

Ceresco Messenger ~ November 2018

We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glory be thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!
Amen*

—Traditional Thanksgiving Hymn
(A translation by Theodore Baker: 1851–1934)

The Church Family Fall Party

What a great time! Roasting hot dogs over an open fire and good home made chili and cider to drink. The kids had so much fun playing the games and I do believe the adults had just as much fun watching them. Of course the topper was the piñata with each kid taking a turn trying to beat the candy out. Grandpa scarecrow sat very still while the kids, and also a few adults, had their picture taken with him. I do believe he was the life of the party. There was forty in attendance and if you couldn't attend this year, be sure to join us next year!

~ Sharon Hadley/Educational Ministry Team

Thanks to God by August L Storm, 1891

1. Thanks to God for my Redeemer, Thanks for all Thou dost provide! Thanks for times now but a mem'ry, Thanks for Jesus by my side! Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, Thanks for dark and stormy fall! Thanks for tears by now forgotten, Thanks for peace within my soul!
2. Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered, Thanks for what Thou dost deny! Thanks for storms that I have weathered, Thanks for all Thou dost supply! Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure, Thanks for comfort in despair! Thanks for grace that none can measure, Thanks for love beyond compare!
3. Thanks for roses by the wayside, Thanks for thorns their stems contain! Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain! Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee! Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, Thanks through all eternity!



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly, And you will be singing as the days go by. (Refrain)

When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;

Count your many blessings, money cannot buy Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. (Refrain)

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged, God is over all;

Count your many blessings, angels will attend, Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. (Refrain)

~ Johnson Oatman (1897)



Pastor Appreciation Special

Young Ryan Boysen gave Pastor Gary a very special gift for Pastor Appreciation!

The candy sign reads:
Our Pastor is a "sweetarts" for everything He does. He is always there to pick up the "Reese's pieces" and answer our "whatchamacallit". Sometimes we act like "airheads" or "nerds" and you probably think we are from the "MilkyWay" but you've made a "mounds" of difference in our lives. Thank you for getting us in "doublemint" condition for Heaven! And thanks for making us "smarties." You deserve "100 Grand" every "Payday"! You are "extra" special.

Great job, Ryan!!!

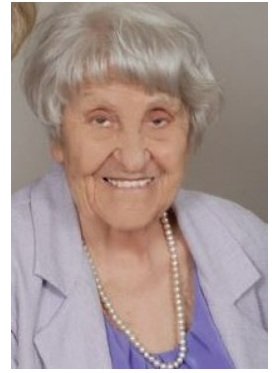
"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free." ~ Dan Lipinski

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
						Set clocks back one hour tonight! End of daylight saving time.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion Sunday	Boys Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm	Deacon Meeting 5:30 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veterans Day, Tribute to Veterans Thank you for your service!	Veterans Day (observed) Thank a Veteran! We appreciate your service!	Bible Study 10 am	Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm, Turkey, Dressing & Gravy provided! Bring a passing dish & your own table service.			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am		Thanksgiving Day Count Your Many Blessings!		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				



100th Birthday Celebration
for Bessie Ivry
Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 2-5 pm
Ceresco Baptist Church



Retirement
Celebration
for Dawn Frey

Friday, Nov. 9th
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Robin's Nest, 16181 10 Mile
Road, Battle Creek, MI

Hosted by Katz Well
Drilling, Inc.



Take A Moment To Thank A Veteran

When you see someone in a uniform, Someone who serves us all,
Doing military duty, Answering their country's call,

Take a moment to thank them, For protecting what you hold dear;
Tell them you are proud of them; Make it very clear.

Just tap them on the shoulder, Give a smile, and say,
"Thanks for what you're doing To keep us safe in the USA!"

By Joanna Fuchs



Thank Our American Veterans

What are Veterans and why should we thank them? A veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable. These are the men and women who have served their country, allowing us to have the freedoms we enjoy today. During peace times they served in the United States and around the world, often away from their families for long periods of time. During times of conflict they served under dangerous conditions, often being wounded, changing their lives forever.

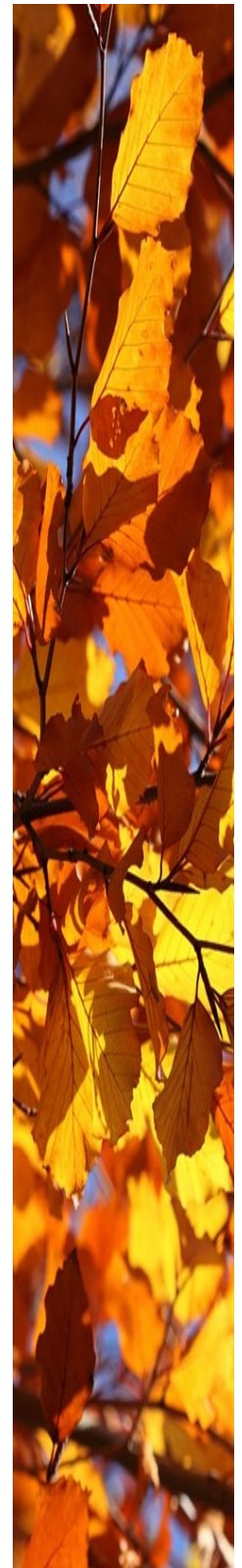
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov 1	Scott Chisholm	Dec 2	Michael Wood
Nov 2	Barry Vavrina	Dec 5	Cindy Combs
Nov 3	Margie Cole	Dec 7	Mike Lutz
Nov 3	Alex Goodman	Dec 11	Paige Holtz
Nov 5	Lora Finch	Dec 13	Glennie Swann
Nov 6	Devin Phelps	Dec 14	Pat Yost
Nov 7	Dick Halstead	Dec 19	Bridger James Davis #1
Nov 10	Ken Davis	Dec 19	Scott Wood
Nov 10	Jean King	Dec 21	Rayna Sommers
Nov 11	Travis Weeks	Dec 24	Carl Clem
Nov 12	Betty Halverson	Dec 26	David Smith
Nov 12	Tyler Thomas	Dec 27	Candace Ivey
Nov 13	Brad Gary	Dec 27	John Paschen
Nov 16	Mike McJunkin	Dec 28	Marilyn Mead
Nov 17	Jody Babcock	Dec 28	Donna Ruthruff
Nov 18	Shirley Lawcock	Dec 30	Viviana Anthony

Nov 20 Gladys Smith
 Nov 21 Brianne Holtz
 Nov 24 Bridget Holder
 Nov 25 Olive Derrick
 Nov 25 Jessie Wood
 Nov 26 Roger Sommers
 Nov 28 Kelly Wood
 Nov 28 Becky Wood
 Nov 28 Aneesa Tejada (Kidder)
 Nov 29 Bessie Ivey #100
 Nov 29 Mya Lynn Haefele



Nov. 3	Mike & Pam Lutz
12	Rick & Marcy Bonney
15	Art & Donna Ruthruff
16	Brian & Barb Gary
Dec 20	Richard & Kathy Straub
Dec 23	Ken & Kay Davis
	DJ & Julie Holton



Ceresco Baptist Church
230 C Drive North
Ceresco, MI 49033
269.964.9669
Pastor Gary Schooler
517-990-5883

THANK YOU
GOD
FOR BLESSING ME
MUCH MORE
THAN I DESERVE

WHAT IF YOU WOKE UP
WITH ONLY THE THINGS *today*
THAT YOU *thanked*
God FOR YESTERDAY.