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# THE LAMPLIGHTER

*A Publication of Wabash Christian Church*

*Committed to spreading the Good News  
of the love of Christ, through service to all.*

NOVEMBER 2018

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

<p><b>All Saints Sunday</b></p> 	<p>12 9 6</p> <p><b>Fall Back</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Ends</b></p>	<p><b>F.I.S.H. Sunday</b></p> 
<p><b>Continue the Momentum</b></p> <p>Please return your pledge card to the church by November 4, 2018.</p> <p><i>Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3</i></p>		

**2018 Pictorial Church Directory**

2nd Photography Date - Thursday, November 8

**Christian Women's Fellowship  
Nut & Bake Sale**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

*Donations of baked goods are needed.*





I had to do 15 weeks of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) as part of the ordination process in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). So, I did a chaplaincy internship. I chose to do my internship at IU Health and served at Riley Hospital for Children.

I spent a lot of time in the trauma units of Riley's ER while being a chaplain. During my first on-call shift, I was paged to a trauma room and shortly after arriving watched a child die from gunshot wounds. A child murdered. I remember standing there and thinking, "This isn't real life." But it was extremely real for that child's family and for the doctors and nurses who had administered care to him. The attending doctor gave the notification of death to the parents but the parents felt that they couldn't physically or emotionally tell the child's grandmother, who was sitting in the waiting room. I was asked to do that and I remember thinking, "I have no idea how to do this. No one has taught me how to do this."

Once I told the grandmother, she asked me to pray with her. She grabbed me by the lapels of my jacket and pulled me down to my knees as she fell to her knees. I thought I was the one who was going to pray but she immediately started praying through her sobs.

At the beginning of her prayer, she thanked God for her life and for her family. That was the beginning of her prayer in the newness and rawness of grief and heartbreak. Then, she prayed for the return of her grandson into this earthly life before transitioning her prayer to asking God to take care of him until she could be in the afterlife to do so.

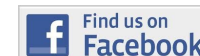
As she continued to pray and later when I was sitting there by her side, I was struck by this grandmother's gratitude in the face of chaos—in the face of complete anguish. I wondered if she even realized that she started her prayer with thanksgiving at a time of suffering when most people wouldn't bother with it. The more I think about that night three years ago, I realize that in order for her to begin her prayer during that time in gratitude that she had to have started all her prayers in that manner long before that terrible night.

It's hard to be grateful sometimes. We often put our thanksgivings to God aside when we are *(Continued on Page 3)*

**Submission Deadlines** for the next *The Lamplighter* are due by **Sunday, November 25**. If anyone has news, announcements, praises or prayer concerns they would like to share please submit the information to the office. Submissions for the **Sunday Bulletins** are due by **Thursday morning**. There is a separate inbox for each in the church office. **Any submissions or calendar changes should be made in writing**. Submissions may be edited for space and clarity.



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### Mississinewa 1812 (Continued from Page 13)

cider I have ever tasted. We ended the weekend pressing over 45 crates of apples. The frybread crew was again amazing and I thank everyone who cooked. It wasn't so hot this year, but the weather was so clear, except for the rainstorm that closed us late Friday afternoon. Although the grounds were muddy, the days were sunny and cool and we had one of the best sales weekends ever.

Once again, I felt the healing hand of God as all the talents and volunteering of many brought this unique event together. There is a danger of bringing too many people together when we all have different ideas of how a job should be done, but I observed unity in completing a task to raise money that will continue to fund Christmas Spirit and F.I.S.H.

I mentioned last year that the reasons I took on 1812 are because it has taken me several years to fall in love with 1812 and we are a family. This family has taught me what God's love is:

- It is a legacy of David Sodervick's passion for history.
- It is a testament that we are still alive and can do great things together.
- It is a commitment to working together... Working Together Works!
- It is still an opportunity for us to pass the torch to another generation.

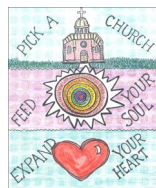
I felt that was worth saying again. Although many of us were exhausted at the end of the weekend, it was well worth the effort as we earned close to \$4,500 to help fund God's will in this world. It was another unbelievable experience and I'm glad we are still able to come together and do it. We are still working on ideas to utilize the bread and apple butter skills to be used more than just three days a year, but for right now, "thank you" to all who made it a successful year.

