



*The Mission of Ohltown United Methodist Church is to make and mature disciples for Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world*

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*A message from the Pastor*

Beloved,

I do not use that term lightly; I use it because it is true. It simply means a much-loved person. And yes, each of you are loved much by me. It is with great joy that I share with you that in a video e-mail sent by Bishop Malone, it was announced that appointments are set, and that I will be serving along-side of you for another year. I couldn't be happier. I look forward to what God has in store for us as I begin my ninth year with you. And I look forward to the new ministries we will do with God.

On June 17, the Administrative Council held a meeting in our church sanctuary. The cushions were removed, as were the hymnals, Bibles, offering envelopes, and pencils. The pews were marked off with painter's tape to show just how far 6 feet apart really is. Every other pew was blocked off. This was done to show what worship would look like if we choose to return while we are still in phase 2 of the pandemic. There were many questions and concerns that were addressed. The Administrative Council decided, and I agree with them, that we should revisit the issue of worshipping in person after enough time has passed to see if there will be a spike in the covid-19 virus. They have scheduled their next meeting for July 22. We know this has been very difficult to watch as other churches return to in person worship while we are still doing virtual worship. But please consider the age and health of our congregation. IF an asymptomatic person were to come and worship with us...that has the potential to have devastating consequences. For the time being: please stay strong, remain safe, and continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6*

Blessings,

*Pastor Teresa*

## WELLNESS CHECK

Pastor Teresa is going to host a Wellness Check Zoom Meeting! There are two ways to participate:



1 – Have internet access? Simply email the church office ([ohltownumc@gmail.com](mailto:ohltownumc@gmail.com)) and we will send you an invitation link. Zoom is easy to install and use on a computer or smart phone.

2 – No internet access? Just call the church (330-652-6614 during office hours or leave a message) and we will call you with the phone number and code to join the meeting's audio.

We miss seeing your faces, so this is a way for us to connect safely just to check in on each other.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



In an effort to reveal our presence in the community, the Mission Committee will be sponsoring a gas give-away. If

you would like to contribute to this ministry, please send in your check to Joan with "gas give-away" in the memo line by July 31.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Would you like to bless your church family with special music this summer? Submit your video to the church office, or schedule an appointment for a safe socially distant recording session. Call or email for details and availability.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW pledges can be sent to Linda Hahn  
4851 Norquest Blvd. Austintown, OH 44515.

If you would like to know the status of your giving, call Linda at 330-793-5626.

## THANK YOU

Thank you Rhonda for the beautiful geraniums which now accent the church landscape! We appreciate your generosity.

Thank you to the Trustees for having the church power washed! We thank you for taking care of our dear church building.

On behalf of myself and Ohltown UMC, I would like to thank Becky Eckles-Hood for her many years of dedication and service as our church Treasurer. We appreciate all you have done and thank you for your time. We welcome Robin Bowers who has agreed to take on this position as of July 1. Please join with me in thanking Becky for her years of service and welcoming Robin to this position.

Thank you again,  
Pastor Teresa

Our worship leaders for the past several weeks have been fantastic! Thank you to Carol Ann, John, Willow, Savontae, and Sandi for sharing your gifts and time with our church family. We are so blessed by your music and your willingness to offer it through the service.

Thank you to Ambrose Kalasky III for allowing the church to use your video camera, computer, and video editing software to create and publish the worship services. Special thank you for taking the time to make sure the videos were uploaded properly and for offering your knowledge in the video editing process.

### Facts and Figures

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| May 31  | 68 | \$1,530 |
| June 7  | 55 | \$2,015 |
| June 14 | 81 | \$2,040 |
| June 21 | 52 | \$ 955  |
| June 28 | 57 | \$1,205 |

To the anonymous donor(s) who has contributed to the worship service's video production:



To date, with this designated donation, the church has purchased its own camera and is in the process of ordering a new computer. These two items will enhance our online services greatly. Even when we are again able to worship together in the sanctuary, we will continue our service availability online. Thank you for supporting our online ministries and for allowing Ohltown UMC to be present in this digital age!

*We thank you beyond measure!*

As the church office has been using borrowed equipment and resources to try to produce the weekly online services, the "luxury" of having the ability to work on the videos in-house seemed out of reach. The extreme generosity of a donor has set in motion the opportunity to develop our online presence and connection even further.

Upon beginning our online services, we used Facebook Live with Pastor Teresa's cell phone shooting the video. We experienced interruptions with our internet connection and difficulties with audio. With a borrowed camera and video editing software off-site, we started to develop the services a little more. One of the biggest detriments being that the work could not be done in the church office due to an outdated computer.

Dear the un-signed,

The kind note and gift was completely unexpected and appreciated more than you know. I truly wish I could personally thank you for your generosity. It seems to be difficult to accept because I am simply trying to fulfill my duties as an employee. However, I am deeply grateful for your support (and patience!) as I navigate new territories to continue developing my work skills. I know that in difficult times, God sends miracles. You were a miracle for me and my family. Thank you!

Sincerely grateful,

Your Administrative Assistant: Beverly

## Opportunities to Pray for One Another

Al D.

Allison (lifted by Willovene)

Blake H.

Bob (lifted by Frank, Sheryl, & Harold)

Bobby (lifted by Willovene)

Christina (lifted by Willovene)

John (lifted by Randy and Cheryl)

Juanita (lifted by Pastor Teresa)

Karen P.

Larry (lifted by Linda R.)

Lois (lifted by Sheryl B.)

Lorna R.

Lora (lifted by Carolyn H.)

Margie F.

Mary (lifted by Harold & Sheryl)

Nancy (lifted by Joan)

Peg (lifted by Sheryl B.)

Peyton (lifted by Debbie F.)

Sheryl B.

Sophia (lifted by Sarah P.)

Susan (lifted by Beverly)

Tammy (lifted by Marcy)

Tom P.

Unspoken

Yvonne H.

Zack (lifted by Lorna)



Let's celebrate with those  
who have  
special days this month!

July Birthdays

- 3 Cathy Robinson
- 7 Angie Cottrell
- 12 Mike Fisher, Iris Shofroth
- 13 Dennis Cottrell
- 14 Don Hood, Kalynn Welch
- 15 Ron Baird, Alex Bogniard
- 19 Zane Welch
- 25 Makenna Darby, Nancy Rose
- 29 Michael Hood

July Anniversaries

- 10 Randy & Cheryl Emrich
- 14 Al & Connie Darby
- 17 Dennis & Angie Cottrell
- 23 Daryle & Yvonne Hornberger
- 25 Kevin Hood & Becky Eckles
- 28 Dave & Stephany Darby

Join us for worship online!  
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Find us on our Facebook page  
and on our YouTube channel



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Beverly Kalasky, Secretary  
Truman Littler, Choir Director