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# NOVEMBER 2023

## TIMELY NOTES



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Church  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** starts at *9:15 am*

**WORSHIP** time is *10:30 am*



Daylight Savings  
Time Ends on  
Sunday, November 5th

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**SUNDAY, NOV. 5**

**Service of Remembrance**

**Celebrating departed members and family.**

**DEACONS' SOUP**

**LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5**



Doesn't a hot bowl of soup on a fall day sound good? That's great since the Deacons are inviting the congregation to share crocks of soup with each other Sunday, November 5th after worship. And better yet, you get to visit your church family!

Deacons will provide bread, crackers, salad, bowls, plates, drinks, and dinner ware. Please bring your

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUN. NOV. 19TH 11:45 AM**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th after services at 11:45 a.m. The purpose is to discuss and set the 2024 budget and officers. Anyone interested in becoming a Deacon or Elder may contact Pastor Alex.

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Rittman Methodist Church. There will be a Community Choir practice before the service at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to be part of the choir.

### **COMMUNITY MEAL**



The last community meal of the year at Milton Church was held on Monday, October 30th. Kristen Buchs, the new pastor for Rittman's Methodist Church, spoke about her faith journey. The Boy Scouts supplied a big pot of chili but also sponsored a chili cook-off. First place winner was Jordan Breece, second place was



Bill Crawford, and third place was Matt Butler. Congratulations to the winners.

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*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1*

For thousands of years on the first day of November, the church has celebrated the great figures of church history with a feast known as all saints day. It was an opportunity to recognize and follow the example of their dedicated faith in carrying on the message of Christ Jesus. Before the reformation began in earnest on the eve of All Saints Day in 1517, the saints were important martyrs or leaders or apostles who were ‘canonized’ by the pope with the authority of the Catholic church.

After the Reformation, Protestants had a very different approach to saints, tending to regard all Christian believers as “saints.” Today, all saints day is a time we commemorate family members, church members and friends who have died. Our faith teaches that when we worship we join with all Christians past, present and future as we worship, known as the Communion of the Saints.

Today, this remembrance of those family members who have passed is still a living part of our tradition. We host our own worship service to remember those ‘saints’ among us who have passed on the first Sunday in November. As I prepare for this year’s service, I found that it is only fitting that Deloris Rohrer fell asleep in the Lord just a few weeks before this celebration. Her love of God, of people, and the Church certainly qualifies her as a Saint in her own way – as an example of faithful dedication, purity of heart, and sincerity of belief.

I am not sure the Apostle Paul would have considered himself a ‘Saint’, especially considering his previous persecution of Christians. Yet he knew that he was a man who was covered by God’s grace, and guided by God’s Holy Spirit he founded many churches all over the ancient world. Inspired by this same Spirit, he would write them encouraging letters – epistles of instruction that would later make up much of our New Testament.

As the Apostle wrote to the church in Corinth, he was concerned about the divisions among them, especially when it came to traditions that different believers shared and different teaching they were being exposed to. In deciding whether it was OK to eat or drink certain things that might be frowned upon by others, he specifically urged them to look to his own life as an example when he wrote that “whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God– even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1)

Often, as we look to the teachings of Christ and hear from people, trying to please everyone in every way is not seen as a virtue at all. It is seen as a weakness, leading people to be fickle and accepted at all costs. Yet when Paul teaches us these things, he is actually trying to please everyone in every way not so he would feel accepted, but so they could see and accept the grace of Christ’s salvation with a sincere faith.

That is why the Apostle would find himself able to speak to so many different cultures – because he knew that God had given him the freedom to do so. In this, he was clearly following the example of Christ, and he urged others to follow his own examples because they knew him in the flesh.

As we celebrate and honor those among us who were beautiful examples of Christ Jesus, we have been privileged to know them in the flesh. In their lives, we have been able to witness God’s living word put into practice in all of its creative power. Now we too are called to be Holy examples, seeking to please others so they may hear while retaining the holiness and purity of heart which God desires from us, set forth in the person of his only Son Christ Jesus our Lord. We have confidence in this because he has conquered death, and so we have faith that those examples who have gone before us will taste this very same victory with us too so long as we remain faithful in all that we do.

