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Return service requested.

**L.I.N.C.S.** will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 6 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Powell (671 Rose Lane) for potluck.

**Thomas Graves Men's Group** will meet on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 8:30 a.m. at Cloud's Country Cooking for breakfast. All men of the church are invited to join us.

**Friendship Circle** will meet on Monday, Nov. 7th at 7 p.m. in the church kitchen.

**General Board** will meet on Sunday, Nov. 20th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All board members are encouraged to attend as the budget and leadership for 2017 will be discussed.

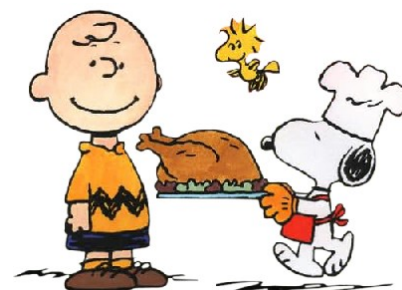
**Community Meal** is Monday, Nov. 21st with the doors opening at 4:45 p.m. If you are interested in helping please contact Leslie Hardman.

*Set your clocks  
back one hour on  
Saturday, Nov. 5th as  
daylight savings time ends*



## Thanksgiving Dinner

The Youth will be holding the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and fund raiser on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 6 p.m. The youth will help prepare, decorate the tables and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Donations will go towards youth activities and events. If you plan to attend the dinner please call the church office so we will know how many to plan for.



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# The Church Messenger

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*To be Christ-Centered by living, sharing, proclaiming, and celebrating God's Word.*

## Pew Chatter

### Why is Gratitude Powerful?

I know the power of gratitude. I learned it in the crucible of life. In my early twenties a beloved cousin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. No treatment was effective and he made the choice to discontinue treatment and enjoy his final days with his precious family. He loved Jesus and had walked with God for many years. He was concerned about leaving his family but knew that the God who had loved and provided for them all of these years would continue to be faithful.

I flew to see my cousin with money given to me by a friend who wanted me to be able to say good-bye. I was in the room with my cousin and his wife when he took his final breaths on this earth. It was as if Jesus was in the room waiting to take him by the hand and walk him straight to heaven. It was humbling and awe-some and wonderful and sad and just crazy...all at the same time.

In the months that followed I experienced an intense grief and darkness I had not known before. It was as though all of the sadness and grief of a life time was heaped into those days. I knew the right and true things to think about God and life but I was numb. I felt nothing.

Gratitude was the rope someone threw me to climb out of my pit of darkness and grief. An older friend recognized my struggle and threw me the rope by asking me what I was grateful for. In the beginning I could not name many things that I was grateful for—so he named them for me. Eventually I was able to recognize and see and name the many, abundant, overflowing blessings in my life. Not one material thing changed. My perspective, my ability to see and recognize the hand of God at work in the world and in my life grew.

Gratitude is powerful because it recognizes The Giver of all that is good; it bows before The God who is our loving Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, Savior and Friend.

This November may we find gratitude powerful in our lives. May we count our blessings – and name them one by one – count our many blessings, see what God has done.

In the foyer of our sanctuary this November, we will have a Thanksgiving frame where everyone can write and name the abundance of things you are grateful for...one by one.

Gaye

### SERVING IN NOVEMBER

#### ELDERS

Phil Williams  
Joy Stevens  
Cathy Mobley  
Linda Whalen  
Brent Moseley

#### DEACONS

Troy Peavler  
Julie Peavler  
Blake Shewmaker  
Kourtney Shewmaker

*Church Office  
will be closed  
Thursday, Nov. 24  
and  
Friday, Nov. 25*

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Will be Served on Sunday, Nov. 6th



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Birthdays		Anniversaries	
3	Leilani Weinel	29	Britney Hughes
11	Tebbs Moore	30	Martha Jane Moore
12	Betty Brinkley, DeAnna Stinnett		
13	Erin Milburn		
14	Jack Hughes		
16	Kay Foster, Amber Santander		
19	Dorothy Hogue	5	Scott & Meg Moseley
21	Patsy Combs, Janice Markel	7	Mego & Gaye Haralu
22	Kay Richardson	16	Omar & Amber Santander
23	Valerie Owens		
24	Billy Owens		
25	Gary Houchin		
26	Larry Cotton		
28	Katherine Holly		



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Just last month, I sent out a plea on behalf of the Harrodsburg Christian Church choir for help in raising funds for much needed new choir folders. Thanks to the generosity and support of members of the Harrodsburg Christian Church, choir members, and friends both in the community and out of state, the fundraising campaign for new choir folders was a success! Within a couple of weeks of asking for help, you answered, and more than enough money was raised to get our new choir folders! They have already been ordered, complete with "Harrodsburg Christian Church" embossed in gold on them, and should arrive way ahead of time for the Christmas holiday season! I think I speak for the choir when I say "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for caring about the choir and our mission and for showing us that you believe in what we add to worship service each week. Our hearts are full.

