

# The Branch



2023

**BUNKERTOWN BRETHREN CHURCH— INDEPENDENT FELLOWSHIP**



## **AUTUMN BLESSINGS**

Autumn brings to the soul relief, as hot Summer days slip to an end  
God sent the season for weary heart to restore, repair, and mend.

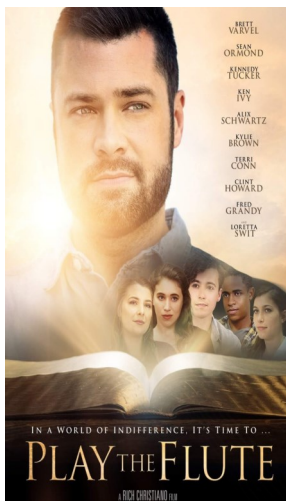
Unlike the Autumn trees, that shed their changing leaves  
God sent the season for failing hearts to adhere, embrace, and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds, there comes a new refreshing rain  
God sent the season for fraying hearts to increase, grow, and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb and dips much earlier into the night  
God sent the season for sleepy hearts to rise, shine, and unwind in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season, so we could have a respite and rest  
for it is the season for our beset souls to see how much we are blessed!

## **MOVIE NIGHT**



Come join us at the Bunkertown Church for movie night on November 10th at 6:00 PM. Feel free to invite your friends. Pizza and salad will be provided along with Root Beer floats for refreshments afterwards.

The name of the movie is "Play the Flute". The movie is about a new youth Pastor who takes over a youth group that's filled with spiritual apathy and tries to motivate his students to get serious about the Lord.

If you are interested in coming, please sign up at the welcome center.



## PASTOR'S CORNER...

### The Body of Christ

What the church is and what the church does is something for all of us to consider. Ephesians 4:12 has been a focus verse for me and for our congregation. Equipping the Saints speaks to me of the process of preparing someone for something: In this case, preparing the people for ministry work. The work of the "ministry" is a reminder to me that it isn't the work of Wes Stahl or any other leader: It is the work of the ministry, Christ's ministry. And for the building up of the Body, the church then is that body. It seems that many local congregations have little understanding of what the Body is; or more directly, Who the Body is. Many would like to include everyone under the umbrella of "the Body". The Body is composed of those who have been transformed by their commitment to Christ. They have been saved by repentance and transformed by commitment. Those who have been saved and are transformed or are being transformed will begin to show the results of their transformation. Those who have been transformed will have a built-in desire to see others saved and transformed. This will necessitate the believer learning the principles and doctrines to a level of being able to coherently instruct others. This is not to eliminate or nullify the need for the Holy Spirit's guidance but is instead a learning of how to seek and allow the Holy Spirit to use the God-given gifts and talents to glorify Christ through the obedience of worship and evangelism. The "Body" is believers; others may attend church and participate in service and ministry but a member of the Body of Christ will show the qualities of Christ in their life. May it be our goal to bring the "others" into the "Body".

*Pastor Wes*

### HARVEST HOME



Children & Adults are encouraged to help celebrate the bounty of the Lord has given us by bringing in items for the Juniata Food Pantry from October 29th—November 19th

Items needed at the Juniata Food Pantry are: Can Corn, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, can pineapple, cookie & brownie mix, cleaning supplies, dish soap, or small laundry detergent.

**MINISTRY FAIR**-visit the displays in the FLC . November will feature: The Angle Tree, Christmas Program, Christmas decorating & Christmas Fruit Basket Ministry.



## Read Through The Bible

Reading God's Word keeps us in contact with our Creator and Savior. God reveals His plan for all creation and specifically your life in the pages of Scripture. Through continuous Bible reading we become familiar with the history of the world and with the plan of Salvation and restoration in Christ, but we also learn how to live our lives each day through the practical application of Biblical truth. If you are not in God's Word, You cannot fully experience God's wonderful plan for your life!

Read the passages listed on the day they are associated with. If you miss a day, just move on to the current day. Trying to "catch up" may become overwhelming and cause you to give up. Start reading today and get ready to worship in the Word! If you would like a yearly copy, please ask Lisa to print you one out.

Nov 1 Matt 20-21  
 Nov 2 Luke 18:15-19:48  
 Nov 3 Mark 11, John 12  
 Nov 4 Matt 22, Mark 12  
 Nov 5 Matt 23, Luke 20-21  
 Nov 6 Mark 13  
 Nov 7 Matt 24 Nov 8 Matt 25  
 Nov 9 Matt 26, Mark 14  
 Nov 10 Luke 22, John 13  
 Nov 11 John 14-17  
 Nov 12 Matt 27, Mark 15  
 Nov 13 Luke 23, John 18-19  
 Nov 14 Matt 28, Mark 16  
 Nov 15 Luke 24, John  
 Nov 16 Acts 1-3  
 Nov 17 Acts 4-6  
 Nov 18 Acts 7-8  
 Nov 19 Acts 9-10  
 Nov 20 Acts 11-12  
 Nov 21 Acts 13-14  
 Nov 22 Jas 1-5  
 Nov 23 Acts 15-16  
 Nov 24 Gal 1-3  
 Nov 25 Gal 4-6  
 Nov 26 Acts 17-18:18  
 Nov 27 1 Thes 1-5, 2 Thes 1-3  
 Nov 28 Acts 18:19-19:41  
 Nov 29 1 Cor 1-4  
 Nov 30 1 Cor 5-8