-Alex

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**NEW ADDRESS:**

Anita Vohar has moved to an assisted living facility. Her new address is:

Anita Vohar  
 Rocky River Assisted Living  
 22900 Center Ridge Rd.  
 Rocky River, OH 44116

**SONNENBERG STATION CONCERT SCHEDULE**

Sat., Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church-Millersburg  
 Sat., Dec. 2nd, 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church-Wooster  
 Sat., Dec. 9th, 3 p.m. St. Peter's UCC-Apple Creek  
 Sat., Dec. 9th, 7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Massillon  
 Sun., Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church-Orrville

*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.*

**HERITAGE MEAL OCTOBER 1ST**

We were blessed with great weather for our outdoor service and picnic.



Thank you Deacons for organizing our meal and communion service.



**TAI CHI** - Due to lack of participation, Tai Chi classes are cancelled until further notice. Thank you Lori and Dave for bringing this program to our church.

Thank you Jacqueline Flaker (director for Rittman Academy) for speaking to our Community Meal on September 25th. We appreciate you taking your time to spread the news about this great educational opportunity for our high school students.



**Operation Christmas Child**



Operation Christmas Child boxes are available to be picked up and filled. This is a good time of the year to buy school supplies, toys, and shoes on sale. Whether you want to buy miscellaneous items or fill a box, your help is appreciated. Lists of suggested items are available.

Please see Cindy for more information. Bring your purchases anytime. Items and boxes will be collected at church until November 12th. Local collection days are from November 12th - 19th.

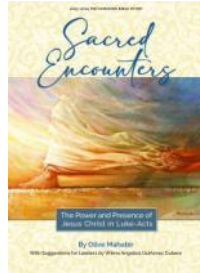
**LASAGNA MEALS TO GO**

Thank you everyone who helped or bought lasagna. We made \$900 for MPW mission work.



### MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MPW Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Circle is using the Horizons study “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts” by Olive Mahabir. This month’s chapter is number 3 “A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ”. This has been a great parallel study to our current “Who Is Jesus?” theme. All are welcome!



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support!

#### Summary of September Revenue & Expenses

#### Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of Sept.	\$ 6,416
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 8,816
Expenses from Sept.	<u>\$ 11,214</u>
Sept. Net Income/Expense	\$ -2,873
Annual Net Income/Expense	\$ -10,201
<u>Transferred from Session to cover bill \$5,000</u>	

September 2023 Boiler Donations: \$175

Total donations to date: \$47,784

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 20,336

*Thank you for all your donations!*



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**WANTED:**  
Volunteers for The Server  
Bagged frozen meals that  
can be handed out

If you can spare 4 hours a week and are willing to help, please let Rev. Barnes know that you would like to be a part of this ministry!



A children’s Christmas play is planned on Sunday, December 17th. Practices will be held during Jr. Church in November and December.



The Tuesday Bible Study group and Sunday School focus for the fall will be more in depth about “Who Is Jesus?” The Sunday School class video lessons are by Larry Osborne called “The Contrarian’s Guide to Knowing God”

The Tuesday Bible Study is viewing and studying the online series by “The Power of Jesus’ Names” by Tony Evans. If you can, check out both studies.



Jr. Church is doing another “Gospel Project” series for your younger children based on Jesus the Servant. Please join us as we learn more about our Lord.

The next Youth JAM will be Sunday, December 3rd, 6:00 p.m. at Seville Presbyterian Church. The group is made up of Jr. and Sr. high school students. The group meets quarterly throughout the year. The youth are encouraged to bring friends of course!





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**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.*



Our prayers and sympathies go to the family of Deloris Rohrer who passed away on October 21, 2023. Deloris will be missed by all whose life she touched. Deloris was an integral part of this church participating in Session, Deacons, Milton Presbyterian Women, Bible studies, Choir, and Nominating Committee over her many years. Her faith and love were an example to all.

