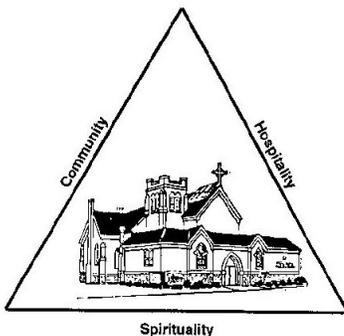


St. Paul's Epistle

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From the Pastor's Desk

November is a time of the year when we are reminded to give thanks, to the earliest immigrants to what would become the USA. They gathered with their neighbors to give thanks to God for surviving and learning a new way to live in a new place. We forget sometimes while we eat turkey and watch football, that Thanksgiving is about faith in God and they must have been future Methodists because it was a great carry-in dinner. God's blessings are not limited to one day or even one month, and my hope is we will continue to be thankful all year long.

November is also the month we focus on Operation Christmas Child, a great way to share the Love of God with children all over the world. I cannot count the number of times I have heard stories from people who pack boxes about how it is one of the highlights of the year for their families. I hope, as you pack your boxes, you will pray for the child who will receive them and for everyone who collects, organizes, and delivers boxes. Remember, if you pay online for the shipping, you can track your box as it is delivered around the world.

I also want to talk to you about a group of people who attend Elida St Paul's Church, that you may not know. Every Sunday, the group of people who attend church online is as large as the people who attend church in person. Some are people who are regularly in church, but maybe out of town, but most are people who are related to members but live further away, some are friends whom you have invited to watch, and they have decided to stay connected. Many of these people we can see and count, but we have no way to contact or connect with them. I am asking you, if you know someone who is an online viewer, ask them if they would like to receive this newsletter or our emailed Weekly Word. Get their information into the office or have them email us at officeespc@gmail.com, we want to be their church in every way we can. Thanks, for your help in being the hands and feet of Christ, and remember, I will see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

Native American saying

St. Paul's Book Club
 Saturday, November 4
 9:00 AM
 In the classroom beside the office
 The book for discussion is:
"The Book Woman's Daughter"
 By Kim Michele Richardson

All Saints Sunday
November 5
 This is a day of remembrance as we
 celebrate the communion of saints
 whom have passed.
Bring a white candle in a holder
to place on the altar in memory
of loved ones.

Daylight Savings Time ends
November 5
 Remember to turn your clocks back one
 hour, and change the batteries
 in your smoke detectors.




November 5
Coins for Communion to benefit
The Lima Rescue Mission

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Newsletter
 deadline:
 the **20th**
 of each month

Christian Symbol

ROCK

We call Christ "the Solid Rock," remembering his parable about the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24). Jesus changed his disciple Simon's name to Peter, meaning rock, saying he'd build his church "on this rock" (Matthew 16:18). Although some Christians understand Peter to be the rock-foundation of Christ's church, others interpret the foundation as faith in Christ, which, Jesus said, was revealed to Peter by God.



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Food Pantry Sunday
November 12
Items needed:
Personal items including
feminine care items



THANKSGIVING DAY
November 23

November 11, 2023
Veterans Day



November 17
Family Promise Mission

Volunteers needed to fix food for the evening meal.
There will be a sign-up sheet at the media desk.
Watch for further information in Sunday morning announcements.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

November 19
Thanksgiving Meal
following the worship
service.

Come and Celebrate our
St. Paul's Church Family!
It will have all the
trimmings of a traditional
Thanksgiving meal.

If interested in donating
food, contact Virginia
Hollar or Judy Chaffins.



United Methodist Student Day
Sunday, November 26

2023/2024 COLLEGE STUDENT

Makayla Bok

Third year at Bowling Green State University
706 Napoleon Rd., 121-C
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Major: Microbiology

Please pray for her and send notes of
encouragement throughout the year.

November 26
Christ the King Sunday

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We are excited to offer electronic giving a convenient, easy solution when you don't have cash or a checkbook. Giving in the moment with a fast, one-time donation. Schedule and manage reoccurring donations. Pay or give using your debit/credit card or banking information. If you would like to give visit: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJ2D/home?source=qr> or scan the QR code below.



