



*Wednesday 4 November 2020*

## Reflection on the Election

by Pastor Mark

As I write this, the vote count continues and we have yet to know the outcomes of several important races, including the one for president. For now, we need to exercise that most challenging of fruits of the Spirit: patience.

Until all the results are tabulated, I have little to add to the conversation except one observation: Even after four tumultuous years of the infinitely unprecedented Trump administration and eight months of the Coronavirus pandemic, so little among the American electorate has changed. It looks and feels like 2016. The blue states and red states retained their colors. The same key states, including ours, will decide the presidential election by a narrow margin. What this implies is that our

nation's ideological and political differences have become so deeply entrenched that even the monumental crisis of the pandemic fails to move people's positions. Moreover, there is a lot of hurt and hate that has been nurtured by a variety of powerful forces in politics and media.

Regardless of the final outcome of the 2020 election, our nation will need healing. As Christ-followers, we know the greatest source of healing (God) and we have our calling to not only pray that healing for our nation and its leaders, but to do whatever we can, whenever we can, and wherever we can to help make things better. The election may be not yet be over but the healing can and should begin.

## Conversations About Racial Justice Continue

(Adult Sunday School class)

Our conversations about racial justice guided by the book **Be the Bridge** by **Letasha Morrison** continue.

This interesting and thought-provoking gathering meets **following worship** each Sunday in the **Fellowship Hall**. If you have been coming, then come back. If you haven't attended yet, jump in anytime.

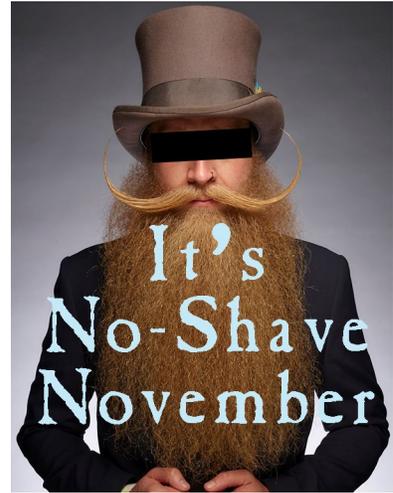
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## Collection this Sunday for the Tecumseh Service Club

### 👉 Toilet Paper 👈

Bring it, lots of it, to worship this Sunday where we'll bless it and send it where it needs to be. Thank you!

If you've been to worship and there's someone you notice by their absence, give them a phone call. Let them know they aren't alone.



## Thanksgiving Worship - Tuesday, November 24, 7:00pm

This year, given all the stressors we've been dealing with we need the reality-check of itemizing our blessings. We'll do that a few days prior to Thanksgiving Day. Come—it will be a healing and helping moment.

# Christmas!

## Decorating the Church

Things will be a little different this year. Due to the pandemic and the need to give each other a little safe distance, **we are not putting up the large Christmas tree.**

Instead – **Let's "grow" a small Christmas tree forest!**

We're looking for small, decorative Christmas trees that we can place in the Sanctuary. If you can help, please let the office (517-423-2523, [email](#)), or Pastor Mark know ([email](#)).

## Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia with which to decorate the Sanctuary and honor a loved one. Order forms will be available soon (we are just now contacting the florist for availability, pricing, and last date to order).

## Christ Eve Music

With the COVID-19 cases on the rise, we will not be singing this year – no choir, no carols. But we will have music!

Bring your musical talent to Christmas Eve. We are hoping to have a variety of music including:

- Wilnella's organ and/or piano
- Solo singing
- Instrumental duets (maybe a trio)
- Voice, flute, t-bone, piano, oboe, tenor sax, accordion, trumpet, tuba, cello, spoons . . . or whatever.