EAST 40 CHURCH OF CHRIST NOVEMBER 2026

~GETTING TO KNOW YOU~

"I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving."
PSALM 69:30 NIV

For God. For you.

Will's Words of Wisdom

Hi church,

Every Thanksgiving, families gather around the table to enjoy turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and all the other traditional side dishes that make the holiday so special. But there is one item on the Thanksgiving table that always seems to become a topic for debate: *the cranberry sauce*.

And more specifically, the cranberry sauce that comes out of a can. You know the one. The one that slides out of the can in one perfect cylinder, complete with the ridges from the metal container. No chopping. No stirring. No recipe needed. Just open the can, turn it upside down, and watch it slowly wobble its way onto a plate or bowl (can you tell I'm a fan?).

Well, to my surprise, the cranberry sauce debate has become more than just Thanksgiving tableside banter. According to a recent survey, 55% of Americans preferred canned cranberry sauce over homemade. Even more interesting, 59% of those serving the canned sauce said they cut it along the ridges left by the can (genius!). Apparently, this has become more than just food, it's an art!

But, of course, not everyone is a fan. While some prefer the homemade sauce, some people prefer to leave the cranberries off the table altogether (tragic!).

Nevertheless, that's ultimately what makes Thanksgiving so great! We all have our wants, our special traditions, our preferences, and our favorite side dishes. And after we prepare all our food, we gather around the table, share a meal together, and hopefully take time to be grateful.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1 NIV).

This beloved psalm doesn't tell us to give thanks only when the meal is delicious, the family gets along, life is going according to plan, or your preferred style of cranberry sauce is on the table. No, it points us toward something much deeper: the goodness of God and the eternal and enduring nature of His love for us.

This year, as we approach Thanksgiving, let's remember to be intentional. Let's slow down and recognize God's goodness. Let's enjoy the food. Laugh with family. And make sure we get the cranberry sauce exactly the way we like it! But let's not let this holiday be the *only* time we give thanks. Let's allow gratitude to become a natural part of the way we live every day, not just when the calendar tells us it's time.

Have a great November, and happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Will



Meet … Dixon Stratton

I was born and raised in Ashville, New York along with a brother and two sisters. I grew up spending a lot of time outdoors, working around my uncle's dairy farm, riding horses, four wheelers and snowmobiles, and deer hunting. I came to northeast Ohio for college in 2001, attended a Bible college for a year, then Kent State for a year before moving to Chandlersville and attending Zane State. I met my incredible wife, Misty, in 2001, and we married in 2003. I am beyond grateful that our paths crossed in November 2001. We adopted our two daughters, Payton and Seneca, in 2013. In our spare time Misty and I enjoy working out and doing obstacle course races. I also raise beef cattle as a hobby, as I enjoy being outdoors and being around animals. I like to watch football, I am a fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes and the New England Patriots. Without question, my favorite food is pizza! I love my job, where I manage a fleet of equipment and a great team of people who keep things running and moving. I enjoy being around equipment and really enjoy math and statistics, so I really feel blessed to get to do all those things on a daily basis. My favorite Bible stories are the Christmas story and Christ's resurrection. These two seasons of the year mean so much and I look forward to them each year. I currently serve as an elder at East 40 after serving as a deacon for the past few years. I am honored to be in this role and look forward to what God has for us here as we work for Him in our community and around the world.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
LUKE 2:8-14 NIV

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.
There you will see him.' Now I have told you."
MATTHEW 28:5-7 NIV

JEREMIAH 17:7 NIV

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him."

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name."

PSALM 100:4 NKJV

PSALMS
HARVEST & THANKFULNESS
Bible Matching Game

Look up the verse (NIV) and match it to a word.