## 2023 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL WISDOM/ DISCERNMENT/CHURCH LEADERSHIP

1. James 1:5
2. Proverbs 1:7
3. Ephesians 5:15-17
4. Colossians 3:16



## NOVEMBER MESSAGES

Nov. 5— ....3 Day's .....Jonah 1:7-17  
 Nov. 12.....God's Love...Hosea 3:1-5  
 Nov. 15....Thanksgiving Message..Psalm 100  
 Nov. 26.....In God We Trust.....2 Chronicles 32:10-16



## Our Church Family

**Remember those with Health– Related issues..**

*Gary & Ethel Lentz*

*Austin Parker*

*Lisa Peters*

*Lawrence Benner*

*Lawrence Fronk*

*Gibson French*

*Colleen Fronzt*

*Lydia Grace Swartwood*

*Bruce & Bonnie Campbell*

*Mick Dowling*

*Mike Stuck*

*Lisa Peters*



## **BUNKERTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES , BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES**

**Children's Classes**—Stephanie Freyermuth , Pauline Hummel, Jen French

Teaching a curriculum which is Answers in Genesis is produced by the founder of The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The curriculum brings the Bible to life in the class.

**YOUTH— Jr. High—** Mike Swartz

**Senior High—** Sara Steele— Sara's class studies scripture through lessons that provide critical thinking, challenging students to consider personalities, character, and culture to better understand what scripture means and how it is meant to guide our relationships, our decisions, and our lives.

**COLLEGE & CAREERS**— Doug Shellenberger -Answers in Genesis

**ELECTIVE 2-** Dave Hummel- Explore the Bible! This class will be starting in Genesis and going through the Bible , encourages you to apply scripture to daily life.

**ELECTIVE 3 -** Pastor Steve— Teaching Answers in Genesis.

**SENIOR ADULT CLASS**— Dave Varner The class uses the Standard Sunday School Quarterly .

**SMALL GROUPS**—Small groups are the foundation structure of the church body and meet to study God's Word from discussion points of the previous sermon, spend quality time in prayer, and to provide accountability. Small groups meet the first & third Sunday evenings. Small groups are finished for the summer and will resume in September.

### **OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES:**

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study, Monthly Prayer Vigil ■ Thursday morning Men's Prayer Group ■ Senior Supper ■ Young Family Night  
Mentoring

### **KIDS MINISTRIES:**

Family Resources ■ Nursery ■ Children's Church ■ Sunday School ■ AWANA ■ VBS  
■ Volunteer - links for anyone that needs clearances

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES:**

Men's Breakfast ■ Men's Bible Study ■ Men's Small Group

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:**

Women's Small Group ■  
Post Grad. & Young Women's Bible Study

\*If you want more information contact the church secretary .





# CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

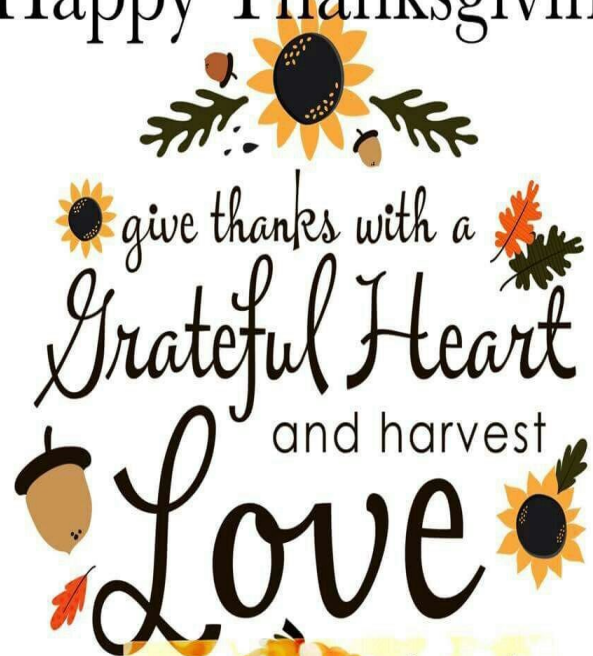
1-Connie Hesford  
 4 - Avery Knouse  
     Amanda Reichard  
 6- Sabrina Martin  
     Sherri Sheaffer  
     Aria Miller  
 7- Keri Hackenberger  
 9- Melinda Fritz  
     Lynxton Rowles  
 10 - Carl Eaton  
 12 – Sara Steele  
 13- Anna Hockenberry  
 15- Ryan Swartwood  
     Jim Haubert  
     Zechariah Barge  
 16 - Clark Shirk  
 17- Brent Speece  
     18- Kole Boop  
     - Elliott French  
 19 - Samuel Helwig  
     Andy Carvell  
     Allyson Imes  
 20- Olivia Ehrisman  
     Charles Griffith  
     Gary Sheaffer  
 21 - John Kahley  
     Hayden Burns  
 22 - Martha Phillips  
     Shirley Osenga  
 30 - Jonathan Eia  
     Lucas Fitzwater



