

The background is a warm, solid orange color. It is framed by a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the center, there is a circular arrangement of sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers, interspersed with green leaves and some unopened buds. On the left and right sides, there are white line-art illustrations of wheat stalks. The text is centered in a white, elegant script font.

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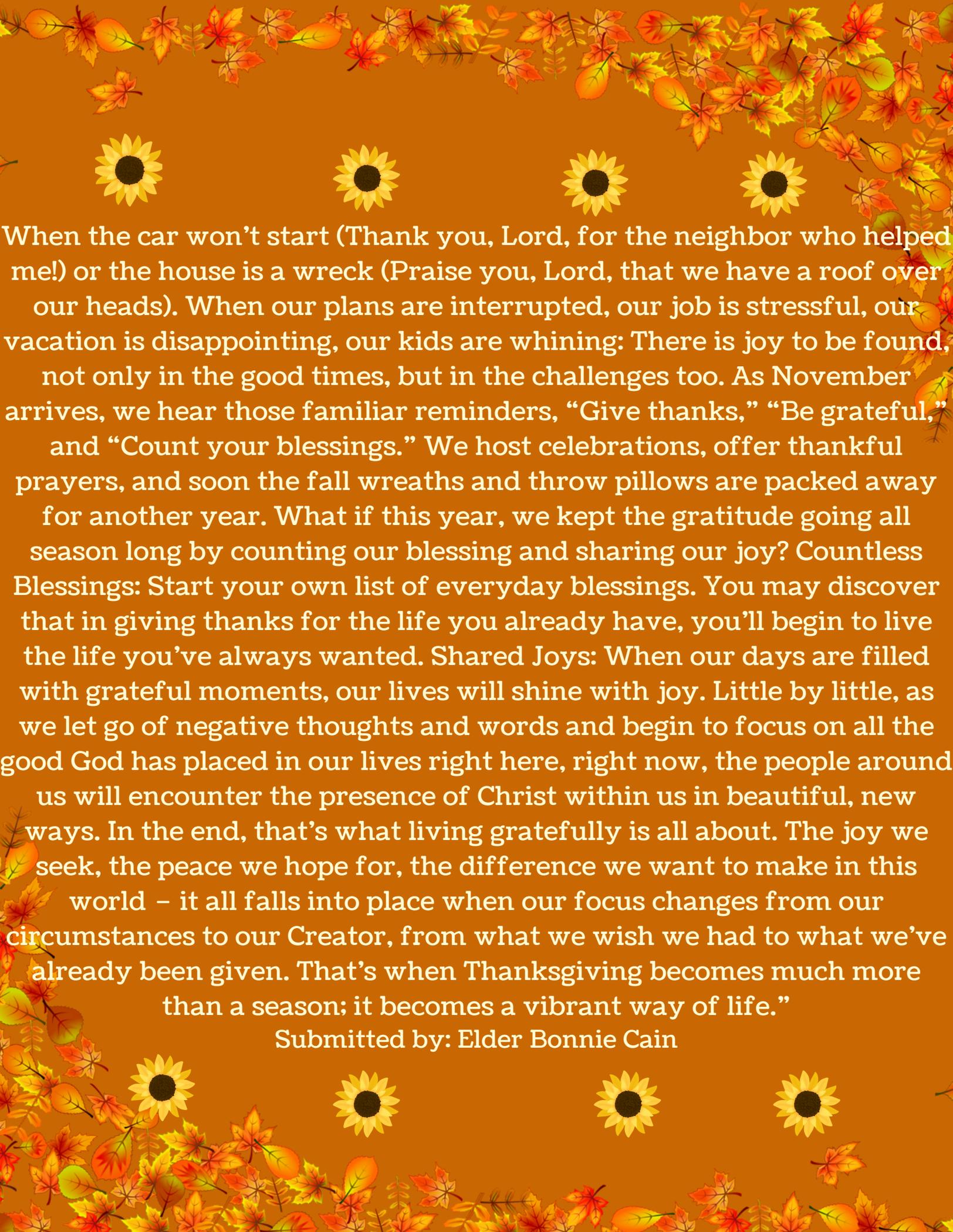


Welcome to the November 2022 edition of our Newsletter!

