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Wed. Eve. 7:30pm

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Attention

Calling all Ladies ~ Come join our
2nd MCC Scrapbooking Fellowship
Friday, November 16th ~ 6:00-9:00pm
and
Saturday, November 17th ~ 9:00am-noon

Our 1st MCC Scrapbooking Fellowship was such a success, that by popular demand, we are planning a 2nd. Our time will begin on Friday with a meal and a devotion. Afterwards there will be time both Friday evening and Saturday morning to work on your projects. If you have never done any scrapbooking before just bring along any pictures you would like to scrapbook (along with any other supplies you have). You are welcome to come even if you just want to see what scrapbooking is all about. If you have any questions please see Nancy Sloan or Selma Kuchenbrod.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Nov 22ndOFFICE CLOSED**
Thanksgiving Day
23rdOFFICE CLOSED
Youth Lock-In
24thYouth Lock-In
Dec 01stHoliday Meal
11thMeetings—6:30pm Elders
7:30pm Board
15thLadies Luncheon & Gift
Exchange 12-2:00
19thYouth Service Project
21stFamily Christmas
Caroling & Party 5:30-9pm
23rdChristmas Cantata
24thChristmas Eve Service
6:00pm
25thOFFICE CLOSED
Christmas Day
31stNew Years Eve

MONROEVILLE MESSENGER

EVANGELIST'S MOMENT:

“THANKSGIVING”

Each year around the holiday of “Thanksgiving” people in general start to think about being thankful and what they have to be thankful about. Well, if you are one of those people make a list of all your blessings and good things that God and others have granted to you. When you “count your blessings” you will see that you have a plethora of wonderful things that you should be grateful and thankful about. Remember that counting your blessings and being thankful for those wonderful things should be done daily! When someone blesses you thank them for their kindness extended to you! Our heavenly Father and His Son deserve our thanksgiving daily for what they have lavished upon each of us every day. The apostle Paul told the Ephesians in (Ephesians 5:20) “Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.” Have a very happy Thanksgiving! Here’s a nice Thanksgiving poem. Please take a minute to read it.

In His Service, *Dave*

Let Us Give Thanks
Ephesians 5:20

*Have you thanked the Lord today,
For the blessings of the way,
For His mercies new each morning as you rise?
For the sunshine, warm and bright,
And refreshing sleep at night,
For the beauty of the earth and sea and skies?*

*Have you thanked God for His love,
That sent Jesus from above,
That all of Heaven’s treasures you may share?
Have you thanked Him for His power,
That sustains you hour by hour,
Tho’ heavy burdens you are called upon to bear?*

*Have you thanked God for His Word,
For His messengers from whom you heard,
Of the Christ, who is the Truth, the Life, the Way?
For all the wonders God hath wrought,
And countless gifts His love hath brought,
May our hearts o’erflow with thanks this very day!*
-Martha Readings

EVANGELIST'S MOMENT

Developing an Attitude of Gratitude

There are numerous reasons for us to be thankful: God's love, God's forgiveness, the hope of heaven, our families, our friends, and the ability to worship God in a free country. Nevertheless, for the purpose of this article, consider the blessing of good health. It is a blessing when we have our health. This body is susceptible to all types of sickness and disease. When illness attacks, it consumes our time and energy to perform the simplest of tasks. One such illness that plagued the lives of many during Bible times was leprosy. Leprosy is a gradually debilitating disease that if left untreated can result in paralysis, painful sores all over the body, and even blindness. During ancient times it had no cure or viable treatment. Unfortunately, those who contracted the disease were quarantined from all others in society so as to not pass it along to anyone else. Family members would be separated from loved ones; those who suffered the effects would be labeled unclean and treated as outcasts (Lev. 13:45-46).

In Luke 17:11-19, we read the account of ten certain lepers who met Jesus as he entered a village while on His way to Jerusalem. The group of men must have previously heard of Jesus, for they knew who He was. When He beheld them, Jesus commanded, "Go show yourselves to the priests." The Bible tells us that they were cleansed on their way. The Mosaic Law states that, in order to be accepted back into society, a healed leper was required to show himself to the priests so the priests could inspect him and declare him clean. These

particular lepers had enough faith that they would be healed, or they would not have begun the journey to the temple. However, the scripture does not focus on their trek to the temple; rather, it relates the return of one. While the other nine were busy satisfying the requirements of the Law, only one man took the time to return and thank the Master. Ironically, this thankful one was *not even a Jew*. Jesus rebuked the other men. The nine who should have known better—who should have returned and given the glory to God—failed to do so.

Being thankful is a habit learned best from a very early age. If a child develops a sense of gratitude, then it will come naturally. The opposite is also true. If a child develops a sense of ingratitude, then it will be his first reaction. Failing to be thankful in all circumstances, a blessed Christian succumbs to the same type of attitude as the nine lepers who did not return. Think of the missed, wonderful blessing of fellowship with Jesus! The ungrateful lepers brought about ridicule on the Jewish religion. They were more concerned about the physical. However, the grateful Samaritan was physically and spiritually blessed because he was thankful. We can learn from this account that thanksgiving is something we should practice daily, for we cannot truly be thankful on Thanksgiving Day unless we have been learning how to be thankful all year long.

I am truly thankful for Christ and His Church.

In His service,
Covey



Results of the CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Held on Sunday, November 11th – Confirmed as Deacons - Sean Acres, Matt Clark and Fred Zottola. The 2019 MCC Budget were approved.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – The new offering envelopes for 2019 are in and can be picked up from the table in the main vestibule. If you wish to receive envelopes, please leave a note on the Secretary's office door or see Janet.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT – Wednesday, **December 19th** – Our youth 1st thru 12th grade, will be assembling cookie trays and fruit baskets for our widows, widowers and shut-ins. If you are willing to donate cookies please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main vestibule. Any monetary donations for the fruit can be given to Covey.

When the Sunday School Teacher asked her class what they were thankful for, one little fellow replied, "My glasses. They keep the boys from fighting me and the girls from kissing me!"

THANK YOU CARD – Posted on the bulletin board in the main vestibule from Jim, Allie and Sadie Zottola.



Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Devotions, Dodgeball, Games & More!
Meet at MCC at 6:00pm on Friday. Parents to drop off youth at MCC. We will leave for Sky Zone Park (located in Monroeville, PA next to Levin's Furniture-15 minute drive) at 6:30pm. We will grab a snack at MCC and then eat dinner on the way back to the building later in the evening. Parents can pick-up their youth Saturday morning at 10:00am at MCC. Dinner, snacks and breakfast will be provided.

WHAT TO BRING

Bible, appropriate clothing for trampoline play, change of clothes, sleeping bag, personal toiletries and any other items needed for an overnight stay. Last but not least ~ A Friend!

COST & SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The cost is \$17.00 per person to jump (If this is a financial hardship, please see Covey.) If you are not jumping, the lock-in is free. A waiver must be filled out for every person jumping. Parents, please go to: <https://monroevillestore.skyzone.com/waiver/> to fill out a waiver for your teen if they are under 18. Anyone 18+ must fill out their own waiver. This can **only** be done online. Register online at the church website by November 18th so that final reservations can be made.

*See Covey with any questions.