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Trust God in every  
circumstance. Things may  
be hard and everything is  
falling apart but trust him.  
He's still in control, he  
won't let you go  
@wisdomfeed

The Wilderness  
For much of the month  
of October Pastor John had  
been preaching on "The Wilderness"  
as the Jews experienced it after  
leaving Egypt. As he spoke about the  
Jews collective experience- no food, no water,  
grumbling despite being free from slavery and  
not appreciating the miracles that were presented to  
them, I thought of The Wilderness we are all in now. Of  
course, each one of us has our own "personal wilderness"-  
times when we can't see in front of us and wish we could  
go back to the way it was. But as Pastor John spoke, I thought  
of the time we are in right now-The Pandemic. For most of us, we were  
born after WWII and don't know the uncertainty of that time period. And there  
were other times of collective wilderness; I think of the assassination of JFK as  
another. But this is the one we can claim as our own. When everything shut  
down, we did not know if we would have jobs, if there would be enough food and  
toilet paper to see us through, if we would get sick and end up hospitalized or  
pass away. And grumble we did, and do. Mask rules!, Mandatory vaccinations!  
Restrictions on our personal freedom! Uncertainty about the future! Humans  
grumble and rail against the things we cannot control. But do we seek out God  
and do we appreciate the miracles God does for us? I think of covid  
vaccinations- people say they were developed too fast; we don't know long term  
effects; they don't want to put foreign materials in their bodies and lastly they  
don't want to be told to get it. But isn't this a miracle from God?  
Something to get us through this awful time.  
Do we believe God has led us to this place  
so we can learn to trust him  
once more?

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding

Proverbs 3:5



Give Thanks

By Elaine Peacock

November has arrived and our thoughts turn to giving thanks, not that we don't give thanks all year but November seems to be the month we associate with giving thanks to God for special moments.

Of course, the first "thanks" day is Veterans Day November 11th, in Canada it's called Remembrance Day but no matter what we call it, it gives us another chance to say Thank you to our veterans past, present and future.

Next is Thanksgiving, even as we emerge from another year of masks and vaccines, we can definitely find something to be thankful for and we feel God's presence as he leads us toward better days ahead. I know the headlines aren't very encouraging but we are making progress so embrace every opportunity that God sends our way.

I know you will find something to be thankful for no matter how small. Happy Thanksgiving PRC.



Birthdays

Joan Warner

Remembrances

*in loving  
memory*

*In Memory of Kathryn Peacock on her birthday from Elaine*

*In memory of Jeannette Struble on her 90th birthday from Walt*

*In memory of Joseph Sisco from Walt Struble*

*From Eleanor Haling thinking of all her friends at PR*





Thanks to Rick Pierce for putting together a wonderful mid-pandemic Autumnfest!

Thanks to Patti and the choir for their beautiful music on their return to the Sanctuary.

Thanks to the planters for the gorgeous flowers on the way into the church from the parking lot.

Thanks to all who support the church every week in whatever way you do.

Thanks to all the folks that provide streamed services for us.

Thanks to Pastor John for feeling the nudge to PRC

Thanks to our Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to all our Veterans. ❤️

We have so much for which to be thankful!!





### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We are encouraging families to celebrate Advent a bit differently and as an opportunity to give to others. Rather than opening the various "doors/windows" of the traditional Advent calendars to receive a chocolate treat each day - we encourage children and their families to make an offering of something as a blessing for someone less fortunate.

\*Get a large box or two grocery bags and place them where the family often gathers.

\*Each day place one of the listed food/personal items into the box/bag.

\*Offer a simple prayer such as:

"Oh GOD - As we anticipate the birth of our dear Lord Jesus, we offer this \_\_\_\_\_ as a blessing to someone less fortunate than ourselves. AMEN."

On Sunday, January 9, 2022 - please bring your filled box/bags to church for restocking of our food pantry.

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2021

Each day add an item to your collection box/bag  
On January 9, 2022 donate the contents to our food pantry

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|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| December 1       | Box of Cereal         | December 18      | Toilet Paper - 4 pack   |
| December 2       | Peanut Butter         | December 19      | Canned Pears            |
| December 3       | Stuffing Mix          | December 20      | Box of Instant Potatoes |
| December 4       | Parmalat Milk         | December 21 & 22 | Toothpaste & Toothbrush |
| December 5       | Baked Beans           | December 18      | Toilet Paper - 4 pack   |
| December 6       | Jelly/Jam             | December 19      | Canned Pears            |
| December 7 & 8   | Laundry Detergent     | December 20      | Box of Instant Potatoes |
| December 9       | Macaroni and Cheese   | December 21 & 22 | Toothpaste & Toothbrush |
| December 10      | Pudding Mix           | December 23      | Package of Pasta        |
| December 11      | Canned Peaches        | December 24      | Spaghetti Sauce         |
| December 12      | Canned Tuna           | December 25      | Brownie/Pound Cake Mix  |
| December 13      | Canned Potatoes       |                  |                         |
| December 14 & 15 | Shampoo & Conditioner |                  |                         |
| December 16      | Canned Soup           |                  |                         |
| December 17      | Canned Brown Gravy    |                  |                         |





Missions News from Jared Cave

## Perhaps...

A buzzing fan, the smell of dirty dishwater, and sweat-soaked clothes were my unpleasant companions as I prepared and served a weekend of meals to 90 students from Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU). My CCO XD team mates were outside leading various community-building activities as part of first-year orientation, while I served students and my colleagues from the steamy kitchen.

College students come to campus with lots of emotions. Some are anxious about meeting new people; Some are unsure of what the next semester will bring. Some may have literally landed in the US only days before.

**Encouraging students to challenge themselves, while connecting with a new community, helps them prepare for individual and community challenges they'll encounter in the coming year.** Experiential education as part of orientation helps students transition into the new environment of college, but also opens up the door to **something bigger.**

What might that be? **Perhaps the Lord will use this weekend with students and my hours chopping, peeling and cooking as a launchpad to transform a life -- and for students to know and follow Jesus!**

The best part of the weekend was sending the students back to their campus. Not because we didn't like them, but because their journey to Jesus is not over. They returned to OWU with William, a CCO staff person who works in the OWU chapel office. This weekend opens up new doors of relationships with students for William. Please pray with me that God will use this time mightily in students' lives.

## Let's PRAY!!!

Thanks for supporting the work of bringing the gospel to college students at OWU. I love the work I get to do in supporting staff like William to be the vessel that carries the gospel to these students. **Will you join me in praying for these OWU students that this year will be the year they begin to follow Jesus?**

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## Dates to Remember

Knitters get together every Tuesday in Room 108 from 1-3P

Lunch Bunch meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for lunch, community and conversation.

November 18- Free Community Dinner.

Food Pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 10:30-12 PM.  
The pantry is always in need of stocking. Please consider this important ministry when you do your grocery shopping.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'  
Matthew 25:40



With a heart overflowing with gratitude I wish all of you a joyous Thanksgiving! May your blessings far outnumber your sorrows. God Bless! <3

December Newsletter submissions may be emailed to [khuysers@msn.com](mailto:khuysers@msn.com) or placed in the office mailbox. Please have them in by November 28. Have a blessed Thanksgiving full of gratitude to God for the things he has done!