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NOVEMBER 2024

TIMELY NOTES

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NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am

WORSHIP 10:30 am

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 3 - Remembrance Service (See Page 3)

Nov. 10 - Fellowship Gathering at Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton, Ohio at 12:45 - 4:00 pm (See Page 4)

Nov. 17 - Congregational Meeting at 11:45 am followed by Harvest Luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Committee who will bring hot dogs, bread, crackers, drinks, cookies. Please bring your favorite crock of soup to share!

**Nov. 25 - All Church Community Thanksgiving Service at Milton Presbyterian Church
6:30 pm - Choir Practice for Service
7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Service**

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COMMUNITY DINNER

We would like to thank Anna Fink and her guest for speaking at the September’s community dinner about Wayne County Children’s Services.

Anna spoke about the need and requirements to become a foster parent. Her guest has been a foster parent and



Anna Fink

shared her experiences. We appreciate them taking the time to reach to others about the program. Thank you Bill and helpers for the stir-fry chicken!

Our final 2024 meal in October was prepared by the Boy Scouts Troop 405 on Monday, October 28th. Josh Nolan from Boys & Girls Club was our speaker. Thank you so much to both!



Rejoice in the LORD Always. I will say it again - rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident towards all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:4-6

I had already listened to the bad news in real time, and it hit me hard. It shouldn't have, really. After all, it was all meant to be entertaining - and it was, but it was still hard to take. It just so happened that the good guys were on the wrong side of it now, and our once invincible pitcher gave up another home run to Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees. Then, on the next pitch it seemed, Giancarlo Stanton homered again, bringing the Yankees ahead in game 3 of the American League Championship Series. My spirits were low, but there was life to take care of in the house, and I didn't want to be tempted to listen to Tom Hamilton's voice while ignoring the voices of real people next to me.

So I turned off the game and helped the kids upstairs. Andrea got them ready for bed, and remembering that I hadn't yet written in my prayer Journal, I went down to my home office to pray. As always when writing in the prayer journal, I began recording what I was grateful for. There is a reason why the apostle Paul writes *that in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God*. Giving thanks is *crucially* important to recognizing how many blessings we do have in life which we may take for granted: health, wealth, food, people, purpose, or the multitude of small prayers that God answers every day. It is easy to accept them as life, but we must remember that our sustenance and blessings all come from God.

So I wrote what I was thankful for, but even as I did this, it was hard not to check the score of the game, hopeful for a late inning rally. I looked at my phone and saw that it was still 5-3 Yankees, and there were two outs in the bottom of the ninth. As far as the ballgame went, I was resigned to defeat. My heart was irrationally heavy, and when I got to my petitions - those prayers that I lift up for my own soul and character to be shaped by God, I prayed for God to lift my heart and spirit. Honestly I was also guilty about feeling so down about a baseball game - something that doesn't matter a lick in the long run - but the fun of sports is that there is a chance to it, so the disappointment is real. As I finished the prayer, I checked the score again, and it was tied. While I was away, Jhonkensey Noel, AKA 'Big Christmas', hit a massive 2-run homer to tie the game. So I turned the radio back on to listen to the rest of the game.

Only one inning later, with all the momentum on our side, David Fry hit a home run to win the game. It was exhilarating - and a fascinating answer to prayer. Make no mistake, I do not believe the almighty cares about who wins a baseball game. I *do* believe that God cares deeply about how we witness to God's power and glory over our own - and that is what I saw in this moment of overtly answered prayer. So I finished writing my prayers requesting things that have more eternal consequence mattering far more than a feeling that lasts hours to days, and then continued to listen to the postgame show. As David Fry was interviewed, he said that at the moment he hit the home run, *'I was just like, I just told God, like hey, man, take this. It's a tough matchup, just try to have fun.'* If I thought that my prayer habits may trend towards the informal, even I don't go as far as to call upon God by saying 'hey, man' - but somehow for Mr. Fry it worked, and I can understand how when staring down a 98mph fastball there isn't time for any formal address. *God, take this ... and just try to have fun.* Wise words, in fact - and a very sincere take on the Apostle's petition from behind prison bars to 'rejoice in the Lord always', knowing that there will be highs and lows to life. That is probably why the command was repeated!