**Thank you!** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, and messages of kindness after my recent knee surgery. I'm so grateful for our thoughtful and loving congregation. -Nancy Leach



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bill

**Timmons and Mary Lou Narducci!** They

**exchanged marriage vows on September 14 . Warm wishes for many years together.**




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

- Inn at CoalRidge , (1300 CoalRidge Rd., Wadsworth, 44281) - Elsie Richards**
- Apostolic Christian Homes, (10680 Steiner Rd., Rittman, OH) - Dorothy Johnson, Ron Steele**
- Village of St. Edwards, (880 Main St., Wadsworth, OH 44281) - Sally Barnes**
- Altercare of Wadsworth, (147 Garfield St., Wadsworth, OH 44281) - Judy Twinem**

Dick Baker, Linda Beddow, Megan Blosser, Charlie Brandes, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Terri Click, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Conner Compton, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Megan Crawford, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Darla Fletcher, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Shawn Gammell, Marcia Geyer, Reed Heggie, Renee Heslop, Dwayne Hopton, Lori Johnson, Alex Karther, Debbie Keel, Mike LaBo, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Abbey Lentine, *ConiAnn Limpert*, Lisa Lipscond, Bob Ludolph, Lauren Mackie, Laurel Mader, Helen Mann, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, *Jane McClain*, Finegan and Slone McGee, Erin McGorry, Linda Melenbacker, Lois Middleton, Kristen Morris, Taylor Netting, Frances Nichols, Lee Owen, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, David Robey, Pat Rossmiller, Haylee Rufener, Linda Rutter, Sheryl Saunders, Rose Serna-Wallander, Rick Shreve, Tina Simcox, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, *Terry Stefan*, Todd Stephan, Gloria Stroll, Patti Stuart, John Swarzentruer, Bill Timmons, Laura Toledo, Luke Truman, Judy Twinem, Anita Vohar, Amy Wilson, Bobby Wolf, *Ron Woodward*, Jeff Yund.



*\*Italicized are recent additions.*



# PUZZLE

## Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

**Directions:** In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house LORD	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

“ \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ , sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .” PSALM 105:1-2, NIV




Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.  
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

# SIGN OF THANKFULNESS



Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

**What you need:**

- Hole punch 
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine 
- Twigs 
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

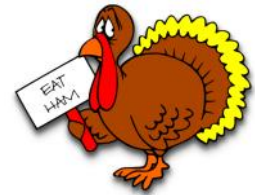
**What you do:**

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out “Be Thankful,” “Thank God” or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you’re grateful to God.





# Novembet 2023



## 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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

## JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

- 5 Tammy Wilson
- 12 Vickie Schumacher
- 19 Andrea Barnes
- 26 Angel Mackey

## FLOWER SCHEDULE

- 5 Donna & Bill Robertson
- 12 Nancy & Hal Leach
- 19 Open
- 26 Open

## MEETING DATES






- Building & Grounds - Wed., Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm
- Worship & Music - Mon., Nov. 6 at 10:00 am
- Session Meeting - Wed., Nov. 8 at 6:30 pm
- MPW Circle - Thurs., Nov. 9 at 7:00 pm
- Deacons Meeting - Sun., Nov. 12 at 11:45 am
- Congregational Meeting - Sun., Nov. 19 at 11:45 am

Coffee Hour Deacon: Lindsey Millan

Assisting: Linda Crawford





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 7:00 pm Bldg. & Grounds (Library) 7:00 pm Pack Leaders (Parlor)	2	3	4
5  9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am SOUP LUNCHEON	6 10:00 am Worship & Music (Library) 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	7 Noon - Bible Study (Library)  <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	8 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:30 pm Session (Library)	9 7:00 pm MPW Circle (Library)	10	11
12 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Deacons Mtg.	13 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	14 Noon - Bible Study (Library)	15 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	16	17	18  <b>Veterans Day</b>
19 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	20 6:30 pm Comm. Choir Practice 7:00 pm COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Methodist Ch.) 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	21 Noon - Bible Study (Library)	22 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day At Laundromat	23  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24	25
26 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion) 	27 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	28 Noon - Bible Study (Library)	29	30		

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