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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

November is upon us, which means several things – getting out our winter coats, gaining an hour with daylight savings time, and The Buckeyes playing the “Team Up North.” Given the way our offense has looked, as I write this, it could be painful. We also get to experience my personal favorite holiday of the year – Thanksgiving – which means food, family, and football. Our Ted Dibiase (WWE Hall of Famer) “The Million Dollar Man” weekend will be here sooner than we know it. Finally, in November we begin the season of Advent! Holy cow what an amazing and full month it will be!

I find a little bit of humor in the fact that we will be wrapping up our sermon series, “Upside Living in a Downside Economy” which focuses on getting past our financial fears and remaining faithful in difficult times. Then the following week we have “The Million Dollar Man” coming to preach. Now that is what I call God Irony!

If we are honest, we will admit that we have so much for which to be grateful for and thankful. Regardless of our health situation, financial challenges, or life crisis that we are facing, we still are a blessed people. I encourage you to do several things this month:

1. Spend this month reflecting on all of which God has given you and blessed you. When a negative thought or life moment happens, quickly reflect on the goodness and provision of God. Thank God in that moment for His many blessings. Let’s make Thanksgiving not just a day, but also a month-long experience. When we focus our time being thankful for what we have, we have less time to think about what we don’t have. This leads to a mind and heart filled with abundance.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

2. Learn to live and give generously. The key to financial peace, health, and stability isn’t spending more on ourselves; it’s being generous with all that we have. Maybe this month is the time to take the 90-Day Tithe Challenge and begin to do what God directs in His Word. He calls us to give the first 10% of everything that comes in to Him, through the local church. Fill several shoeboxes for children in need around the world, through Operation Christmas Child. Begin your plan of spending less on yourself and family and more on those in true need, through our Advent Conspiracy projects starting at the end of the month.

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” Acts 20:35

Get involved in our Ted Dibiase weekend on November 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Please be praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to move in people to attend the events and to find hope and salvation in Jesus Christ. Consider

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serving on Saturday evening at the wrestling event at Newton Firehouse. Invite every guy you know to come to breakfast with Ted here at RPC at 9:00 AM that Saturday. Tell all of your friends that Ted will be preaching on

Sunday and invite everyone you know to one of our Sunday morning services to hear Ted's message of redemption.

We are believing that God will do amazing miracles on Friday at Maysville High school, Saturday morning at the men's breakfast, Saturday evening at the wrestling event, and Sunday morning here at Rolling Plains. What an awesome weekend it will be!

It is going to be an amazing and full November, filled with opportunities to grow in our faith and in the belief that God is active in our lives and able to do the miraculous. Let us be grateful, generous, and involved in the work and power of the Spirit of God.

Blessed & Barefoot,
Pastor John



Nancy's Notes

Can Christmas still change the world? At Rolling Plains UMC, our belief is that not only does Christmas still change the world, but that we are part of God's agents of change. The Christmas story is a story of love, hope, miracles, redemption, and relationship, so how did Christmas become a time of stress and debt? Somehow, we've traded the world's best story into who has the best sale.

At Rolling Plains, we have been working with God to turn Christmas back into a story of love, hope, miracles, redemption, and relationship. For several years, we have been encouraged to worship God fully, spend less money, give more of ourselves, and love all.

Last year we answered prayers of God's people through our giving of over \$30,000!! Praise God!!! We, the church, gave:

- ✦ \$13,760 to build 11 homes in Haiti through *Servants in Fellowship (SIF)*.
- ✦ \$10,000 to *Imagine No More Malaria*, so that 100 bed nets would be distributed through Sub-Saharan Africa.
- ✦ \$6,931 to the *Kamina Children's Orphanage* in the Congo of Africa. This money was used to purchase mattresses for 50 children.

As we draw near to another Advent season, I find myself praying and asking God what projects we are being asked to support this year. I find myself asking God for the amount that I am being asked to give back to Jesus this year. I find myself praying and asking God to begin to prepare our hearts, minds and souls to become a part of the miracle-giving of Christmas this year.

This Advent season as you are trying to figure out what to give that person who already has everything, consider holding off on buying another candle or scented lotion – wait with anticipation of the revealing of Rolling Plains Advent Conspiracy projects 2015, which will be revealed the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. God is counting on us!