1 – Rod & Andrea Knouse ('13)  
 2 - Aaron & Bobbi LeFevre ('02)  
 4 - Ed & Sue Truitt ('78)  
 14- Ron& Janice Hornberger(59)  
 21- Ryan & Georgia Wynn  
 23 - Justin & Jennifer French ('05)  
     Mike & Tricia Swartz ('91)



## Happy Thanksgiving



As we express our gratitude we must  
 never forget that the highest  
 appreciation is not to utter words, but  
 to live by them.

# NOVEMBER HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Caleb Eia	Dave Hummel
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Dave Varner
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl Matt Heister	Jim Ritzman
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed	Dennis Colyer

## NURSERY

<b>Nov. 5</b>	Teresa Forry/ Ruth Ann Kahley
<b>Nov 12</b>	Heather Reed/ Bev Richmond
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Heather Colyer/ Melia Snyder
<b>Nov 26</b>	Lisa Ritzman/ Lois Varner

<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Hummel, Chief Mark Peters, Any Frymoyer
<b>Greeters</b>	Aaron & Bobbie Lefevre
<b>C/D Ministry</b>	Mike Swartz
<b>Counting Committee</b>	Tim & Jodie Burris/ Kim Stuck

## WC SERVANTS

<b>Nov.5</b>	Teresa Forry/ Lisa Ritzman
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Rodney Knouse
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Harry & Hannah Bashore
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Greg & Heather Colyer

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, November 4th at 7:00 a.m.**



All men are invited to the men's breakfast to build relationships and gather for opportunities for faith, food & fellowship. Our hope is to bring men together for the glory of God. Please sign p at the Welcome Center



## SENIOR SUPPER—

Come share in our Senior Supper on November 13th @ 5:00 p.m. 55 & up are all wel-

## FROM OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

It's always the right time of year to think about operation Christmas Child. Keep your eyes peeled for great items for our young friends around the world. Soap, wash clothes, toothpaste, combs, pencils/ sharpeners, erasers, coloring books, tablets, balls, dolls, socks, hats, etc are items needed.



## SUNDAY EVENINGS @ 6:00 P.M.

- Nov. 5— Grand Prix Racing
- Nov. 12— Wear- Red, White & Blue
- Nov 19— Fall Fest
- Nov. 26— NO AWANA



## Upcoming Events

- \* Nov 5th - Tim Hawkins
- \* Monday, Dec 11th Make & Serve Senior Supper

Sunday Night Bible Studies  
6:00 p.m.—7:30

Nov. 12  
Nov.19





## SNACK SCHEDULE

Nov.5– Lisa Krall, Cathy Dysinger, Amber Stahl, Pam Master, Tina Rigsby, Ehrisman girls, Suzanne Zeiders

Nov. 12– Sherri Sheaffer, Julie Wirth, Janet McNeal, Ruth Ann Apple, Jim Haubert, Kathy Sheaffer, Val Hoffman, Krei Hackenberger

Nov. 19– Galeem Sellers, Robyn Burns, Donna McCardle, Mandy Kehler, Charlotte Swartz, Shirley Zeiders, Tracy Hosler

Nov.26– Mindy Carvell, Jen French, Heather (todd) Colyer, Roberta Dowling, Katie Stuck, Heather Reed, Dawn Strawser

## MISSIONS

**NOVEMBER MISSION-ARY** offering is Juniper Missions October offering was CPYM with an offering of 1,496.00 with one Sunday left to give.



**THE** December newsletter deadline is **Sunday, November 19th**  
The **DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin is each Wednesday at noon.



Monday– 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday—7:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Wednesday– 7:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Thursday-7:00a.m.—12:30a.m..

*Give Thanks!*



## 2023 BOARDMEMBERS

Tim Burris- Chair

Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

### **NURTURE COMMISSION**

Hannah Bashore - Chair

Teresa Forry- Vice-chair

Suzie Shallenberger– Secretary

Jeff Ritzman

### **STEWARDS COMMISSION**

Gary Krall—Chair

Andy Carvell– Vice Chair

Pam Master– Secretary

Dennis Colyer

### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

Neil Swart-Chair

Dave Brubaker- Secretary

Kimi Fitzwater

John Hall

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

## CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor	Wes Stahl
Associate Pastor	Steve Osenga
Secretary	Lisa Krall
IT Director	Justin Reed
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Sara Steele
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Courtney Shearer & Vickie Stahl

**JUST A REMINDER** that the weekly bulletin is now available online. Go to the church website, click on the news tab, then look next to the worship icon.