

Ohltown U.M.C.

We believe in making and maturing disciples for
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.



October 2021

My Beloved,

Things have a way of changing. Children are born, people die, children grow up, we grow older, we have a change in marital status, the leaves turn, the winds blow and the temperatures drop. Yes, my friends, it is officially Autumn. Many love this “pumpkins spice” time of year, while others see it as a segway to winter and dread it.

Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher said, “Change is the only constant in life.” He lived over 500 years before Jesus Christ. His thoughts fed into the writings of Aristotle and Plato.

Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying: “When you're finished changing, you're finished.” Scripture tells us: “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...*” (Ecclesiastes 3:1) But my favorite scripture about change is: “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!*” (2 Corinthians 5:17) Sometimes change is VERY good!

Everything changes...except Jesus. “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” (Hebrews 13:8) It gives me peace to know that in an ever-changing world, we have a never changing God. We all go through changes. I pray that you are not overwhelmed by our changing world and find comfort when you pray to our steadfast God. Enjoy the beauty of this season. Praise God for his steadfast love.

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa



The Bridge





Wedding News



Friends, I have been asked by several people if my wedding to Rev. Jerry Krueger is an open church wedding. I am sorry to say it is not. We are both pastors and we cannot invite both congregations AND our friends and family members; we just would not all fit. So, the wedding and the reception is by invitation only. But we covet your prayers on our special day and while we are away. Thank you for understanding.

Pastor Teresa

While Pastor Teresa is away Pastor Dick Smith will be covering all pastoral needs. **IF** you have a pastoral emergency, please call Betty at church or at home (330- 647-4915) and she will contact Pastor Smith.

Thank you



I would like to thank all of you that prayerfully considered your giving to the church in the coming year. I appreciate those of you that took the time to fill out your commitment card and turned in on Sunday September 26. If you wanted to turn in your card letting us know your commitment to the church, but were unable to be here, you can still see Joan and give her your card. Remember, only YOU, Joan and God know what you have pledged.

Sebring School District staff, students, & the Board of Education sends a big Thank You to OUMC Missions Committee for the monetary gift which was used to purchase water bottles for every student.

Soles of Luv sent the Missions Committee a thank you for a couple of monetary gifts which provided shoes & socks for children in need.

Ask and you shall receive!

Thank you Daryle for your generosity in providing McDonald Gift Cards for the blessing bags and the Children's Fall Fest.

Ohio Nonviolence Week is Oct. 3 – Oct. 9
There is a parade on Sun. Oct 3 at 3:00 pm (Wick Ave & Wood St.) with a Rally at the Ampitheater in Wean Park, Youngstown. If you wish to donate to this cause, please go to: ohiononviolenceweek.org/donate.

Blessing Bags

It is time to make more blessing bags and we are in need of \$5.00 gift cards to put into the bags for anyone who may need them.

The UMW District Meeting will be on Thursday, October 21 at 9:00 AM at Fowler United Methodist Church. Breakfast & lunch will be served. Reservations of \$8.00 are to be made by Oct. 3 to either Linda Hahn or Joan Gearhart. A collection will be taken of detergent, men's underwear, printer paper, body wash, sunscreen, paper products, toothpaste, cleaning wipes, and monetary gifts.

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Gifts are coming in for the Fall Harvest Fest! We are still in need of more – individually wrapped candy, small prizes, and/or \$5.00 gift cards to DQ, McDonalds, Wendy's, etc. This event is a drive-thru with 7 stations for the kids. Parents will drive them around the cemetery with SPRC members manning the various stations. These stations include games, candy give-away, crafts and pumpkins to be taken home. Any gifts that you can help provide need to be at the church office by Sunday, Oct 3.

Volunteers Needed



The weather is getting cooler which means it is time for our Chili Sale! The dates are: Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 12.

Chili is to be at the church the Thursday before; packing on Friday evening; sales on Saturday. If you will be able to help with any of this, please contact Kevin Hood.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 World Communion Sunday 	4	5	6 Quilters 10 AM	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day observed	12	13 Quilters 10 AM 	14	15	16
17 Laity Sunday	18 UMW – 6:30 PM	19	20 Quilters 10 AM	21	22	23 Chili Sale 10 AM until sold out
24 Fall Harvest Fest 2:00 – 3:00 PM	25	26	27 Quilters 10 AM	28	29	30
31 Halloween 						

Facts and Figures

Sept 5 Views: 83 In-person Attendance: 58 Gifts: \$3,436
 Sept 12 Views: 15 In-person Attendance: 57 Gifts: \$1,840
 Sept 19 Views: 56 In-person Attendance: 53 Gifts: \$1,680
 Sept 26 Views: 39 In-person Attendance: 42 Gifts: \$1,365

Looking Ahead

Advent Study is a six-week program that will meet on Tuesday's at 11:00 AM beginning November 2 thru December 21. The book "God Came Near" by Adam Hamilton will be used and can be purchased for \$5.00.

All Saints Sunday is November 7. Please contact Pastor Teresa if there is someone who needs to be remembered.

October Birthdays

- 4 Laura Fisher
- 7 John Cruz
- 12 Pastor Teresa
- 17 Trudee Davis
- 22 Lorna Ramsey & Elmira Smodic
- 30 Linda Paulsey
- 31 Greg Hood, Richard Rich, & Linsy Shively

October Anniversaries

- 4 Dean & Tammy Knipp
- 11 Mike & Lonnie Schill
- 17 Bill & Linda Robb
- 18 Steven & Chris Sigley

Willow is off to college

Her address while at college is:

Willow Keller
Founders Hall, Room 207
707 E. Wooster Street
Bowling Green, OH 43403-4100

A Little Humor

ATTEND CHURCH

To make it possible for everyone to attend church on Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuses Sunday."

- * Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- * There will be a special section with lounge chairs who feel that our pews are too hard.
- * Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.
- * We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."
- * Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- * Score cards will be available for those who claim there are too many hypocrites present, to make it easier to list them.
- * For those who can't go to church and cook dinner too, no worries: All your friends and relatives will be in attendance.
- * We will distribute "Stamp-Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that church is always asking for money.
- * A section will be planted with trees and grass for those who prefer to seek God in nature.
- * Doctors & nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.
- * The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.
- * We will provide hearing aids for those who say they can't hear the preacher and ear plugs for those who say he/she is too loud.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!!

THE BRIDGE
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
Teresa C. Smolka, Pastor
Nancy Goddard, Custodian
Betty Harness, Secretary