



Fall Festival Fun!

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Here's What's Coming Up:

- ◆ Sundays—Sunday School at 9:45 am.
Worship Service at 11am
- ◆ Nov 2nd—Daylight Saving Time Ends!!!
- ◆ Nov 4th—Election Day! Be Sure to Vote!
- ◆ Nov 9th—The Gideons will give a presentation
- ◆ Nov 12th—Veterans Day & Armistice Day WWI
- ◆ Nov 16th—Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- ◆ Nov 17th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- ◆ Nov 22nd—Crafty Bunch Christmas Card Project
- ◆ Nov 23rd—Thanksgiving Covered Dish Lunch
- ◆ Nov 27th—Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ Nov 30th—The Lord's Supper
- ◆ Dec 15th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- ◆ Dec 17th—Christmas Caroling
- ◆ Dec 24th—Candlelight Service
- ◆ Dec 25th—Christmas Day
- ◆ Dec 31st—New Years Eve

NOVEMBER 2025

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A note of reflection From Pastor:

As we approach November and December, it is clear that these are among the busiest periods of the year. The winter season encourages preparation for upcoming holidays, beginning with Thanksgiving, followed four weeks later by Christmas. The subsequent week marks the celebration of the New Year.

Thanksgiving has increasingly lost its traditional significance as attention shifts toward preparations for Christmas. It is important, however, to reflect on the true meaning of this season. Thanksgiving serves as an opportunity to both review the past and anticipate the future. During this time, many consider the world around them and express gratitude for the gifts provided.



It is also an occasion to remember family and acknowledge the blessings and challenges that have been experienced. Psalm 103:1-5 offers a concise summary of the relationship between individuals and God, highlighting divine care for creation and the importance of thankfulness.

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases,

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalms 103:1-5

Many individuals may find themselves focused on upcoming holiday activities and gifts, such as Christmas trees and festive celebrations. However, it is important to pause for a moment and express gratitude for the provisions we have received in our lives and for our families. Let us also give thanks for the redemptive power of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and thoughtfully reflect as we enter the season that commemorates the birth of the Son of God.



December ushers in a season characterized by gatherings, travel, and visits with family. While many children eagerly anticipate receiving gifts, parents often focus on managing expenses and ensuring that all arrangements are in order. Amid these activities, it is essential to remember the true meaning of Christmas—the commemoration of the birth of Christ and His significance to the world. Regarded as a distinguished teacher, prophet, and priest, Christ entered the world as a redeemer, offering salvation and forgiveness of sin.

*⁶ For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7*

In contemporary society, the emphasis during this season frequently shifts toward celebration and consumerism, sometimes overshadowing the spiritual origins and meaning of Christmas within the Christian faith. While it is natural to participate in festivities and enjoy time with loved ones, it is important not to lose sight of the core message: Christ was born so that all who believe may have hope of eternal life.

May we find peace and joy as we celebrate the birth of Christ and express gratitude during this season of reflection.

Pastor Steven Miller



The Fall Festival was a Huge Success!



Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Hay Rides, Cotton Candy,
Hot Dogs, Pop Corn, Games & Much More!
Thank You to All You Volunteers
Who Made this Possible!





First Pack a Box...They're Due Back at the Church on Sunday, November 16th for Delivery to the Children by Christmas!

Then, Celebrate Thanksgiving With Your HBC Family!
Bring a Dish to Share on Sunday, November 23rd after the Service.



Then, Put Some Christmas Joy Into Our Neighbor's Homes!
Come with Us
A'Caroling on December 17th at 6 pm

Finally, "Remember the Real Reason For the Season" and come to our Candlelight Service on December 24th at 3:30 pm!



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Standard Hours of Worship & Meetings

Sunday Morning
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am