Roger Votaw

Wayman AME Church, 201 E. 3rd Street, Peru, IN  
**Annual Fall Barbecue – Fri. & Sat., Nov. 2 & 3 – 11 am-7 pm**  
Rib or Chicken Dinner \$13.00 - Includes 2 Sides - Dine In or Carry Out  
*Rev. Mindy Mayes would appreciate your support of the Church.*

### Pick A Church – Feed Your Soul Expand Your Heart

On the Prayer Table in the East Fellowship Hall are flyers made by Susie Bonfitto. Please take a flyer and find a local business or community board to post it.



### Pastor's Page (Continued from Page 2)

suffering, when our world seems in chaos, when things aren't going right, and when we're grieving. As Christians, though, we are called to live lives of gratitude to our Creator. If you find yourself in a season of life right now in which you find long words and prayers of gratitude to be difficult for whatever reason, I hope these words from American novelist and poet Alice Walker help you this day: "Thank you" is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding."

Pastor Haley

### BOARD NOTES

The Church Board held a regular meeting on October 10, 2018 with 12 voting members and one guest present.

During her staff report, Rev. Haley informed the board about an organization based in Kokomo called Advantage Housing. This group provides affordable housing to those in need and is trying to expand to the Wabash community. If you have any furniture that needs a new home they will accept it and pass it on to someone who can use it.

It's getting to the time of year where the board is thinking about the next year to come and that includes nominations for elected and appointed positions within our church. I am putting together a nominating committee and still have room for a couple more people. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact me. This committee will be meeting on the evening of November 7.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. As always, all are welcome to attend.

Rob Shellhamer, Board Chairman

*Bring a Friend to Church*

### OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

**Wed., November 14, 2018  
7:30 P.M.**

Finance Meeting - 6:45 P.M.

November 7 – Deadline to  
submit items for agenda.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 4, 2018

Please be sure to set your  
clocks back so you make  
it to Church on time.

### Rev. Haley Asberry Personal Contact Info

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## Updated BLAST Sunday School Schedule/Themes

- Nov. 4: Cooking at Sharon Shellhamer's House 11am to 2pm  
(Transportation Provided - Pick-up at 2pm at the Church)
- Nov. 11: Service to God and to Others
- Nov. 18: Game Day (Regular SS Class Time. Families, Youth of All Ages, and Other Church Members Welcome.)
- Nov. 25: Youth Will Help with Decorating Sanctuary for Advent
- Dec. 2: Watch & Discuss *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (EXTENDED CLASS 11AM TO 1:30PM - LUNCH PROVIDED)
- Dec. 9: Gifts, Hope, Love, & Forgiveness
- Dec. 16: Christmas Party
- Dec. 23: No Class

Pastor Haley Asberry



### Decorate Church

Sunday, November 25  
11:00 A.M.

Youth Sunday School  
will meet to help decorate.  
Pizza will be provided.

*Thanksgiving - Giving Thanks*

*Giving is the true  
measure of love.*

Purchase scrip for  
groceries, gas,  
gifts, holidays, and more...



*Scrip helps support  
the church with no  
additional cost to you!*

## Sneak Peak at Missions for January 2019

I learned that Tobi, Pastor Haley's husband, will be traveling to Nigeria to visit his family this coming February. Last year we combined his trip home with raising money, as well as donating children's clothes, for the Ijamido Children's Home near Lagos. Our donation of \$777.00 provided the Home with rice for a whole year. With the money that was left over, Tobi and his mother, along with her friends prepared 500 meals which were distributed on the streets of Lagos to those living in destitution.

Our special January mission will again be the Ijamido Children's Home. More information about this special offering and the Home will be in the December Lamplighter.