In this journey with you,
Pastor Nancy



A Christmas with Shoji Tabuchi
Dinner & Show
Villa Milano Ballroom – Columbus, OH
Tuesday, December 15, 2015



For two decades, the hottest must-see presentation in Branson, Missouri is coming to Ohio. Come and see this unforgettable show – Country, Bluegrass, Big Band, Cajun, Broadway/movie tunes, Pop, Jazz, Swing, and Classical – all melded with class, warmth, humor, and professional perfection. Shoji's inspirational story is the “stuff” of which dreams are made. With just \$500 in his pocket, he came to the United States from Osaka, Japan to fulfill his desire to play Country music. Shoji met Roy Acuff, who invited him to come to Nashville and play at the *Grand Ole Opry*. Fans gave him standing ovations and ultimately, Shoji played the *Opry* 27 times!

In short order, his name and virtuoso talent were spread throughout the country, bringing him standing ovations wherever he played. His touring days saw him performing with the likes of Marty Robbins, Conway Twitty, Johnny Cash, Barbara Mandrell, Mel Tillis, Dolly Parton, and many other stars of the Country Music world. In May, 1990 Shoji built a 2000-seat theatre in Branson, Missouri. His popularity has grown steadily and his theatre and show are considered to be among the most successful in the area. Shoji has recorded nine albums and five videos independently, and one record on the ABC/Dot label. US News and World Report say, “Shoji may be unequalled anywhere for showmanship.” A very special SHOW that can't be missed!

The Coburn Church family and Rolling Plains Church family are again joining together for this special Christmas show, so be sure to make your reservations early! Each church will have only 24 tickets.

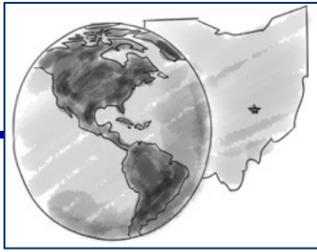
There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Pat Wiseman-Jones at 740/453-5849. Tickets will be \$87.00 per person. **Price Includes:** Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation; Evening Performance of, “A Christmas with Shoji Tabuchi”; Dinner; and Gratuities (Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by the Show). **Final payment will be due: Monday, November 9, 2015.**

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made after Monday, November 9 are non-refundable unless another person(s) can fill the space.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

On Sunday Nov. 15th we will be having our Annual Charge Conference, which will be held at Central Trinity United Methodist Church, on Sixth Street.

There will be a corporate worship experience at 7:00 PM, followed by a group session with Steve McGuire at 8:00 PM. At 8:30 PM we will have our Individual Charge Conference, led by Reverend Mark Chow and during which time our Board of Servant Leaders and any retired ordained clergy who are related to RPUMC will be voting.



Brazilian Interpreter Never Saw Such a Thing!!

This, from our son, Ron:

Scene: In Brazil, South America a team of 13 European Christian Mission missionaries are spreading themselves among a host of Brazilian Spirit-filled churches during a 20-day crusade of preaching.

Goal: To recruit 50 Brazilians to be missionaries and come over to Europe, Croatia, and other Eastern European countries where there is an intentional advance in evangelism in these days.

Ron and Brenda Anderson report: "Here's an update on your prayers. Between the two of us, we preached 7 times last weekend. Last night after Brenda preached, Leo (ECMI host pastor) made the appeal and some 5 came forward to heed the call to missions. One of the 5 was the Pastor of the church who, under deep conviction, came forward and surprised the whole church. He said, 'I can't stay in this country of many Christians and leave Europe without the gospel.' Then "Akos", the Hungarian pastor on the team, preached in the Methodist Church and a REVIVAL BROKE OUT. PEOPLE WERE SAVED AND THERE WERE COMMITMENTS TO MISSIONS. The translator said she had never seen anything like it. "Steve Bell (son of an Anglican rector) reported 5 committing to missions in his section."

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Why is such a European contingent seeking fresh recruits at this time? Why is the spotlight of God beaming across Europe at this time? It is to take the gospel to the small lands of the Balkans where many of the 13 missionaries are currently working, and in God's providence, no doubt, to greet the oncoming stampede of refugees from Muslim countries who are invading northern Europe and are desperate for peace.

This is what it means – two un-evangelized areas of the globe: a God-forsaken EUROPE reaching to the fired-up Brazilians for a touch of their flame, and a Middle East mass movement in absolute chaos abandoning Allah and seeking Jesus. Remember how we prayed for the 10/40 window? Apparently it is breaking open. Praise God! It's evident that a revival in the church is the only hope for this upside-down world!

