



MORE THAN A DAY

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.
We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.
We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.
We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.
So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

- Karl Fuchs

Joyful Noiz

November 2023 Newsletter



Orange pumpkins full and round...
Cornstalks gathered on the ground...
Blue skies clear and autumn-bright...
Harvest moons and frost at night...
Leaves raked high in great big piles...
November sights bring thankful smiles.

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No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Marlene Rhueff, Steve Panyi, Doug Lewis, Judy Neiderhiser (John Diekmann's sister-in-law), Toots Ross, Shirley Valuska

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**.

NOW LIVESTREAMING!

We're now livestreaming our church services on you tube. Check us out! Zion UCC Steubenville <https://youtube.com/@zionucc6794?si=EnSIkaIECMiOmarE>

TICKETS FOR LIONS CLUB TAILGATING PARTY

Pastor Coy is selling tickets for the Lions Club, Ohio State- Michigan tailgating party. They are **\$60** and include **Food and Beverage for 2, game viewing, and entry into raffle for cash prizes**. If you're interested please see Pastor Coy or Joyce.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be decorating for advent **November 26**. All help welcome!! We will have a light lunch.

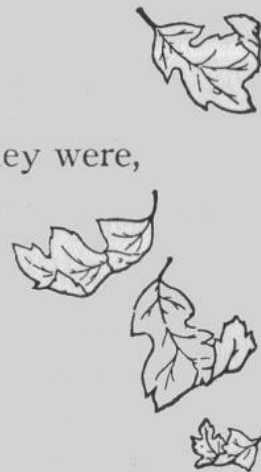
MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

There is an order form in this bulletin if you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. Please return your order with payment of **\$13.00** by **December 3** to the Church office or John Diekmann.

AUTUMN

EMILY DICKINSON

THE morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.
The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I'll put a trinket on.



Pastor's Pen

Once the Leaves Have Fallen, there is Plenty to See!

Hal Borland wrote: October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen.

I am happy and blessed to say that Joyce and I have seen many, many FALLS in our life together. I remember as a child raking the leaves in a pile and jumping in the pile.. It reminds me that the green foliage of summer is beautiful, but we must not forget there is a lesson in everything God provides for us. Fall, the peace that comes along with the inconvenient early sunsets and chilly temperatures of the changing journey into fall and then winter. We can all admire the beautiful trees of spring and summer, but we need to look through the bare tree, beyond it, to the big sky that blankets all of us. It is being thankful for the wider horizon that is visible that we could not see all summer. As Joyce and I drive down the highways to church, or wherever we are traveling, we see the vision of hills, homes, farms and animals that were hidden with all the leaves. The sun is changing its angle. The moon glowing at night across the beautiful hillside. It is as if God is giving us a chance for us to see ourselves, as He sees us. Constantly changing! Hopefully, we all are moving towards God on our faith journey, on our journey of life. As the seasons cycle, so do we. Sometimes we are covered in leaves doing things we hope are hidden from others, and God. We feel we can go about our business doing what isn't good for us or those around us. We stop attending church. God won't notice! We stop working to be a better child of God! He won't notice. But you know we all live with consequences for our choices. Some happen quickly, some take a long time to catch up with us. Once the cover is off we are visible. We need to do good work. We need to follow God and His rules. We need to love ourselves so we can love others. We need to be kind. We need to pass on positive words, and actions. As the leaves drop off the trees and us we need to be proud of the beauty that remains. We also need to remember that whether we are covered, or not God can see everything. God knows our sincerity and our souls. But we need reminders so that is why God gives us everything we need here on earth. Don't waste a moment of your life doing worthless things. Make every season, every month, every day, and every moment count. Life is too short and moving too fast to let your leaves be blown away for nothing. Lay down, look up and see all that God has provided. Life is too valuable to miss it!

Fall Blessings,

Rev. Walter Coy