

Outside The Pulpit..

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Of Heritage
Congregational
Church
Berea, Ohio

November
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Be Ye Thankful

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

and His courts with Praise.

Give Thanks unto Him and praise His name.”

Psalm 100: 4

What is so hard about being thankful and why should I be thankful. After all, we are in a depressed economy, jobs are scarce, congress and the president can't communicate, the banks are not my friend and on it goes. So why should I be thankful.

The first reason to be thankful is the fact that we are commanded by the Lord to be thankful and to always be in an attitude of thankfulness. Look at the verse above. It clearly expresses to us that when we come before the Lord, it should be with thanks and praise on our lips. Even if the current circumstances don't seem to warrant an attitude of thankfulness, the fact that we have the privilege of standing before a Holy God who has provided salvation and has performed numerous miracles in our lives deserves our thanks and praise. I heard a song by Beverly Crawford which contained these words, “If the Lord never does anything else for me, He's done enough.” Just think about what He has brought you through over the course of your life. It is easy to get caught up in the moment, but let's not allow the moment to be representative of our entire lives.

Aside from the command, there are other reasons for thankfulness. A feeling of gratitude redirects your mind to concentrate on that which is good and uplifting. Instead of focusing on the negative, our sights are trained on blessings. That is not to say that we ignore negative things. That is just not realistic and impossible. Those things have to be dealt with, but we are not stuck there. Some of us are pessimistic by nature. It seems like an automatic response for us to think about what is not being done or why something cannot be done. However, God is the god of what is possible. He takes the impossible and makes it possible. He does not deal with the laws of probability. He gives manna in the desert, water from a rock, feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fishes, turns water into wine, makes the blind to see, and the lame to walk. So what's happening in your life. Concentrating on thankfulness can bring us out of depression. Think about it.

Philippians 4:8, 9b

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things....and the God of peace will be with you.”



Trustee Work Party

Saturday, November 12, 2011

At 9:00 a.m.

We will be raking the leaves and getting the building ready for "Winter" We would love to have you come and help out.

Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you will be able to attend.

Heritage Covenant Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 2011

We will be gathering together to have a morning worship service and to present our pledge cards. After the service there will be a "Thanksgiving Dinner".

Our goal is to have every member and friend of Heritage present on November 20th. To make reservations, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or call the church office.



Record of Our Faithfulness

(Attendance Records)

September 2011

September 25 – 59

October 2011

October 2 – 58

(Congregational Mtg.-Budget) **October 9 – 59**

(Pastor Appreciation Sunday) **October 16 – 62**

October 23 – 57

Heritage News...



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

*Saturday, November 5th
At 9:00 a.m. at the Perk-Cup Cafe.*

We welcome all of the men at Heritage to come and enjoy a super breakfast and fellowship. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if interested in attending.

Women's Bible Study Group

*Saturday, November 5th &
Saturday, November 19th
at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.*

Mission's Mazahua Presentation

*Sunday, November 6th
11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.*

We welcome everyone to come and here what is happening at the Mission. Refreshments served.



Joshi Cortez, Norberto & Lisa Cortez

Berea Care Nursing Home Service

*Sunday, November 13th
At 3:00 p.m.*

If you would like to help out with the service for the residents, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or see Nadia Kozar.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

*We will be continuing the study of
"The book of John"
through November 16th.*

Mayflower Guild Bake/Craft Sale



*Tuesday, November 8th
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

We need baked goods and craft items to put out for our sale for the people that will be coming for voting that day at our church. They will be setting up Monday night at 4:00 p.m. Thanks for your help.



The Youth will have items for sale for their fundraiser for camp that can be purchased.

Mayflower Guild Meeting

*Wednesday, November 9th
at 10:00 a.m.*

*Hostesses: Betty Yahraus and Shirley Coy
Bring a salad or sandwich.*

*Beverage/dessert
will be provided.*



Heritage Thanksgiving Praise & Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 22nd

We will be having a Thanksgiving Praise/Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. We welcome everyone to come and share in His blessings in your life.



November 11th

Thank You to Our Veteran Members:

Donald Bradley, Bob Buzzard, Bill Chown, John Disch, Coleen Frank, Leah Frank, Wayne Frank, Jerry Grissom, Winston Hasel, Bill Hunt, Holly Koester, Steve Pleasnick, George Schneider and Virgil Veroche

Because of You, Unknown Soldier

By Courtney Tanabe

*Because of you, I am here
Because of you, I am able to live freely*

*Yet I do not know you
And I have not done anything for you*

*But there you stand, ready to fight
And there you are prepared to die
For me*

*You've fought before
And you'll fight again
For someone you don't know*

*So thank you Unknown Soldier
Fighting for me*

*I'm here because of you
And I owe my future to you*



Lake Erie Monsters Hockey Game

**Friday, December 16th
at 7:30 p.m.**

*We will meet at the church
at 6:00 p.m. and carpool.*



Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to attend the game. We would like to get twenty people to go so we only have to pay \$23.00 per ticket.



