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November



**NOTICE: Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13
Election of Elders, Deacons, Christian Education Board &
Delegates and Approval of 2023 Budget (page 17 and insert)
Soup and Dessert Meal to follow**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry 6pm - CEBoard	9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	10am - Bible study @ Cornerstone	Wedding Rachel Desgranges/Jacob Clark	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Totenfest 9am - Confirmation I 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship/Communion 11:30am - Confirmation I 11:30am - FH reserved 11:30am - Shalom Shopping Conf	6:30pm - Spiritual Council		9am - NO Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	10am - Bible study @ Cornerstone 5:45pm - Finance Team		5:30pm - Taste and Talent - time
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9am - Confirmation II 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship/Veterans 11:15am - Cong. Mtg Election and 11:30am - Confirmation II 11:30am - Soup and Dessert meal	6:15pm - Deacons 6:15 7pm - Consistory	SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	10am - Bible study @ Cornerstone		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9am - Confirmation I 9am - Sunday School 9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation I 7pm - Comm. Thanksgiving		12pm - Blood Drive	9am - Sit & Fit	Thanksgiving Day - Office closed	Office Closed	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Advent I 9am - Confirmation II-church visit 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship		9am - Newsletter mailing	9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir			

The Sentinel

St. John's United Church of Christ
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NOVEMBER 2022

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SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

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WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. - WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Night Schedule

Adult and Youth Bells 6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 P.M.

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THOUGHTS ON DEVOTIONS...

During my devotions recently I was reflecting on things in my life for which I am thankful. I considered the "usual" list: God, family, home, relative good health, and so on – all viable choices. But as my devotional resource suggested, I started thinking outside the box. And I began meditating on being thankful for ways that I can be of service, as in "Thank You, God, for calling me to be a blessing to others." As an extension of this I also expressed my feeling of gratitude for the mission programs of SJUCC and those of our faith family who are "in mission" in ways named and unnamed.

Any time and every day is an opportunity to be thankful, but in the rhythms of the church and our country, the season of gratitude is upon us. On Thanksgiving Day many of you will be with family gathered around a table heavy-laden with the traditional feast and its trimmings. Perhaps you and others at the table will be asked to share that for which you are especially thankful this year, much in the fashion I did above when I started writing. But why not go a step further than even I did. Instead of saying "I'm thankful for..." try forming your statement in a prayer, as in, "Lord, I thank You for..." In this way, the focus is upon the "Giver of every good and perfect gift" (James 1:17) and may serve as a real prayer witness to someone at the table who isn't in the habit of praying or even acknowledging God!

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THOUGHTS ON DEVOTIONS.....

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Here are a couple of borrowed ideas to "prime the prayer pump."

Great Giver of all good gifts:

Your blessings flow –

In the form of sunshine and gentle rain; in the form of delicious aromas and set tables.

For the gifts that fill our senses and satisfy our bodies we thank and praise You.

Your blessings flow –

In the form of gathered family and friends; in the form of full churches and joyful fellowship.

For gifts that fill our hearts and satisfy our need for love we thank and praise You.

Your blessings flow –

In the form of shattered cross and empty tomb; in the form of clean hearts and eternal life.

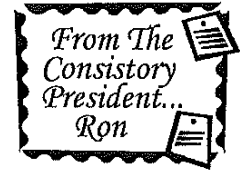
For the gifts of promises kept and those yet to be fulfilled we thank and praise You. Amen.

Great, Holy Benefactor: Your generosity and love are immeasurable. For all Your gifts we offer our thanks. Grant us wisdom to see the investment You make with every gift. Help us recognize the GIVING we can do in response to Your gifts; the LOVING we can share in response to Your love; the joyful LIVING we can enjoy in response to the death and resurrection of Jesus; and the CARING with which we can embrace this world in response to Your tender care. May our lives prove to be fruitful investments, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving! See you in church....

