

Hickory Grove Church

November
2011

Hickory Switch



Upcoming Events

November

Nov 2nd-6:30 Women's Fellowship
Nov 5th-4:30-7:30 Ham & Bean Supper
Nov 9th- 7:00 Bible Study
Nov 12th-9:00AM Fall Cleanup Outside
Nov 13th – Youth Packing Shoe Boxes
Nov 16th-7:00 Bible Study
Nov 21st-7:00 Deacon Mtg.
Nov 22nd-7:00 Youth Council Meeting
Nov 23rd-7:00 Pie & Praise
Nov 30th– No Bible Study



THANKSGIVING

T..... is for our thankfulness for many joys and blessings...
H..... is for our homes so warm and bright...
A..... is for autumn, time for harvest and abundance...
N..... is for nature's beauty and delight...
K..... is for the kitchens where good food is cooked with love...
S..... for spicy fragrances in the air...
G..... is for the gathering of family and friends...
I..... for the inheritance we share...

GIVE
Thanks

V..... is for the vision that the Pilgrims held so dear...

I..... is for high ideals in all they planned...

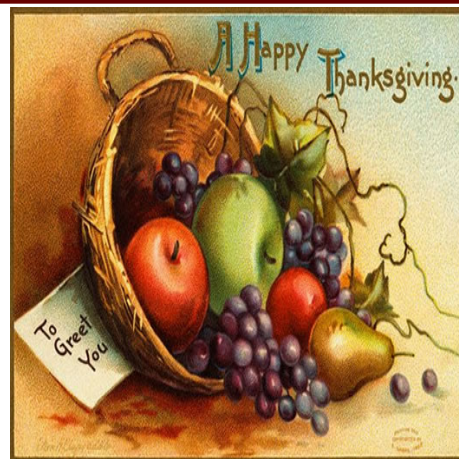
N..... is for our native country brave and great and free...

G..... for God's great goodness to our land.

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

~~Author Unknown~~



CHURCH FALL CLEAN-UP

Fall clean up is planned for Saturday November 12th starting at 9 am for park, parking lot, etc.

Please bring your rakes, wheel barrels, etc. We are trying to get the word out early so that you can get it on your calendar!

Hope we can count on your help as "more hands make for lighter workload".



PASTOR'S PEN

“That Lovin’ Feeling”

There is a new fad in the church naming business. Many churches are changing their name to “Such-and Such “Community” Church”. “Community” has a nice ring to it; the word itself infers a warmer welcome. Sometimes churches and denominations have developed a bad reputation, or perhaps feel some sort of a change is necessary to revitalize the church. A simple solution is to change the name. The definition of community is: “A group of interacting people, possibly living in close proximity, and often refers to a group that shares some common values, and is attributed with social cohesion within a shared geographical location, generally in social units larger than a household.” Changing a name is a good place to start.

However, there is an old saying: “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet”. The truth also is a “stinkbug” by any other name would also still smell as bad. Changing a name alone does not change the culture, the attitude, or the atmosphere of the church. The Righteous Brothers recorded a song in 1964 titled: “You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling”. The problem is that some churches have lost that lovin' feeling. That lovin' feeling can only be produced, not when people love each other, but when people develop a genuine love for God. That love for God evolves into a love for each other. Find a church that has lost that lovin' feeling and you will find a church that has lost its first love (Rev 2:4). The result ends up being the second verse of the song: “Now there's no welcome look in your eyes when I reach for you. And now you're starting to criticize little things I do. It makes me just feel like crying, (baby). 'Cause baby, something in you is dying. ” People think they have lost their love for each other when reality is, before that happened, they lost their love for God.

What is in a church's name has no bearing on what is in its people's hearts. May our church never lose that lovin feeling. It all hinges on our individual love for God. Jesus said in Mark 12:30 “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with “***ALL***” (emphasis added) thy heart, and with “***ALL***” thy soul, and with “***ALL***” thy mind, and with “***ALL***” thy strength: this is the first commandment”. Let us all do a heart check to make sure we have that lovin' feeling for God. May we all again fall madly in love with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross for us. He gave His all for us; may we continually give our all for Him.

