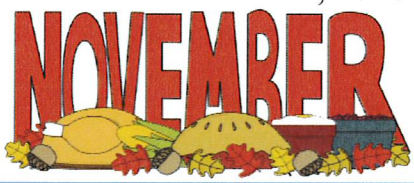
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



On Sunday, September 13, Craig Kittock, an applicant for our Pastor position, was our guest speaker. On September 20 at our Congregational meeting, the church voted to hire Craig Kittock as our new part-time pastor.

He attended Indiana Wesleyan University in 2021 and finished in July of 2025 with a Bachelor of Science degree in "Mission Driven Leadership." His credentials are through the CCCC.

Craig comes to us with experience as an associate pastor, leader in youth ministry and also served on a pastoral care team.

The Pastor and his family come from Parkston, South Dakota. Craig and his wife, Melodie have four children: Abbygail, Ezra, Joziah and Meleigha. We do not have an arrival time yet as he needs to move his family.

Please welcome the Kittocks into our congregation. We look forward to many happy years under Craig's leadership.

Our next **Gathering Meal** is on Sunday, November 1, 2026, following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share. All welcome.

CALENDAR

Please click the Bible to view important events. (Anniversaries and Birthdays.)



Sunday School, 9 AM
Worship, 10:15 AM

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November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

November 1, 2026
International Day for observance of persecuted Christians

November 1, 2026
Daylight Saving Time ends

The next Ladies Aid **meeting** is November 4, 2026 at 1 PM here in the church fellowship hall for fellowship and dessert. Volunteers are needed to make desserts. Please contact Pat if you are able to help. 419-222-6700. All welcome.

You are invited to a **Bible Study.** It will take us through the Bible in a year. The Bible study meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at Alicia's house. If interested, bring a notepad, pen and your Bible.

Thank Offering envelopes are due on November 15, 2026. Monies collected will go to Lima Rescue Mission and Samaritan House. Thank you for helping.

The next **Men's Breakfast and Fellowship** is Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 8:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to join the men's group for good food and fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due back at church on November 15 where we will dedicate them.

Favorite items to pack in the boxes could be school supplies, a drawstring bag, puzzle, washcloth, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, socks, sunglasses, hats, gloves, ball, jump rope, stuffed animal.

Do NOT include: soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Please make sure your items easily fit in the shoe box. Labels are included with the shoe box to designate the box for a girl or boy and their age.

Don't forget to enclose the suggested $10 donation per box to help with shipping and handling. You can donate online if you want to track your box, and still bring your gifts to church. You can also build a box online. Be sure to let me know if you participated through the Operation Christmas Child website to be counted with our group. Please bring your shoe boxes to the church by November 15th! Thank you for sharing God's love.

Shannon Rapp

Christmas Tree Festival - This year, the theme of our tree is "Snowflakes, One of God's Miracles". Margaret Lewis and her sister Nancy Halsey have made crochet snowflakes and many other kinds of snowflake items to decorate our tree.



Be sure to stop by the Allen County Museum Christmas Tree Festival, December 2 - 6 and vote for our tree. The Museum is located at 620 W. Market Street, Lima, Ohio. Hours are 10 AM - 5 PM, M-F. Extended hours on Friday from 10 AM - 8 PM and Sunday hours from noon to 5 PM.

Thank you, ladies for all your work.

November 1, 2026
Gathering Meal following worship.

November 3, 2026
VOTE!

November 3, 2026 Bible Study, 7 PM at Alicia's. This is every Tuesday unless otherwise noted.

November 4, 2026 is the Ladies Aid meeting at 1 PM. They will meet for fellowship and dessert.

November 5, 2026, Elder meeting here at 4 PM.

November 8, 2026 Thank Offering envelopes in bulletin.

November 9, 2026 Trustees meet at 6 PM and Consistory meets at 7 PM.

November 11, 2026 Veterans Day

November 15, 2026 OCC shoe boxes due.

November 15, 2026 Thank Offering envelopes are due.

November 21, 2026 Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM here in fellowship hall.

November 26, 2026 Thanksgiving Day

November 29, 2026 Advent begins.



Psalm 107:1
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!