Susie Beamer, Chair of Mission

*For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve... Mark 10:45*



In looking at last year's report, I am in awe of what a crazy year of recovery and change in perspective I have had in bringing together the 1812 of 2018. While taking inventory a couple months ago, I realized we had an issue. We didn't have very many outfits and I had almost 20 students signed up from Northfield Key Club to join in the festivities. What I saw was a miracle in progress. Cheryl Harner, Misty and Mikayla Marz, Leslie Morningstar, Sonja Ogan, Lisa Rhoads and Ann Votaw put their sewing machines together and made shirts, skirts, and hats. It was unbelievable how hard they worked to pull this together. In the meantime, I had Joyce Evenson and Cheryl showing my high school girls the secrets of making apple butter as Joyce claims she is retiring from making the apple butter.

I also had help from a new crew putting up the shed as Lawrence Denney and his crew had turned the reigns over to a new crowd, which consisted of Scott Graft, Scott Billings, Reid Votaw, Brayden Ogan and me. We looked at pictures from last year, second guessing if we were doing it right and when we were done, we discovered a few errors, but I assume Lawrence had been doing it since 1995.

David Sodervick would still be proud that we are carrying on a tradition that he and Sharon Shellhamer began years ago. Dave's love for history spear-

## Elders Corner (Continued from Page 11)

place and returning to a more normal life in our residence sometime in the not too distant future.

But as Dr. Graham writes in regard to each of our situations, "see it as part of God's plan for this stage of your life."

Bob Mattern

headed the event and that's how we got involved. June Ellen told me that Paradise Springs site and the reenactment at OJ Neighbours wouldn't be in existence today without Dave's influence.

I am pleased that Northfield Key Club was involved again, sending 20 students on Friday, six on Saturday and five on Sunday. I had two boys help me nearly all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday from early morning to late at night.

The weekend was beautiful, a little bite in the crisp fall air gave immediate demand for hot apple cider and that never stopped selling on Friday, which we could barely keep up with the demand. On Saturday, we decided to get a five-gallon head start as the forecast was again a cold start. Even preheating five-gallons, we had trouble staying ahead of the demand. We crushed 35 bushels of apples that produced the best  
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## MINISTRY NOTES

### Outreach Ministry

The November Moment for Mission is Wabash County Christmas Spirit. This was formerly Operation Elf, and has been helping children celebrate Christmas for many years. According to the website ([www.wabashcountychristmasspirit.com](http://www.wabashcountychristmasspirit.com)) their mission is:

“Our mission is to receive all of Wabash County’s gifts – their time, energy, and charity – repackage it, and distribute it as hope to all of those families in need in Wabash County. By this gift of hope, we wish to build neighborly love throughout the community and to maintain Christmas Spirit all year long.”

There are several ways to help this program. You can purchase gifts for a child or a family of children, you can donate money, or you can volunteer to help prepare and deliver gifts. The location this year for the program is at the New Journey Community Church at 1721 Vernon St., Wabash, IN 46992. Although pick up day is Dec. 7 from 4-8 p.m. and delivery day is Dec. 8, starting at 9 a.m., volunteers are needed starting November 26 to sort, label, and bundle donations. Call 260-571-4123 to volunteer or just show up on November 26 through 30 from 4-8 pm, December 1 from 10 am to 2 pm, and December 4 through 7 from 4 pm to 8 pm. If you want to help shop, the dates are Nov. 28 and Dec. 1 and 4.

Those wishing to register a child can go to [www.wabashcountychristmasspirit.com/registration](http://www.wabashcountychristmasspirit.com/registration) between October 24 and November 25.

Pam Guthrie, Outreach Team Chair

### Worship Ministry

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates you won't want to forget.

November 4 - All Saints Sunday

November 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday

November 25 - Decorate the Church for Christmas

December 2 - Advent begins

December 16 - All Church Finger Food Carry-In

December 23 - Christmas Sunday - special presentation

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

January 6 - Remove decorations

Beth Miller, Worship Team Chair



**Helping Hands  
Outreach**

Thursday, November 15  
2:30-4:30 P.M. Cook  
4:30-6:00 P.M. Serve  
and Clean Up



## Christian Women’s Fellowship - CWF

The CWF met on October 13, 2018. It was decided to put together sunshine bags for shut-ins on Sunday, October 21, after church. There were nine bags assembled and ready to be delivered. Thanks to all who helped.