~ Pastor Ken

FALL PARTY

Submitted by Social Committee members Shannon Kelly and Brenda Johns

Sixteen children, seven helping high school kids and ten adults attended our annual fall party. The smaller children played games and bobbed for apples. The weather was beautiful! We took advantage and played in the park and roasted hot dogs over the fire. We ate all the wonderful snacks provided by members of our congregation and shared in fellowship.

The high school class had been working on “Heaven and Hell”. Kind of a walk thru event for the Jr. High School kids. They did a wonderful job portraying the possible events of our death, finding out what it would be like not to have your name in the book of life (the scariest part of all!) and the consequences thereafter. It was suspenseful, thrilling, educational and encouraging, when at the end we stood in front of the cross and learned that we have the ability to avoid hell and stand with God in the end. Thank you to the high schoolers and their leaders and to John Crowel for playing his part so well. And a big thank you to those who donated refreshments and their time!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Lindsey Hanna	2 Bill Chanley Scott Jones 6:30 Women's Fellowship	3	4 Lulu Cole Levi Anderson	5 4:30-7:30 Ham & Bean Supper
6 Elliott Kelly	7	8	9 Jordon Warford 7:00 Bible Study	10	11 Steve & Angie Altman	12 9:00AM Fall Clean-up Outside
13 Youth Packing Shoe Boxes	14	15 Teresa Alexander	16 Bob Blount Roxann White 7:00 Bible Study	17	18	19 Brian Cain Steve Altman
20 Wanda Gayer	21 Dee Davis 7:00 Deacon's Mtg	22 7:00 Youth Council Mtg	23 Jim & Donna Mikesell 7:00 Pie & Praise	24	25 Chester & Diane Reagan 	26 Ruth Crawn
27	28	29 Sherman & Becky Sheets	30 No Bible Study	1 Autumn McElroy	2	3 Sara McManus Sophie Bird
4 Jo Dill	5	6 Gloria Wharff	7 Ruby Kellogg	8	9	10
<i>December</i>						

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 5TH, 2011

Submitted by Brenda Johns, Secretary

Our October meeting was held at the home of Ruth Crown. President Judy Crowel opened with prayer. Pam Simons gave devotions titled "The Dead Bird". A short story about how we lay our problems on other people or on God, like a dog or cat brings a dead bird to its master's feet. How we sometimes make our problems other people's problems.

Judy passed cards to be signed for sick and shut ins. Roll call was answered by 16 women on "what bad habit we have that we need to break". There was a variety of answers but most of us agreed we shared the bad habits and weren't too different from each other.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read with a balance of \$1,030.43 in the treasury.

Library report was given by Donna Lewellen on a book by Ted Broer on Maximum Energy. 10 Things we should not put in our body and the health benefits of drinking water.

Committee reports were given by the Bazaar luncheon committee. Luncheon chair, Shannon Kelly announced we will be serving loaded potato and taco soup, along with ham sandwiches. Bazaar chair, Brenda Johns, announced that she had contacted bazaar committee and bazaar will operate similar to the last couple of years.

GOLDEN AGERS

Submitted By Dieter Hantschel

October's luncheon started out with more than a bit of a chuckle. While many of us have experienced our automobile not starting, Bob Tobey had another problem: his Chevymobile wouldn't turn off when he turned the switch. After he received a ride from the repair shop he was able to join Ann Conrad, Ruth Crown, Marilyn and John Crowel, Martha and Gary Reedy, Sherry and Dieter Hantschel and Teresa Alexander for fellowship at the Sportsman Inn. God's paint brush had colored the backdrop of trees along the nearly glassy Lake Freeman in exciting shades of gold, yellow and red. Bob, having recently been honored to be a guest on a "Veterans' Honor Flight," gave a very informative and moving report about that trip to Washington, D.C. and shared an amazing picture album with all. Ruth asked for the Lord's blessing for our luncheon. Teresa presented another reading from "The Butterfly Effect," stressing that everything we do has an effect on someone and really does matter, whether one thinks so or not. A reference to George Washington Carver (scientist, botanist, educator, inventor, 1864-1943) prompted Marilyn to reminisce about Pastor Robert Ross who occasionally filled in at our church. Do you remember him, too? As our meeting drew to an end, Gary shared the contents of a greeting card he received. It contained many life "wisdoms," among them: "Plan ahead! It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." "Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs." "Remember that the ark was built by amateurs -- the Titanic by professionals." And the best: "No matter the storm, when we are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting." And the Golden Agers are waiting for you to join in on November 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Sportsman Inn.

