



The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

Pastors Pen - November 2015

The kingdom of God, what does that mean for us? The kingdom of God in fact arrived with the coming of Christ. Jesus was the first to fully obey God. So Jesus can say to us, the kingdom of God is among us.

In the parables we can see the kingdom of God; such as the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Jesus came to save the least among us. Jesus showed the ultimate meaning of love. Not by force, but by having compassion. For all to know of God's love. Jesus is always seeking the lost, one at a time.

The kingdom of God on earth means the rule of God's peoples' lives. This happens when people realize that God is the ruler of the world. It also means the community of people or the church obeys God's rule. Simply put, repent and believe that Jesus is the King of kings. Turn away from what keeps you from following Jesus, and believe that Jesus will help guide your ways.

There is the kingdom to come, which will complete God's kingdom on earth. As Jesus taught us to pray, may His kingdom come. In the future kingdom to come, there will be complete power giving to Jesus. For us who believe, there is salvation, a new life. For many the coming of God's rule will bring judgment.

So we must ask ourselves, what is the kingdom question for us Christians today? I believe with all my heart and soul, the question should be, that every project, gathering, anything we take on, should be for God's glory and God's glory alone. Everything we do should help lead the lost of this world to the cross (SALVATION)!

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary

White Cross Day, Ceresco Baptist Church 2015

As we gathered for the 5th White Cross Day at Ceresco Baptist Church, it was apparent that all knew exactly what to do. With the direction of Sue Tianello, former White Cross Coordinator for the state of MI and present WCC for the Central Area of MI, we were directed as she troubleshooted for us all day long. These ladies did not need much guidance, it was the most relaxing day I have had in a long time.

We rolled over 105 bandages and a lady brought in 25 already rolled. It was interesting to see the table that held the bags that each of us brought. Most bags were the size of a small grocery bag. Each bringing from their home what they had in store. An ecumenical book club who saw Wayne and Katherine Nile's presentation last year also sent a grocery bag filled that only needed to be measured and rolled. We thank them all!

Our youngest helper was a 20 month old who would hold onto the snipped sheet and start to walk away pulling the bandage as it ripped. We also had 12 and 9 year old sisters. The 9 year old walked around with the Mitendi Ministries key chains and sold \$28-worth. She was quite a salesgirl. She also helped me in the kitchen finding just what I needed.

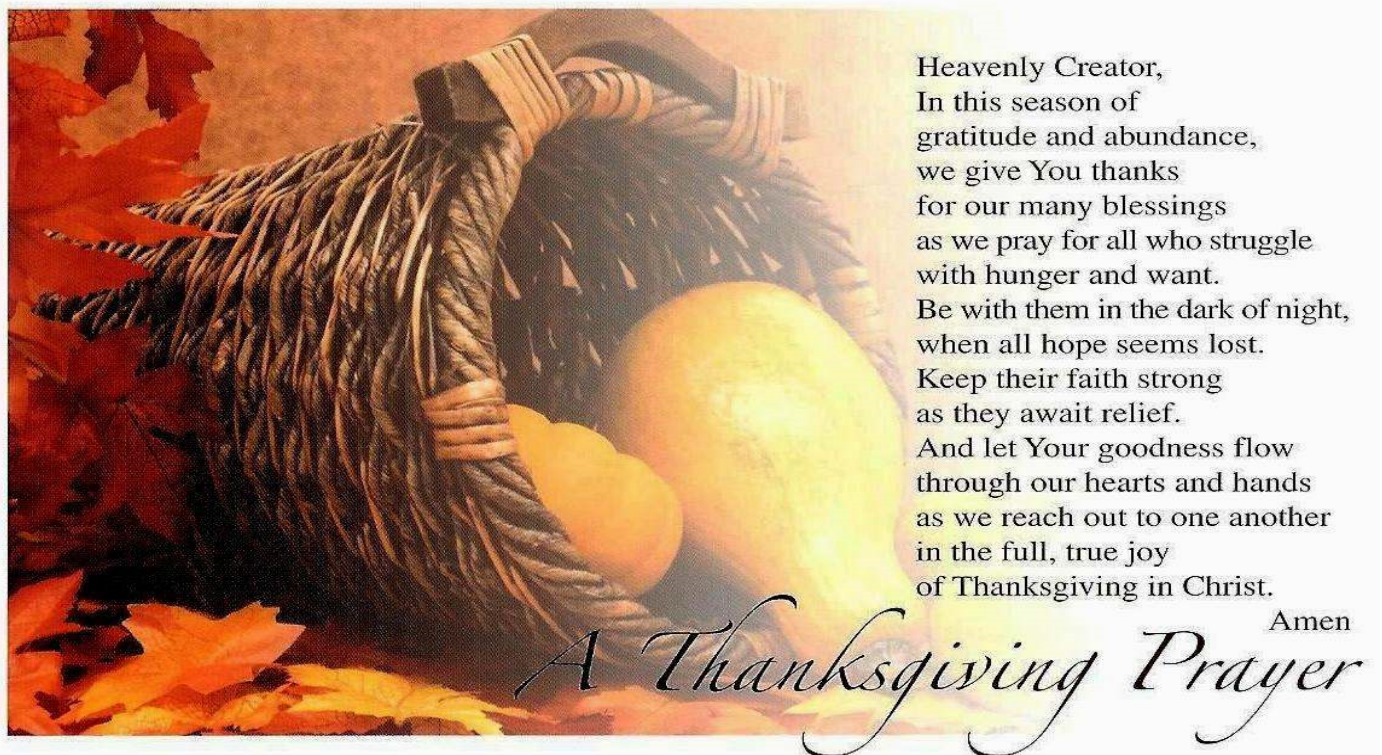
We wore the Mitendi Ministries lanyards and used just a small piece of paper to clip on our name. I am asking Katherine to have them make us 20 more for our collection of lanyards so we can call each other by name.

