

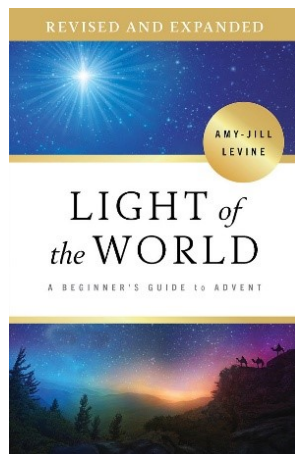


October 2026

Crestline, Ohio

So That They May All be One.

Pre-Advent Bible Study



The season is almost here. According to some people the shopping and preparations have already begun.

So we'll be joining the "early-birds" with an Advent Bible Study beginning October 21 at 5:30 pm. The study will conclude November 11, giving everyone lots of time to get the turkey ready for Thanksgiving.

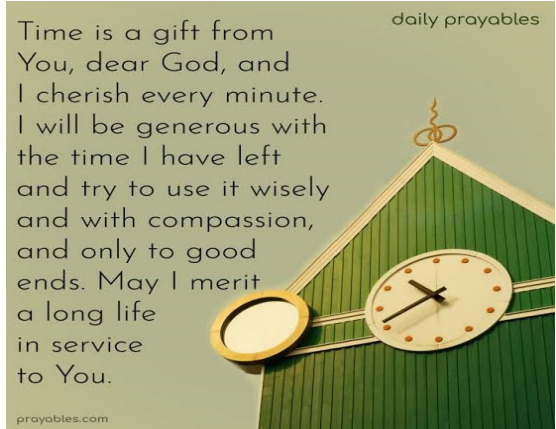
This study, written by Amy-Jill Levine traces the Christmas story from its Old Testament roots through the New Testament.

We will explore the connections between the Christmas story and Old Testament prophecy as well as the role of first century Jewish culture.

Everyone is invited to come and participate in this time of discussion and study.

Please contact Pastor Diane if you have any questions.

Happy Advent!



I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful "cupcake" birthday celebration. It was a surprise and the cupcakes were great. I truly appreciate the happy birthday wishes. I am grateful to you all. It is a pleasure to continue to serve our congregation.

Thanks again.

Pastor Diane



"Reflection on Autumn Days"

By Joyce Rupp

With the season of Autumn upon us, I want to share this guided meditation with you. It is written by Joyce Rupp. I hope you will find some time to just sit and think about what Joyce has created and perhaps find hope and peace during this season of change.

A new season is moving in. We can sense its presence in the coolness of the breeze and the quick gusts of wind that wrap themselves around browning lawns and fading forest leaves. This time of transition belongs to more than just the earth. Inside of us there are also quiet changes sending us their signals to let go.

Response: God of Autumn, your presence gives me hope.

Across the land truckloads of harvested fruits, vegetables and grains make their way to market. Gardens and fields give their gifts. Growers fill their baskets and wagons. Sometimes it is only when produce is gathered or grain is caught into wagons that the harvest is seen in its bounty. We, too, are meant to count our blessings even when the reaping at first looks sparse and lean.

Response: God of Autumn, your presence gives me hope.

We wake up to misty mornings full of dampness, covered by clouds that hang low. Wetness rests on what remains of summer's beauty and fog tries to hide the road before us. We walk once more into the mystery of life, recognizing that the inner journey also has its clouded, foggy pathways.

Response: God of Autumn, your presence gives me hope.

Color enriches autumn days with the last laughs of lovely marigolds and the visual flavors of rusted oaks and yellowed maples. A blessing called beauty kisses the sadness in their dying and makes the ache a tender thing. When our own pain is great we look for beauty and know its soothing respite.

Response: God of Autumn, your presence gives me hope.

Geese are going south, as are all flocks of birds whose hearts lean toward the sun. They are in tune with the inside timing. We need the same gift of inner sensing so that we can be aware of our leaning toward the divine and follow what is being called forth in the depths of ourselves.

We are autumn people. We are always called to be in the process of growing and changing. May our minds and hearts be open to this inner season which is a part of us. May we trust you, Autumn God, who calls us to grow. May we find hope as we enter willingly into the dying that is needed for our transformation.

May this season of autumn be for us a time of trust and hope in God's extravagant love, grace and compassion.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Diane

FLOWERS

A **Flower Calendar** is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up at least 2 weeks in advance, if possible, to allow time to notify the florist and the church office for the bulletin. You can contact Annette Smith or Lisa Gibson or fill out an envelope and leave it in the office.

The cost is now \$35.00.



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Happy Birthday!!

Lisa Gibson.....Oct. 8th

Jan Leiss.....Oct. 12th

Sandy Spencer.....Oct. 13th

Dave Strauch.....Oct. 25th

OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY
FELLOWSHIP
WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.
ANDREW MURRAY



Heart To Heart

Heart to Heart will be meeting at Steve's Dakota Grill in Ontario this month. We will meet there at 6:00 p.m. on October 20th. Please let Karen Kindinger know of your plans to attend.



A Prayer for the Nation

2 Chronicles 7:14 calls people to humble themselves and pray for healing over their land. Lord, bring healing and unity to this nation. Soften hardened hearts and restore hope where it has been lost. **Amen**



Choir

Choir practice has begun! Anyone is welcome to join the choir. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10	5	6	7 Choir 7	8	9	10
11 Worship 10	12 Columbus/ Indigenous People Day	13 Heart to Heart 6:00	14 Choir 7	15	16 Nat'l Boss's Day	17
18 Worship 10	19	20 Heart to Heart 6:00	21 Choir 7 Bible Study	22	22	24
25 Worship 10	26	27	28 Choir 7 Bible Study	29	30	31 Halloween 

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