Hostesses were established for 2019. Sara Widner and Susan Hite will be the Co-Chairs for 2019. Cheryl Harner will be the Secretary and Joyce Evenson will remain as Treasurer.

There will be a Nut & Bake Sale on November 17. Anyone wanting to contribute baked goods will be welcome.

The CWF will help the Worship Team with a Finger Food Carry-In on December 16.

There was a discussion about replacing the dishwasher in the kitchen. Lois Simons was asked to head a committee to investigate what kind of dishwasher would be preferable and come up with a cost to remove the old dishwasher and install a new one.

The next meeting will be November 10 at 9:00 a.m. Carolyn Roser and Susan Hite will be hostesses.

Carolyn Roser, CWF Co-President



Thank you to everyone for the cards, calls, and concerns.

Austin Russell

I BELIEVE in the power of prayer!

Thanks to my church family and my friends for the cards, visits and prayers. I feel very blessed.

I think I am on the road to recovery.

Sharyle Hapner

### **CWF Nut & Bake Sale**

Saturday, November 17  
8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

We will need baked goods. Drop off Friday, November 16 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Thank you!

*Give thanks to the Lord*

The office will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018.

In observance of Thanksgiving the office will be closed on November 22 & 23, 2018.



## NEWS AND NOTES

**Jim Widner** had outpatient foot surgery on Monday, October 22, 2018 at the Parkview Wabash Hospital.

**Bob Mattern** had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Parkview Hospital Dupont in Fort Wayne.

**Laura Schneider**, daughter of Charlie and Pam Guthrie, had gallbladder removal surgery on Monday, October 8, 2018 in Erie, PA, where she resides.

*There is always  
something  
to be thankful for.*

### All Saints Sunday November 4, 2018

Giving thanks for those  
who have touched our lives  
and entered the  
kingdom of heaven.

*I thank God for You!*

**Veterans Day  
November 11**



*Rejoice always,  
pray constantly,  
give thanks  
in all circumstances...*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



### *Prayer Concerns*

Kim Barrus	Sharyle Hapner	John Morningstar
Donna Blanke	Gene Howard	Pat Murray
Christine Brown	Wendy Jensen	Myra Perkins
Kelley Butzin	Kristi Kidwell-Mattern	Dave Renkenberger
Dee Byerly	John Kisner	Hanna Rhoads
Amy Cornell	Dale Kroft	Laura Schneider
John (Hap) Dragoo	Betty Lynch	Ron Stein
Chauncey Felker	Barbara Mattern	Jim Widner
Greg Gatchel	Bob Mattern	Dave Williams
Ava Gibson	Mark Mattern	Leroy Wimmer
Teresa Grimm	Tom Mattern	Babette Ziner

Unspoken Requests

#### **Prayer Concerns List Policy Reminder**

Members and friends may contact the church office to have someone added to or removed from the prayer list. Names may be removed after 30 days unless the office is notified.

## ELDERS CORNER

Recently I was going through a tub of items from my old desk. (Now property of Camille in Bloomington.)

I came across a yellowed newspaper clipping I had cut out many years ago. It is amazing how this old article fits my current situation. It was written by Billy Graham.

It's hard to believe that the couple of seconds required for my fall can change your life so drastically.

### **In old age, thank God for the gift of each day Billy Graham My Answer**

**Dear Billy Graham:** I've always said I'd never go into a nursing home, but after I broke my hip, I didn't have any choice. Why did God let this happen to me? I've always wanted to be independent in my old age, and now I'm not, and I don't like it.—Mrs. E.S.

**Dear Reader:** I can understand your frustration; as I've grown older, I, too, have missed the strength and independence I once had. I often think of Jesus' words to Peter concerning his latter years: "When you are old...someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18).

Old age inevitably brings limitations to us; they may be delayed in some people, but if we live long enough, they'll catch up with us. That's simply the way life is, much as we try to fight it or deny it. But the real question is this: How will we deal with this? Will it be with anger and frustration and depression—or will it be with acceptance and contentment?

I hope you'll see it as part of God's plan for this stage of your life. God's plan isn't always easy or pleasant—but it's right, because he knows what's best for us. It may be hard at first, but take time daily to thank him for the gift of another day.