Loren Anderson

Haiti Mission Trip

We will be going on a mission trip to Haiti, January 16 - 23, 2016. If you feel that God is calling you to be on this mission trip and you have any questions, you can talk to Pastor Nancy at the church (740/453-4192) or call Gene Hartman at 740/849-2473.

This mission trip could be a life-changing experience for you.



Thankfully Rejoicing – Bethel Community Center

As Thanksgiving 2015 approaches, I want to take time to say **"Thank You"** for this year of bountiful blessings for Bethel Community Center.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

First, I **thank God**. He has been faithful in not only sustaining us, but also in gracing us with an overflow of blessings. We have more servant volunteer leaders than in 2014 and we are debt free. We have more children and youth coming to Bethel with the expansion of a 4H Club, Daisy Girl Scouts, and Thursday Story Time.

I **thank the Bethel Board of Directors** for their leadership and their on-going support of our mission to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors in the Putnam neighborhood. The unity of this team is awesome and their efforts have leveraged our sustainability for the future.

I **thank our Servant Volunteer Leaders**, for they are the ones who show up daily to invest in the lives of our children and youth. The advanced planning this Summer for the After School Program and the support for the picnics, family game nights, and community dinners speaks loudly to our Putnam neighbors that the love of Jesus is real and present through these supportive adults.

I **thank the organizations and individual donors and sponsors** who have invested in this community center so that we can be a safe, healthy place for children and families to gather. As a non-profit 501©3 organization, we continue not only to exist, but also to prosper because of these gifts.

I **thank the parents** who send their children to spend some time with us so that we can encourage and support them in order for them to succeed in school and in life.

I **thank Rolling Plains Church**, who has embraced Bethel Community Center as their local missional outpost. You encourage and help us to be salt and light where hope and restoration are so badly needed.

For all this I am thankfully rejoicing.

Kay Miller, Director
Bethel Community Center



DON'T FORGET!

Our RPUMC Collection Day for the 2015 Operation Christmas Child campaign will be Sunday, November 15th. National Collection Week will be November 16th through the 23rd. Last year we collected a little over 650 shoeboxes. Let's try to beat our goal this year of 700 filled shoeboxes!

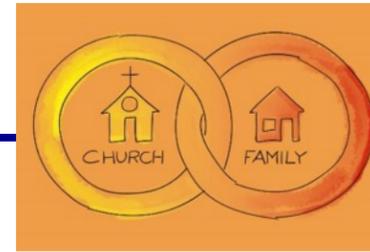


I wish to take this opportunity to wish all the Administrative Support Team Members a very **"Happy Thanksgiving"** to you and your families.

I try to remember your birthdays and anniversaries, but I don't always get around to doing it.

Thank you for all you do. I appreciate you all.

Larry Miller
Administrative Support Coordinator



Children and Family Ministry

We don't get to be the whole song in a kid's life. We get to sing one verse. Jon Acuff

This is a quote I heard a few years ago at an Orange event, and it has just really stuck with me. I have pulled it out a few times recently as encouragement to some of our Children's Ministry leaders. I think it relates to several different struggles that leaders have when they begin investing in the lives of the kids they lead. I am always excited when I pass it along, because the fact that they even need to hear it means the leader is now leading. They care enough to realize they cannot fix it all and may not be around when it all comes together. Our job is to give the children who enter our lives a place to belong, to learn, to question, to grow, and to leave. Our job is to make sure what we give them on Sunday morning translates to Monday.

We would love for you to be a part of our kids' lives and serve on our ministry team. We have openings on Sundays and Thursdays serving directly with our kids, and every day in between helping to get ready and clean up for the Sunday ahead. Contact Heather Matarazzo for more information on how to be a verse in the story of our children.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Annual Talent Show. Our winners were:

- 1st Place – Sam Rupe
- 2nd Place – Mylee Moorehead
- 3rd Place – Isabel Alice and Emily Paul

COMING UP!!!

- **November 1st at 9:45 AM – Kidstuf**
- **Christmas Musical** – If your child is interest in singing with the Children's Choir during our Christmas Musical, please Contact Linda Hatfield or Ruth Baker. We will be practicing during Kids Praise Large Group beginning on November 1. We will also have a few additional evening /afternoon practices when we get into December.