1. PSALM 9:1	_____	A. THANKSGIVING
2. PSALM 31:6	_____	B. PILGRIMAGE
3. PSALM 34:3	_____	C. THANKS
4. PSALM 35:18	_____	D. REAP
5. PSALM 46:10	_____	E. FOOD
6. PSALM 67:6	_____	F. SEASONS
7. PSALM 80:12	_____	G. SALVATION
8. PSALM 84:5	_____	H. WONDERFUL
9. PSALM 92:2	_____	I. PASTURE
10. PSALM 95:1	_____	J. GRACIOUS
11. PSALM 100:3	_____	K. SHEAVES
12. PSALM 100:4	_____	L. WISDOM
13. PSALM 104:19	_____	M. MORNING
14. PSALM 104:24	_____	N. GRAPES
15. PSALM 111:1	_____	O. EXALT
16. PSALM 111:4	_____	P. YIELDS
17. PSALM 116:17	_____	Q. EXTOL
18. PSALM 126:5	_____	R. OFFERING
19. PSALM 126:6	_____	S. STILL
20. PSALM 136:25	_____	T. VINEYARD

" give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 NKJV

1H 2T 3O 4C 5S 6P 7N 8B 9M 10G 11I 12A 13F 14L 15Q 16J 17R 18D 19K 20E

KIDS

KELSEY HURSEY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
MATTHEW 19:14 NIV



Be watching for more information as the E40 Kids and Students plan and prepare to present a Christmas Program at the East 40 Candlelight Service to be held on Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM.
If you are interested in helping, or you have ideas:
Please see Kelsey!



Plan now to make the East 40 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service a part of your annual Christmas traditions.

E40 Kids can always use More Volunteers!



To Find Ways You Can Help, To Volunteer, or For More Information:

~ ~ CONTACT ~ ~

Kelsey

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STUDENT

INTAKE FORM - CONNECT WITH YOUTH GROUP

STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE

YOUTH

CORY KIGGANS
STUDENT/YOUTH LEADER

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
PROVERBS 22:6 NIV

E40 YOUTH EVENTS

- NOV 01 — Youth Group & Blanket Making
  05:00PM - 06:00PM BLANKET MAKING
  06:00 PM – 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP
- NOV 08 — Youth Group & Blanket Making
  05:00PM - 06:00PM BLANKET MAKING
  06:00 PM – 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP
- NOV 15 — Friendsgiving & Blanket Delivery
  04:00PM - 07:00PM
- NOV 22 — Youth Group
  06:00 PM – 07:30 PM
- NOV 29 — Youth Sunday
  0830AM SERVICE & 10:00AM SERVICE
  NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP

Cory Kiggans 740-630-8163
Youth Minister E40 Church of Christ

December 18 - 20

Holiday GIFT WRAPPING

E40 Church of Christ

Let E40 Students take gift wrapping off your Christmas to-do list this year!

The week before Christmas, our youth group will be offering Christmas gift wrapping at East 40! This is a donation-based service, with all contributions supporting our students to attend CIY 2027.

Donations are voluntary, and donors may indicate a student they would like their gift to support.

As you begin your Christmas shopping, keep us in mind and save those gifts for us to wrap! Just bring your own wrapping paper and any boxes or tissue paper needed.

More Information and Sign Ups coming in December.

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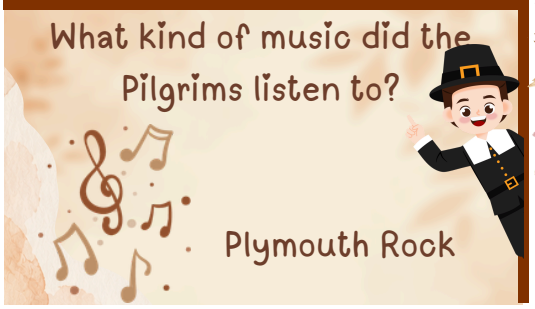
East 40 Church of Christ ~ 7522 East Pike ~ Norwich, OH 43767 ~ 740-872-3711

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

KAREN KIGGANS ~ 740-630-8163

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." COLOSSIANS 3:14 NIV





WORSHIP MINISTRY

WADE MCGEE ~MISTY STRATTON

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord ..." PSALM 95:1 NIV





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." PROVERBS 31:25 NIV



For more information on how you can get involved in the Women's Ministry:
Call or Text Valerie Smith: 740-624-2711

