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READY OR NOT - HERE COMES ADVENT!

But before we share about Advent, we need to tell you about our ***Annual Stewardship Emphasis***. On Sunday, **November 23rd**, we will have our Annual Stewardship Emphasis. At **9:30**, a ***Hot Complementary Breakfast*** will be served. (There will be no Sunday School on the 23rd.) Everyone is encouraged to come for this time of fellowship. At **10:30**, we will have a single ***combined worship service***. Our friend Rev. Jim Lillibridge will be bringing the message. At that time, we will ask our members and regular attenders to make their financial commitments for 2026 using an **Estimate of Giving Card**. An Estimate of Giving Card is included with this edition of The Peal. (A mailing will also be sent out with this same information.) Please bring the card with you on the 23rd or mail it into the church office if you will be absent that day. In addition, please see the enclosed tables that show what it would look like if you tithed your income or took “***1 Step Up***” in your giving for the coming year. We encourage you to use these as you pray about your stewardship for 2026.

Lastly, since we’re serving breakfast, we need to get a good headcount for food. Please, RSVP with the church office (740-369-5956) no later than Tuesday, November 18th. If you can’t make breakfast, we want to encourage you to still plan on joining us for worship at 10:30.

Our sincerest thanks in advance for your participation in this year’s stewardship emphasis,

The Bellpoint Administrative Council

Now for Advent! Right on the heels of Stewardship Sunday and Thanksgiving, The Christmas Season begins with Advent. We will be presenting a series by Seedbed, the official publishing house of our denomination. The series is called:

Brought to the Light

Advent is about the light of the world breaking into the darkness – not after the darkness is gone, but right in the middle of it. The same is true today. Jesus comes to us in the reality of our lives, not in some idealized version of them.

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In waiting and disappointment, He offers hope. In chaos and anxiety, He brings peace. In sorrow and emptiness, He surprises us with joy. And, in all things, He is love.

If you find yourself longing for the presence of Jesus in real life more than the sentimentality of the holiday season, we invite you to join us and encounter afresh the light of the world! And why not invite a friend along?

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

You'll want to put these additional opportunities on your calendar too:

- ♦ **Children's Christmas Party:** December 6th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. We had such a great response last year, we're going to offer it again. Please, pass the word along and invite friends and neighbors age 3 through 5th Grade. We'll have crafts, games, music, a special Christmas Story, and snacks/treats. RSVPs are encouraged. Please notify the church office at 740-369-5956.
- ♦ Last year our congregation reached out through Buckeye Valley West Elementary School and helped 5 families celebrate Christmas. We want to do that again this year. Beginning November 16th, you'll have opportunity to share **the love of Christ with a needy family in our community**. Look for the display in Fellowship Hall. All donations must be wrapped and labeled and returned to the church by Sunday, December 14th. Thank you in advance for making this a successful outreach once again!
- ♦ Lastly, we wanted to let you know about the animated production of **David** which is coming out in theaters beginning December 20th. Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians, if purchasing one ticket, will receive for free - a second ticket for an accompanying child. What a nice holiday treat!

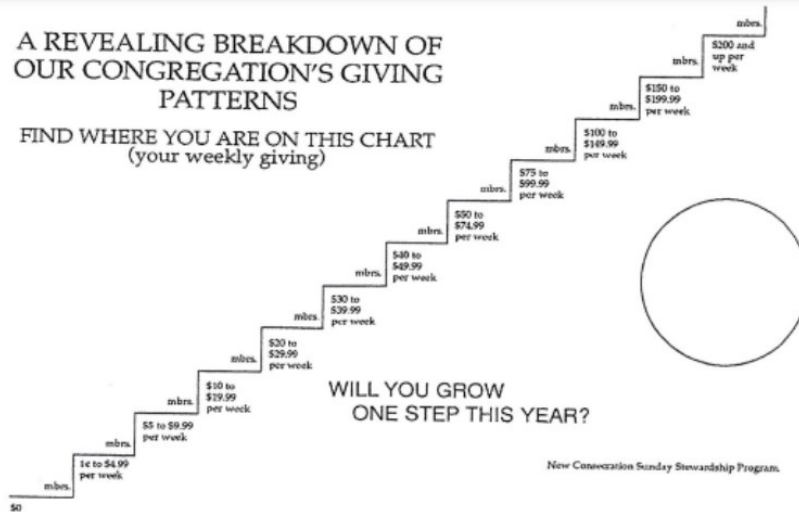
Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Paul



A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART
(your weekly giving)



Provisional to hourly, growth in planning, this page for use with New Congregation Sunday Stewardship Program.

WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

BELLPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

In the coming year

- () I am stepping up beyond tithing.
 () I will tithe (give 1/10th of my income to God's work).
 () I will take a step closer to tithing.
 () MY COMMITMENT FOR 2026 IS \$ _____ per week.
 () If this is an increase over last year please indicate with a check mark.

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Phone # _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

November 20
Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon
12:00 p.m.

