



The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community

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PASTOR'S PEN

For centuries, people in many countries have held harvest festivals to celebrate the bounty of the land and the blessings of life. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln established a national day of thanksgiving and praise to God.

Hebrews 12:28 says, "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe". The Thanksgiving holiday is a national day of thanksgiving, but as Christians we should be thankful every day. Our lives should be lived as an act of thanks to our Heavenly Father who loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. As if this were not enough He has provided us this universe and everything in it. And by God's grace He has made us stewards of it. All He has asked in return is our obedience to His word and our fellowship with Him. Our response ought to be one of thankfulness. We should demonstrate our thanks by offering God our words of praise and thanks, our tithes and offerings. (Malachi 3:6-12) This is our worship. All this so that "your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus". (Philippians 2:5) How thankful are you today?

(1) from November 2006 Our Daily Bread.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will once again be distributing Thanksgiving food baskets. Non-perishable food items may be placed on the tables in the lobby. Contributions toward perishable items can be made through the offering plate or mailed to the Church. Please mark your gift, "Thanksgiving Baskets". Any left over cash contributions will be used for Christmas baskets. We will distribute baskets on November 14th so all food items and contributions need to be in by Nov. 12th.

If you or someone you know in our community needs help, please call the Church office, (330) 753-2303, by Nov. 10th to register.



TRUSTEE PROJECT UPDATE:

As part of the ball field projects, Walter Russell, Buddy Dunn, Scott Campbell, Brad Swope, Alex Bresslauer & Josh Doak spread many tons of top soil over the field, hoping to eliminate the low spots. They also reseeded the field to help achieve a more complete grass cover. The majority of the funds used for this project came from your aluminum can contributions. We still need to install the team benches and other miscellaneous amenities. We also intend to grade the rest of the field and create a "driveway" to the chapel area.

Keep the aluminum cans coming.

Are You Growing In God's Word?

Each Sunday we offer Bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.

Thank You!

Thank you for your response to the stewardship and Finance Committee's request for help in meeting the general fund expenses. We have not yet made up our deficit, but with your faithfulness throughout the rest of the year we will reach our goal.



FROM THE SWAINS

Please pray that suitable housing is found and that the Swains & their new partners, the Metzgers, can do their "work" and gain "fruit".



ALLUMINUM CANS, BALL FIELD

We have raised \$903.59 toward the ball field expenses through this project.

Please remove tabs and place in the container in the lobby. These go to Children's Hospital. (Thank you to Mike Wadsworth for taking them in as needed). Also, if you are able, please crush the cans.

Thank you for your support.



BRING A FRIEND TO BREAKFAST

This monthly event is a great fellowship time and has been well attended.

It is a great way to introduce your F.R.A.N. to the folks at Hope. You will also be strengthened by the Bible Studies offered beginning at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning. So invite your F.R.A.N. to breakfast Sunday, Nov. 5th at 9:00 a.m. The Jr./Sr. High Class, Jeremy & Angela Veppert, will be hosting this month.



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please give your College address to Karen at the Church office. We want to keep in touch. Please keep it current so we can reach you and don't waste postage. By the way have a good year and may the Lord bless you.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Are you enjoying the fellowship? We have a number of ABF's (Adult Bible Fellowships) to choose from. Each provides fellowship and caring ministries plus either Bible study or ministry opportunities or both. Colossians 2:6-7 tells us that we all need such experiences if we are to grow as Christians. Colossians 2:6-7 says "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness". So pick an ABF and join in the fellowship.

The following ABF's are currently enjoying fellowship and growth:

Sunday Evening ABF at 6:00 P.M. at the Church

King's Calling at 7:00 P.M. at the Church

Sunday Morning ABF's, 9:15 A.M. at the Church

Berean Class

Friendship Class

Pioneer Christians

18+ Todd Veppert

Sisters of Encouragement

Monday Evening - 7:00 PM—College Age ABF at the Church

Tues. Morning -10:00 AM—Women's Study

Wed. Evening ABF's - 6:30 PM

Wed. Maranatha Choir—8:00 PM

Others will form as the need arises. We hope that every member and friend of Hope Church will become part of an ABF. There is an empty chair waiting for you in one of these ABF's—Come grow, fellowship and serve with us.

KATRINA MISSION TRIP III

We will again have a KMA team going back to Mississippi December 25, 2006 late p.m. until January 1, 2007. The cost is \$150/person. Some scholarship aid will be needed. Sign up right away. The space is limited. See Jeremy Veppert for more details & sign up information.

Interested In Joining Hope Church? **Interested In Baptism?**

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

SINGLES PLUS

Come join us at Hope Church on November 3rd at 12:00 PM for fun & games. Please bring a sack lunch. We hope to see you there.