Saturday,
November 5th

Thank you from the Berea Welfare for your generous contributions of food for their food shelf. They will be collecting food items for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thanksgiving Food List:

Berea Food Shelf

*Cornbread Mix,
Cranberry Sauce, Turkey Gravy, Bisquick, Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Jars of Applesauce, Bags/Boxes of Stuffing Mix, Large Boxes of Red and Yellow Jell-O, Cans of yams and Paper Napkins.*



WOW! THANK YOU



*For supporting
"Feeding Kids In Need"
With such enthusiasm!!*

We have boxed most of the contributions and they are being stored in the closet in the fellowship hall.

The following are amounts of items that are still needed as of 10/26/2011.

They are:

- 22 Cereals
- 39 Fruit Cocktails
- 45 Aseptic milk
- 72 Mac & Cheese
- 38 Peanut Butter
- 5 Tuna
- 43 Jellies
- 44 Tuna Helper
- 50 Loaves of Bread (Will get at last minute.)



November: The month of Veterans, Voting, and Thanksgiving

During November we should be full of Thanksgiving for all Veterans who have given such dedicated service to, and for us. They have assured us full freedom to seek knowledge and understanding in order we might more wisely chose how to Vote (select) our choice of leaders to follow and paths we will travel to our tomorrows. Veterans are found in many fields beside the Military and this is dedicated to "The Veterans of the Cross," especially those who braved the unknown, to bring freedom of religion out of the dictates of government.



As Jesus said, "render to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's" (Matt 5:21)

MY Church is not a building, though it meets in one. It is a community gathered in Christ, standing together for Christ with great conviction.

MY Church is a fellowship of like-minded souls. Its members are united by a shared conviction, great purpose, life-changing community The conviction that God is eager to share the road of life with us. The purpose to build personal character modeled after Jesus Christ. A community that reflects the Kingdom of God. Because we share this conviction, purpose and community, our Church is extraordinarily responsive to God's will as we come to know it

My Church is a living Church. Its focus is Jesus' focus - on ministering to others and living our faith. My Church is a Church that values the past and dreams of the future.... but lives in the present.

My Church is a thinking Church Though it values ancient creeds, it is a Church of the seeking mind, looking ever for the truth, which God has yet to show us. My Church strives to be faithful in our day, as other disciples have been in theirs

My Church is a Church of the Spirit It puts people first – before programs, committees, or things. It is a Church which seeks the highest but humbly and fearlessly follows God's Light as God gives us the ability to see the Light.

Congregationalism came to America on the Mayflower to reestablish a Church on the New Testament pattern – a Fellowship of Persons who freely choose to be followers of Jesus Christ. The earliest Christians believed that wherever two or three were gathered together in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, that Christ would be there with them (Matt 18:20)

The Mayflower Pilgrims also gathered together freely, committing themselves to worship and serve together as the Spirit of God moved them. In matters of faith they accepted full responsibility for their personal relationship with God in Christ and allowed no outside authority to dictate how they should believe, worship or serve God.

Congregationalists expect each member to have a personal relationship with God as the motivating force in his or her life.

The purpose of the Church is to help us grow in our relationship with God and our expression of God's love in our lives.



Heritage Congregational Church
485 West Street
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Thanksgiving Prayer

*Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see.*



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!

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485 West Street, Berea, OH 44017

Dr. Patrick F. Hunt, Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule:

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Heritage Church Office: (440) 826-1641 or 826-1648 (Fax)

Secretary's Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 Noon M-F

Pastor's e-mail: pastor.heritage@att.net

Secretary's email: heritage.sec44017@att.net

Call for more information about weekly Bible Studies and activities

Our Internet Website: <http://www.heritagechurchberea.org>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Messenger Articles Due 7 p m. – Bible Study	3 6:30 p m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p m. – Chancel Choir	4	5 9 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 10 a m. – Women’s Bible Bible Study Group 11:30 a.m.–Diaconate Mtg. *Turn Clocks Back*
6 – Communion Sunday 10:30 a m. – Worship Svc. 11:45 p m. Lisa Cortez- Mission Mazahua Presentation 6:30 p.m.–A.A. Mtg. Heritage	7 5:45 – 7 p m. – Board of Elections Set-up	8 General Election Day 5 a m. - 7:30 p m. Mayflower Guild Bake/Craft Sale 6:30 a m. – 7:30 p.m.	9 10 a.m. Mayflower Guild Meeting 7 p m. – Bible Study	10 6:30 p m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p m. – Chancel Choir	11 Veterans Day 	12 9 a m. Trustee Work Party 
13 10:30 a m. – Worship Svc. 3 p m. - Berea Care Nursing Home Service 6:30 p.m.–A.A. Mtg. Heritage	14	15	16 7 p m. – Bible Study	17 6:30 p m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p m. – Chancel Choir	18	19 10 a m. – Women’s Bible Bible Study Group
20 Covenant Sunday 10:30 a m. – Worship Svc. 11:45 a.m. Covenant Dinner (Pledge Cards) 6:30 p.m.–A.A. Mtg. Heritage	21 7 p m. - Trustee Mtg.	22 7 p m. – Thanksgiving Praise/Prayer Svc.	23 Messenger Assembled	24 Thanksgiving Holiday (Church Office Closed) 	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 Advent I 10:30 a m. – Worship Svc. Pick up Messenger 6:30 p.m.–A.A. Mtg. Heritage	28 7:30 p m. – Cabinet	29	30	<p>Every Sunday this month: 10:30 a.m. -Worship 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Coffee Hour</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!</p> 		