

# THE MESSENGER

## Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:15 am

## NOVEMBER 2021

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

### THANK-FULL THIS THANKSGIVING

Can you believe it's nearly November...just a few days away? Where did October go? November: can anyone say “snow”? Jym Ganahl, legendary weather forecaster, is saying we could see snow within the next two weeks. I'm thankful for today's 50-degree cloudy day.

Speaking of thankful, November means Thanksgiving. Instead of just making a list of all that I am thankful for; I thought it would be better to go straight to the bible and discover several things we should be thankful for. The bible should make us feel thank-full.

*Genesis 2:24*, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” God's marriage plan: one man for one woman for one lifetime. When that plan is carried out in true love and true faithfulness there is truly a lifetime of thankfulness. *I Chronicles 23:30*, “They (Levite Priests) were also to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord.” What a great way to start the day. Maybe Donna Clickenger (a church member) is actually a Levite in lineage, no matter what time of day it is she says, “Good Morning!”

*2 Chronicles 29:31*, “... come and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the temple of the Lord.” Imagine that we should give our offering as a way to say thanks to God, thank him for all he's done. One of my favorites, *Psalms 106:1*, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.” He is good, and he loves us even when we don't act very loving towards him! *Psalms 30:11-12*, “You turned my walking into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy...O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.” Thank God because he can turn the most painful circumstances into eventual joy.

The New Testament is full of Thanksgiving. *Luke 2:38*, Anna a prophetess said to Mary about her 8-day old baby (Jesus): “Coming up to them (Mary and Joseph)...she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.” Give thanks to God for Jesus made possible the redemption of the world. I think *First Thessalonians 5:18* sums it all up, “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” Are bad things God's will for you? Not usually but read the verse closely, God's will is that we give thanks in all circumstances not for all circumstances. So...this Thanksgiving wherever you are gathering around the table (or microwave for some) be sure to pause either at the table or during your day and give thanks to God – this is God's will for you, that you give him thanks!

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Mike

## PRAYER NEEDS

Pastor Alan Hicks, Belinda Lee, Clarabell Harlan, Helen Martindale, Sandra Stribick, Aaron Slone, Haiti  
Missionary Hostages

Missionary of the Month: Mike and Heather Slagle and their four children. Mike and Heather are missionaries with CRU, a mission agency that shares Christ with college students. They serve on several Ohio college campuses.

Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Melvin Burdette, Lorei Lees, Midge Gathers, and Trish Dolejs

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”*

*(Psalm 95:1-2)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women Moving Forward (WMF) - November 1st 10:30 AM:** Learn about why 95% of mission's funds goes to 20% of the world. Talk with missionaries that live in Thailand. At the home of Donna Clickenger.

**Women's Ministry – November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11AM and 6PM:** Attend one or both meetings.

**My Very Own Blanket Project:** As a year-end project, Women's Ministry will be making blankets to donate to My Very Own Blanket, which is an organization that gives blankets to children in foster care. For additional information on My Very Own Blanket, visit [www.myveryownblanket.org](http://www.myveryownblanket.org). There are multiple opportunities to become involved in the project, and EVERYONE is welcome to join the initiative. Consider participating in one or more of the following ways:

- Contribute to the fund to purchase blanket kits (\$10/blanket)
- Attend one or both Women's Ministry meetings on November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Request kit(s) to make at home
- Quilt, crochet, or knit blanket(s) – See My Very Own Blanket website for requirements and suggestions