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I'd like to share an article from [Dayspring.com](https://www.dayspring.com)

“There’s a man named Butch who lives in our local nursing home. Each morning, he wheels himself outside and down to the stoplight at a busy intersection nearby. There he sits in his wheelchair for hours, smiling and waving at cars, hollering a friendly “hello” to familiar faces driving by.

Know why Butch does that? Because he wakes up and makes a choice every day. He knows he can sit in his little room and think about all the things he wishes were different about his life. Or, he can get up, do what he’s still able to do, and find ways to give thanks for what he does have. A healthy mind. A way to get around. A wonderful ability to make people smile. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, we are reminded: “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” The challenge to live gratefully is for all of us. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we can always find a reason to say “thank you” to the One who gives us every breath. It’s important to remember that we aren’t being asked to give thanks for all circumstances – but to find ways to be grateful in the midst of them.

The image features a warm, golden-brown background. At the top and bottom, there are decorative borders consisting of various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, interspersed with bright yellow sunflowers with dark brown centers. The text is centered and written in a white, sans-serif font. The text is a paragraph of inspirational text about gratitude and living gratefully.

When the car won't start (Thank you, Lord, for the neighbor who helped me!) or the house is a wreck (Praise you, Lord, that we have a roof over our heads). When our plans are interrupted, our job is stressful, our vacation is disappointing, our kids are whining: There is joy to be found, not only in the good times, but in the challenges too. As November arrives, we hear those familiar reminders, "Give thanks," "Be grateful," and "Count your blessings." We host celebrations, offer thankful prayers, and soon the fall wreaths and throw pillows are packed away for another year. What if this year, we kept the gratitude going all season long by counting our blessing and sharing our joy? Countless Blessings: Start your own list of everyday blessings. You may discover that in giving thanks for the life you already have, you'll begin to live the life you've always wanted. Shared Joys: When our days are filled with grateful moments, our lives will shine with joy. Little by little, as we let go of negative thoughts and words and begin to focus on all the good God has placed in our lives right here, right now, the people around us will encounter the presence of Christ within us in beautiful, new ways. In the end, that's what living gratefully is all about. The joy we seek, the peace we hope for, the difference we want to make in this world – it all falls into place when our focus changes from our circumstances to our Creator, from what we wish we had to what we've already been given. That's when Thanksgiving becomes much more than a season; it becomes a vibrant way of life."

Submitted by: Elder Bonnie Cain

Session Highlights:



Christmas Eve Service will begin at 4:00 PM.

We will be having service on Christmas Day. Worship will begin at our regularly scheduled time - 10:00 AM.



We will be having service on New Year's Day. Worship will begin at our regularly scheduled time - 10:00 AM.

Schedules

Preachers

11/6: Dr. Sullivan
11/ 13: Andy Joshua
11/ 20: Frank Zeidler
11/27: David Watts



Flower Delivery

11/6: Ann Rosica
11/ 13: Jeanne Martin
11/ 20: Marge Jeffries
11/27: Mary Lou Newborg



Greeters/Ushers

11/6: Chuck Rosica and John Lovell
11/13: Linda Ballenger and Treva Grunigen
11/ 20: Christine Marshall and Herb Dinger
11/27: Barbara and Paul VanTassel





Anniversaries

11/11: Krista and Michael Ventura

11/23: Barbara and Steve Peak

11/24: Judy and Dick Craft

11/24: Barbara and Ron Green

11/28: Sue Ann and John Hammer

11/28: Barbara and Richard Hendrickson



Chancel Flowers

11/6: Treva Grunigen

11/ 13: Betty Herskovitz

11/ 20: Leslie Todd

11/27: Mary Lou Newborg



Birthdays

11/3: Mila Day

11/4: Joy Connolly

11/6: Bill Belcher

11/6: Ann Rosica

11/13: Lindsay Jeffries

11/15: DJ Connolly

11/21: Eliza Jeffries

11/24: Mandy Rosica

11/24: Caitlyn Todd

11/25: Bob Jeffries

11/27: Judy Craft

11/27: Jarred Sutton

11/30: Ben Kirvan

Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School!
Ages 4 and up! During the 10 AM
Church Service: November 13th



Bible Study

Bible study is located in
the Lounge on Mondays at
11 AM. The group will be
studying the book of
Daniel with Joan Samph
leading the discussion. We
hope to see you there!