Blessings,
Heather Matarazzo

I wish to thank a group of men who came to my home and moved my furniture out, then returned and moved it back in after my carpet was laid. I don't know how I would have worked it out, if it weren't for their help.

Thank you to Paul Law, Steve Johnson, Harry Strickler, Jim Morehouse, Kevin Franklin, and Terry Morehouse.

Barb Knox

A.L.I.C.E. Training

We will have A.L.I.C.E. training for all Children, Youth, and Hospitality teams on Friday, November 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. A Deputy from the Sheriff's department will instruct us on the best ways to protect our kids and congregation in case of an emergency.

For those of you who have not heard of *A.L.I.C.E.* training, it is the program that is used in our schools during intruder or active-shooter situations. I am sad that our world is in a position where we need this training, however I am grateful we have resources and committed leaders willing to protect our families. Please wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes on the 13th and be ready to participate.

Heather Matarazzo

Give Thanks to the Lord



Anniversaries in November

- 2 Jeff & Joyce Conrad
- 9 Chad & Hope Novaria
- 15 Dave & Sherry Ashford
- 15 Roger & Nancy Smith
- 17 Doug & Connie Fink
- 27 Ben & Nellie Kirkbride

Birthdays in November

- 1 Kevin Dennis
- 3 Thomas Ferguson, Betty Rodgers
- 4 Sadie Anderson, Inzie Reynolds Browning, Melissa Spring
- 5 Kristy Imler, Beth McConnell
- 6 Ray Hartman, Jackie Hittle
- 7 Todd Balsley
- 8 Misty Lou Jones, Karen Newlon
- 9 Allen Smith
- 10 Dave Higdon, Alan King, Roger Samson
- 11 Jeff James, Vicki O'Neill, Paul Reed
- 12 Brad Handshy, Mike Heiney
- 13 Codi Crippen, Steve Crippen, Chad Stoltz
- 15 Glenna Fleming, Kay Weaver
- 16 Jamie Couden, Bob Wilson
- 17 Stephanie Vandyne
- 18 Rachel Chapman, Paige Fink, Riley Savage
- 19 Allen Deaver
- 20 Patti Strickler
- 22 Jackie Jones, Kahler Smith
- 24 Brian Clawson, Steve Dodge
- 25 Todd Sidwell
- 26 Erika Pontious
- 27 Lindzy Ruppel, Eddie Wiseman
- 28 Neil Cornett, Karah Graves, Bill Taylor
- 30 Kristen Delong, Dana James, Doug Pryor, Kim Spring

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed, please notify us by calling 740-453-4192 or by emailing us (office@rollingplainsumc.com) and we will update our database accordingly.

All children and youth under the age of 18 are automatically excluded from these lists, due to our Safe Sanctuary Policy, which has been put into place in order to protect our children.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Kidstuf

November 1 – 9:45 AM

Don't Forget to Vote!!

November 3

Journeyers' Fall Feast

November 7 – 5:30 PM

(Advance ticket purchase required)

"The Well" Service

November 8 – 6:00 PM

Operation Christmas Child

Collection Day for RPUMC – bring your boxes!

November 15 – 8:15, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

Charge Conference

November 15 – 7:00 PM

Ted Dibiase

November 20 – 22

(Details to be announced)

Fair Stand Results

Our Fair Stand had another great year! We had gross sales of \$27,331 and after fees and expenses we were able to donate \$12,056 to our Missions Fund. **THANK YOU** to all those wonderful people who helped us in so many ways. The gifts of your time, baked goods, financial support, and prayers are much appreciated!



HEMMED IN PRAYER

All women are invited to join us for the HIP (Hemmed in Prayer) Bible Study. We meet from 6:30 until 8:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Sundays to study God's Word together, and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for a time of prayer and sewing in the 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms in the children's area downstairs. If you are interested or if you have questions, contact Terra Armstead at dtarmstead@yahoo.com or 740-704-6144.



We have had a wonderful turnout for our first few meetings! We have a mix of moms with kids ranging in age from a few weeks to 16 years old. It's been a great opportunity to support and learn from one another.

Moms are invited to join us in November as we discuss adopting a cause about which we are passionate. At our meeting November 5th we will be packing shoeboxes as a group for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to donate any items or support the shipping fees of these boxes, we would welcome any support that you are willing to give. We meet the first and third Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. Childcare is provided. We welcome you to come and see what MOPS/MomsNext is all about.

