



## From the Pastor's Desk...

NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Cup Church family and friends,

This Fall, we've been taking a journey through the book of Hebrews. The letter is a tremendous and challenging word of 'exhortation' that encourages us to place Jesus Christ in His rightful place – above everyone and everything else in life, and to remain faithful in the midst of difficulty and persecution. I have found preaching through this book to be a convicting, challenging, but ultimately uplifting experience. I hope you have been blessed in some of these ways as well, because 'God's word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword' (Heb. 4:12).

The writer of the book closes with a number of practical applications in chapter 13.

It begins 'let brotherly love continue' (13:1), and goes on to say, 'Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?'' (13:4-6)

The key phrase for us to consider is 'being content.' The writer connects sexual sin with money because both involve the same vice – greed. The antidote to greed is contentment, which involves trusting God with our present and future circumstances. It's more than simply gritting our teeth and deciding we can take care of ourselves: it's leaning on the everlasting arms of our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

Contentment is one of the most difficult virtues in modern America to cultivate. It's estimated that the average American now sees between 4,000 to 10,000 advertisements a day, each trying convince us that what we have is somehow insufficient. Marketers know that if you notice something, it can become a desire, which can become a hope, which can become a want, which becomes a 'need.'

What we really need, according to Hebrews, is faith in the crucified and risen Lord, for 'here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. . . do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.' (13:14-16)

Trust in God will result in generous hearts with our resources on earth, for we know that we will always be supplied with what we really need.

November is the time of year when we ask each of you to plan your financial giving to the work of Cup EPC. Your money provides the means to fund worship and mission here in Chippewa and around the world in dozens of life-changing ways. Yet it also provides the opportunity for an annual 'heart checkup' of your level of trust – and contentment – in God.

Happy Thanksgiving ! And may we give happily with thanks.

Cordially,

Pastor Scott

Pastor Scott will be out of the office  
at the World Outreach Forum in Orlando  
on November 14th & 15th

*Once again, I have been humbled  
and blessed by your many signs of  
thanks and gratitude for Pastor  
appreciation month, this time  
with the delicious and highly  
enjoyable pot-luck on October 30.  
In addition to the wonderful food,  
your kind cards, small gifts, and  
other expressions of appreciation  
brought joy to my heart, mind  
(and stomach!). In a tough and  
often cynical world, you are all  
truly a source of joy.  
It's an honor to be your pastor.*

*Much love,  
Scott*

The Newsletter is also  
available online at our  
website: [cupepc.org](http://cupepc.org)



### **IN NEED OF PRAYER?**

*Members of the prayer team are available in  
the library immediately following  
worship each Sunday.*

*Please join us in the library and let us  
pray with you. If you know of family  
members or others in the community  
who are in need of prayer, please  
encourage them to join us on Sundays.*

*Prayer request cards are now available  
in the blue pew pads.*

*If you have a written prayer request,  
please fill out the card and drop it in  
the offering plate or church office and  
we will pray for you.*

*If you are in need of prayer throughout the  
week:*

*Please call the church at 724-843-1594 to  
speak to the pastor, to have your prayer  
request put on our prayer chain, or to set up  
a more convenient time to pray together with  
the prayer team or one of our elders.*

*Please remember that all prayer requests  
will remain confidential!*

### **Weekly Meetings...**

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (Daniel)

Monday 6:15 pm **Alpha Dinner & Study**

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (November 9)

**Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group** 9:00am

Thursday 7:00pm **Grief Share**

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (November 17 @ Fairport / Rochester)

**Friday Night Small Groups** 6:00pm (@ The Hughes')

**Saturday Morning Men's Group** 7:30am @ Eat 'n Park



## BLUEGRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH ECHO VALLE DECEMBER 4TH AT 2:00PM



**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR FINTONIA, SIERRA LEONE  
CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT**

**\$5. Donation at the Door Plus Free Will Offering**



'Hanging of the Greens' has not been scheduled yet this year, but we are hoping new people will want to join the 'OLDER ELVES' in preparing the Church for the Holiday Season. Anyone who is interested can always call the Church Office about availability because we are willing to work with your schedule.