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." PSALM 150:6 NIV

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Adam Pattison
Adam Steer



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
PSALM 118:1 NIV



SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM ~ Traditional Worship Service
10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Worship Service, and Online
10:00 AM ~ Children's Morning Programming

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	2	3 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	4 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	5 Young Life 5:30-9PM	6 Worship Night 7:00 PM	7 Women ~Bibles & Breakfast~ at the Church~9:30 AM Men~Breakfast Place TBD~9:00 AM
8 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	9 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	10 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	11 VETERANS DAY Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	12 Young Life 5:30-9PM	13 Marriage Ministry TOP GOLF 7:00 PM Columbus	14
15 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	16 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	17 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	18 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	19 Young Life 5:30-9PM	20	21
22 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	23 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	24 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	25 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 BLACK FRIDAY Happy SHOPPING	28
29 YOUTH SUNDAY Leadership Meeting 12:00PM	30 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	2 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	3 Young Life 5:30-9PM	4	5 Women ~Bibles & Breakfast~ at the Church~9:30 AM Men~Breakfast Place TBD~9:00 AM
6 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	7 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	8 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	9 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	10 Young Life 5:30-9PM	11	12
13 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	14 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	15 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	16 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	17 Young Life 5:30-9PM	18	19
20 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	21 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM 22 Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange 4PM or 8PM	23 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 4:00 PM	25	26
27 Leadership Meeting 12:00PM	28 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	29 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	30 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	31 Happy New Year 2027		Merry Christmas

My family said I shouldn't tell Thanksgiving Jokes, but I couldn't quit cold turkey!

" I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . . "

PSALM 139:14 NIV

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Keith Hughes ..... November 1
Angie Larrick ..... November 1
Whitney Newomer ..... November 4
Matthew Bash ..... November 6
Wubit Larrick ..... November 6
Owen Beebe ..... November 7
Chloe Derry ..... November 9
Dean Fairchild ..... November 9
Leah Clapper ..... November 10
Heather Newman ..... November 10
Kaecyn Jones ..... November 11
Colson Landry ..... November 11
William Shade ..... November 11
Sadie Duffy ..... November 12
Marci Jones ..... November 12
Huck Hockenberry ..... November 13
Luke Derry ..... November 14
William Lake ..... November 14
Wade McGee ..... November 16
Trae Schafer ..... November 16
Mary Thorne ..... November 17
Denita Hursey ..... November 20
Tony Monlux ..... November 20
Delaini Mull ..... November 20
Jolene Hursey ..... November 21
Richard Newsom ..... November 22
Lydia Lake ..... November 23
Bob Newcomer ..... November 24
Katie Ufholz ..... November 25
Cassie Snyder ..... November 27
Krystal McFarland ..... November 28
Lacie Noland ..... November 28
James Deitrick ..... November 29
Jonathyn Abel ..... November 30
Bristyl Leachman ..... November 30

Kurt and Pam Ufholz
~ November 6, 1982 ~
Dave and Beth Duff
~ November 22, 2014 ~
Matt and Kourtney Allred
~ November 29, 2008 ~



" I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers. "

PHILEMON 1:4 NIV

(All birthdays and anniversaries are gathered from CCB. Please update your information to be included in the newsletter.)

Our Beliefs

We believe in the one true God;
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father, Creator of all things visible and invisible.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the eternal Word of God, and the on Savior. We believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus was fully human and fully divine; the Word made flesh. We believe that Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, but suffered and was crucified as a atonement for sin. We believe that Jesus rose again bodily from the dead on the third day, ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, and will one day return in victory to establish a new creation where He will rule forever.
We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit lives inside every Christian and helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us in prayer, convicts us of our sins, and empowers us to life a fruitful, Christian life.

We believe in the Bible; God's Word.

We believe that God inspired the original writings for Scripture and that those writings were without error.
We believe that the Bible is the final authority of all matters of faith, truth, morality, and Christian living.

