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55 PLUS GROUP --- SAGE = SPIRITUAL AGE

Prayer is the reliance on God that He will raise us to grow through obstacles.

“Happy Thanksgiving” and a warm “hello” to everyone. Thirty- seven members and guests attended the November luncheon meeting with John Lichoff leading us in prayer and our own, Wayne Allen, reciting one of his many poems --- this one about squirrels.

Twenty were in attendance for our Parkertown “lunch -only” on October 15th. Unfortunately mother nature once again stopped us for our outing to LaGrange Metro Parks and Michelle’s Café.

DID YOU KNOW??... Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning coming or arrival) is a season of the Christian Church --- the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. In the 5th century, Advent began on November 11th (St. Martin’s Day) and took the form of a six week fast leading to Christmas. During the 6th century Advent was reduced to its current length and later the fasting was dropped.

We will be having our annual holiday prayer service on Wednesday, November 12th at 10:30 A. M. at St. Mary Church. This service will consist of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary along with prayers for peace, Advent, and thanksgiving, and Benediction of the Divine Praises. All are welcome to this spiritual beginning of the holidays ahead. Bring a friend.

Sunday, December 7th will be our Christmas outing with Cahal Dunne who is returning to Norwalk for one performance only sponsored by the Senior Center. Cahal is an Irish entertainer, singer, and songwriter who lends a humorous side to his work. He’ll be appearing at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center at Norwalk High at 2:00 P.M.. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door. We will be meeting in the lobby at 1:30 P. M..

AUTUMN.... The year’s last, loveliest smile..... William Cullen Bryant

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 11th ... Veterans Day

November 15th and 16th ... St. Mary dinner show

November 27th ... Thanksgiving Day

December 10th ... Sawmill lights before Christmas and dinner at Berardi's in Huron. More details in December newsletter.

December 3rd ... SPECIAL MENTION: Our annual planning meeting for the year 2009. This will be at 10:30 A.M. at St. Anthony Hall before the regular December meeting and Christmas get-together. All are welcome. These are your outings so come and help us plan for another year of fun and activities.

Our December luncheon-meeting will be Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:30 A.M.. This is our pot luck luncheon at St. Anthony's hall in Milan. Everyone is asked to bring a dish of their choice. Ham, baked by Carol Cooper, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We are planning to have entertainment by the Milan Elementary School Chorus and there will be door prizes given. The food is delicious and the company delightful so come join us for an afternoon of fun and good eats. Happy Thanksgiving and blessed holidays ahead.

JMJ

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving;
sing praise upon the harp unto our God;
who covereth the heaven with clouds,
who prepareth rain for the earth,
who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

Psalm 147: 7 - 8