn" We ask you to buy gift cards in any denomination that you wish. These cards can be from Target,

BY: JACK KLEIER

Walmart, and Kmart. These are all stores that Buckhorn has access to. They will be used to buy Christmas gifts and the \$5 cards can be used though out the year to award the children when they have accomplished something noteworthy. In any event, we can brighten a child's life by gifting them in this season of giving.

The Ludlow Giving Tree is a project of the Ludlow Churches at Christmas to help needy Family's celebrate the Season. Jean Jennings heads this project and she will receive white doves with a person's wish on it. If you are interested tell Jean and she will make sure you get a dove.

We will again participate in "Cards for the Service People." We have done this for a number of years along with the Children at CLASP. We will make the cards available in November and early Dec. Sign as many as you want and perhaps write a short note to help brighten their Christmas.

We will also have a list of food items for Be Concerned to help local people get through the Christmas Season a little easier. Watch for this list and perhaps you can pick up an item or two while you shop for your family.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November Anniversaries

Gary and Johanna Willis 27th 34 years
Ronnie and Sharon Carlin 27th 53 years



December Anniversaries

Bud and Marge McDermott 1st 70 years
Ruth and John Roeber 19th 63 years

Bud and Marge McDermott will celebrate their
70th wedding anniversary on December 1st!
Congratulations!

Happy 70th Anniversary!



Over the next several weeks our congregation will be participating in our annual food drive for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. The donations we collect will again go to Be Concerned Inc. We will continue to collect throughout December. Please place your donations in the food barrel in the narthex. Your donation of canned goods will assist Be Concerned in its mission to provide Christmas to 800 low-income families in Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties.

<i>Soup</i> <i>Canned Meats</i> <i>Canned Fruits</i> <i>Pork 'n Beans</i> <i>Tuna</i>	<i>Cereal</i> <i>Crackers</i> <i>Peanut Butter</i> <i>Drinks</i> <i>Chili</i>
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2017 Directory If you moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please let someone in the office know so that we have your current contact information for the new directory.



LUDLOW GIVING TREE

The Ludlow Giving Tree was established to help families in the Ludlow community who have fallen on hard times. Please contact Jean Jennings if you would like to make Christmas a little merrier for a struggling family. Jean will give you a name and Christmas wish list. We would like to have your gifts by December 4th.

BUCKHORN CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES



Please consider purchasing a gift card for the children at Buckhorn. The gift cards can be for any amount from Target, Walmart, or K-Mart. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, the Kleier's will be happy to purchase the gift cards. Our donations let the children know that they are loved. Please get your gift cards to Jack Kleier by December 11th.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS



Many of the men and women serving in our military will not get the opportunity to go home for Christmas. To let them know we are thinking of them and appreciate their sacrifice, we are asking you to sign a card or two, available in the narthex.. Feel free to add a personal note of encouragement. The cards will be sent to our service people on active duty.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please submit a summary of your activities to the office for the 2016 Annual Report. We would like to have all reports by January 9, 2017. The date of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be announced soon. Thank you.

THE FIVE WAYS TO FIND OUT IF CHURCH IS CANCELLED ARE:

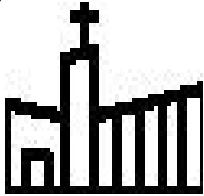
- (1) Check Channel 9 WCPO - either watch the crawl or look on the WCPO website for the list of closings.
- (2) Check your email for an announcement.
- (3) Check the Community of Faith website - www.cofnky.org for an announcement
- (4) We will endeavor to call regular worshipers via our phone tree.
- (5) As a last resort, call the Clerk, Becky Lindsay (859-331-0817)



When in doubt, use your own discretion.

*Dear God,
I want to take a minute,
not to ask you for anything,
but to simply say
THANK YOU
for all I have.*





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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Cooking for Cornerstone	21st
Serving at Cornerstone	22nd
Happy Thanksgiving!	24th
Office Closed	25th
1st Sunday of Advent	27th

DECEMBER EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal December 7, 14, 21, 28

Ludlow giving tree gifts Due	4th
Poinsettia orders and money due	4th
Session 6:45pm	6th
Buckhorn gift cards due	11th
Newsletter Articles Due	12th
Christmas Tea	18th
Christmas Eve Service	24th

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