Shannon Kelly motioned to give \$200 to Breast Cancer Awareness organization that she is to choose. Pat Cotner 2nd motion. Vote taken and passed.

Material aid to talk to Tanna Lewellen Shafer regarding shower gift for her recent marriage.

Material aid committee put up tree and tied items too it for people to donate for the Ronald McDonald House for the next couple of months. Our Thank Offering will go towards other needed items for Ronald McDonald House.

We will be doing Christmas Party for Emmaus again this year. Dinner and Bingo. More information and sign up list will be available next month.

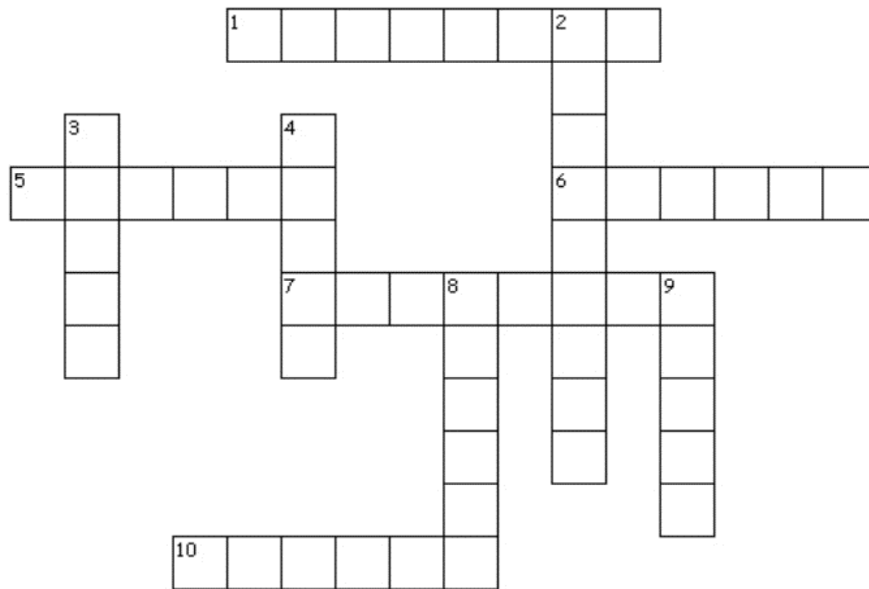
We counted off to see who is to bring what for November Thanksgiving Dinner. 1) vegetable 2) salad and 3) desert. Our meeting will be hosted by Sarah McManus and Roxann White on November 2nd at the Church. **Note the special time of 6:30.**

DON'T FORGET YOUR THANK OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER MEETING! Our thank offering is a special collection taken for a specific organization to be named every year. It is a way of expressing our gratitude for the many things we have to be thankful for.



FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Thanksgiving Crossword



Across

- 1. people who have migrated to a different land from where they were born
- 5. reddish growth that covers the throat and neck of a turkey
- 6. a Thanksgiving time of year
- 7. fills up the bird and then fills up the people
- 10. main course at Thanksgiving supper

Down

- 2. another word for family members
- 3. another name for corn
- 4. a celebration including large quantities of food
- 8. people we visit on Thanksgiving
- 9. yummy sauce to pour over turkey