November 21
Worship & Prayer Night
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

December 4
Sisters in Faith Christmas
Cookie & Ornament
Exchange
6:30 p.m.

December 6
Children's Christmas Party
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m.

K-4th graders, come join us in Bible Adventures during second service, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Please note: We will have one combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 23rd.

Bellpoint Community Church Groups

(all groups meet at church unless otherwise stated)

- **Adult and Youth Sunday School:** Sunday Mornings, 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Paul for additional information.
- **Sunday Women's Bible Study:** Every other Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the McCullough home. Contact Lori McCullough for additional information.
- **Monday Women's Bible Study:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location varies.
- **Bible Study Book Group:** The second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th - 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November Birthdays

Nov 7	Fred Rinehart
Nov 10	Aidan Hafner
Nov 11	John Gilliam
Nov 12	Lindsay West
Nov 14	Carol Barker
Nov 15	Nathanael Ellerbrock
Nov 18	Wendell Michael
Nov 19	Cindy Kuhn
Nov 20	Garrett Miller Greg Jaudzems
Nov 22	Becky Miller
Nov 24	Cord Lehman
Nov 25	Margie West
Nov 26	Josh Kuhn
Nov 27	Rachel Kaprally
Nov 28	Tim Harding
Nov 29	Cheri Maxim Travis Miller Todd Ellerbrock
Nov 30	Gary Davis

Happy Anniversary

November 2

Tim & Amy Harding
23 years

November 6

Terry & Kelly Williams
43 years

November 10

Roger & Christy McCombs
41 years

November 24

Bob & Peggy Sable
53 Years



Buckeye Valley Food Pantry Collection

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our month-long collection along with Ashley Community Church to replenish the BV Food Pantry!



Renovations Update

Asphalt work in progress at the church!



Prayer Requests

- ♦ **Madeleine** – a new baby born in the VanGundy family
- ♦ **Doug** – suffering from acid reflux
- ♦ **Mark VanGundy** – awaiting results of a stress test
- ♦ **Susan Ritchie's Dad** – in the hospital
- ♦ **Dianne May's Cousin** – her husband passed away
- ♦ **Tom** – his lungs have been filling with fluid (West)
- ♦ **Those impacted by Hurricane Melissa**
- ♦ **Nancy** – recurrence of cancer (West)
- ♦ **John** – struggling with homelessness
- ♦ **Colt** – little boy with stage four liver cancer
- ♦ **Winnie Orahood** – had a bad fall
- ♦ **Doreen** – in hospice care (West)
- ♦ **Jerry** – stage four cancer (May)
- ♦ **Ken May** – has an infection
- ♦ **Janet** – recovering from surgery
- ♦ **Friend of Jody Miller** – cancer
- ♦ **Kathy** – in hospice care
- ♦ **Debbie** – cancer
- ♦ **Jake** – brain cancer (McCullough)
- ♦ **Mike** – nerve damage in his brain
- ♦ **Cindy** – kidney failure (West)
- ♦ **Carl** – cancer recurrence
- ♦ **Mark** – cancer
- ♦ **Cindy's Dad** – cancer
- ♦ **John** – lung cancer (Webb)



Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to serve Bellpoint Community Church and our community? Prayer is a powerful way to make an important difference in someone's life. The Prayer Chain is always looking for new members for this vital ministry, so please call the church office if you are interested.

If you hear of a concern or praise there are multiple ways to share the information with our Prayer Chain:

- ♦ Complete a paper prayer request located on the back of each chair and drop in an offering plate or one of the clear boxes in the entrances to the fellowship hall and sanctuary.
- ♦ Contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.
- ♦ Post to the online prayer wall at bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!



Thursday, November 13th - Sunday, November 16th - **Central Ohio Men's Walk to Emmaus**

Thursday, November 20th - **Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon** - 12:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21st - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 4th - **Sisters in Faith Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6th - **Children's Christmas Party** - 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Friday, December 19th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bellpoint Community Church Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon



Join us Thursday, November 20th
at Noon for a traditional
Thanksgiving dinner. All seniors
are welcome! We look forward to
seeing you there!

- Please RSVP to 740-369-5956 by
November 6th

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Nursey Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to serve in the Nursey during second service. If available, please contact Jody Miller or Pastor Paul. In compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy we do ask that all volunteers complete a short, free online training from our GMC Conference called Ministry Safe. Free background checks will also be requested.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our traditional Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held once again this year. This year it will be held on **Thursday, November 20, 2025** starting at **12:00 p.m.** Let's make it great for our local seniors who look forward to this annual event! Watch for sign-up sheets for workers and food. All are welcome!



Sisters in Faith

- ♦ **Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon** - November 20th at Noon.
- ♦ **Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Christmas ornament wrapped to exchange and two dozen cookies to share!

The Peal

If you do not have access to the internet or email, or simply prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you each month, please contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.

Just a Reminder...

Please email all articles, pictures, and content for the December Peal to Rachel Kapraly at peal@bellpointchurch.com by **Friday, November 21st**. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