We believe in the Gospel; the Good News of Salvation.

We believe that mankind willingly sinned against God and is therefore lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.
We believe that God was not satisfied with being separated from those created in His image, so He offers forgiveness for sins through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.
We believe that salvation is given when one puts their life under Christ's rule, repents of their sins, and confesses Christ, and that the Bible commands every believer in Christ to be baptized by immersion.
We believe that those who have received salvation are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel and to love and serve the world like Jesus did.

We believe in the Church; the Body of Christ.

We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ consists of all Christians everywhere and is organized into local assemblies, called churches.
We believe that the bible teaches that every Christian should be an active member of a local church.
We believe that the elders of the local church are the overseers of its affairs and the shepherds of its members; that they are the final interpretive authority of the Bible's meaning and application for the church; and that they are responsible for the oversight, instruction, edification, discipline, and restoration of church members.
We believe that all Christians belong to the body of Christ and are called to regularly meet for fellowship, worship, teaching, and the taking of the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christians are also called to use their natural abilities and spiritual gifts for the building up of one another as everyone promotes unity under the name of Jesus.

Our Mission

We believe that Jesus summed up everything we are supposed to do into two commandments (Matthew 22). Firstly, He says to Love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. So at East 40, we are For God. We are for His fame, for His agenda in the world, and for His will in our lives.
Secondly, Jesus says that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Then, He told us that everyone is our neighbor. So at East 40 we are For You. We are for people finding God, believing in Jesus, and then living the life they were designed to live as they become more like Jesus.
Simply put, at East 40, we are For God and For You!

For God. For You.

rightnow MEDIA

Get started immediately by visiting:
https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/east40church
Or by texting the code EAST40CHURCH to 49775
Or by scanning the QR code above.

East 40 Church of Christ

" The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you:
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." NUMBERS 6:24-26 NIV

Happy Thanksgiving

SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES

8:30AM Traditional
10AM Contemporary
10AM Online Stream
10AM Children Program

EVENING PROGRAMMING

6PM E40 Kids

Pre-K - 5th Grade
September-May

6PM Youth Group

6th Grade - 12th Grade

CONNECT CARD

Emergencies & Prayer Line
Text or Call 740-202-9690

Longterm Prayer Requests

- Church Leadership
- Missions
- School Leadership
- Governing bodies
- Our Military
- Worldwide situations
- Elderly
- Widows
- Caretakers
- Poor
- Sick
- Lonely and Sad
- Those suffering loss
- Those in pain
- Those who need Jesus

Wish List

Below are lists from a few programs that East 40 supports.
If you would like to help, you can purchase any of the items below.
Place them in a bag that is clearly marked for which program.
Place the bag in the tub that will be located near the office doors in the foyer.
If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please place in an envelope and clearly specify which program. Place the envelope in the OFFICE mail slot between the office doors in the foyer.

FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY LIST

Randy and Cora Ross

There are sign-up sheets in the foyer for the Food Pantry.

Items Needed By November 15th

Tomato Juice	20
Kidney Beans	15
Peanut Butter	20
Cereal	12
Spaghetti Sauce	13
Hot Dogs	25
Mac & Cheese	21
Saltine Crackers	25
Toilet Paper	13
Laundry Detergent	21
Turkey	20

Items Needed By December 13th

Hams	20



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Ashley Snider and Preschool Staff

Board Games Nerf Footballs

(*Things to keep the kids occupied while waiting for bus to arrive or parents to pick up.*)

MOUNTAIN MISSION

Beckie Monlux

200 Bottles of Water
200 Flavor Packets
5x9 Envelopes with Clasps
Tape Refills
Plain White Labels

Most importantly...Don't Forget to Adopt a Child



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

Russell and Krystal McFarland

Spanish Bibles
Spanish Bible coloring books
Little packets of crayons
Small squishy toys
Small rubber duckies

(*Mission Trip is in July ... We will collect until then.*)



You can pull this list off and take it with you shopping!

Thank you for all you do to support our programs at East 40!