There was some strange peace after that game. It was *fun* to watch the rest of the series, and while the next two games were close, and good, there was also a sort of fatalistic sense that there was no way this fortune could last. It didn't - and it didn't really matter anymore. I was not despondent or downtrodden like I was that night with my prayer journal. My heart was at peace, because I saw God's glory above everything else, and I remembered once again the Apostle's words that mattered far more when we are faced with losses that aren't experienced in a game. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything. With prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. So during this season, as the weight of responsibilities and hosting and the anxieties that can come from family and relationships and loved ones who have been lost, let God take this - and try to have fun. Rejoice in the Lord! And soon enough, we will find that this rejoicing doesn't just mean celebration - although it can. It encompasses far more than mere jubilation. It is a resounding peace that puts the good things that are right in front of us into full perspective, which is but a dim projection of the great and glorious, victorious reunion that God has planned from the start. -Rev. Alex Barnes

If you wish to contact Pastor Alex please give him a call, email or text. If unable to reach him at the office, please call him at cell phone number 404-447-0273.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE November 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Please join us as we remember those lost in the last year.



Mike Labo
January 17, 2024



Rick Shreve
January 31, 2024



Dr. Bobby Bowden
March 24, 2024



Elsie Richards
June 16, 2024



Debbie Russell
August 25, 2024



Erik Kinch
August 27, 2024



Donna Wachtel
October 1, 2024



Linda Melenbacker
October 21, 2024

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

When you're out shopping, keep in mind Operation Christmas Child. The church will be filling boxes again. If you don't care to fill a whole box, you can bring the items to church and they will be combined with other things. Any questions, contact Cindy Mann at the church (330) 925-2651 or her cell phone (330) 835-8913. National collection week is November 18 through 25 so our last day to collect at Milton will be November 17th.

I would like to dedicate this year's drive to Anita Vohar. Anita would love to be doing this herself but has been too ill. Count your blessings that you can help!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



I don't know why I constantly fret over keeping stock in the pantry since there seems to be several other people also that help with items. It would be great though, if all of you reading this could bring at least one item per week for the pantry. It would make a huge difference. -Cindy

ITEMS are always needed for the pantry. Staples are needed. Usage has been very high! Currently personal items are needed as are pasta or noodles, instant potatoes, cereal, pasta sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned meat, quick foods like canned stew, and personal hygiene items (especially shampoo and bar soap, and feminine hygiene products.)

VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION



On Sunday, November 10th, the Milton Presbyterian Church is having a special Veteran's Day coffee hour. Instead of having it after worship, please join us between 12:45 pm and 4:00 p.m. at the Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park in Clinton. The Hospitality Group is having light refreshments as we spend time remembering our service members. There is a lovely building that is used for gatherings that has heat or air conditioning, restrooms, kitchenette, etc. where our members will congregate. The grounds include memorials and walking paths dedicated to our nation's servicemen. Please join us. We will carpool from the church at 12:15 p.m. (after you go have lunch). If you want to drive separately, the address is 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Road. For more information on the park go to: www.ovmp.org



Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. The focus has been on 1 John through 3 John.

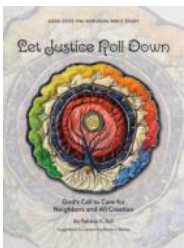
Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet and discuss the book of Isaiah. It meets at 12:30 p.m.

Jr. Church is looking for adult helpers. See Cindy Mann or Vickie Schumacher.

MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



MPW Circle meets on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in coming to the meeting, please let Kim Hart know. Her telephone number is 330-612-3302.



The Presbyterian Women Study Book is *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull. This month is Chapter 3.

For more information on the study go to: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/justice/>

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support!

Summary of Sept. Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of Sept.	\$ 10,312
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 12,712
Expenses from Sept.	<u>\$ 11,263</u>
Sept. Net Income/Expense	<u>\$ 1,449</u>
2024 Net Income/Expense	\$ -1,968
Transferred In from svgs.	\$ 2,700

Sept. 2024 Boiler Donations: \$270

Total donations to date: \$ 50,725

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 14,636

Sept. 2024 Roof Donations: \$50

Total donations to date: \$ 3,250

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 32,500

Thank you for all your donations!

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The next **Youth JAM** will be on **Sunday, December 1st** at Congress Community Church at 6:30 p.m.

