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**November 2018
Newsletter
Happy Thanksgiving
from Christian Life
Church!**
*Revelations 11:17,
saying, "We give You thanks,
O Lord God
Almighty. The One who
is and who was and is to
come, because You have
taken Your great power
and reigned."*

**Trimming of the Greens is
November 18th from
6:00 - 8:30pm. Sign up in
the CLC lobby. Come and
enjoy a Thanksgiving feast
with all the trimmings.
Have your kids bring an
ornament to hang on our
CLC tree after dinner.**

**Come join us on November 11, 2018
as we will honor our CLC Veterans during
our Sunday service.**

**TOYS FOR TOTS
Donations**

Sign ups for Toys for Tots are as follows:
November 25th from 2pm - 4pm
December 1st from 5pm - 7pm
There will be donation boxes in CLC's lobby
for anyone interested in donating new toys
to toys for tots.

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**VETERANS
DAY**



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GARY SIMPSON

Gratitude in Action

It's hard to believe but as I write this, Christmas is only two months away. The Halloween candy will be swept off the shelves and the Christmas stuff will replace it in less than a week. The only mention of Thanksgiving on T.V. will be to recognize it as the day before Black Friday. I used to get all bent out of shape about how our consumer culture minimalizes our religious holidays, but I don't worry about that anymore. The Bible says: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". (1 Thess. 5:18). Circumstances surround us every day so we should be thankful every day. I'm thankful that I've always had what I needed and often what I wanted as well. There are a lot of people who are not as fortunate. I think of single parent's raising their children alone as they hold down a job just trying to survive. I remember how hard it was with Renee' and I supporting each other as we raised our kids. I think of people battling serious illness or recovering from major injuries. We take for granted that we can get up in the morning, walk out the door and drive wherever we want to go. So many people don't have that luxury. I think of children

whose parents are trapped in addiction. They go without the basic needs of life and yet their greatest pain is going without the love and nurture of the parents they need so badly. I'm thankful that I am not in any of these situations, but if my gratitude remained just a fleeting thought or feeling I would be a failure as a follower of Christ. It has to be put into action. Jesus and His followers weren't merely sympathetic they were proactive. Faith without works is dead. We're supposed to be doers of the word, not just hearers. At CLC for the last eleven years we have put our faith into action every holiday season with an initiative we call Compassionate Christmas. Instead of focusing on how much we can do for ourselves, we focus on what we can do for others. Every year we send about forty gift packages to our servicemen and women overseas. We help needy families in our area and sing Christmas carols at a nearby Hi-rise and nursing home. In the eleven years we have been doing this we have been used by God to help those whom Jesus called "The least of these". We helped three orphaned children who were left alone when both their mother and older sister died. We helped buy gifts for children

from infants to teenagers and partnered with the Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" and the Pennsylvania State Police "Shop with a Cop" programs. Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan opened boxes filled with snacks, toiletries and Christmas cards made by our Children's Church. We gave out gift cards for food, helped people with utility bills and car repairs. One of the most moving stories was the year we helped a woman battling cancer. It was her last Christmas on Earth and we had the privilege of making it a little better.

This morning I'm focusing on Thanksgiving before anything else. I'm thankful for all that God has blessed me with, but I know I need to put that gratitude into action if I want to be like Christ. On Sunday, November 4th, we're going to take up a special offering to finance Compassionate Christmas as we always do. I'm asking you to plan to give that morning. Has God blessed you? Has He given you what you need and even many things you wanted? The Bible says: "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (Prov. 11:25). This doesn't mean we "Give to Get". It means that it is a blessing to put your gratitude into action.

Sunday Mornings

9:30am Extreme Teen Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service & Kids Church
Nursery & Pre-K available during service

Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm Men's & Women's Grow Groups
Kids Pre-k - 6th grade

Thursday Nights

6:30pm Youth (7th-12th)

Contact Information

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Need Prayer? Email prayer@christianlife.net

Lead Pastor Rev. Gary Simpson
Children's Directors Mike & Jeanne Robinson

Extreme Teen Leader Dave Helmstadter

To Find your Growth Group, stop by the Welcome Desk, email info@christianlife.net, or call the office between Tuesday and Friday @ 412-856-4420 for more information. Thank you.

We are collecting boxed stuffing, canned yams, and other thanksgiving sides this month for the local food bank if you would like to donate please feel free to drop them off in our lobby. Thank you for giving so generously! Many blessings!!!

Keep us in your prayers...

Pastor Gary
Renee Simpson
Angie Traficante
Joanne Mayak
Cindy Taylor
Reva Holby
Shirley Johnston
Colleen Wilson
Burns family
Carol Castellano
Dorothy Walker
Elaine McVicker
Mark Rothrauff
Emma Chichilla
Mary Miner
Melissa Zierski
Tereasa Baughman
Terri Houston
Chuck Bolena
Lorraine Cinciripini
Rose Vinsick
Mike Asquino
Patty Tierno
The Lersch's
Lavonne Kelly
Renner family
Charlotte Hartman
Tony Morrow
Kim L.
Stephanie V.

Upcoming Events

The Extreme Teens are having their own "Trimming of the Greens" on Thursday Nov. 15th. All teens are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Dave H.

CLC is taking Compassionate Christmas offerings now, have all nominations for family's turned into the church by November 28th.

Church offices will be closed Nov. 23rd and 23rd for the holiday.

Daylight savings time ends on November 4th so don't forget to move your clocks back one hour.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2nd - Chris George	22nd - Mike Robinson
8th - Alice Powell	23rd - Sandy Perlinger
Jean Burns	24th - Jim Kunkle
Myrna Whiteside	Robert Hodder
10th - Ed Diel	26th - Jim Lyons
12th - Andrew Nairn	27th - Anne Geisler
14th - Joyce Fink	28th - Gary Renner
16th - Cheri Caputo	Jerry Chiarizio
21st - Diane Haney	

Anniversaries:

22nd - Stanley and Linda Houston

Announcements

Hooked on Helping, Crocheting group that will be meeting in the apartment on Thursday the 1st. Any individual that is interested in learning and/or knows how to crochet is welcome! Learn a skill or help mentor others. Have a relaxing time of fellowship, charity, and encouragement!

Extending Hands, will be serving a turkey dinner at the Trafford High Rise Nov. 17th @ 4pm. For more information see Dawn Ward or Yvonne Krepinevich.

First Friday Worship & Prayer, check bulletin for date and times. Everyone is welcome to come and join in worship and prayer!

Pack and Pray, Nov. 2nd @ 6pm @ the Learn's. For more information contact Ryan or Lindsay Learn.

Young Adults 4 Christ, meeting Nov. 4th @ 6:30pm @ CLC. All young adults welcome to attend. For more information contact Dave Helmstadter.

CLC Growth Groups

Wednesday Night - Bible Fundamentals taught by Mike Krepinevich meets every Wednesday night in the sanctuary @ 7pm.

Women's Growth Group - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 3 @ 7pm. The women will be reading the book Understanding The Holy Spirit Made Easy with Yvonne Krepinevich.

New Creation Recovery Group - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 2 @ 7pm. Information for the group is in the CLC lobby.

