

Ohltown U.M.C.

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



September 2021

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO! By Dr. Suess

"You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights! You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights. You won't lag behind, because you'll have the speed. You'll pass the whole gang and wherever you fly, you'll be best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest."

Do you recognize the above quote from the book "The Places You'll Go" by Dr. Suess? It is a very familiar book usually given to graduates. A book that offers encouragement and hope for the future. I was reading this book the other day...yes, I know it's a children's book but I like it. I was thinking about the different people that made plans and those plans did not happen for one reason or another. As we are now experiencing the Delta Variance of Covid, and I wonder how many people will not get to go to the many places they had planned. But I do not say this to make you down-hearted, but rather to remind you that we are not in control of our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11 came to mind as I was thinking about our beginning back to school, worship and other activities that happen in the fall.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

I was thinking about Christmas and wondering IF we will be holding the service outside as we did last year, or if we will be able to meet and hold an indoor service. I am also wondering IF my wedding will take place the way we have envisioned. Will we have a Turkey dinner, the Chili sales, or any of the many activities we "normally" have. I do not know the answers to those questions. But this is what I do know... God has a plan for Ohltown. He wants us to continue to make disciples, and to continue to reach out in mission and ministry. We may not be able to "plan" our lives, but we do know that God will use every situation to His glory if we allow ourselves to hear His voice.

As I begin my 10th year serving alongside of you at Ohltown, I cannot not help but joyfully think about "the places we will go." Where is God leading us to serve this year? Aren't you excited to see God's plan unfold?

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa

The Bridge

A Very Special Thank You

On behalf of myself and Ohltown United Methodist Church I would like to thank Beverly Kalasky for the superior job she has done as my administrative assistant over these past 5 years. While she will be missed, we wish her well in her new education and success in her new career. We are blessed that she will continue to serve as our pianist once classes are over. We are also blessed to welcome Betty Harness as the new administrative assistant and look forward to a very long and happy relationship with her. Good luck Beverly.

A Note of Gratitude

This year has been a little different as far as charge conference forms. I would like to take this moment to publicly thank Cheryl Emrich and the S.P.P.R.C. for the hard work they did in getting those horrible, but necessary forms done in a VERY timely fashion. I appreciate each of you and all of the time and effort you gave to complete this task. And while I am thanking, I would like to thank Cheryl for her years of service to this committee. She will be stepping down in January and Linda Reichard will be stepping into that position. Thank you, Cheryl, for leading this committee so well.

In Appreciation

To everyone that had a hand in preparing the charge conference forms, Thank you. The trustees, Jeff McCracken and Linda Hahn, thank you for doing the parsonage inspection. Thank you to the committee chairs that were asked to get your totals in to the church office, you are appreciated. To Betty and Beverly, thank you for your work on the forms, and to Joan Gearhart for her extra work on the church budget. You are all the BEST!!

Thanks were Received

A special thank you to the Missions Committee for their donation to Humility House, Austintown to their Resident Activities Fund.



If anyone has the desire to do special music, please let Pastor Teresa know.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 24th 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The Fall Harvest Festival is for the kids from our church and the community hosted by SPRC. The event is a drive-thru with 7 stations for the kids. The parents will drive around the cemetery with SPRC members manning the various stations which include games, candy give-away, crafts and pumpkins to be taken home. We need your assistance with this event by providing the candy and prizes for the games. The candy can be any pre-wrapped kind and prizes to be kept small (\$3.00 - \$5.00). Also needed are gift cards to community eateries (DQ, McDonald's, Wendy's, etc.) and small prizes. We would need these items at the church by Sunday, October 3rd. If you have any questions, please see Cheryl.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Quilters 10 am Charge Conference forms info due	2	3	4
5 Communion 	6 Office is Closed In observance of Labor Day	7	8 Quilters 10 am Ad. Council – 6 PM	9 Gene Mellott Memorial Service 11:00 AM	10	11
12 Picnic following worship service in the pavilion	13	14	15 Quilters 10 am 	16	17	18
19	20 UMW Blankets 4 – 7 PM	21	22 Quilters 10 am District SPRC Consultations 6–9P (OUMC at 8 PM) in the Pavilion	23	24	25
26 Commitment Sunday	27	28	29 Quilters 10 am	30	Oct 1	2

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Sherry family following the passing of Becky's aunt.

Congratulations go out to Pat for the birth of her great granddaughter, Selina Ann



September Anniversaries:

- 8 Don & Janet Hood
- 9 Ed & Virginia Cluse
- 10 Rich & Karen Rich
- 25 Joe & Chrissy Baird
- 26 Earl & Robin Bowers
- 27 Garth & Christy Sheldon

September Birthdays:

- 3 Sarah Hahn & Barbara Loitwood
- 5 Tyler Cluse
- 8 Merri McCracken
- 9 Mary Jane Gehring
- 10 Sharon Day
- 13 Chris Sigley
- 17 Clark Hood & Laural Keller
- 19 Arron Baldwin
- 20 Chrystal Shofroth
- 22 Terry Carr
- 25 Lou Ellen Oakes
- 29 Frank Sloat
- 30 Sandi Rich

Looking ahead

World Communion Sunday

A Churchwide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church will be October 3. Donations will help fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships.

Organ Dedication

Western Reserve United Methodist Church is dedicating their new organ with a musical service. If you would like to attend, it will be October 24th at 7:00pm.

Join us in the Pavilion

Sunday, September 12, there will be a picnic following the worship service. Hot Dogs & beverages will be supplied. If you feel free to share a covered dish, we will all appreciate it.

Facts and Figures

August 1

Views: 25 In-person: 56 Gifts: \$3,090

August 8

Views: 78 In-person: 48 Gifts: \$3,010

August 15

Views: 75 In-person: 61 Gifts: \$1,485

August 22

Views: 69 In-person: 55 Gifts: \$1,930

August 29

Views: 51 In-person: 45 Gifts: \$985

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