Pastor Dave

POSITIVE SAYINGS



As we proceed into Fall and Winter, here are some positive sayings to keep us upbeat as we wait for Spring to bring us new flowers. These sayings can be found in a article from Parade magazine titled **"100 Positive Quotes to Help You Always Stay Positive."**

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." — *Maya Angelou*

"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared." — *Buddha*

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you." — *Walt Whitman*

"Extraordinary things are always hiding in places people never think to look." — *Jodi Picoult*

"My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world." — *Jack Layton*

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." — *Maria Robinson*

"Train your mind to see the good in every situation." — *Unknown*

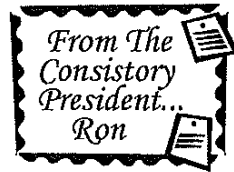
"Only in the darkness can you see the stars." — *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"Each day provides its own gifts." — *Marcus Aurelius*

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — *Maya Angelou*

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POSITIVE SAYINGS



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"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." — *Dr. Seuss*

"Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you." — *Nathaniel Hawthorne*

"Inspiration comes from within yourself. One has to be positive. When you're positive, good things happen." — *Deep Roy*

"To live a fulfilled life, we need to keep creating the 'what is next', of our lives. Without dreams and goals there is no living, only merely existing, and that is not why we are here." — *Mark Twain*

"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others." — *Rosa Parks*

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." — *H. Jackson Brown Jr*

"The truly rich are those who enjoy what they have." — *Yiddish Proverb*

"The next choice is the most important choice." — *George Wells*

"A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face." — *Maya Angelou*

Ron Hoellrich, 2022 Consistory President



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

1. Amazing how small the new boilers are
2. Enjoying the cooler weather
3. Prayers for a safe harvest
4. Grateful for ongoing financial gifts toward the heating system
5. Great to see more children in church
6. Lucy Coppes was a great speaker.

Community Thanksgiving Service November 20

7:00 p.m.

We are invited to gather on the Sunday before Thanksgiving – November 20 – with other Christians and church members from around the Holgate area for a Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Bend United Methodist Church.



Pastor Dave will participate as a worship leader for this special service, along with clergy from at least three other churches.

For those watching our **worship service online**, the announcement slides and gathering music begin 15 minutes before the start of worship. You can watch our service at <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate>.



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

October 9, 2022

- Approval given for Christine Rettig to provide and sell winter stocking caps as a fundraiser
- Approved the Budget for 2023, the slate of officers to present at Congregational meeting, and the letter to be sent to the Congregation
- Approved a motion not to renew the two CD's at Henry County Bank that recently matured and, if necessary for the line of credit, to "borrow from ourselves" until the project is fully funded
- Accepted and approved the recommendations from the Mission and Stewardship Team for the missions for 2023

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge

SAVE THE DATE

November 6 – Worship/Communion and Totenfest

November 12 – Taste and Talent Meal and Revue 5:30 p.m.

November 13 – Veterans' Sunday; Congregational Meeting to elect officers/approve 2023 budget;
Soup and Dessert Meal following worship

December 18 – Siberian Solstice Concert – reception 5:45–6:45,
concert at 7 p.m.

December 24 – Kids' Christmas program at 5:00 p.m.
Candlelight and Communion at both 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

December 25 – Celebrate Christ's birthday in worship!

Our worship service is available on Facebook Live. **You do not need a Facebook account to view this.** Go to the St. John's UCC Facebook page at

[Facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate)

This allows those who wish to worship from home to join with others virtually starting 15 minutes before the start of worship. The service is also recorded, so you can watch it at your convenience.



Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

October 3, 2022

Present: Interim Pastor Dave Voll Communion: Rick Fruth (2023)
Head Elder: Maggie Prigge (2024) Visitation: Eric Shank (2025)
Scribe: Pam Desgranges (2023) Membership: Greg Nelson (2025)
Confirmation And CE Board: Kevin Waisner (2024)

Our meeting began with devotions from Maggie. All members present except Rick Fruth.

