

Ohltown U.M.C.

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



January 2022

Happy New Year! Are you the kind of person that makes and keeps new year's resolutions? It seems to me that most resolutions are about giving things up. I'm going to quit smoking, or I'm going to quit drug use, or over eating, or swearing. I am sure I may have heard but I can't for the life of me recall a time when someone's new year's resolution dealt with "DOING" or "ADDING" something to persons already jam-packed routine. If you recall this past Advent, I asked the children to spend ONE MINUTE in silence listening for God. I then invited the congregation to join them in that practice. I asked them to do it every day during Advent. I guess in a way I was asking them to take away a minute they may have used for watching TV or talking or even sleeping to ADD something new. A resolution is a promise to do something differently. I will admit that trying to change old habits to do something differently is difficult. Foregoing that late night snack or that expensive coffee on the way to work can be challenging.

Now it would be very easy for me to say why not try these resolutions: Read your Bible for 20 minutes every day. Spend 15 minutes in prayer daily. Join or teach a bible study. Come to church without fail every Sunday. Invite a friend to attend church with you. Start tithing, memorize scripture, forgive past grudges. The list could be endless. But let's be honest ... Change is difficult. Real change happens when our brains don't even notice that we are changing. When we make microscopic changes consistently day, after day, after day, those changes will stick.

Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* Do you want real change??? Be in Christ. Let the old pass away because you have chosen to live a life in Christ. May your New Year be happy, healthy and full of joy. The joy of living in Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa

THE BRIDGE



Thanks to all who made the delicious chili and for all who volunteered their time to help with the chili sale. It was, as usual, a huge success, selling out in 15 minutes!! Our next chili sale is scheduled for January 15. All those who can help, please contact Kevin Hood.

To my Ohltown Family: Thank you so very much for your generous expression of love. I am never speechless, but you all came very close! You all mean so very much to me, and I will cherish the memories we have made all the days of my life. Thank you for making my Christmas even more special. Love, Pastor Teresa

Thank you so much for the blankets; it was so very nice of you. God Bless you all. From the Staff & Residents at Washington Square Health Care Center

To my Church Family: Thank you for your generous gift. It is a pleasure to take care of the church. Nancy

Pastor Teresa will be on a much-needed Spiritual retreat January 3 through the 9th. There will be no cell service so you cannot call or text her. Pastor Richard Smith will be covering for emergencies in her absence. If you find yourself in need of pastoral care, please call Betty at the church during office hours or at home (330-647-4915) and she will contact Pastor Smith for you.

Thank you so much to the anonymous person for your generous gift. It came at the perfect time. Nancy

Thank you all for the many prayers and concerns for my granddaughter, Ashley. Jane Bell

I would like to thank all of my new church family for the very nice and unexpected gift. I appreciate it and am so blessed for the way you have welcomed me into your church family. Thank you so much – Betty

On Sunday, January 16 there will be a special offering for Human Relations Day. Human Relations Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God’s children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers; community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services; and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Thank you, everyone for keeping up with your tithing. I do need to let you know that all contributions for the month must be given to me by the last Sunday of each month. If not, then it will be included on the following month. Also, please DO NOT put tape on your envelope as it sticks to your check/money. I look forward to a good year in 2022. Joan

Thank you for the many cards and prayers. I hope to see you soon! Carolyn

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Online Views</u> | <u>Gifts</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Dec. 5 | 43 | 67 | \$2937.00 |
| Dec. 12 | 48 | 55 | \$2145.00 |
| Dec. 19 | 57 | 52 | \$2545.00 |
| Dec. 24 & 26 | 94 | 149 | \$2425.00 |

JANUARY

2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1  |
| 2 Worship Service 9:30 AM Defrocking After Worship | 3 | 4 | 5 Quilters 10 AM – 2 PM | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Worship Service 9:30 AM | 10 | 11 | 12 Quilters 10 AM – 2 PM Ad Council 6:00 PM | 13 Deliver Chili to the Church Office hours 9 AM – 1 PM | 14 Quart the Chili 6:00 PM | 15 Chili Sale 10 AM – Noon (or sold out) |
| 16 Worship Service 9:30 AM Human Relations Day | 17 | 18 | 19 Quilters 10 AM – 2 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Worship Service 9:30 AM | 24 | 25 | 26 Quilters 10 AM – 2 PM | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Worship Service 9:30 AM | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

FEBRUARY

Our deepest sympathies go out to Jeff & Deb in the unexpected passing of Jeff's father.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Jane in the passing of her granddaughter, Ashley.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Ron for the passing of his neighbor, Jay.

Congratulations to Willovene for her grandson is now a college graduate!

January Liturgist Schedule

- 2 Lois Ann Phillips
- 9 Ron Fleet
- 16 Christy Sheldon (Human Relations)
- 23 Randy Emrich
- 30 Linda Hahn

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

- 4 Commilla Rich
- 9 Cheryl Emrich, Diane Walker
- 16 Nancy Goddard
- 23 Daryle Hornberger
- 26 Virginia Cluse, George Rose
- 27 Ron Fleet
- 28 Beverly Kalasky
- 29 Jane Bell
- 30 Bill Robb
- 31 Rebecca Combis

Happy Anniversary!

- 23 Calvin & Pam Beck



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