Missions

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack a Gift and Pray

A shoe box filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies tangibly demonstrates God's love to a child in need. Guides for how to pack a shoebox may be picked up in the church office or online at samaritanspurse.org. Remember to pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoebox gift, and that many children and families will come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Give

We ask for a donation of \$10.00 per box to cover international shipping and other costs, but not everyone can afford to send a gift. Your generosity beyond \$10.00 per shoebox gift will help us to reach even more children with the true meaning of Christmas and a tangible expression of God's amazing love.



Last Sunday for Shoe Box Collection is November 19



November 5

Coins for Communion to benefit The Lima Rescue Mission

Lima Rescue Mission reaches out to poor and homeless men by providing physical and spiritual care in a time of crisis. The Mission is an evangelical, non-denominational organization. We strive to provide an environment that promotes positive life changes and where healing takes place.


REMINDER: Start making or buying mittens, scarves, hats and gloves for our special tree.

Thank You

Dear St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
 On behalf of the children who receive weekend food through Meals 'til Monday, thank you for your recent donation of \$160.77. Because you give over 400 local elementary students are having their hunger need addressed. The partnership of community members are critical in this program continuing. Your gift and the love you show these kids is of great value to us. It is this kind of giving that has allowed Meals 'til Monday to expand with confidence whenever the opportunity has presented itself.

The Meals 'til Monday Board of Directors

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

October 1, 2023	61
October 8, 2023	46
October 15, 2023	60
October 22, 2023	57
October 29, 2023	60

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$4,187.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
October 1, 2023	\$4,965.44	\$502.68
October 8, 2023	\$2,685.38	\$80.00
October 15, 2023	\$2,627.77	\$60.00
October 22, 2023	\$3,426.40	\$265.00
October 29, 2023	\$1,520.15	\$1,390.00

Sunday School Attendance

October 1, 2023	8
October 8, 2023	5
October 15, 2023	8
October 22, 2023	4
October 29, 2023	9

Hospitality Cart

November 5, 2023	Virginia Hollar
November 12, 2023	OPEN
November 19, 2023	OPEN
November 26, 2023	OPEN



Flower Calendar

November 5, 2023	Jon & Chelsey Cook
November 12, 2023	Gary & Deb Hurd
November 19, 2023	Art Holman
November 26, 2023	Virginia Hollar

ADVENT

If you or your family is interested in lighting an Advent candle, please contact Pastor Paul or the church office.

Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday 11/1

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Acts 27:9-26, Luke 9:1-17

Thursday 11/2

Psalm 18, Jonah 3:1-4:11
Acts 27:27-44, Luke 9:18-27

Friday 11/3

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Acts 28:1-16, Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 11/4

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Acts 28:17-31
Luke 9:37-50

Sunday 11/5

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday 11/6

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Revelation 7:1-8, Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 11/7

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Revelation 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday 11/8

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Revelation 8:1-13
Luke 10:17-24

Thursday 11/9

Psalm 37
Revelation 9:1-12
Luke 10:25-37

Friday 11/10

Psalm 31, 35
Revelation 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 11/11

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Revelation 10:1-11
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 11/12

Psalm 68, 98, 103, Haggai 1:1-2:9
Acts 18:24-19:7, Luke 10:25-37

Monday 11/13

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelation 1:4-20
Matthew 12:43-50

Tuesday 11/14

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Ezra 5:1-17
Revelation 4:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9

Wednesday 11/15

Psalm 53, 119:49-72, Ezra 6:1-22
Revelation 5:1-10
Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday 11/16

Psalm 59, 60, Nehemiah 1-1:11
Revelation 5:11-6:11
Matthew 13:18-23

Friday 11/17

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Nehemiah 2:1-20
Revelation 6:12-7:4
Matthew 13:24-30

Saturday 11/18

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Nehemiah 4:1-23
Revelation 7:(4-8)9-17
Matthew 13:31-35