We discussed congregational concerns. Our church family and extended family are all doing well. Pastor Voll gave his report. He will be doing Communion visits to shut-ins this month for World Communion. He has two weddings coming up – one this month and one next month. Our new members will be received during worship on October 16 – Maggie will assist. Pastor will be taking vacation October 26 – November 2. Our Worship and Music team has secured guest speakers for the Sundays he will be gone. Our Elder for November will be Kevin Waisner.

Consistory has approved having two services for our Christmas Eve worship. A 5:00 p.m. service will include the Sunday School program and a traditional service will be held at 7:30 p.m. There will be Communion and Candle lighting at both services.

Confirmation classes have begun – each meets every other Sunday, respectively, for two hours.

November 13 is Veterans' Sunday.

There being no further business our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pam Desgranges, Scribe



DEACONS' BENCH

October 9, 2022
Jeri Hoellrich, Scribe

Deacons:

John Hahn (22), Amanda Rettig (22), Rick Desgranges (22),
Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich (23), Jeri Hoellrich (23),
Carol Medina (24), Kevin Vajen (24), Sue Abshire (24)

2:15 p.m.

Members present: John Hahn (22), Amanda Rettig (22), Rick Desgranges (22), Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich by phone (23), Jeri Hoellrich by phone (23), Sue Abshire (24).

Meeting was called to order by Head Deacon, Rick Desgranges.

Christine Rettig presented a request to possibly replace some of the Paraments. She reported that the green ones were dated for dedication in 1979. Jeri added that the white ones had a similar dedication mark. Particularly the white and green ones are strained and showing wear. Samples of cloth were sent to Christine for review.

Old Business:

A motion was brought to the floor to approve the September minutes as written.

New Business:

Deacon Schedule for November (see Worship Participants on Page 11.)

John Hahn discussed a request that was brought to him about selling handmade stocking hats during the month of November and December and donating the proceeds to the Heating Fund.

Next meeting to take place 45 minutes prior to the November Consistory meeting.

A motion for adjournment was brought to the floor. Motion passed.

From the Pulpit... Worship Services 10:15 a.m.



November 6 – Totenfest / All Saints Sunday / Holy Communion

On this Sunday, we will participate in a brief Service of Remembrance for the members and friends of St. John's UCC who died during the previous twelve months. The ritual will include lighting candles, reading the names of the deceased, offering prayer for their families and others whose loved ones died this past year, and the tolling of a bell. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Matthew 26:26-29

John 14:1-6

Remember How Good a Care Package From Home Felt Like?

November 13 – Bible Sunday and Veteran's Day Observance

This is the Sunday to focus on the **Sourcebook of our faith**, the inspired Word of God. During worship there will be a brief observance in recognition of Veteran's Day.

Romans 3:19-28

Revelation 1:1-3

John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Bible: Our Most Important Faith Tool

November 20 – Thanksgiving Sunday

As we gratefully gather for worship and praise on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our hymns, prayers and the message will focus on the themes of gratitude and thanksgiving. During worship there will be a special presentation.

Psalms 66:1-2

Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26

...On Not Feeling "Down in the Mouth" at Thanksgiving

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

Advent is the season of preparing to celebrate Christ's birth. During worship on this day, we'll light the first candle of the Advent Wreath as we begin to mark the weeks until the arrival of the Christ-child.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Matthew 24:36-44

Happy Waiting!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Nov. 6	Bailee Crist Natalie Borck	Amanda Rettig John Hahn
Nov. 13	Zoe Lulfs	Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich
Nov. 20	Tori Kobilis	Pat Kirk Kevin Vajen
Nov. 27	Neveah Evers	Carol Medina Kevin Vajen



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2022

INCOME

St. John's UCC August Giving	\$ 530.00
Summerfest Worship Service	766.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,356.00

Submitted by Norma Nagel



Remember Those Who Are Ill,
Undergoing Treatment,
In Grief, Or Are Recovering
With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

Within the Fellowship:

Please hold the following persons in your daily prayers...