We are still in need of some Mentor Moms for our group. Would you prayerfully consider investing a few hours of your time in our group? We are looking for a few ladies with a welcoming smile, a shoulder to cry on, and a pillar of wisdom and support to come alongside of our young mothers. If you are interested in becoming a Mentor Mom, or would like some more information on how you can pray for and support our moms, please contact Jocelyn Shockley at ecochick411@gmail.com or me at jdale18@columbus.rr.com.

Blessings,
Jen and Jocelyn
MOPS/MOMSnext Coordinators





“Come and Walk Through Bethlehem”

Luke 2:1-5

Experience the Bethlehem Walk Outdoor Drama in Chandlersville, Ohio
Beginning at the Chandlersville United Methodist Church
November 27, 28, & 29 – 6 to 9 PM

Experience the walk that Mary and Joseph took the night our Savior was born!

Deck the Halls!

The Visual Design Team will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 22 immediately following the 11:00 Worship. If you would like to get involved, please contact Sadie Anderson at music4him7@yahoo.com or write “Decorate” on the back of your connection card.

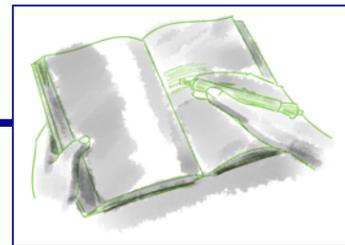
Our schedule has changed a bit for this school year. Our Jr. High and High School Youth groups are now meeting together on Sunday evenings, 6:30 until 8:00 PM. We start the evening off as one big group and then split into Jr. High and High School separately for the rest of our time. Our Youth Group is open to all kids, grades 6-12. Bring a friend, have some fun, help to serve, and learn more about God!

We still meet every Sunday morning during the 9:45 and 11:00 services, and every Thursday morning at Tim Horton’s before school (6:30 AM) for breakfast and a devotional. We will also be helping to reach our church-wide goal of 700 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year.

We had a blast last month, helping out with the Trunk and Treat event in the Putnam neighborhood, and we will be wrapping up our Confirmation Classes on November 22. Our In-Zone turned out to be a big hit with the kids this year. We averaged about 200 kids each night. Many, many thanks to all those dedicated servants who helped us to make In-Zone a huge success this year!!

Make sure we have your correct email address, so we can keep you updated on everything that we are learning, special events, and upcoming service opportunities. Follow us on FaceBook or you can always email me (beau@rollingplainsumc.com) for an easy way to see all the activities going on and to get calendar updates.

Beau Dailey, Youth Pastor



NOVEMBER PRAYER CHALLENGE

The November prayer challenge is to concentrate on things for which we need to be thankful. All of us have challenges and some days or weeks feel like we are walking to Toledo in quicksand – but we are not! God is faithful and much bigger than our problems or issues. Please take time each day and reflect on what happened, and maybe what could have happened, and thank Him. In every snapshot of our lives, no matter how dark the picture may look, there is “good stuff”. Maybe you need to take a step back in order to get a different view of your picture and see the good stuff.

Dates to remember: Saturday, Oct 31 – 8 AM: Putnam Hill Park to pray over our city and county.
Sunday, November 8 – 6 PM: Our next *Well* service.

If at all possible, don't miss either one. Good Stuff!

Beth Jackson, Prayer Coordinator

Note from the Financial Secretary:

Thank you continuing to support Rolling Plains Church, as we strive to serve God in a fiscally responsible way. Contribution statements have been mailed for the January through September giving. A final statement will be mailed at the end of the year.

In preparation for next year, I am getting ready to order tithing envelopes for 2016. If you would like to receive them, please let me know. If you received them for 2015 and would prefer not to have them in 2016, please let me know that also.

I can be reached at 740/454-8452, you can email me at barbarak@earthlink.net, or feel free to write “tithing envelopes” on your connection card during Sunday service. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,
Barb Knox



SAVE THE DATE!
THE MILLION DOLLAR MAN
IS COMING TO ROLLING PLAINS CHURCH
NOVEMBER 20 - 22

JOIN US FOR A VARIETY OF EVENTS
INCLUDING:
A MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST,
A LOCAL WRESTLING MATCH,
AND SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING.

COME AS YOU ARE!
FROM A WARRIOR TO A KING
3 time wwf tag team champion
TED DIBIASE IS

THE MILLION DOLLAR MAN



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