

Ohltown U.M.C.

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

January 2023

Happy New Year!

Psalm 100:4-5 N.I. V. *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

As we start the new year, this Bible verse about new beginnings reminds us of the importance of giving thanks to God and of praising Christ. We can look toward the new year with joy in our hearts and excited anticipation of what's to come. It all starts with praising Him for all we have.

What are you looking forward to in the coming year? I confess I am nervous about the changes that will be taking place in my life and the life of the church. Just because I am nervous does not mean that I am not excited. I can't wait to be in our home near our grandchildren and begin our new life. I am anxious to hear who will be serving Ohltown alongside of you and all of the new and exciting things you will accomplish for God.

I know this coming year for many of you is full of wonder. This will be the first year you have been on your own for a very long time. Or some have started a new job, while others are in a new relationship. I know we have a few months of dark days of winter ahead of us, but spring will be here before you know it. A time of new birth, and hope. Our hope in is in God.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”- Philippians 4:6-7

Happy New Year

Pastor Teresa

The Bridge

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift. I love you all. Thank you for making my last Christmas at Ohltown so special. Each of you has added to my memories. Thank you for your kindness,

Love, Pastor Teresa

Thank you

To those who have served in leadership positions and are taking a break this coming year, Thank you for your service. You are appreciated more than you know.

Thank you, Trustees

The trustees had the carpet's cleaned and the piano tuned for our Christmas Service. Please take time to thank them for their continued care of our building.

Thank you anonymous and church family. The generous gift is greatly appreciated. You show the true meaning of Christmas all year long.
Nancy G.

Dear Ohltown: Thank you for the generous Christmas gift! Beyond that, thank you for the years of support, encouragement, and love that blessed my family more than you could possibly know! The many moments God worked through all of you, I will carry with me. Thank you for being my safe nest to grow and for helping me to fly! May your blessings be returned ten-fold!

In Christ, Beverly

Members of Ohltown UMC, Thank you for the gift given for mission work in memory of mom. (Marion Garrity) She saw helping people as her life's work. In the last few years, she wasn't able to do much for others, but she sure would have liked to do it! Jim & Janet, Chuck & Linda

To my Ohltown Family: Thank you so much for the very generous gift. It was so very kind and thoughtful. Words just can't express how grateful I am for all of you. Thanks again and have a Blessed New Year.

Love to all, Betty

We need your help

The Christmas Decorations have graced our church since November. On January 8, 2023, I am asking you to stay after worship to help us take them down and put them away until next year. Thank you in Advance.



We have a new copier!

Things have a way of breaking down and it became necessary for us to replace our copier. It is very high tech. Please make sure you ask Betty to make copies for you rather than trying to make them yourself.



It is with a heavy heart that we said our final good byes to our longtime pianist, Beverly Koepf. We have enjoyed her gift of music since 2015. We wish her well and hope for nothing but the best for her and her family. We also hope she will be able to visit us from time to time from her home in Chagrin Falls. Best of Luck in your future.

"The Book of Worship"

If anyone has borrowed the church's copy of The Book of Worship, will you please return it to the office. Thank you!

The Chili Sale for this month is on Saturday, January 14. 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.

United Women in Faith (UMW)

There will be a meeting on Monday, January 16 at noon to plan our programs for the upcoming year of 2023. The location is still to be announced.

Meetings scheduled for January

Monday, January 23 Ad Council 6:00 PM



It is with great joy that we welcome Lydia Noble to our Ohltown Family. Lydia has accepted the position as pianist. Her first Sunday is January 1, 2023. Lydia is a student at YSU; but hails from the Poland area. She was raised in the Poland United Methodist Church. Lydia lives on the YSU campus and is majoring in engineering, but has a heart for Piano. We welcome her to our church and hope we have a long-long relationship together. Welcome to Ohltown Lydia!

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Online Views</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 4	55	36	\$2850
December 11	53	41	\$1653
December 18	49	43	\$2157
December 25	21		

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Quilters 10 - 2	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	9	10	11 Quilters 10 - 2	12 Chili to Church 9AM - 1PM	13 Packing Chili	14 Chili Sale 10 AM - Noon
15 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	16 UMW Planning Meeting Noon	17	18 Quilters 10 - 2	19	20	21
22 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	23 Ad Council 6:00 PM	24	25 Quilters 10 - 2	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	30	31	1 Quilters 10 - 2	2	3	4

Commilla Rich has moved to:

Humility House

755 Ohltown Rd

Austintown, Ohio 44515

ROOM 3A

Cards and Visits are welcome.

Robin Baldwin, Chris Sigley, & Sandy Rich



Our deepest condolences go out to Sheryl and her sister, Alma in the passing of Alma's husband, Bruce



**HAVE A
BLESSED
2023**

January Birthdays!

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

January Anniversaries!

- 23 Calvin & Pam Beck

January Liturgist Schedule

- 1 Linda Hahn
- 8 Frank Sloat
- 15 Becky Eckels Hood
- 22 Sandi Rich
- 29 Margie Ford



THE BRIDGE
 Ohltown United Methodist Church
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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
 Teresa C. Krueger, Pastor
 Nancy Goddard, Custodian
 Betty Harness, Secretary