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# OCTOBER 2024 TIMELY NOTES



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am**

**WORSHIP 10:30 am**

**UPCOMING OUTDOOR SERVICES  
September 29th at 10:30 a.m.**

## LASAGNA-TO-GO

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, PICKUP DAY**

Milton Presbyterian Women is selling Lasagna-To-Go Tickets to be picked up Sunday, October 13th. Last sale day is October 6th.



Tickets are \$12 and will include lasagna, bread with butter, applesauce and cake. Help is needed. For more information contact Cindy Mann at (330) 835-8913.

*We do the cooking, so  
you don't have to.*

## HERITAGE MEAL



We will be celebrating World Communion on Sunday, October 6th. In honor of celebration of World Communion the Hospitality Group are hosting a Heritage Carry-in Luncheon after worship. Please prepare a dish from your family's heritage. The Hospitality Team will provide beverages and dinnerware.



## Community Meal

Thank you Bella Nardecchia for speaking at the community dinner on August 26th. Bella shared her story about the mission trip to Honduras this summer that her church group took. We wish to thank our cooks for another great meal.



September's community dinner will be held on Monday, September 30th. The speaker will be Anna Fink from the Wayne County Children Services. Chef Bill is planning on preparing stir-fry chicken and rice.

October's meal prepared by the Boy Scouts Troop 405 will be October 28th. Josh Nolan from Boys & Girls Club will be our speaker.

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*So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. - John 16:22-23*

It is always good to see the church from a different perspective every once in a while. I was afforded that privilege early in September when I took a Sunday away from the pulpit, worshiping from the pews. As I settled in, I saw people arrive through the doors and my heart warmed with joy to see many familiar faces come into the sanctuary. I was also very aware that a number of people gathering for worship were grieving the loss of a loved one - some quite recent. Some had been in worship only a few weeks before. Others, some months.

And my heart was heavy and filled with deep gladness at the same time. It is only with faith and courage that we can face our creator at the most difficult moments. It is not always easy trust in the one who is the source of every joy and sorrow on Earth knowing that our pain could have been avoided with a different reality. That is why it is all the more important to gather together as one people to bear pain and also heal with joy as one people - to Rejoice with those who rejoice; and mourn with those who mourn. (Romans 12:15). When we gather for worship, we not only find comfort in sympathy, but also the assurance of ultimate power revealed with this word of truth: that the love of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Still, accompanied by this promise of hope and love is often a painful trial: that things will not be the same absent the familiar voice singing or whispering or chuckling at some point in the service - all fueled by the breath of God, the Spirit of all the living. This is what makes returning to worship as one so difficult at times. This is also why it is important to trust in God's story as revealed in our scripture, because there are plenty of times when the gathering of believers in worship feels akin to waiting. On the one hand, it can feel like we are waiting in grief and confusion for something, like the moment when the disciples were gathered in a room just before the risen Jesus came through the walls into their midst. Or it can seem like we are waiting in excited anticipation and deep prayer, like the disciples who just witnessed the risen Christ ascend to heaven to be with his Father, instructed to go to the upper room and prepare to receive the promise of the Holy Spirit.

I have lived long enough to know that the trials that we go through better prepare us for the next step that God wishes us to take in our lives. This is true individually, and is true even more powerfully together. When Jesus tells his disciples that they too will experience deep grief, it is because he is very honest with them about the trials to come. It also doesn't take long for Jesus to reveal that following their time of grief, they will be empowered with a deeper spirit of prayer that will reveal the power of petitioning God within themselves. Prayer would be answered in a new, more powerful and direct way - and this is the excitement that we should share with the disciples today as we weather our own trials and grief. Something great awaits, and I have seen the stirrings of this as well as we come together more fully as the Body of Christ. I am excited to grow and celebrate the coming season as the weather turns, bringing more people into the hope that Jesus gives us in His return, revealing a joy that can never be taken away from us: the pure and perfect love of God, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

-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.***

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## "HOST" A SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING AFTER CHURCH



### What does this mean?

We are looking for individuals who would like to help set up the snacks and coffee following our church service. Everyone likes to have a snack and beverage, especially the kids! If you would help us "Set the Table", please sign up on the date of your choice. There will be someone available to show you where the table settings are located. You will not be alone! This is a worthy endeavor that allows us to catch up with others and enjoy a brief time of fellowship. Thank you in advance, for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated. **To sign up on a date or if you have questions, contact Christine White at (330-703-2720)**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*Can you believe it's fall already? 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.*



### Presbytery Meeting from September 21st

It takes a village to raise a child, and to host a Presbytery meeting! Thank you to everybody who helped with September's meeting.



### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**



Do you wonder if God listens to our little thoughts? Here's a sample of how He does. I was filling the pantry with a few things that had been donated and noticed that it needed pasta sauce. It's one of those things that I try to keep in the box so I thought about getting more. Not an hour later I got a call from someone who donates regularly to the pantry. She wanted to know if we needed pasta sauce since she was going to buy some more. Wow. Talk about a quick response! Lesson to all, He listens. We all need to listen to that small voice in our heads, too. It might be God answering us back.—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. )



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

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

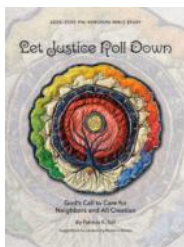
Jr. Church is looking for adult helpers. See Cindy Mann or Vickie Schumacher.

### MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MPW Circle meets on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in coming to the September 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 2. For more information on the study go to:



<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/justice/>

Books are available for \$15.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support!

#### Summary of August Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of Aug.	\$ 6,250
HeadStart Fees	<u>+2,400</u>
	\$ 8,650
Expenses from August	<u>\$ 8,786</u>
Aug. Net Income/Expense	\$ <b>-136</b>
<u>2024</u> Net Income/Expense	\$ <b>-3,417</b>
Transferred In from svgs.	2,700

**Aug. 2024 Boiler Donations: \$225**  
**Total donations to date: \$ 50,455**  
**Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 15,111**  
**Aug. 2024 Roof Donations: \$100**  
**Total donations to date: \$ 3,200**  
**Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$ 32,500**

*Thank you for all your donations!*

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### Youth news

The youth had a blast for our last gathering at Seville Presbyterian Church! Youth from the group shared their experiences from serving others on a summer mission trip to New York City, as well as some of their experience with local missions. Landon Farron shared about his experience helping out at The Server! 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!

**OCTOBER 2024****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.*

**NEW ADDRESS: REV. JIM AND JOAN WATT HAVE MOVED.**  
**THE ECHELON**  
**635 HUNTINGTON ST.**  
**MEDINA, OH 44256**



**Milton Presbyterian Church,**

**Thank you so much for your generous donation of school supplies! Your kindness makes a significant difference in our students' education. We deeply appreciate your support and commitment to our Rittman School community.**

**Sincerely, Shauna DeVoe and Alyssa Rahe**

**Thank you everyone for your cards and prayers after the loss of my brother, Lee Owen. - Lavonne Silva**

**I want to thank everyone for the cards I received after my recent surgery. - Jim Roberts**

**\*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 - Concordia at Sumner temporarily (970 Sumner Pkwy., Room 208, Copley, OH 44321)**

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

**Jim Roberts - Sanctuary (365 Johnson Rd., Room 406, Wadsworth, OH 44281)**

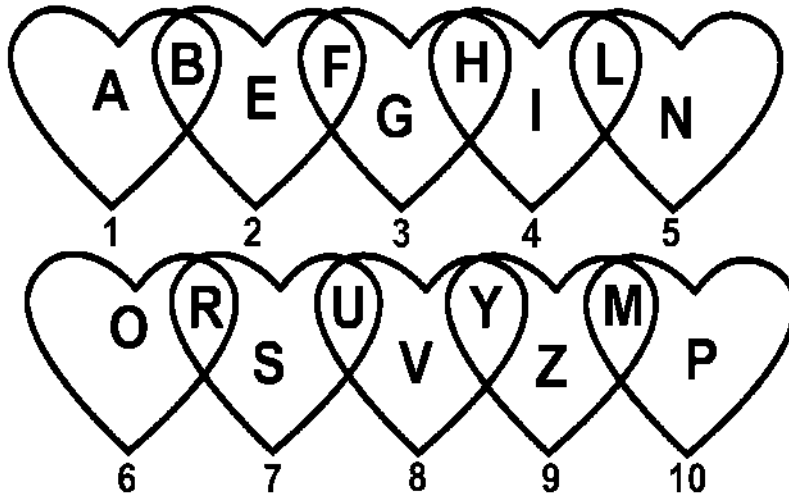
Brenda Arnett, Shawn Aronhalt, Dawn Bauman, Leigh Ann Berkley, Jen Bishop, Jonathan Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Levi Buxman, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Sharon Combs, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Drew Crawford, Lesa Crawford, Megan Crawford, Jamie Culler, Jim Davis, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Vallorie Farlow, Amy Fletcher, Darla Fletcher, Marie Fortner, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Robert Gardner, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Todd Hardgrove, Reed Heggie, Dwayne Hopton, Lori Johnson, Debbie Keel, Todd Kinch, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Kurt Lampar, Abbey Lentine, Lisa Lipscond, Bob Ludolph, Lauren Mackie, Laurel Mader, Helen Mann, Keith Marsden, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, Linda Melenbacker, Lois Middleton, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, 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, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Sarah Shreve, Lavonne Silva, Rick Singleton, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Todd Stephan, Rev. Chris Stewart, Judy Straub, Patti Stuart, John Swarzentrubler, Bill Timmons, Luke Truman, Judy Twinem, Anita Vohar, Don Vohar, Amy Wilson, Sue Wilson, Bobby Wolf, Ron Woodward, Jim Zimmerman





# THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



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 5 2 4 3 3,4 1,2 6 6,7  
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 8,9 6 7,8 6,7 7 2 4,5 2,3”

Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, all people are our neighbors. You can make a difference for others, beginning in your own neighborhood. Make and share this craft so people know you care and are thankful for your community.

### What you need:

- Clear, disposable, non-powdered, non-latex gloves
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Popped popcorn (about 3 cups per glove)
- Rubber bands
- Ribbon or raffia
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch



### What you do:

1. Paint one side of the glove's fingertips to look like fingernails.
2. Fill the fingertips, then the rest of the glove, with cooled popcorn.
3. Wrap a rubber band around the wrist of the glove.
4. Tie ribbon or raffia around the rubber band.
5. Make a card. Ideas include "Welcome to the neighborhood," "Thanks for being such nice neighbors," "Here's how we'd like to serve you," etc.
6. Punch a hole in the corner of your card and tie it to the glove.
7. With an adult, pass out your "neighborly" gifts.

# October 2024

## BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Zane Wilson
- 8 Lonnie Fletcher
- 8 Vickie Schumacher
- 12 Kendall Knight
- 14 Jeff Yoho
- 15 Reid Fetter
- 17 Kayla Baisden
- 18 Klayton Knight
- 19. Linda Labo
- 19 Jim Fletcher
- 20 Jacob Williams
- 24 Donna Robertson
- 28 Garrett Shreve
- 30 Gregg Shreve



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jeff & Christie Yoho 43 yrs.
- 9 Rick & Kim Adams 48 yrs.
- 11 Rachel & Joseph Freeman 10 yrs.
- 20 Mike & Mandii Cramer 17 yrs.
- 21 Reid & Morgan Fetter 2 yr.
- 24 Keith & Julie Todd 10 yrs.

## JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE

- 6 Tammy Wilson Cindy Mann
- 13 Vickie Schumacher
- 20 Angel Mackey
- 27 Renee Basic

## FLOWER SCHEDULE

- 6 Alex & Andrea Barnes
- 13 Christie & Jeff Yoho
- 20 Nancy & Hal Leach
- 27 Cindy & Ken Mann

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

- 6 Cindy Mann
- 13 Ken Mann
- 20 Donna Robertson
- 27 Patty Cristino

## MEETING DATES

- Building & Grounds - Thurs., Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- Worship & Music - Mon., Oct. 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- MPW Circle - Thurs., Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Session Meeting - Wed., Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Hospitality Team - Sun., Oct. 20 at 11:45 a.m.

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

- 6 - Ken Mann and Patty Cristino

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- 6 Heritage Meal
- 13 Ron & Chris White
- 20 Sheri Wachtel
- 27 Nancy Leach





# October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	2 7:00 pm Pack Leaders (Parlor)	3 <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Bldg. &amp;</b> <b>Grounds</b> <b>(Library)</b>	4	5 10 am Calling Hours 11 am Deborah Russell Memorial
6  9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion) <b>11:45 am Heritage Lunch (Fell. Hall)</b>	7 <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship &amp; Music</b> <b>Comm. (Library)</b>  6:30 pm Rittman Garden Club (Fel. Hall)	8 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	9 6:00 pm DAA (FH)	10 <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>MPW Circle</b> <b>(Parlor)</b> 6:30 Scout Bd. Of Review (Fell. Hall)	11	12 9:00 am Lasagna-To-Go Work Day (Fell. Hall)
13 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  <b>11:45 am Lasagna- To-Go Pickup</b>	14 7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	15 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	16 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:00 to 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day <b>6:30 Session</b> <b>(Library)</b> 6:30 Scout Bd. Of Review#2(Fell. Hall)	17	18	19 <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Rental</b>
20 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship <b>11:45 am Hospitality</b> <b>Team (Library)</b>	21	22 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	23 6:00 pm DAA (FH) 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	24	25	26
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