Those on our hearts and minds

Those impacted by recent hurricanes and other weather issues

Jaidyn Medina undergoing testing

Wally Snyder severe neck pain, undergoing testing to make a plan
for treatment

Patty Schaefer (friend of Kirk Fruth) young woman severely affected
by long COVID

Other Members of our Faith Family who are dealing with
illnesses

Please pray for our **members and others who are isolated at home
or in care facilities**. They would welcome a phone call or card

Prayers for church members who are working with or near COVID-19
patients and all healthcare workers

**Those who are anticipating procedures, testing,
and/or test results, or recovering from procedure**

- Let us pray for those of St. John's Faith Family who are dealing with health issues or other changes in their lives.
- Let us pray for the church and its leaders and people.
- Let us pray for our service men and women and their families.



Remember Those Who Are Ill,
Undergoing Treatment,
In Grief, Or Are Recovering
With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

Within the Fellowship

Sympathy To:

To The Family of **Josie Martinez Roehrig** - George Medina's cousin - who passed away on September 28, 2022.

To The Family of **Felix Pettine** - Sue Waisner's brother-in-law - who passed away on October 3 in Rhode Island.

To The Family and Friends of **Francis Poulson** - close friend of Don and Betty Rettig - who passed away on September 21.

To The Family of **Becky Gansky** - neighbor of Bill and Florence Snyder - who we have been praying for passed away on October 3.

Heating System Fundraiser

Check out the table in the gathering area for handmade stocking caps for a freewill donation. A variety of colors and styles will be available. Also, a limited number of handmade dishwashing cloths and aprons will be available.

All donations will go to the heating system fund.

Christine Rettig



Remember With
Prayers, Cards and Visits
Those Not Always With Us
Especially For Services

NURSING HOMES

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545
Sue Mohr - #116A

SKLD, 28546 Starbright Blvd., Perrysburg, OH 43551
Betty Yaichner

VANCREST NURSING HOME, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527
Sharon Hoff - #110

Don Huber - has moved to New Mexico. Cards or notes may be sent care of his daughter Dawn Boozer, PO Box 420, Jarales, NM 87023-0420

ASSISTED LIVING

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES, 1032 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545
□ **Gib Sonnenberg - #413**

GEORGETOWN PLACE, Apt. 226, 1717 Maplecrest Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815
Ken Rayle

KINGSBURY PLACE, 245 West Rosewood Ave., Defiance, OH 43512
Rose Marie Durham - Apt. 142

VANCREST NURSING HOME, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527
Marlene Rettig - #13

HOME - Send a greeting to these folks or drop by and visit!

Peggy Franz	15396 St. Rt. 281	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Herbert Fruth	13567 Co Rd. H	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Shirley Huber	E251 St.Rt. 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Jim and Sue Waisner	1542 St. Rt. 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Bernard Zimmer	1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37	Napoleon, Ohio 43545



Kid's Corner



November

- 11 - 6 Remi Rue
- 11 - 11 Natalie Borck
- 11 - 12 Bryce Kobilis
- 11 - 13 Neveah Evers
- 11 - 18 Jose Hernandez IV
- 11 - 19 Morgan Lulfs

FINANCIAL SUMMARY SEPTEMBER REPORT

ST JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary Fund: GENERAL FUND September 2022

Accounts	September 2022 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL YTD	2022 ANNUAL BUDGET
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$23,344.26	\$154,653.50	\$232,186.44
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$1,719.44	\$27,085.48	\$38,399.00
Total MINISTRIES	(\$122.96)	\$2,868.39	\$7,850.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$4,837.50	\$7,004.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$4,685.01	\$47,630.64	\$69,924.44
Total PASTORIAL	\$8,113.75	\$72,249.87	\$109,009.00
Total EXPENSES	\$14,932.72	\$154,671.88	\$232,186.44
Net Total	\$8,411.54	(\$18.38)	\$
Operating Checking Acct. Balance as of 6/30/22		\$ 27,149.01	
Mission Giving: September		\$ 810.00	
SHLAOM		\$ 750.00	
Neighbors In Need		\$ 80.00	
OCWM			
Major Maint. Balance of 6/30/22		\$ 17,485.75	
Heating Project Balance as of 6/30/22		\$ 49,875.58	



Daylight Saving Time Ends NOVEMBER 6

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5 in order to get to Sunday School and church at the correct time on Sunday.



