



IN THE KITCHEN, Jim Koger (above) washed dishes and turkey supper last Wednesday. Mr. Koger was one of the volunteer crew helping in the kitchen during the meal.



JOYCE HARTZOG (above) answered the phone during the church's dinner. Gladys Geis (right, upper photo) cut pieces of cake while Eloise Smith (right, below) checked on a roaster.

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Church serves dinner for annual celebration

Dish upon dish upon dish were washed, dried and put back in the pile to be filed again last Wednesday night at the Oberlin Covenant Church's harvest celebration and turkey supper.

Pastor Chris Nelson said they had over 200 people for the dinner, a tradition he characterized "as a team effort."

Members roasted turkeys and made gravy, dressing and salads. Gary Anderson and his kitchen at the LandMark, said Pastor Nelson, are a big part of making all of this happen as well.

The annual dinner, he said, is a fund raiser for the church, but it's turned into something that the whole town looks forward to every October. Pastor Nelson said he hears from people beforehand who are looking forward to the turkey dinner as well as the trimmings.

Besides cooking all the food, said Pastor Nelson, the members man the kitchen at the church, washing dishes and trays during the dinner. They keep the food hot and help cut up desserts.

They also help serve drinks and make sure there are enough places for everyone to sit.

The dinner is served for an offering, he said. This year, they counted close to \$3,000 in the basket. Pastor Nelson said he's not sure yet what expenses will be taken out of that.

The money is put in the church's general fund and goes in a lot of different directions, he said.

"The dinner has been a neat experience for us," said Pastor Nelson. "Everyone is always tired afterwards, but always ready to pull together and do it again the following year."