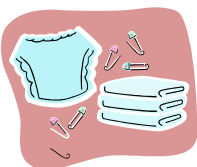
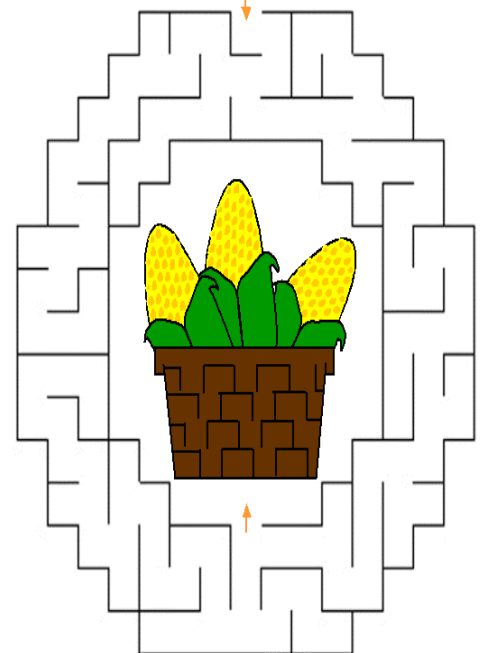
Word List: autumn, family, feast, gravy, maize, relatives, settlers, stuffing, turkey, wattle



Thanksgiving Maze



Help the pilgrims find the corn.



"Love For Haiti Team"



The "Love For Haiti Team" is currently working on two projects for Haiti. We invite you to look over the following lists and to help us through your generous donation of items for these much needed kits.

Birth Kits:

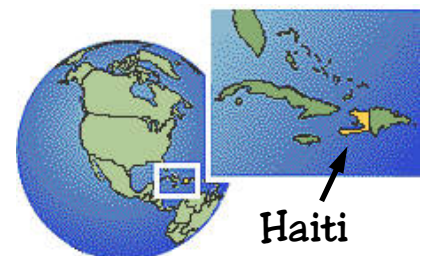
Plastic Pants: Gerber sells them on line in sizes 0-3 months (Also found at Walmart)
http://www.alltogetherdiaper.com/Home_2?search=Gerber+Waterproof+Pants

Diaper Pins: Sold on line in boxes of 100 in assorted colors.
<http://www.alpinebabydepot.com/servlet/the-DIAPER-PINS/Categories>

Bibs, Receiving Blankets, Socks, Trial size Baby Lotions, Shampoo and Powder, 2 gallon zip-lock bags

Sewing Kits: (items can be new or slightly used)
 Thimbles, Seam Rippers, Measuring Tape, Straight Pins, Pin Cushions, Needles (any size), Scissors (large and small for handwork), thread (any color).

Please give all donation items to Carolynn Clothier.



Haiti



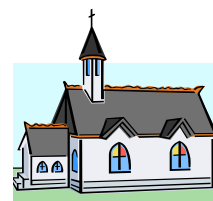
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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Dee Davis

306 S Illinois St.
Monticello, IN 47960
574-583-7234

Mary Rishel

Carroll Manor
6409 W 100 N.
Delphi, IN 46923
(Marlene Joseph's mother)

Irma Jenni

Room 519, White Oak
814 S 6th St
Monticello IN 47960

Maxine White

106 W Vine Street
Delphi IN 46923

Joan Mikesell

Rom 521, White Oak 814 S
6th St
Monticello IN 47960

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1719 S 7th Street
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PFC Cody Koedam

T Company, 266 QM
BN
7th Platoon
901 13th Street
Fort Lee, VA 23801

In Your Moment of Need...

In your moment of need
please feel free to call:

Pastor Ken Smith

Phone: 574-826-4307
Pager: 574-722-0173



Or one of our Deacons:

Bryan Felz	574-965-2737
Ron Felz	574-965-4239
Jesse Kelly	765-564-6800
Alan Sickler	574-943-3236
Judy Miller	574-943-3447
Teresa Alexander	574-965-4573

Have something you want to share...

If you have any minutes to meetings, class party info or anything you think the rest of us might enjoy hearing about, please get it to Amy or Brenda. We can be reached at:

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Sundays in Review...

Did you miss a Sunday recently? No problem, you can now borrow a taped copy of the Sunday service! Copies are made every Sunday to be distributed to Shut-ins or those who were absent for whatever reason. Just contact anyone from the church, and they can get you a copy!