Order your Christmas
Poinsettia

See the Insert
for ordering information

Deadline for Orders
November 20, 2022



**Happening
November 13**

Special Congregational Meeting

November 13, 2022
Following worship

Agenda

- Election of members of our Consistory
- Election of others who are filling offices
- Discussion and approval of the budget as recommended by the Consistory



TASTE and TALENT

Are Your Calendars Marked
For November 12, 2022
at 5:30 p.m.

For an Evening of
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP?

You can now get your **TICKETS** for the
Taste and Talent Revue at
Clubhouse Pizza or
The Cutting Edge in Holgate or
Purchase your ticket any Sunday Morning
Before or After Service

Meal and Revue - \$20.00
Carryout Only - \$12.00



Don't forget, We are still looking for
all that Good Talent out there.
We would like to know as soon as possible
so we can start organizing the show.

Please see
Millie Holzer, Jeri Hoellrich,
Norma Nagel, Van Huber
or Sue Abshire

Proceeds to go the Heating Fund



Fall Soup/Dessert Fundraiser

November 13, 2022

After Worship and
Congregational Meeting

Come and Enjoy
30 Soups And 30 Desserts
Freewill Donation
Proceeds To
The Heating Fund



Soups And Desserts

Calling All St. John's Cooks

The Clady Family is once again coordinating the Fall Soup and Dessert Luncheon. It cannot be a successful event without your help. They will need donations of soups and desserts on Sunday, November 13.

There is a sign-up sheet located in the gathering area. Your participation (by donating soups and desserts, and by attending the event) will help pay for our new heating system.

FINANCING OUR PROJECTS

Thanks to the generosity of our Faith Family, both the office and Fellowship Hall projects have been fully funded. The heating system replacement is now the only remaining project.

See the "thermometer" on the office window
for a quick visual update.

	Total Cost of Project	YTD Gifts	Needed to Finish Funding as of 10/23
Church Heat Upgrade	\$164,900	\$61,013.98	\$103,886.02

Autumn Bible Study Continues

There are three more Thursdays left of the six-session Autumn Bible Study Series on Parables that Pastor Dave has been leading. Remaining gatherings will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Cornerstone Room on November 3, 10, and 17. Each session will last about an hour. You need not have been present for any of the previous sessions to participate now.

New Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at St. John's UCC

At its October meeting, the Consistory approved the following new, simple yet specific plan for handling possible cancellations due to winter weather:

Henry County Level 1 – Worship and church activities will be held as usual – use common sense and precaution.

Henry County Level 2 – All non-worship activities before and after worship are cancelled – this means no choir practices, Sunday School, church dinners or meetings that may be scheduled, etc. The worship service will be held for those who choose to attend and feel they can travel safely.

Henry County Level 3 – No worship service or church-related activities.



*Mission and
Stewardship*



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN MISSION FOR NOVEMBER

The mission for November is "Orphan Grain Train." Orphan Grain Train is a nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world.

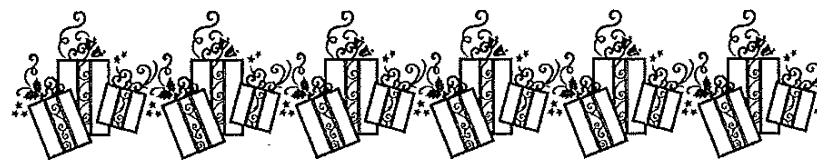
Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. More than 3,728 semi-trailer truckloads have been sent to 69 countries and several disaster areas in the US since 1992. All of this is done by volunteer and individual contributors – people who are thankful for their blessings and want to provide a blessing to someone they will probably never see this side of heaven.

Volunteers sort and pack the donated items in their warehouses across the US. Contributors donate money to ship the precious cargoes of hope where most needed. (Eleven dollars sponsors the shipment of one box of aid). Volunteers at the other end of the journey place these gifts of love into the hands of needy people.