### NOVEMBER Calendar

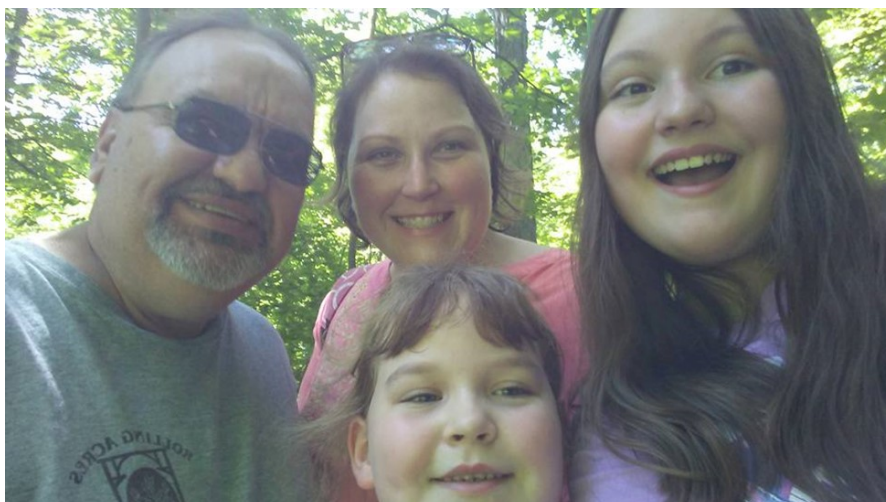
<b><u>NOVEMBER 1</u></b>	6:00pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
<b><u>NOVEMBER 5</u></b>	PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES AT TRINITY SEMINARY
<b><u>NOVEMBER 9</u></b>	1:00pm Game Day
<b><u>NOVEMBER 11/12</u></b>	6:30pm Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend begins with dinner at Camp Frederick
<b><u>NOVEMBER 17</u></b>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Fairport in Rochester
<b><u>NOVEMBER 18</u></b>	9:00am Church Revitalization Seminar with Lunch
<b><u>NOVEMBER 21</u></b>	7:00pm SESSION
<b><u>NOVEMBER 22</u></b>	7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship
<b><u>DECEMBER 4</u></b>	2:00pm Benefit Concert with Echo Valley
<b><u>Mondays</u></b>	1:00pm Bible Study (Daniel) 6:15-8:15pm Alpha Dinner & Study
<b><u>Wednesdays</u></b>	3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm (No 11/23)
<b><u>Thursdays</u></b>	9:00am Women's Small Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Grief Share
<b><u>Fridays</u></b>	7:00pm Small Fellowship Group @ Hughes'
<b><u>Saturdays</u></b>	7:30am Men's Group @ Eat 'n Park
<b><u>Sundays</u></b>	7:00pm Crosscurrent

### THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

**TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 22nd  
at 7:00pm**



*Lord, please help me to  
have the faith of a child  
so that I can live with  
expectation, always  
looking forward to what  
You will do next.*



Greetings CUP Family,

I am so very excited and honored to be your new Children and Youth Director. What an adventure awaits! God has been working on all of us and what a privilege it is to have your support and love as we begin our next chapter!

All of you know my family, however on the off chance you do not here is a bit about us. I am the wife of Martin (aka Marty) and we have been happily married for 14 years. We have two beautiful daughters Theresa (12) and Lillian (7). We joined the CUP Church family officially 3 1/2 years ago but have been involved with Shine and Bible studies for the past 8 years! Three years ago I took on the role as interim Shine Director and I felt God's call into Children and Youth ministry. Therefore I went back to school to learn and grow. My goal is to continue to always learn and grow daily! With this new journey ahead I feel God's hand in all I seek. My family and I are so excited and look forward to growth as we continue to serve hand and hand with you here at CUP Church.

Come visit us soon at the Manse once we are moved in or stop by my office at anytime. Thank you for your prayers and love!

Your sister in Christ,  
Joel Cunniff  
CUP Children and Youth Director



### **UPCOMING SHINE EVENTS**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH - DURING WORSHIP**

**3RD-5TH GRADE BUCKET BAND**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH - MUSICAL PREVIEW DURING WORSHIP**

**7:00pm SHINE MUSICAL 'SHEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE'**