Above all, turn your mind toward your real home—which is heaven. Put your faith and trust in Christ, and then look forward to that day when you will be with him forever.

After spending over six months in a nursing home, and surely more time to come, I can appreciate Dr. Graham's admonition to thank God for each day as a gift to be savored and accepted.

As Mrs. E.S. states, and both Barbara and I agree, "I don't like it!" We so look forward to leaving this *(Continued on Page 13)*

NOV. SERVING ELDERS		
4	Bread	Carolyn Roser
	Wine	Mike Denney
	Lounge	Jim Widner
11	Bread	Charlie Guthrie
	Wine	Jim Widner
	Lounge	Linda Mattern
18	Bread	Sharon Shellhamer
	Wine	Sara Widner
	Lounge	Jon Denney
25	Bread	Roger Votaw
	Wine	Marvin Wright
	Lounge	Jim Widner

NOV. SERVING DIACONATE		
4	B	Lynne Keffaber
	W	Pam Guthrie
	L	Bryan Mitchell
	*CL2	Kathy Lower
11	B	Tracey Denney
	W	Rob Shellhamer
	L	Sharon Shaw
	*CL2	Megan Long
18	B	Jerry Perkins
	W	Bryan Mitchell
	L	Diane Kerlin
	*CL2	Beth Miller
25	B	Susan Hite
	W	Brayden Ogan
	L	Rob Shellhamer
	*CL2	Sharon Shaw

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Austin Eads  
Gary Rust  
Becky Simons
- 3 Sydney Mattern  
Ann Votaw
- 6 Adam Denney  
Heiwa Schneider
- 7 Chloe Webb
- 11 Seth Mark
- 12 Lucas Mattern  
Amy Tapper
- 15 Logan Shellhamer
- 16 Miranda Meyer  
Carolyn Roser
- 17 Donald Beamer
- 19 Megan Widner
- 20 Lisa Betzner  
Chelsea Traver
- 21 Linda Mattern
- 23 Steve Myers  
Kim Shellhamer  
Sharon Shellhamer
- 24 Matthew Knee
- 25 Colin Uribe
- 27 Jennifer Smith
- 29 Karen Purcell



## NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

Nov 4	Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
Nov 11	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
Nov 18	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
Nov 25	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

### Communion Preparation



Lynne Keffaber  
Rob Shellhamer

### Thanksgiving Higher Education Offering

will be received  
on Sunday,  
November 11 & 18, 2018.

The Elder and Diaconate schedules are posted outside the sanctuary and church office. Please notify the church office of any changes to the schedules so the press release and bulletins can reflect the changes.

### Smile :) Church Directory appointments are being scheduled for November 8, 2018.

*Our directory will not be complete without you!*

Notify the office of any changes to your personal information.  
Thank you!

*Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

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*I will praise the name of God with song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30*

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*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17

**Wabash County Christmas Spirit Offering**  
to be received on Sunday, November 18 & 25.






*Please make checks payable to  
Wabash Christian Church and memo/for Christmas Spirit.*

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!*



*November 22, 2018*

# November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 All Saints Sunday F.I.S.H. Sunday Daylight Savings Ends Pledge Cards Due 11:00A-2:00P Youth at Sharon Shellhamer's	5	6 9:30A Prayer Group 	7 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship 7:00P Finance Meeting Deadline for Agenda	8 2:00-7:30P Church Directory Photos 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9	10 9:00A CWF Meeting
11 Thanksgiving Offering 	12 Office Closed	13 9:30A Prayer Group 4:00P FISH Board Mtg.	14 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship 6:45P Finance Meeting 7:30P Official Board Meeting	15 2:30-6:00P Helping Hands Outreach 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	17 8:00A-12:00P CWF Nut & Bake Sale
18 Christmas Spirit Offering Thanksgiving Offering	19	20 9:30A Prayer Group 7:00p Elder Meeting	21 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship	22 Office Closed 	23 Office Closed	24
25 11:00A Decorate Church Christmas Spirit Offering Lampighter Deadline	26	27 9:30A Prayer Group 1:00P Wabash Musicales	28 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship	29 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30	