We believe that through Christ there is great hope embodied in the effort of Orphan Grain Train. Right now they are seeking donations to be shipped to areas devastated by Hurricane Ian. The Orphan Grain Train is dependent upon dedicated volunteers and they need your help.

Their warehouse is located at 500 Independence Dr. Napoleon, Ohio. They accept many different type of donations - gently used or new clothing all kinds and sizes, household items that are clean and in good working conditions and all parts must be included, as well as blankets, sheets, towels, wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, crutches, canes, bicycles, children's books and toys, and also Bibles.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated as they help to defer shipping costs.



SHALOM CHRISTMAS

As the cold weather starts to creep in, it's time to remind everyone of the Big Event at Christmas time, SHALOM CHRISTMAS. Each year we get names of families from the southern Henry County area who are seeking help with Christmas. We provide food for a Christmas dinner, a warm homemade Blanket and three gifts for each child (one toy and a top and slacks) in the families which we help.

This year our target number is 35. That's the number of families we want to help. Thankfully our Faith Family doesn't have to shoulder this burden alone. We give thanks to the three area Catholic churches: Holgate St. Mary's, Hamler St. Paul's and Sacred Heart New Bavaria; St. John's Lutheran-Holgate, St. Peter's Lutheran - Holgate, Holgate and Pleasant Bend United Methodist Churches, St. Stephen's in Hamler, and our sister church, Emmanuel's New Bavaria.

Once again, due to the faithful giving of the St. John's Faith Family, Shalom will be purchasing all the food for the families. We will depend on the Faith Family as well as the other Holgate Area churches for gifts purchased for the children of the families we will be helping.

Providing the families get their applications in early, we should have gifts tags on the board in the Narthex by Sunday, November 13. All gifts will need to be back to the church no later than Sunday, December 11 so our Christmas elves can get all the food boxed up and gifts checked-in. The giveaway will be Tuesday, December 13.

We look forward to another successful year!

The Shalom Leadership Team



Staff Christmas Appreciation

The congregation will be invited to express their appreciation to the paid staff at Christmas beginning on November 20. There are nine staff who will share in the offering: Musicians Sheri Plotts and Sue Abshire, Choir Director Greg Nelson, Custodian Dawn Fry, Media Coordinator Linda Rettig, Newsletter Editor Ruth Ann Durham, Financial Administrator Kristine Maas, Administrative Assistant Betty (Bob) Rettig, and Pastor Dave Voll.

Gifts can be put in the decorated box or can be included in the offering envelope, marking the amount to be designated to "Staff Christmas."



Thoughts from your Head Elder

I have been watching the monarch butterflies congregate and feed off the zinnias that are still blooming outside my home. Most people know that a group of monkeys is called a troop, a group of crows is called a murder, and a group of dolphins is called a pod. This had me wondering what a group of butterflies is called.

Of course the best way to check something out quickly is to do a Google search. To my surprise a group of monarch butterflies is called a kaleidoscope. What a beautiful thing to be called!

This made me think of our church and how we have different ethnicities and ages all mixed together for one purpose. We worship and praise God and spread the message of salvation! What a kaleidoscope of people we have! To see it growing fills my heart.

Peace and joy to all - let's keep turning our kaleidoscopes and watch the beauty it brings!

Maggie Prigge



If you are leaving pictures, directories, scrapbooks or other items in the office, **PLEASE** leave a note explaining what you want us to do with the items. Leaving your name would also be good in case there are questions. Many thanks!

Confirmation I and II News



The Confirmation I Class recently learned about the Creation story and had the opportunity to form their own creations out of play dough. Two blankets have been tied for the blanket project. We will be making cheese balls in December.

The Confirmation 2 Class is working on a historical timeline and learning how events in history have shaped our faith. We visited the Family Christian Center on October 30.



CHEESE BALLS FOR SALE!

The Confirmation I Class is making and selling cheese balls for the Christmas Season

Buy a couple for your holiday gatherings

Chipped Beef or Cheddar Bacon

8 oz cheese ball - \$8.00

Available December 18

See a Confirmand to order
yours today!