On November 17th we will be at **Rose Villa, Portage Lakes Drive.** Please call **Barbara at (330) 786-9537** at least three days before we meet at a restaurant so she can confirm the number for our reservation. Thank you

Bring a Friend Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be Sunday, November 5th at 9am. Please bring your F.R.A.N. and then enjoy one of our bible classes. This breakfast is hosted by the Jr/Sr High, Jeremy & Angela Veppert.

ADDRESS CHANGES

If your address has changed in the last 6 months, please notify Karen at the Church office. This is especially true for post high and college folks, but all changes are needed.

Thank You



Men's Prayer Breakfast

November 11th at 8:00 A.M. will be our next breakfast. Join us for great

food, fellowship and prayer. Father's are encouraged to bring their sons or a friend regardless of age.

Worship Opportunities

November 5 - Tenth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:00 AM- Bring a Friend Breakfast—Hosted by Jr./Sr. High, Jeremy & Angela Veppert

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM-Morning Worship— The Model Prayer

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

November 12-Eleventh Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages—

10:30 AM-Morning Worship—The Compassionate Christ

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

November 19 - Twelfth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship - The Great Commandment

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship—Every Inch a King

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

December 3—First Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

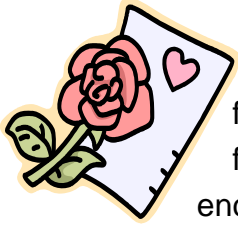
10:30 AM- Morning Worship – Fit for the Master's Return

4:00 PM- Battalion

5:00 PM- Pre-School Christmas Program

6:00 PM- No Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice



JEANETTE HOOVER

Please continue to pray for Jeanette and her family. A card of encouragement would also be

greatly appreciated. Her address is: Jeanette Hoover, 9788 N. Pr310W, Brazil, Indiana 47834.

Our condolences to the Hoover family on the loss of Mark's mother, Thelma.

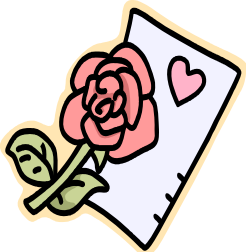
Thank you for your support and prayers for the Memory Walk on October 14th at Blossom for alzheimers. It was cool & sunny & at time snowing, but invigorating & fun.

Sincerely,
Barb Boyles



Thank you Pastor Ken for your many visits and prayers for my aunt, Helen Aldstadt, and for your presentation of the Gospel at her funeral. I know that is what she wanted.

Janet Kucko



MADISON KURTZ

Madison is a five year old girl with cancer. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

Let's continue to life up her spirits by sending her cards.

Her address is: Madison Kurtz, 11898 Twp. Rd.252, Glenmont, Ohio 44628.

PRAISE GOD!

One of our boys accepted Jesus as his personal Savior on Wednesday, October 11th. Please pray for him as he grows in the Lord. Please pray that we will reach others this year as well.

PRAISE GOD!

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you for donating to the preschool tuition fund. There are several families that cannot provide the tuition payment each month. The families are grateful, the preschool will be collecting canned goods to provide a Thanksgiving basket for someone in need.

The preschool invites you to the Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 5:00 P.M. We will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. We hope to see you there.

Pam Gant

It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor.

George Washington

You'll become closer to God not by presenting God with your troubles, but by thanking God for your blessings.

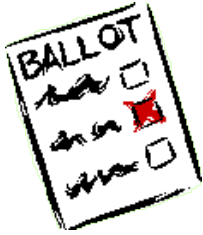
Thou hast given so much to me. Give me one thing more — a grateful heart.

George Herbert

The Newsletter Newsletter

Scripture Readers Wanted!

If you would like to read one of the Scripture lessons, please contact Eric Walquist



The following information is shared that you might vote as an informed Christian on the very important issues before us as Christians and citizens of these United States of America. I would also encourage you to find out what the candidate's views are and how they fit with Christian values. You can find out by contacting Christian Roundtable at www.aproundtable.org.

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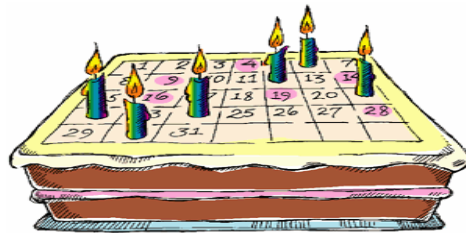
On November 7, Akron Public Schools will once again ask voters to support Issue 6, a 7.9-million operating issue. We are seeking your endorsement and asking for your help. We are proud to tell you that we continue to make strong progress, improving academic scores, streamlining our operations and building stronger community partnerships. Unfortunately, our five-year forecast projects a staggering \$34 million deficit in the 2008-09 school year, even following five years of budget cuts totaling more than \$40 million.