Sunday 11/19

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Nehemiah 5:1-19
Acts 20:7-12, Luke 12:22-31

Monday 11/20

Psalm 58, 64, 65
Nehemiah 6:1-19
Revelation 10:1-11
Matthew 13:36-43

Tuesday 11/21

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47
Revelation 11:1-19
Matthew 13:44-52

Wednesday 11/22

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Nehemiah 13:4-22
Revelation 12:1-12
Matthew 13:53-58

Thursday 11/23 Thanksgiving

Psalm 70, Ezra 7:1-26
Revelation 14:1-13
Matthew 14:1-12

Friday 11/24

Psalm 69, 73, Ezra 7:27-28-8:36
Revelation 15:1-8
Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday 11/25

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76, Ezra 9:1-15
Revelation 17:1-14
Matthew 14:22-36

Sunday 11/26

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Ezra 10:1-17
Acts 24:10-21, Luke 14:12-24

Monday 11/27

Psalm 97
Nehemiah 9:1-15 (16-25)
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 15:1-20

Tuesday 11/28

Psalm 78, Nehemiah 9:26-38
Revelation 18:9-20
Matthew 15:21-28

Wednesday 11/29

Psalm 81 82, 119:97-120
Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18
Revelation 18:21-24
Matthew 15:29-39

Thursday 11/30

Psalm 83, 85, 86
Revelation 19:1-10
Matthew 16:1-12



Hymn History

He Leadeth Me

“Then Sings My Soul” Book 1, By Robert J. Morgan

1862

“...He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake” Psalm 23:3b

On autumn nights as we sleep peacefully in our beds millions of songbirds travel undercover of darkness, heading south. Somehow, they know their way. God has given them a state-of-the-art internal guidance system.

We’re more valuable than many sparrows. If God guides His creation, will He not also guide His children? The Psalmist thought so, saying, “He leadeth me... He leadeth me...” (Psalm 23:2-3)

Dr. Joseph H. Gilmore, son of a Governor in New Hampshire, gave this account of writing his famous hymn on this theme:

As a young man recently graduated..., I was supplying for a couple of Sundays the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. At the mid-week service, on the 26th of March, 1862, I set out to give the people an exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions, but this time I did not get further than the words “He Leadeth Me.” Those words took hold of me as they had never done before, and I saw in them a significance... of which I had never dreamed.

It was the darkest hour of the Civil War. I did not refer to that fact—that is, I don’t think I did—but it may subconsciously have led me to realize that God’s leadership is the one significant fact in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or whither we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us.

At the close of the meeting a few of us in the parlor of my host, Deacon Watson, kept on talking about the thought I had emphasized; and then and there, on a blank page of the brief from which I had intended to speak, I penciled the hymn, talking and writing at the same time, and handed it to my wife and thought no more about it.

She sent it to The Watchman and Reflector, a paper published in Boston, where it was first printed. I did not know until 1865 that my hymn had been set to music by William B. Bradbury. I went to Rochester to preach as a candidate before the Second Baptist Church. Going into the chapel... I picked up a hymnal to see what they were singing, and opened it to my own hymn, “He Leadeth Me.”



Poem

A Good Thanksgiving

Poet: Marian Douglas

Said old gentleman Gay, "On a Thanksgiving Day,
If you want a good time, then give something away."
So he sent a fat turkey to shoemaker Price;
And the shoemaker said: "What a big bird! How nice!
And since such a good dinner's before me I ought
To give poor widow Lee the small chicken I bought."
"This fine chicken, O see!" said the pleased widow Lee.
"And the kindness that sent it, how precious to me!
I would like to make some one as happy as I;
I'll give washwoman Biddy my big pumpkin pie."
"And sure," Biddy said, "'tis the queen of all pies.
Just to look at its yellow face gladdens my eyes.
Now it's my turn, I think; and a sweet ginger-cake
For the motherless Finnigan children I'll bake."
"A sweet cake all our own! 'Tis too good to be true,"
Said the Finnigan children. Rose, Denny, and Hugh:
"It smells of sweet spice, and we'll carry a slice
To poor little lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."
"O, thank you and thank you," said little lame Jake:
"What a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful cake!
And such a big slice! I'll save all the crumbs
And give them to each little sparrow that comes."
And the sparrows, they twittered as if they would say,
Like old gentleman Gay, "On a Thanksgiving day,
If you want a good time, then give something away."