Three sewing machines sung away. One lady sewed wrappers and commented on the need of an iron next time. Another shared how she had made a measuring tape of the edging on the sheet many years ago and it made the measuring easier. I never saw Sue T. sit down. All day long she measured the long bandage with the new measuring tape fielding questions.

A younger woman who was raised in a neighboring AB church came, I had met her at Senior Adult Camp this summer. I hope I can share with you what she said. "I am glad I came to help with this very important project. It has allowed me to do something for someone else rather than just for me." She works at a local hospital transferring people's calls.

Coming in a day earlier we stayed with an RN who works at the local hospital. She also was raised in an AB church and I met her at the Senior Adult Camp, Camp Lake Louise. Her mother is an active member at Ceresco Baptist Church. She shared the benefits of the bandages are significant

Sincerely Yours,
Margaret Rose, West Area President for AB Women's Ministries of MI



Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer

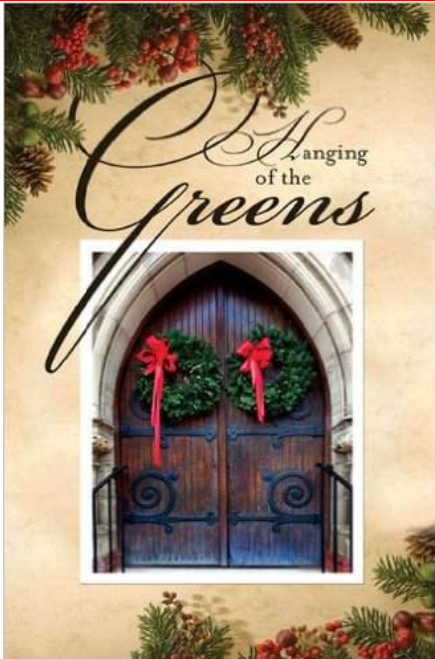
THANKSGIVING FAMILIES

We have not yet received our information from Santa's Helper. As soon as we receive the information, we will inform you. We will be asking for turkey donations. If you would like to donate money towards the families, please put it in a Deacon Fund envelope, and mark holiday families. Thank you! ~ Linda Chisholm.

Sing With Us!

November 29th, the men will be asked to sing, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" There won't be any practices for this.

Women's Choir Practice for Nov. 22nd will be on Tuesdays, Nov. 10th and 17th from 5:30 to 6:00 (just before Bible Study). Ladies will be singing "Count Your Blessings"



Sunday, Nov. 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. We will have a luncheon after Sunday School. Then we will decorate the church with our annual "Hanging of the Greens" to celebrate the Advent Season.

Please join us if you can!

This is also Fellowship Sunday, so there will be treats furnished by the Frey Family after the morning worship service!

Church Attendance

October

10/4 ~ 52
10/11 ~ 59
10/18 ~ 68
10/25 ~ 60

Flower Schedule

Nov. 1st ~ Glennie
Nov. 8th ~ OPEN
Nov. 15th ~ OPEN
Nov. 22nd ~ Sommers
Nov. 29 ~ Ivey



Advent starts Sunday,
November 29th!

Veterans Day

By: Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call,
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold,
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride,
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white, and blue,
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights,
And though we may not know each name,
We thank **ALL** veterans just the same.



“Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.” – Billy Graham

“Our veterans accepted the responsibility to defend America and uphold our values when duty called.” — Bill Shuster

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 End of Daylight Savings Time Communion Sunday	2 Boy Scouts	3 Bible Study 10 am / 6 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9 Boy Scouts	10 Bible Study 10 am / 6 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm	11 VETERANS DAY Martha Circle 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16 Boy Scouts	17 Bible Study 10a / 6 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm	18 Thanksgiving Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm Missionary Anita Gutierrez	19	20	21
22	23 Boy Scouts	24 Bible Study 10:00 am EMT Meeting 5:30 pm	25 Thanksgiving Service at Newton 6:30 pm	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Fellowship Sunday HANGING OF THE GREENS	30 Boy Scouts	Dec 1 Bible Study 10:00 am	Dec 2 Messenger Information due @ noon	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5 8am - Men's Breakfast Admin Council 9:00 am

Happy Birthday!

Nov 1 Scott Chisholm
 Nov 3 Margie Cole
 Nov 3 Alex Goodman
 Nov 5 Lora Finch
 Nov 6 Gayle Graham
 Nov 6 Devin Phelps
 Nov 7 Dick Halstead
 Nov 10 Ken Davis
 Nov 10 Jean Gordon
 Nov 11 Travis Weeks
 Nov 12 Betty Halverson
 Nov 12 Tyler Thomas
 Nov 13 Brad Gary
 Nov 16 Mike McJunkin
 Nov 17 Jody Babcock
 Nov 18 Art Wood
 Nov 18 Shirley Lawcock
 Nov 20 Gladys Smith
 Nov 23 Beth Combs
 Nov 24 Bridget Holder
 Nov 25 Olive Derrick
 Nov 25 Jessie Wood
 Nov 26 Roger Sommers
 Nov 28 Aneesa Tejada (Kidder)
 Nov 28 Kelly Wood
 Nov 28 Becky Wood
 Nov 29 Bessie Ivey
 Nov 29 Mya Lynn Haefele

Dec 2 Michael Wood
 Dec 5 Cindy Combs
 Dec 7 Mike Lutz
 Dec 13 Glennie Swann
 Dec 14 Pat Yost
 Dec 17 Shirley Young
 Dec 19 Scott Wood
 Dec 21 Rayna Sommers
 Dec 24 Carl Clem
 Dec 26 David Smith
 Dec 27 Candace Ivey
 Dec 27 John Paschen
 Dec 28 Marilyn Mead
 Dec 28 Donna Ruthruff
 Dec 30 Viviana Anthony



Happy Anniversary!

Nov. 1 Paul & Marilyn Mead
 Nov. 3 Mike & Pam Lutz
 Nov. 12 Rick & Marcy Bonney
 Nov. 15 Art & Donna Ruthruff
 Nov. 16 Brian & Barb Gary
 Nov. 16 Carl & Joyce Clem



Dec 17 Bill & Irene Raabe
 Dec 23 Ken & Kay Davis
 Dec ?? DJ & Julie Holton

Martha Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church

The ladies of the Martha Circle met at the church on Oct. 14th at the Church. Joanne Henley was hostess and gave devotions. Reports were given by the officers. We reviewed the hostess schedule, and added Kathy Straub as hostess for the March 9, 2016 meeting, and Joy Sommers for the April 13th meeting. Donna Ruthruff said she might host the family picnic on June 8, 2016. April 13th & Sept. 14th are still open. Hostess is responsible for devotions and beverages for the meeting. Everyone else brings their favorite snack to share.

During the meeting we rolled bandages for White Cross. Discussed kitchen towels - they need to be replaced. Old ones can be given to the Haven for their car washes. Joy mentioned we don't need very many towels because we are not to hand dry dishes or silverware - all must air dry per health department rules. Questions were raised about the rules & procedures for the kitchen. Joy assured everyone that there will be appropriate signage and procedures made available when the project is complete and passes health department inspection. That is the responsibility of the certified food managers (Rick / Roger / Joy), and will be handled.

Our Love Gift offering was \$17.38, and devotional offering was \$17.00. Our scripture reading to read for the November meeting is John 12:1-11. Meeting closed in prayer and we enjoyed refreshments by all.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 11th with Vi Halder as hostess.

Poinsettia Fundraiser!



Red Poinsettia
\$14.00



Pink Poinsettia
\$14.00



White Poinsettia
\$14.00



Purple Poinsettia
\$14.00



Fuchsia Poinsettia
\$16.00



Marble Poinsettia
\$16.00



Blue Poinsettia
\$16.00



Chameleon Poinsettia
\$16

Each year during Advent Season we like to have poinsettias decorating the sanctuary. Anyone can provide poinsettias on their own. Another option is to purchase them from Joy Sommers through Homer FFA's Poinsettia Fundraiser. If you want to place an order, please email Joy at CerescoBaptist@gmail.com with the colors & quantities that you want. Orders are due 11/17. Delivery will be the week of Dec. 7th.

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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am & 6 pm