Special thanks to:

- Bo & Jennifer Baxter
- Linda Whalen
- LINCS Ladies
- Brennan & Carolyn Royalty
- Judy Major
- Bob & Kim Davis
- Carol Ashley
- Kings Work Graphics (aka Pete Presley)
- Dorothy Warren
- Linda Standau
- Choir Members

Shauntina Phillips, Music Director

Once again the Care Ministry Team will be offering flu vaccines on Sunday, Nov. 6th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and after church services for ages 9 and up in the Parish Nurse Room at the back of the sanctuary.



**OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM**

The next community dinner at our church will be on Monday, November 21. The serving time is 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Doors will open at 4:45pm and close up at 6:30pm. Please contact Leslie Hardman if you can help with the community dinner. We are looking for a volunteer to help Leslie organize the community meal each month.

We received a thank-you letter from First Christian Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Part of the letter was included in the October Church Messenger newsletter.

Jack Coleman presented the official report for the Mission First ramp project that was built in Woodford County through Bluegrass Community Action. The cost that was covered by contributions of \$260 so there was no cost to the church or to the family. Another possible project has been submitted to Mission First for investigation.

The ice machine repair will be covered by the Outreach fund.

Jack Coleman will get some boxes to send 14 laptop computers to California. The group there will take the laptop computers to Nora at the Ecumenical Churches of Guatemala.

Budgeting for the Outreach ministry for next year was discussed. The Mission First physical projects will be made a line item in the next budget. The line item for Community Meals will be increased to cover costs in the range of the actual costs for the meals provided on the third Monday of each month this year.

Dan Chilton, Leader

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

	Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)	Church Service (10:30 a.m.)
Nov. 6	Marilyn Powell	Julie Peavler
Nov. 13	Everice Shewmaker	Cathy Mobley
Nov. 20	Adele Greenburg	Gail Reul
Nov. 27	Martha Gentry	Martha Gentry

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day please contact someone to switch or call Martha Gentry at (859) 734-0354.

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 3:30 pm CTI 6 pm LINCS	<b>2</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 3:30 pm CTI 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Middle & High Sch. Youth 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Church Women United Mtg	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Thomas Graves Men's Group
<b>6</b> All Saints Day 9:30 am Flu Vaccines	<b>7</b> 8:30 am TicToc 3:30 pm K-5th Grade ASP 7 pm Friendship Circle	<b>8</b> 3:30 pm CTI 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>9</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 3:30 pm CTI 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Middle & High Sch. Youth	<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Veteran's Day Service	<b>14</b> 8:30 am TicToc 3:30 pm K-5th Grade ASP	<b>15</b> 3:30 pm CTI 6 pm AMT meeting 6 pm Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting	<b>16</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 3:30 pm CTI 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Middle & High Sch. Youth 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>18</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>19</b> 6 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
<b>20</b> 1 pm Decorate 6 pm Outreach Min. Team Mtg. 7 pm General Board Meeting	<b>21</b> 8:30 am TicToc 3:30 pm K-5th Grade ASP 5 pm Community Meal	<b>22</b> 8:30 am TicToc 3:30 pm CTI 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>23</b> 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Lighting of the Greens Service	<b>28</b> 8:30 am TicToc 3:30 pm K-5th Grade ASP	<b>29</b> 3:30 pm CTI	<b>30</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir Practice			

**Sunday Worship Schedule**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:15 am Fellowship Time**  
**10:30 am Family Worship**

AMT meeting was held October 11th.

Kenny Wade reported that the Cecil Brothers had offered a bid of \$4,900 to rebuild the sidewalk in front of the Comp Care building. APS is still waiting for a compressor part for the ice machine. Once received it will take about a week to remove, repair and replace the ice machine. Most everything else in the church were minor items.

Kay Richardson gave the Treasurer's Report for September month end. General Offering continues a downward trend. We are -18.5% or (\$36,941) versus budget and we are down -6.5% or (\$11,346) versus last year which was a difficult year. On the positive side our expenses have been reduced due to gaps and transitions to new staff and the ministry teams have been holding down expenses. 2017 will be a different year because of full staffing, possible no income from the Comp Care building and continued downward trend of offerings.

Roxann Leo, Barbara Yeast and David Leo have presented a revised Wedding Policy which will be used going forward. It was designed to be more in line with other churches in our community.

AMT members will be meeting with our Ministry Team leaders to review 2016 budget and prepare 2017 budget for presentation to the November General Board meeting.

Discussions were held to consider a new church directory. Our last directory was published in 2011.

We have signed a contract with Gibson & Company from Lexington to handle the listing to lease the Comp Care building. The building was available as of 10/1/16. This also means that we have lost this important income source from this building. Hopefully we can find a suitable tenant quickly.

Discussion was held about having Mission First work with the Property Team to address numerous church interior needs.

The next meeting is November 15, 2016.

Phil Richardson, Leader

## FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM



World Communion Sunday Luncheon  
 Oct. 2, 2016