Bounty Of Thanks



We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Crafty Creatures

Pre-Order Candy Sales for Crafty Creatures

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Order Deadline: December 3, 2023

Pick Up: December 16, 2023 10:00 AM—Noon in Fellowship Hall

	# Pkgs	Cost	Total
Buckeyes - 12 Per Package		\$6.50	
Turtles - 12 Per Package		\$7.50	
Peanut Clusters - 12 Per Package		\$7.50	
White/Chocolate Covered Pretzels Mixed - 12per Package		\$5.00	
Peanut Butter Fudge - 8 oz. Package		\$6.00	
Chocolate Fudge - 8 oz. Package		\$6.00	
Variety Package: 3 Turtles, 3 Peanut Clusters, 3 Chocolate Covered Pretzels, 2 Pieces Peanut Butter Fudge, 2 Pieces Chocolate Fudge, 4 Buckeyes		\$8.50	

Pay When Picked up: _____ **Grand Total:** \$ _____

This is a Crafty Creatures small group fundraiser. We have been truly blessed by the many donations we have received over the years, but we still have to purchase many supplies to finish the quilts and prayer blankets. Doing the pre-orders will give us a guide as to how much to make. You may mail your order form to the church, drop it off in the church office, or give to a Crafty Creature.

Thank you all for supporting our Crafty Creatures Mission!

We would love to have some new “Crafty Creatures” join us on Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm. at the home of Shirley Moser.

Connecting With ...

Elida Homecoming

Rylan McAdams was the Homecoming Princess. She is the daughter of Alex and Stacy McAdams.

Adrianna Ellinger, marching in the homecoming parade. She is the daughter of Mike and Becky Ellinger.



Quilts were blessed on Sunday, October 1, to be taken to Family Promise. 2 Prayer Shawls and a Patriotic quilt was also blessed.



Congratulations to Jacinda and Jordan Fried on the birth of their daughter, Juniper Rhea, on October 21. She weighed 8lbs. 7 oz. and was 20.75 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brother, Jonathan. Grandparents are John and Joy Fletcher. Cards may reach the Fried family at 2700 Kimberly Dr., Lima, OH 45807.

The People of St. Paul's

Thank You

Dear St. Paul's family, Perhaps you sent a card or shared some beautiful words on my Facebook posting or prayed for our family, or even made a donation in memory of my mom - please know how much I and all my family appreciated your thoughtfulness. My mom knew how much our Church family meant to us and she enjoyed the few visits she had at our church. I love her and miss her, but her many memories sustain me. I know she is now at peace and has joined her many family members in God's eternal home.

*Love,
Kathy, Marty, and AJ*

P. S. - We miss our church family!



Remember in Prayer

<u>Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital</u>	Ruth Hardy
<u>Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement</u>	Ruth Hardy
<u>In the Military & Missions</u>	Nathan Stewart



With Heartfelt Sympathy

Our sympathy to Gene and Linda Craft on the passing of Gene's brother, Raymond, on October 23. Cards may be sent to 5038 Pheasant St., Elida, OH 45807

Our condolences to Shirley and Tony Shoup on the passing of Shirley's mother, Mary Werts, on October 23. Cards may reach them at 8005 Jones Rd., South Vienna, OH 45369

Our Biblical Purpose Statement:
Elida St. Paul's United Methodist Church exists as God's people embracing His grace through humble service to all.

St. Paul's Vision Statement:
Is for the Elida community to be led to Christ through words and deeds enabling youth to have purpose, families to be nurtured and supported, and senior citizens to feel valued.