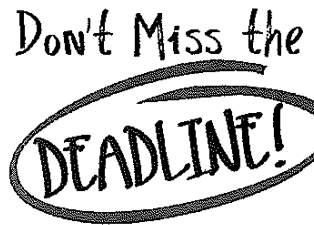
News and Notes

Submitted By Franell Nelson

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Trunk-or-Treat Fall Party on Sunday, October 23. Special thanks to those who decorated their cars and gave treats to our children and to the Waisner Family for providing the hay ride. We are blessed to be able to make memories for our children and our church family.

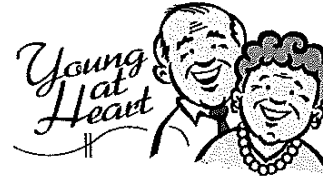
We appreciate the response we have had with donations of fleece fabric for our "Sunday School Blanket Mission". The blankets will go to children entering foster care in Henry County. Please keep these kids in thought and prayer as we reach out to them with cozy blankets. Keep the fleece coming!

The Sunday School children and Confirmants will present a program on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. This is an original play highlighting the beloved Christmas Carol, "Silent Night".



ATTENTION CHAIRPERSONS AND SCRIBES

The newsletter deadline for articles in the November and December editions of the Sentinel is moved ahead to **Thursday, November 17 and Friday December 16**. This is to allow time for the newsletter to be drafted, proofed, printed and ready to mail before the holidays. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

Delores Willamson

will celebrate her
86th Birthday
on November 5

565 Rohm Dr
Napoleon, OH 43545

Gib Sonnenberg

will celebrate his
95th Birthday
on November 18

1032 S Perry St
Napoleon, OH 43545

Bernard Zimmer

will celebrate his
95th Birthday
on November 25

1040 S Perry St Apt. 37
Napoleon, OH 43545



Robert and Betty Rettig

will celebrate their
51st Wedding Anniversary
on November 20

12103 Co. Rd. L
Napoleon, OH 43545-6565



NOVEMBER

11 - 3	Shane Eberle	11 - 17	Robert Eberle
11 - 3	Caryn Lulfs	11 - 18	Gilbert Sonnenberg
11 - 5	Delores Williamson	11 - 18	Kathy Finkenbiner
11 - 6	Shanna Sidle	11 - 21	Jeff Stevenson
11 - 7	Emilio Medina	11 - 22	Nick Davis
11 - 9	Ron Hoellrich	11 - 22	Brooke Eberly
11 - 10	Gweneth Erman	11 - 22	Nathan Meller
11 - 10	Doug Armbruster	11 - 25	Bernard Zimmer
11 - 10	Krista Lawson	11 - 25	Jillian (Clady) Rue
11 - 11	Lori Clady	11 - 27	Amy Franz
11 - 12	Brian Tilse	11 - 28	Sydney Lawson
11 - 13	Gabriel Roberts	11 - 30	Owen Fry
11 - 14	Benjamin Thomas		
11 - 14	Leslie Dietrich		

This is the list of birthdays that are recorded in the church office. If we have missed anyone, please contact the office so we can add his or her name to our list.

If anyone, for personal reasons, does not want his or her name and birthday listed, please contact the church office and make your wishes known.

(See the Kids Corner pages for the children and youth birthdays.)



PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Contact the Prayer Chain if you have any needs.
This Prayer Chain has been updated; they will faithfully pray for you. Contact one of the following persons:
Betty (Don) R. at 419-264-4321 Kay A. at 419-592-0589
Church Office at 419-264-4401

PLAN AHEAD FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

See Calendar on Inside Mailing Cover

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for news articles to appear in the **DECEMBER** Newsletter is **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022**
Please leave your article in the folder in the wall file on the South wall (Directly across from the door) of the church office marked
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES



November Mission

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

St. John's is a member of the Northwest Ohio Association of the Heartland Conference United Church of Christ. Information and resources are available at www.nwoa.org, www.heartlanducc.org and www.ucc.org.