

# Ohltown U.M.C.

We believe in making disciples for Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World.

December 2022

Tis the Season! As I sit here at my desk contemplating our last Christmas together, I want to savor every moment of it. I know it seems to have come upon us quickly, but before you know it, it will be gone in the blink of an eye. The presents will be unwrapped and put away, or returned. The decorations boxed up and put on the shelf for the next time. Or in my case, boxed up and getting ready to move. The cookies will all have been eaten and then soon we will be making a resolution to drop those Christmas pounds.

What I pray does not get put on the shelf, is your relationship with Jesus. For after all the most important thing about Christmas is Christ. He is the real reason we celebrate this season. We remember the depths of God's love for us. He loved us so much that he sent his only son to come to earth on our behalf. Because Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. That message doesn't change from year to year.

In the days leading up to Christmas, I want to encourage you to keep CHRIST in Christmas. Don't let the busyness of the season distract your focus from what really matters most - Jesus. And I pray you look past the baby in the manger to the man on the cross. And that your relationship with Jesus deepens this Christmas.

*“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21 K.J.V.*

*Merry Christmas My Friends,*

*Pastor Teresa*





**Congratulations go out to Becky on finishing her lay servant training.**

**Saturday, December 24 at 2:00 PM – Christmas Eve  
with Rev. Jerry Krueger & Pastor Teresa**

**Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 AM -- Christmas Day  
with a Blessing of the Toys**

**To the Wonderful People of Ohltown,**

I am more grateful to you than you will ever know. Your expression of love and kindness washed over me bathing me in the light of our love. From the first day I walked into this church, I said this was a special church with kind, thoughtful, loving people. You have never proven me wrong. Thank you so very much for the beautiful plant, the lovely card and the very generous expression of your appreciation. Thank you to one and all.

With much love, Pastor Teresa

**Thanks to all** who made the UMW's bake sale a big success. We appreciate all of your support!

**Dear Ohltown UMC Friends,**

You are just too kind and it is so appreciated! Thank you so much for your very generous donation to our resident activities!! We appreciate your kindness and look forward to the many fun opportunities it will provide for our residents! Thank you, Victoria House Staff & Residents

**Dear Ohltown Unit:**

Just a personal note to thank you for your gift of money for RED BIRD MISSION. Being on a work team, I saw first hand the poverty. So I felt our district could help make a difference. Our gift to Red Bird Mission was \$1300.

Blessings, Barbara Beach

*Thank you, Pam Beck, for the generous gift of plates. That was so very thoughtful and appreciative!*



**A special Thank You** to those people who stayed after church on November 20 to decorate the Sanctuary. Your hard work paid off. The church looks beautiful!

**A belated "Thank You"** to Joan for her visit and the gift she brought. Also another "Thank You" to Pat & Janet for their neighborly visits and "hairdo." Janet Welliver

**To Anonymous: Thank you** so very much for the gift you left me. It is so generous and appreciated. I am truly blessed to be able to serve OUMC. Thanks again!! Betty

**The Chili Sale** for this month is on Saturday, December 17. Please let either Kevin or the church office know if you are able to make chili. This gives Kevin an idea of how much chili he will have to sell. Also, if you are willing and able to volunteer for the packing on Friday or sales on Saturday, please let Kevin know.

**The Wesley Class** is starting a 3-week Advent Study – Rick Warren's "Purpose of Christmas." Come join us!!

**United Women in Faith (UMW)**  
**Christmas Dinner**  
The Christmas Dinner is on Monday, December 5 at A La Carte Banquet Room in Canfield. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:30. There will be a \$10 gift exchange if anyone would care to join in.

<b><u>Meetings scheduled for December</u></b>	
Sunday, December 4	SPRC Meeting Following Worship
Monday, December 12	Ad Council 6:00 PM

		Online	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Offering</u>
November 6	62	31	\$2985
November 13	49	--	\$1434
November 20	55	--	\$2560
November 27	38	49	\$1680

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
						
4 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class SPRC Meeting -- Following worship	5 Bible Study 11:30  UMW Dinner at Ala Carte, Canfield 6:00/6:30	6	7 Quilters 10 – 2	8	9	10
11 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	12 Bible Study 11:30  Ad Council 6:00	13	14 Quilters 10 – 2	15 Chili to Church 9AM – 1 PM	16 Pack Chili	17 Chili Sale 10 AM - Noon
18 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	19	20	21 Quilters 10 – 2	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 2:00 PM  <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>
25 Worship Service 9:30 AM  <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	26	27	28 Quilters 10 - 2	29	30	31   <i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i>

*Our deepest condolences go out to the Mellott family in the passing of Dorothy.*

*Our deepest condolences go out to the Rakeshaw family in the passing of Mae.*

*Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Marion Garrity on her passing.*



*Congratulations to first-time grandparents – Margie & Pat!!*



December Birthdays!

- 2 Julie Cluse, Don Phillips
- 3 Pat Baird, Jon Carlson
- 4 Rev. Jerry Krueger, Paul Colla
- 5 Lauren Gearhart
- 13 Robin Baldwin, Shawn Cottrell
- 14 Connie Darby, Rick Rose
- 16 Mike Schill
- 17 Chris Bish
- 18 Kary Shively
- 20 Connor Keller, Jacob Robinson
- 22 Lois Ann Phillips
- 23 Mike Waldern
- 28 Meila Hofus, David Mellott
- 29 Adelynn Knipp
- 31 Sherry Rose

December Anniversaries!

- 8 Guy & Kary Shively
- 21 John & Mary Jane Gehring
- 24 Gregory & Rebecca Hood

December Liturgist Schedule

- 4 Lois Ann Phillips
- 11 Ron Fleet
- 18 Karen Kozicki
- 24 Sandi Rich (Christmas Eve)
- 25 Linda Hahn (Christmas Day)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
Teresa C. Krueger, Pastor  
Nancy Goddard, Custodian  
Betty Harness, Secretary