Deacons' Turkey Collection

Covenant's Deacons will be collecting frozen turkeys again this year for Epworth Methodist's Bread of Life Food Pantry in Palmyra. You can bring frozen turkeys or turkey breasts from Sunday, October 30 till Friday, November 11. As our church freezer can only hold 3 or 4 turkeys, we will be making frequent drop offs as they come in. In addition, the Deacons will purchase and deliver Thanksgiving side dishes for donation to the Pantry. Your contributions to the Deacons' Fund with the pink envelopes make this possible. Both food pantries we support have told us the need is greater than ever this fall. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.



Fall Outdoor Clean-Up with the Scouts!

Troop 70 and Pack 59 will be conducting their annual fall clean-up at the church on November 12, 2022 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Scouts will be cleaning leaves, brush, etc. to help make our church look beautiful! All members are asked to join if they are able to assist in the Fall clean-up.



Scouting for Food

The Scouts will be collecting food from November 12-November 19 as a part of their "Feed the Community" project. Non-perishable items can be dropped off in the narthex. All items will be taken on November 19.



Winter Collection



Deacons will be collecting **CLEAN, GENTLY USED** coats, hats, gloves and scarves for the Christian Caring Center who are serving homeless people in great need of warm clothing for the winter. There will be a bin in the Narthex for you to place all items for donation. If there is a need for items to be picked up, members can contact Mary Lou Newborg or Jeanne Martin and arrangements will be made. Thank you for your generosity!



Christian Caring Center

Non-perishable items can be placed in the narthex on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your continued generosity!



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRESENTS:

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2022
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join us for a hot breakfast, winter
wonderland display, crafts, and of
course Santa! Take your own photos
and join Santa in story time and
Christmas carols!

Tickets are \$5, children under 2 are free





Music

Covenant's Chancel Choir will be performing all throughout November! All are welcome to sing. Rehearsals are after worship services at 11AM in the new choir room.

Covenant's Bell Choir will be performing music for the Thanksgiving season. Join us Monday evenings at 7PM for rehearsals! We perform once a month.



Choral Anthems

11/6: Shepherd Me O God, arr. Mark Hayes

11/ 13: Agnus Dei with How Great Thou Art, arr. Joel Raney

11/20: Laudate Dominum, arr. Hoekstra

11/27: An Advent Garden , by J. M. Martin



We will be having guest violinist, Ruth Kiang and guest percussionist Kevin Hill accompany our choir!



Members are invited to participate in our services. Please let Bonnie Cain (bcain17@comcast.net) or Greg DiBona (covenantpreschurch@comcast.net) know if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services.

We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard! Contact the church office if you are interested: (covenantpreschurch@comcast.net) 856-829-7522.





WOMEN'S FALL

TEA



Fellowship Hall decorated for the tea.





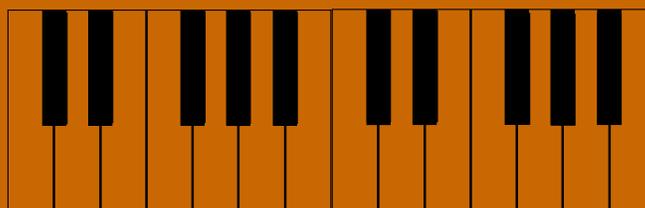


On behalf of the Fellowship team, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the tea a wonderful success! We had the most beautiful weather, the time spent together in fellowship was lovely, and the decor was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the baskets, and those who put the baskets together. Thank you to the magnificent servers, thank you to the table and room decorators, the food preparers, and the visionaries. Thank you to all who came out to join us. We're looking forward to planning our next events and hope you can join us! -Mandy Rosica





Piano Duet Concert



Thank you to everyone who joined Music Directors Greg DiBona and Diana Dohrmann for their reprise concert on October 23. We raised over five hundred dollars!



Happy Thanksgiving
from our family to
yours!

