

THE TIDINGS

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**UNITED IN CHRIST, our mission is to GO out into the community,
SOW seeds of hopefulness, and GROW as loving disciples.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:11-19



What is the absolutely *unique* characteristic that separates followers of the Christian way from all other people who look for guidance in self-help manuals, theories, philosophies, or bio feed-back techniques? Is there some distinctive element of Christianity that is the sole intellectual property of the Christian Church? I want to suggest to you that there is such an element and it is deceptively simple—easier to describe than to put into practice. So many people today are driven by a self-imposed

demand for self-improvement: be less fat, learn new skills, use more effective deodorants, be more organized and efficient, or develop increased productivity. All those aims and goals may be just fine, but none will "earn" anyone peace and happiness. You may *choose* to do any of those things but motive is *everything*.

The point is: All other human efforts to infuse life with meaning and purpose start from the perspective of getting something we don't already have, whereas Christianity starts with the understanding that we have already received all there is to have. What remains is how to say thanks for that incredible gift. We believe that, in Christ, we have been offered forgiveness for all of our shortcomings and failures with the assurance of everlasting life with God.

Christians who truly understand and accept God's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are aware that everything is changed—a new way has been initiated. Our human strivings are not aimed at getting but at *giving*—giving thanks through everything we are and do. I like to think of it as Thanks-living.

The great thing about gratitude is that you can't keep it to yourself. You have to find a way—a person—a strategy to express your thanks. Rather than seeking more for yourself, you live for others—which is exactly what God wants!

How will you let God know how thankful you are? That's really your only job—every day. Think about it. It makes all the difference in the world.

Pastor Barb

***Do you have expired or discontinued medications in your home?
Do you know how to safely dispose of them?***



Medicines play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases, but when they are no longer needed it's important to dispose of them properly to avoid harm to others. Below, we list some disposal options and some special disposal instructions for you to consider when throwing out expired, unwanted, or unused medicines.

Current recommendations are to take your unused or expired medications to a DEA collection site

Lake county information:

<http://www.lcghd.org/pharmaceutical>

Lake county residents can bring their unwanted and expired prescriptions, cold/flu medications, pain relievers, pet medications, vitamins, creams, cough syrups, pills and prescription pain killers. Residents should remove or black out the personal information on pharmacy labels and leave the medicines in the original package or container. Residents should be advised that absolutely no needles or syringes are permitted in these bins.

The disposal hours for all the locations are convenient being Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the only exception is that there are no Sunday hours at Lakeland.

Below is a list of all drop off locations.

**Lake County Sheriff's Office 104 East Erie St.
Painesville**

**Mentor Police Department 8500 Civic Center
Blvd. Mentor**

**Willoughby Hills Police Department 35405
Chardon Rd. Willoughby Hills**

**Madison Township Police Department 2065
Hubbard Rd. Madison**

**Lakeland Community College Police Department
7700 Clocktower Dr., Building A, lower level
Kirtland**

If no medicine take-back program is available in your area, consumers can also follow these simple steps to dispose of most medicines in the household

trash:¹

- Mix medicines (do NOT crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds;
- Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag; and
- Throw the container in your household trash

Flushing of Certain Medicines: There is a small number of medicines that may be especially harmful and, in some cases, fatal in a single dose if they are used by someone other than the person the medicine was prescribed for. List of medicines recommended for disposal by flushing. For this reason, a few medicines have specific disposal instructions that indicate they should be flushed down the sink or toilet when they are no longer needed and when they cannot be disposed of through a drug take-back program. When you dispose of these medicines down the sink or toilet, they cannot be accidentally used by children, pets, or anyone else.

You may have also received disposal directions for these medicines when you picked up your prescription. If your medicine is on this list, and you did not receive information containing disposal instructions along with your dispensed prescription, you can find instructions on how to dispose of the medicines at <http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/about.cfm>¹, by searching on the drug name, and then looking in one of the following sections of the prescribing information:

- Information for Patients and Caregivers
- Patient Information
- Patient Counseling Information
- Safety and Handling Instructions
- Medication Guide

FDA remains committed to working with other Federal agencies and medicine manufacturers to develop alternative, safe disposal policies. Below is some additional information about flushing medicine that is no longer needed. If you have additional questions about disposing of your medicine, please contact us at 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332).

CELEBRATING EACH OTHER

BAPTISMS NOV.

