

November Events!



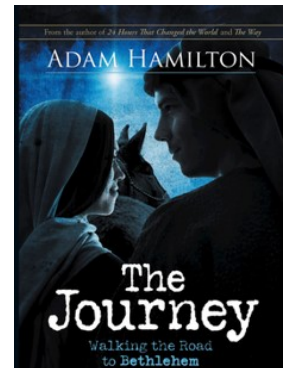
Wednesday, November 5th

The Bible Walk in Mansfield

Join us as we enjoy a 1/2 hour "Heart of the Reformation" program. Lunch will be at the Pinetree Barn. The van will leave Good Shepherd at 9:30am.

**Tuesdays, November 18th through
December 16th, 6:30p**

Join Pastor Eli for the Advent Book Study *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton. *The Journey* explores the birth of Jesus by retracing the historical journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Starts November 18th!!!



THE VOICE

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DECORATE
the church

Sunday, November 23rd

Stick around after service to help decorate the church for the Advent season! Many hands make light work!

Notes From Pastor Eli!

My friend, how many times have you run across one of those scripture where you stopped and asked yourself, "Could God mean what He says in this verse?" One of the passages that falls into this category is 1 Thesalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

That is a tough command to obey, isn't it? Some of us will respond, "you mean God expects me to give thanks when I am going through a financial, relational, vocational or health crisis?" The Biblical answer is "Yes"--despite the obvious difficulty involved. "Give thanks in all circumstance..." All circumstances means exactly what it says. It encompasses all relationships, all situations, all adversities and problems of life that you and I will ever face.

Friends, please know, giving thanks in all circumstances does not have anything to do with our feelings. None of us feels like giving thanks when the car has a flat tire, the water pipe breaks, or we've just received bad news from the doctor. Neither does giving thanks in all circumstances have anything to do with what appears to be rational, human understanding. Check out Habakkuk 3:17-19 to see a man giving thanks when circumstances and reason would strongly vote against it. What is rational about giving thanks when you've discovered your spouse is having an affair or you've found drugs in your son or daughter's bedroom.

Giving thanks in all circumstances is a deliberate choice we make based on God's perfect wisdom. It is God's will and purpose for us to give thanks in all circumstances because God understands how an attitude of gratitude can influence our lives and those around us.

Giving thanks in all circumstances helps keep you and me aware of God's presence. Our God can and will work out His sovereign plan--regardless of the evil we may experience. Nothing can stop God's good purpose, or His love, for your life or mine. Read Romans 8:28-38 again, for it reminds us that God works for good in all things. Giving thanks in all circumstances is not easy. But, it is a transforming process where you and I will find our joy increasing, our love deepening, and our strength flourishing beyond our problems or crisis.

Up & Coming

November 5th the Bible Walk in Mansfield followed by lunch at the Pinetree Barn in Wooster.

November 18 at 6:30 pm, and each Tuesday evening through December 16th, our Advent series is the book, "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton.

Other ideas your Activities Committee is working on:

Historic Kirtland Nativity Exhibit perhaps the first or second week of December

Dinner and a movie after the New Year

Other places we may visit: Sahara's Vineyard, Glamorgan Castle, Sweetie Candy Company,

Ohio Theater: Elijah: Prophet of Fire

Blessings,

Eli

Concerns of the Month



During November, we will collect monetary donations for grocery gift cards. These gift cards will be distributed to those in need so that they, too, can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.

We will also collect monetary donations for Community Christmas during November. These donations are due by the end of November so the organization can make plans for the Christmas season.



Attention all knitters and crocheters, we will be putting our mitten tree up in early November. If you are looking for something to craft, we would love to have your mittens, hats and scarves on our tree. All items are donated to Community Christmas and will be donated to them on December 9th.



Thank you to the fall clean up crew: Jan C, Donna J, Pastor Eli, Linda L, Lorelei L, Sharon L, Nancy M and Bill & Jill T.

Thanks also to Linda L who spends countless hours cleaning up and trimming the church landscaping, and to Chuck P for faithfully mowing the lawn! Couldn't do it without ALL of you!!



Ohio Star Theatre

Our GSLC group was warmly received and had a great time at the Ohio Star Theatre's production of The Road to Damascus!



Thanks to Pat L and Connie H for the pictures!



Huge thanks go out to Linda L, Lorelei L and Donna J for setting up the cookie fellowship hour on Reformation Sunday!!! Thanks also to Pat H who helped with clean up. And another huge thanks goes out to all of our cookie bakers!! Your sweet treats were greatly appreciated and extremely tasty!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lei- All Saints Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30a	3	4 Dominoes 7p	5 AA 7p Bible Walk Trip	6 Yoga 10a	7 Quilting 10a	8
9 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30a	10	11 Dominoes 7p	12 AA 7p Council 7p	13 Yoga 10a	14 Crafts & Conversation 10a	15 Fellowship Hall in use 11a-4p
16 Lei Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30a	17	18 Advent Bible Study 6:30p	19 AA 7p	20 Yoga 10a	21 Quilting 10a	22
23 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Decorate the Church	24	25 Advent Bible Study 6:30p	26 AA 7p	27 	28	29
30 Lei- Advent 1 Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30a						