The group is made up of Jr. and Sr. high school students. They meet quarterly throughout the year. The youth are encouraged to bring their friends!

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TIMELY NOTES**Our Mission Statement:**

Believing in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, the Milton Presbyterian Church, as the Body of Christ, will carry out the ministry of Jesus within the congregation, within our community, and to the world.

To accomplish this mission we will:

***Experience God's presence through worship, prayer, Bible study, the sacraments, fellowship, and service;**

***Demonstrate our Savior's compassion through our daily lives to those in need;**

***Give our time, our talents, and our material possessions to serve and glorify God .**

***Share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed to all the world.**

Moved by the Holy Spirit, our mission as a congregation of forgiven and loved disciples will be carried out in the Name of Christ.

CORRECTION TO NEW ADDRESS:

**REV. JIM AND JOAN WATT HAVE
MOVED. THE ECHELON, APT 2742
629 HUNTINGTON ST.
MEDINA, OH 44256**



Our thoughts and prayers go out to several families in the Milton Presbyterian Church group.

On October 1st, Donna Wachtel passed away. She was mother to Beth (Jim) Lance, Laura (Todd) Lamb, John (Judy) Wachtel and Dale (Kim) Wachtel .

Jeff and Christie Yoho's mother, Mary Yoho, passed away on October 10th.

Linda Melenbacker passed away on October 21st. She is mourned by brother Bill (Janet) Melenbacker, sisters Anne (David) Steck, Katherine Broucek and Mary Hejduk.

****Please remember our church family members who are in our local area nursing homes:***

Dorothy Johnson, Ron Steele - Apostolic Christian Homes, (10680 Steiner Rd., Rittman, OH)

Sally Barnes - Village of St. Edwards, (880 Main St., Wadsworth, OH 44281)


Judy Twinem - Heritage Crossing Assisted Living (251 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Montrose, OH 44333)

Jim Davis - Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab (275 E. Sunset Ave., Rittman, OH 44270)

Brenda Arnett, Shawn Aronhalt, Dawn Bauman, Leigh Ann Berkley, Jen Bishop, Jonathan Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Levi Buxman, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Drew Crawford, Stanley Crawford, Michael Crawford, Lesa Crawford, Megan Crawford, Jamie Culler, Jim Davis, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Darla Fletcher, Maria Fortner, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Robert Gardner, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Todd Hardgrove, Reed Heggie, Dwayne Hopton, Madi Jackson, Lori Johnson, Debbie Keel, Todd Kinch, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Abbey Lentine, Chad Lightner, Lisa Lipscond, Bill Loebick, Bob Ludolph, Lauren Mackie, Laurel Mader, Helen Mann, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, Lois Middleton, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, Corey Mullinax, Frances & Joyce Nichols, Dale Owen, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Linda and Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Roger Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, Toby Rinaldo, *Jim Roberts*, Karl Rohrer, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Jay Russell, Linda Rutter, Sheryl Saunders, Vickie Schumacher, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Sarah Shreve, Lavonne Silva, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Todd Stephan, Rev. Chris Stewart, John Swarzentrubler, *Kelly and Holly Thomas*, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Anita Vohar, Don Vohar, Alice Widmer, Amy Wilson, Sue Wilson, Bobby Wolf



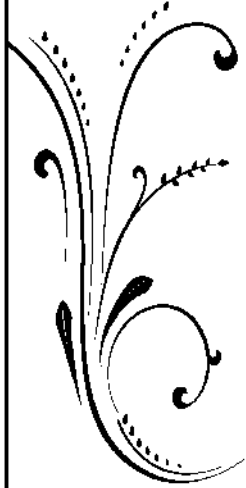
**Italicized are recent additions.*



Just for KIDS

Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS."
 GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.

