

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

**WELCOME VISITORS** We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

**WASHINGTON'S 1789 THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION:**

WHEREAS 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 favour; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

NOW THEREFORE, I do recommend and assign THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed;-- for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted;-- for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge;-- and, in general, for all the great and various favours which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions;-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us); and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

GIVEN under my hand, at the city of New-York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. ~ (signed) G. Washington

EVENTS

**SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP** Senior Citizen trip ~ December 1 to Frankenmuth. Shopping at Bronners & Birch Run; lunch at Zenders. Bus leaving at 8:30 am; sign up on the foyer board if you plan on going.

**WIDOWS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** Come and enjoy a holiday luncheon at noon on Tuesday, December 6 in the life center. Sponsors, please make sure your widows have this on their calendars. Kendra Fortier and Debbie Jeffers are coordinating the luncheon.

**WINTER BREAKFAST** On Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 am, in the Family Life Center, we will enjoy a time of fellowship. The children will participate in stations to make gifts for the residents of Fountain Square, frost cookies, and will have time to visit with a certain guest. If you plan to attend or are able to provide a dish for the breakfast, please sign the list on the foyer bulletin board. If you have questions, see Andrea Beard.

**CHRISTMAS TOYS** Jim Derickson will be giving out toys to needy families on Tuesday, December 13. Toys may be brought and put in the old office area or money donations given to John or Paula Miller and Emily Swartz. Please make checks out to Echo Meadows.

**FOUNTAIN SQUARE HOLIDAY DINNER** Echo Meadow's outreach dinner and program for the Fountain Square residents is scheduled for, December 13. Donations for \$10.00 Kroger gift cards can be put in the regular offering; please mark your envelope "Fountain Square". Various volunteers are needed and sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. **We are asking for boxed Christmas cards or any unused cards; please put cards in the gift bag on the table by the library window.**

**FRUIT BASKETS** If you would like to donate money for the fruit baskets that we give out in December to the widows and widowers please see Jack Sloan or Paula Miller. We encourage anyone who would like to help pack the fruit baskets to meet here at the building on Saturday, **December 17 at 10:00 am**. Also, if you are a sponsor to a widow please see that your widow receives her basket. If you are a widow or widower and are able to attend church please pick up your basket. *Thank you!!!*

**IN APPRECIATION** What is a family? Is it having the good fortune of being born in a Christian home where truth and loving the one, true God is taught? Or is it being part of God's family sharing faith, love, hope and kindness and offering support in sad times, happy times, and every-day times? You, our Christian family has wrapped your arms of love, caring, and support around us in so many ways over the last several months. The many prayers said on Doug's behalf, the visits, cards, Facebook Posts and phone calls were each appreciated. We are so blessed with our Echo Meadows family. Thank you! The Clouse Family

FAMILY MATTERS

- Julia Mitchell—admitted to St. Luke's and had a heart cath.
- Ed Shepherd—at home
- R.C. McElwain, Pam Fisher, Brett Fisher—prayers that they will continue to improve.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Anna Copass, R.C. McElwain, Ruth Ragland, Maggie Clouse, Norma Gonzalez, Johnnie Brown, Jim Thomas, Tony Ramos, Don & Marian Loertscher, Carmen Wright, Jim Hall, Mike Borysiak, Jason Grimes, Michelle Vogt and Bertha Wells.

**BIBLE READING** November 27, Romans 15-16; November 28, 1 Corinthians 1-4; November 29, 1 Cor. 5-8; November 30, 1 Cor. 9-11; December 1, 1 Cor. 12-14; December 2, 1 Cor. 15-16, December 3, 2 Cor. 1-4.

RECORDS NOV. 20 2011			
9:00	112	N.E.	3
10:00	220		
6:00			
Wed.			
Contribution	\$5,158.11		
Missions			
Building Fund			
Total	\$5,158.11		
Weekly Budget	\$5,444.62		

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study