Lisa A. Miller 11-1
 Robert O'Brien 11-1
 Beth Hegstrom 11-?
 Cindy Barnhart 11-10
 David Goglin 11-10
 Karen Marsh 11-11
 Samantha Goglin 11-20
 John Hoste 11-23

BAPTISMS DEC.

Candy Goglin 12-14
 Flo Groh 12-4
 Bonnie Gross 12-22
 Kevin D. Miller 12-17
 Katie Rubin 12-17
 Nichole Rubin 12-17
 Brandon Sandru 22

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

David & Lisa Miller
 11-12-1988
 Bill & Virginia O'Brien
 11-26-1952
 Larry & Jean Shriver
 12-2-1950



MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

Nov: Box items; potatoes, sides, rice, pasta (mac. & cheese, stuffing)

Dec. TBA
The Outreach Team

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Gross 11-2
 Norma Holzhauser 11-17
 Candy Goglin 11-19
 Jeff Goglin 11-20
 Robert J. Gaeta 11-20
 Kathryn Kroll 11-20
 John Hoste 11-23
 Jeffrey Rubin 11-29

***BIRTHDAY SUNDAY
 NOVEMBER 13***



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Pat Connor 12-2
 Michelle Carroll 12-4
 Melissa Carroll 12-7
 Sharon Rubin 12-7
 Derek Baker 12-9
 Lois Sherlock 12-15
 Kacy Baker 12-16
 Holly Goglin 12-18
 Terri Parker 12-21

***BIRTHDAY SUNDAY
 DECEMBER 18***



Resourcing Our Mission Financial Snapshot

AUGUST 2011 Monthly Income

Envelope and Loose: \$ 5,155
 Total Income: \$ 5,528
 Total Expenses: \$ 7,371
 Total Unpaid Bills: \$ 592

SEPTEMBER, 2011 Monthly Income

Envelope and Loose: \$ 5,608
 Total Income: \$ 6,849
 Total Expenses: \$ 6,487
 Total Unpaid Bills: \$ 233



Flower Calendar At the September 21st meeting, the Worship Committee recommended we move from two flower charts to one in 2012. The congregation will continue to have the option to purchase two vases at \$15 each (**on the envelope form**) if desired. Single vase will be placed on a pedestal near the baptismal font or on the altar. The 2012 calendar is now on display by the Sanctuary entrance.



SEPTEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- A motion that \$15,000 of the Housing Fund be put into Thrivent and the remainder, \$5,709, in the General Savings was 2nd and approved by Council.
- Pastor will call Chicago to inquire as to ELCA policy as to recommended Trust Fund investments. This is a social responsibility piece.

OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council rescinded the Sept. motion to put \$15,000 of the Housing Fund with Thrivent and amended to move \$10,000 to the mission trust fund with the remainder going into the General Fund.
- Discussions:
- ➔ Research card ministry.
 - ➔ Research a parish connections ministry to help folks with 'knowing what you don't know' to fulfill your living needs.
 - ➔ Plaque for donors of Foyer funds.

**THANKSGIVING EVE
Ecumenical Worship**



**Wednesday, November 23rd
@ 7:00 p.m.**

**Host Congregation:
FIRST UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
36721 Lakeshore Blvd.
Eastlake, OH. 44095**

**Preacher:
Rev. Barbara Holzhauser
Reformation Lutheran Church**



**Thankoffering:
Please bring canned and boxed
goods to stock our local food
pantries. The need is great.**

ADVENT

***An Evening Dedicated to
Preparing the Way of the Lord***



**Friday, DECEMBER 2nd
6:00 p.m. – Shared Meal
7:00 – A Time to Pray and Reflect**

**ADULT LEARNING
“The Jesus Creed”
(Loving God and Loving Neighbor)**

**Beginning November 13th
at 9:00 a.m.**



When an expert of the law asked Jesus for the greatest commandment, Jesus responded with what is known as the “*Shema*”, the ancient Jewish creed that commands Israel to love God with heart, mind, soul, and strength. The next part of Jesus’ answer changed the course of history. Jesus amended the *shema*, giving his followers a new creed for life: to love God with heart, mind, soul, and strength; but also to love others as they loved themselves. Discover how the Jesus Creed of love for God and love for others can transform your life. Join us for seven sessions as we explore THE JESUS CREED.

ATTENTION



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Saturday, December 24th
5:00 p.m. (Note NEW Time)**

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 25th
10:15 a.m.**