	14 - 7 = ____ Father	10 + 15 = ____ in
	10 + 9 = ____ heavenly	6 - 3 = ____ to
	10 + 5 = ____ blessed	12 - 6 = ____ and
	2 - 1 = ____ Praise	6 + 6 = ____ Christ
	7 + 7 = ____ has	18 - 9 = ____ our
	11 + 11 = ____ every	22 - 11 = ____ Jesus
	12 + 12 = ____ blessing	1 + 1 = ____ be
	10 + 10 = ____ realms	7 + 6 = ____ who
	13 + 13 = ____ Christ	2 + 2 = ____ the
	8 + 8 = ____ us	10 - 5 = ____ God
	8 + 9 = ____ in	4 + 4 = ____ of
	5 + 5 = ____ Lord	9 + 9 = ____ the
	10 + 11 = ____ with	10 + 13 = ____ spiritual

_____ " _____

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

_____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____

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_____ 23 _____ 24 _____ 25 _____ 26 _____

EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Holiday Candle

On Thanksgiving, we share a special meal with family and friends. Make this holiday candle as a festive centerpiece for your table.

What you need:

- Paper towel
- One 8-oz. clear plastic cup
- Petroleum jelly (Vaseline)
- Paper or plastic disposable bowl
- About 8 oz. of a variety of dried beans, peas, corn, etc.
- Bottle of white glue
- Plastic spoon
- An 8- to 10-inch taper or dinner candle
- Adult to help



What you do:

1. Using the paper towel, rub a generous amount of petroleum jelly on the inside of the cup (bottom and sides).
2. In a bowl, pour the dried-bean mixture.
3. Squeeze enough glue into the bean mixture to generously coat it. Stir the mixture with the spoon.
4. Spoon about half of the bean mixture into the greased cup. Then place the candle, with any plastic wrapping removed, into the center of the mixture. Next, fill the cup with the rest of the mixture. Smooth the top to make it flat, making sure the candle stays straight.
5. Squeeze extra glue around the hole made by the candle. Let the bean mixture dry completely, which could take a day or longer.
6. When the bean mixture is dry, gently pull the candle. Both the candle and beans should come out as one. (If they don't, pour more glue and wait another day.)
7. Place your candle on a small plate for a festive Thanksgiving centerpiece.



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katie Killough
- 1 Bill Melenbacker
- 4 Michelle Farlow
- 6 Emma Pyle
- 7 Mary Adams
- 7 Karen Kinch
- 8 Lori Rue
- 10 Landon Farron
- 16 Todd Shreve
- 19 Caleb Wilson
- 21 Katherine Hart
- 26 John Saunders
- 27 Bill Robertson
- 28 Kim Adams

MEETING DATES

- Worship & Music - Mon., Nov. 4 at 10:00 a.m.
- Building & Grounds - Thurs., Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Session Meeting - Wed., Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- MPW Circle - Thurs., Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- Congregational Stated Meeting - Sun., Nov. 17 at 11:45 a.m.
- Hospitality Team - TBD

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Nov. 24th - Bill and Linda Crawford,
and Donna Robertson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Chris & Robin Goodman - 16 yrs.
- 16 Kyle & Destinee Fetter - 10 yrs.
- 30 Hal & Nancy Leach - 55 yrs.

JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

- 3 Andrea Barnes & Lindsey Millan
- 10 Tammy Wilson
- 17 Angel Mackey
- 24 Renee Busic

FLOWER SCHEDULE

- 3 Sheri & Mark Wachtel
- 10 Cindy & Ken Mann
- 17 Donna & Bill Robertson
- 24 Kim & Ron Hart

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

- 3 Marilyn Dlesk
- 10 Donna Robertson
- 17 Lindsey Millan
- 24 Cindy Vaughn

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- 3 Karen Kinch & Tammy Wilson
- 10 Bill & Linda Crawford
- 17 Harvest Soup Luncheon
- 24 Kim Hart



November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 MVO Leadership Trg. In Coshocton
3 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Remembrance Service	4 10:00 am Worship & Music Comm. (Library)	5 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	6 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 7:00 pm Pack Leaders (Parlor)	7 6:30 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library)	8	9
10 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Leave for Ohio Veterans Memorial in Clinton for Veterans Day Coffee Hour	11 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	12 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	13 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day at Laudromat 6:30 Session (Library)	14 7:00 pm MPW Circle (Parlor)	15 HeadStart Classes Today	16
17 9:15am Sunday Sch. 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Congregational Meeting and Harvest Soup Lunch (Fel. Hall)	18	19 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	20 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)	21	22	23
24 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion) 	25 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting (Fel. H.) 6:30 Choir Practice for 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service 	26 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	27 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	28 	29	30

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