Meetings

November 1, 2023
Worship Mtg.10:00 AM

November 6, 2023
PPR Meeting..7:00PM

November 7, 2023
Trustees...7:00 PM

**No Ad Council/
 Finance Mtg**

No Missions

**Sundays
 Hospitality..9:30 AM
 Worship...10:00 AM**

**Wednesdays
 Chancel Choir..7:00 PM**

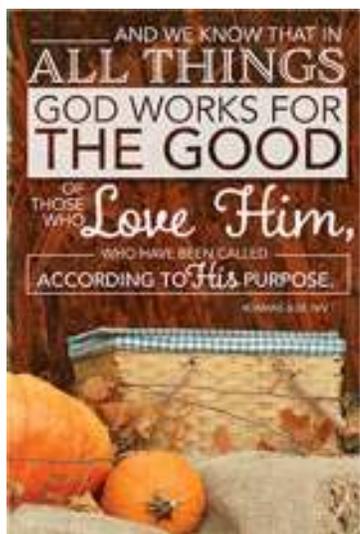
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Margie Best Cody Warris	2	3 Holly Cook Jacinda Fried	4
5	6	7	8	9 Jonathan Cook Joshua Guess	10 Kylee Loose	11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy
12 Logan House	13	14	15	16	17	18 Dennis Bowsher
19 Audrey Cook Gary Grigg	20 Brinley Edwards Brody Edwards Marty White	21	22 Christie Lewis Tony Lozano Samantha Whetstone	23 Piper Kinney Jennifer Loose Tony Shoup	24	25
26	27 Terry Bok	28	29	30		

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

*Reggie & Stephanie
 McAdams
 November 7*



St. Paul's Featured Recipes

Baked Broccoli

By Linda Holman

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 stick	Oleo	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>Bring to boil water, onion, oleo, and celery; add broccoli and rice. Let come to a boil; remove and let stand for 5 minutes.</p> <p>Put mixture in buttered casserole dish and add soup on the top.</p> <p>Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top.</p> <p>Add bread crumbs. Bake for 45 minutes</p> 
1 Tbs.	Dry Onion	
1 1/2 cups	Water	
1/2 cup	Rice	
1/2 cup	Celery, diced	
1 can	Mushroom soup	
10 oz.	Broccoli, chopped	
8 oz.	Cheddar cheese, grated	
	Bread crumbs	

Apple Cider Donut Cake

By Deb Hurd

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Yellow cake mix	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>In large bowl, using a hand mixer on low combine cake mix, apple cider, apple sauce, eggs, and melted butter.</p> <p>Add brown sugar and vanilla and mix well.</p> <p>Grease and flour a 10 or 12 cup bundt cake pan and pour batter into prepared pan.</p> <p>Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.</p> <p>Remover from oven, let cool on cooling rack for 15 minutes, then turn the bundt pan over onto cooling rack or parchment paper.</p> <p>Topping: Mix together cinnamon and sugar. Brush melted butter over the cake and sprinkle cinnamon and sugar Mixture on top and sides of cake. (may need to use hands to press mixture into sides.)</p>
3/4 cup	Apple Cider	
1/2 cup	Apple sauce, sweetened	
3 large	Eggs	
2 Tbs.	Butter, melted	
1 Tbs.	Brown Sugar	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
TOPPING:		
1/4 cup	Butter, melted	
1/2 cup	Sugar	
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	

KIDZ KORNER



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

PUZZLE

THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _____



Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____



The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____



Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also



supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, breading, thankful, generous, harvest, increase, supply, sower, food, will, enlarge, the, of, your, righteousness, You, will, be, enriched, in, every, way, so, that, you, can, be, _____, on, every, occasion, and, through, us, your, generosity, will, result, in, _____, to, God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

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Living Our Faith

What's Your November?

For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought “the highest of highs and the lowest of lows.” He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he'd be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn's wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.

Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to “let the enemy have a claim over November” or “steal the many beautiful memories I once held” about it. Since then, his church's worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God's faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it's an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, “Your [deceased] loved one would not want your ‘November’ to haunt your memory forever.”

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal.

—Stephanie Martin