

# Ohltown U.M.C.

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

November 2022

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34*

I was reading an article the other day and some asked the question: “*What can I say instead of Happy Thanksgiving?*” I almost glossed over the question but then I wondered WHY do you need to say something else? Do you not celebrate Thanksgiving? I thought well, maybe they are from another country -- that would make sense. But the person writing the letter said they were from the mid-west. I continued reading and found an article from November 25, 2020 that informed me: “For many in the Indigenous community, the annual holiday actually serves as a harmful reminder of how their land was stolen from them during colonization, how many of their people were killed, and how their culture was almost entirely stripped from them.” I get the reason for not celebrating Thanksgiving, but then I wondered.... how many people feel they have nothing to be thankful about? The loss of loved ones can make being thankful difficult, loss of a job, a home, a child, your health, all of these things might cause you to believe you have nothing to give thanks for. Then I remembered meeting a man named Samuel. It was on a mission trip many years ago. Samuel was middle aged, homeless, missing a leg and sitting outside of a church waiting for the door to open. I thought he was anxious to come in out of the heat and get a cool drink. But that wasn't the case. He was anxious to come in to help serve others. He wanted to pour the drinks or serve the food. He wanted to give the individuals that came through the line a smile. He would listen to their stories and then remind them that God woke them up this morning so they had reason to be thankful. He carried a well-read Bible with him and told the story about when he gave his life to Christ. He said it wasn't long after that he lost his job, his marriage fell apart and then lost his leg due to an accident at the train yard. But he said he kept holding on to the words of Jesus to the thief on the cross: “I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Then he said, “What a glorious day that will be. I don't want to meet my Lord with a grumpy attitude.” I think we could all take a page from Samuel's book and remember to give thanks daily.

Happy Thanksgiving

Pastor Teresa

The Bridge



Thank you to the SPRC and those that attended the Veteran's picnic at Ellsworth

VFW. The picnic was given to honor our veterans and thank them for their service. This year was also special as we remembered our beloved saints, Randy Emrich and Harold Baringer.

**Dear Pastor Teresa, Joan & friends of Ohltown UMC:**

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation to our Activities Fund. We are looking forward to the new equipment we'll be able to get with the money you have donated. May God Bless you for your kindness! Neil at Austinwoods

**Thanks to all** who made our first Chili Sale of the season a success!! Our November Chili Sale is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Kevin, Hi,** my name is Diane. I'm the lady who came by on Chili Saturday and I didn't have any cash on me. You and the ladies were so kind and you all told me that you "Got me covered." This gave me goose pimples and a warm feeling inside. Please take this money and put it towards the chili cash as I'm so grateful and my 12 year old nephew was with me and he got to see the good in people is all around us all. Thank you, Diane

**To My Ohltown UMC family:** I want to thank everyone for all the cards and wishes you gave me for my birthday. And thank you for attending my celebration after church. It meant the world to me. Thank you – Frank Sloat

**We need your help!**

On November 20, after worship we will be putting up the Christmas Trees in the Sanctuary AND any other Christmas decorations you would like to put up. We are doing this just a bit differently this year as we thought it would be nice not to have to come back to the church on Black Friday to get the tree up in time for the first Sunday of Advent. If you can give us 30 to 45 minutes of your time it would be a big help. Thank you in advance.

**Advent Study**

In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, written by author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. She will trace the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. Our Study Begins November 21 at 11:30 and continue through December 12. Books will be available in November. The cost is \$5/book.

**United Women in Faith (UMW)**

**Monday, November 14 -- 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Come join the United Women in Faith as they make blankets for Hospice and Akron Children's Hospital. Enjoy churchwide fellowship and nosh on goodies prepared by our hostesses.

**BAKE SALE**

There will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20 immediately following worship.

**Looking to December – Christmas Dinner**

The Christmas Dinner will be on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 PM at A La Carte Banquet Room in Canfield. Dinner is served at 6:30. The Wright Family Exchange is a fun way to participate in a \$10 gift exchange – if you choose to do so. Reservations are needed and are due to Linda Hahn by November 27.

**Missions Committee**

The missions committee would like to remind us of the following projects that they are collecting for:

**Seaborn Elementary** – To replenish the student's school supply. Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper, No. 2 yellow pencils, child-sized scissors, high lighters, 24 Crayola crayons, glue sticks, Crayola markers.

**Gift Bags for the home-bound:** individual sized hand lotion, crossword puzzles, notepads, snacks, etc.

**Resident Activities** at Austinwoods & Victoria House: Monetary donations.

Donations can be dropped off in the side room of the sanctuary and any monetary gifts to Joan. (checks payable to Ohltown UMC with a notation of the mission you would like to help.

**The Food Pantry** is collecting the following: mac & cheese, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed jello/pudding, cake/brownie mix, canned frosting & cereal. Items are to be at the church by Sunday, November 6. December we will be participating in "buy a meal" for \$20.

**We will be starting** ministry for our shut-ins soon. If you would like to participate in this, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Online Views</u>	<u>Offering</u>
October 2	44	48	\$2754
October 9	51	35	\$2120
October 16	61	58	\$1380
October 23	49	41	\$1150

# NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Quilters 10 - 2	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	7	8	9 Quilters 10 - 2	10 Chili to Church 9AM - 1PM	11 Packing Chili	12 Chili Sale 10AM - Noon
13 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class <i>Rev. Joan Purnell</i>	14 UMW Blanket Making 4PM - 7PM	15	16 Quilters 10 - 2	17	18	19 Fellowship Hall In Use
20 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class UMW Bake Sale Christmas Decorating	21 Bible Study 11:30 AM	22	23 Quilters 10 - 2	24 Office is Closed 	25	26
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OCTOBER

DECEMBER

Our deepest condolences go out to Aaron in the passing of his father.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Mahoning Valley District in the passing of Reverend Kay Dunlap.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Walters family in the passing of Jack.

Our deepest condolences go out to Cheryl & her Aunt Clara Belle on the passing of Uncle Larry.

Our deepest condolences go out to Dorothy in the passing of her sister, Marge.



Congratulations to Lois Ann for the birth of her new Great Grandson, Cayden!!

#### November Birthdays!

5 Jessica Rouzzo  
6 Earl Bowers  
11 Carol Ann Smolka  
14 Kevin Hood  
15 Linda Reichard  
16 Ed Cluse  
20 Joe Baird  
21 Lillian Divelbiss  
22 Will Freed-Pastor  
30 Scott Gearhart

#### November Anniversaries!

30 Jeffrey & Debbie Bogniard

#### November Liturgist Schedule

6 Linda Hahn  
13 Becky Eckels Hood  
20 Sandi Rich  
27 Margie Ford

Yes, it's that time of year again...December is fast approaching which means it's time to order Poinsettias!!



### **Christmas Poinsettia Order Form**

**Orders are due by  
Sunday, Nov. 20**

*(money is due when your order is placed)*

#### Qty

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Poinsettia @ \$9.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink Poinsettia @ \$9.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettia @ \$9.00 each

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given to the glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send or drop off all orders to the church office. Checks are to be made payable to *Ohltown UMC, Church Flower Fund.*

THE BRIDGE  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
Teresa C. Krueger, Pastor  
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Betty Harness, Secretary