Akron schools have reached a crisis point. Without new revenue, the only cost-saving option remaining is the continual elimination of student programs that are above and beyond the basics. We will lose more teachers, programs and the academic foundation so important for our children.

For more information call Stephen W. Miller, APS Ward 9 captain, (330) 761-3112.

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



Birthdays This Month

November

- 3- Bob & Beth Tanner
- 8- Tim & Diane Tanner
- 9- Andrew & Stephanie Howell



Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Karen Semelsberger or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office.

Donations since last Herald of Hope are made by: Jim & Clova Koman, Pete & Mary Wages, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Lorenz, Alva J. Price, Schrop School, Isabelle Smith & Lois Weber in memory of Ronald Phillips, Isabelle Smith in memory of Glen Hartshorn, Alice Shade, Bertha Beardsley, Lois Weber, Mildred Hughes, Larry Hart, Linda Workman, Jerry & Judy Lake, & Jerry & Elizabeth Long in memory of Helen Aldstadt, Lois Weber in memory of Thelma Hoover & Dave & Rona Black in memory of Dick & Edna Diehl & brothers, Robert Diehl & Raymond Black.

November

- 1- Phil Shook
- 2- Melanie Brown
- 7- Neil Christman
Phyllis Wood
- 11- Cindy Akers
- 12- Marian Mulhern
- 16- Ralph Scott
- 19- Bernice Sayre
- 20- Ruth Rasmussen
- 23- Walt Russell
- 25- Rusty Swope
- 26- Codey Daniel Mellinger

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Clear our minds and hearts, O Lord, of anything that might keep us from centering on you. May this time of worship be an enriching experience for us all.

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We have come to glorify you, dear Father. Beginning now, remove from our minds and hearts any obstacles to our spiritual growth.

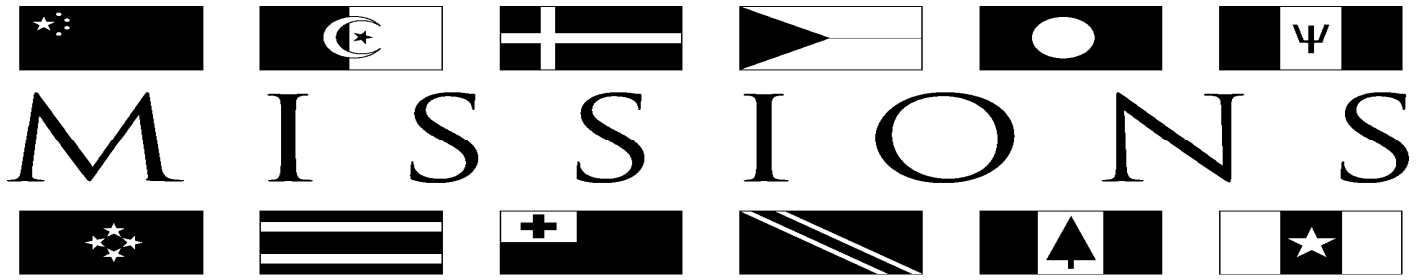
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Help us to open our spirits that you may come to fill us with your spiritual gifts.

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Our delight is in you, heavenly Creator. May all the benefits of your grace rest upon us this day and this hour.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH
FIRST GLANCE

First Glance is an outreach center for teens in the Kenmore community. First Glance opened its doors with 22 students in September, 2000. It did not take long to realize that the students of our community were spiritually hungry and needed a place to go and belong. Currently, First Glance is open 3 nights a week and hosts over 100 students each night. First Glance is located on Kenmore Blvd. and is a place students call their own. Here, students can skateboard, play basketball, play video games, eat, hang out, and basically just live life with the leaders who are there volunteering their time. First Glance attempts to help keep students off the streets. It also enables leaders to connect with students, most of whom may not normally or regularly attend church. Through relationships that are built, leaders have the opportunity to tell students about Jesus Christ and encourage them to be involved in a local church.

First Glance strives to work side-by-side with the local churches in the Kenmore community, including ours. First Glance is NOT a church; therefore, one main goal of this ministry is to get students connected with a local church and its leaders. In order for this ministry to succeed, they need your help. If you would like to be a volunteer each week (Thursday or Friday evening), hang out with students, build relationships with them, thus creating a "bridge" and connecting them with our church, please contact Jeremy Veppert. He can give you more information and get you in touch with Noelle Beck, Director at First Glance.

Prayfully consider how you can be involved.

Sam & Karen Kohler are running about \$1,000.00 short each month. Please consider helping them out so that their ministry in Japan can continue. Contributions can be made through Hope Church. Mark your check/envelope Kohler.



