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**NOTE: RETURN TO SCHOOL YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday Worship @ 10:15 am beginning September 11

RALLY DAY/ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON SEPTEMBER 11



St. John's UCC Float in the Tomato Festival Parade won best in the religious class and Best Overall!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 9:30am - Worship/Communion	5 Labor Day - Office closed	6 SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry 7pm - Spiritual Council	7 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	8 5:45pm - Finance Team 6:30pm - Budget meeting	9	10
11 Rally Day 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship-Rally Day 11:30am - Ice Cream Social	12 6:15pm - Deacons 7pm - Consistory	13	14 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	15	16	17
18 9am - Confirmation II 9am - Sunday School 9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due 10:15am - Worship/New Members 11:30am - Confirmation II	19	20 SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	21 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	22 Heartland Conference in person or online 3pm - FH Reserved	23	24
25 9am - Confirmation I 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation I	26	27 9am - Newsletter mailing 12pm - Blood Drive	28 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	29	30 Confirmation retreat @ Templed Hills Camp, 8734 Durbin Rd, Bellville, OH	1

# *The Sentinel*

St. John's United Church of Christ  
I-946 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527  
SEPTEMBER 2022

## Please Contact us at --

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Church Website: [www.stjohnsucchohgate.com](http://www.stjohnsucchohgate.com)  
SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

## WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Starting September 11, 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. - WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Night Schedule Starting September 7, 2022

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

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## WELCOME

Relative to the fact that we will soon welcome new members into the fellowship of St. John's, I'm also thinking about guests and visitors who come to our church. Welcoming new people into our faith family is part of our calling. "Go and make disciples..." Jesus said; our hymns and songs say "I love to tell the story, for some have never heard..." and "You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on." However you say it or sing it, this is our task: evangelism!

I know it is easier for some than others to offer a word of welcome to a stranger. Some of you are more outgoing and are more comfortable striking up a conversation with a newcomer, visitor, or guest. But it's vital! I was recently told by some regular visitors that nobody has approached them to offer a word of welcome. We have an important function as church members to extend a hand and say the welcoming word.

It's not just the pastor's job. You actually have more time after church to talk. I try to briefly greet as many as possible as they leave the Sanctuary. That takes time. You have the opportunity for real ministry by approaching someone you don't know, introducing yourself, asking their name, and welcoming them.

As a way of helping you I'm including the following borrowed article (source unknown)...

### ***"WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A STRANGER?"***

***Sadly, it's possible in any church for a visitor to leave without having been engaged in conversation by someone. One reason is that most of us are basically shy and don't feel comfortable making the first move. Another reason is that many people don't know what to say. Here are some practical suggestions:***

- 1) Introduce yourself and say, "I don't believe we've met, have we?" This goes a long way toward solving the problem of greeting an unrecognized fellow member, and also provides direction for the conversation.***
- 2) If you know they're visiting, ask "What brings you to our church today?" This may provide information on how our church or pastor may provide some ministry to that person.***

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## WELCOME

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- 3) *At some point in the conversation, you might state in one sentence what you appreciate most about your congregation, such as: "I love this church because..."*
- 4) *Introduce the visitor(s) to someone else, if it can be done graciously.*
- 5) *Don't forget to invite the visitor to return!*

If our congregation is going to be welcoming and warm toward everyone (as Janise and I have found in our 7+ months here!), then we all have to do it! I know it may be hard for some of you to walk up to a stranger and begin a conversation, especially in a close-knit, family-tied faith family like St. John's. But hopefully these suggestions will help. So try – take the risk. You may find a new friend! Since we have several new members who will be joining, use that opportunity. Start now in your welcoming habit! Don't leave it just to the pastor or the deacons on duty. Have faith that your greeting, your warm smile, your inviting spirit will make a difference!

Thank you! See you in church...

**Pastor Dave**

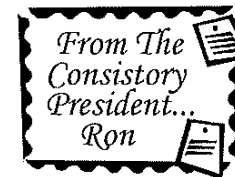
## Rally Day

**Sunday, September 11 is Rally Day** – the beginning of a new program year in the church when we get re-energized for the fall and celebrate with enthusiasm the "kick-off" of another Sunday School year.

**At 9:00 a.m. Sunday School begins.** It will be like a "welcome back" party! Come to meet your new teachers, see old and new friends, and start the year with a bang! Children and youth will gather in the Sanctuary for some opening songs, and then head outside for some games and activities. We'll also have a Service of Dedication and Ribbon Cutting for the new playground equipment. The Adult Sunday School class will meet in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

**During our worship service at 10:15, Bibles will be presented to First-Year Confirmands.** Also we will pray for God's blessings upon our Christian Education workers and students during worship.

## FRIENDS



In this fast-paced world we live in, let us take time to never forget our friends. Please take time to initiate contact with that friend you may have not spoken with lately.

I found this on ProFlowers website and thought I would share some of the quotes. The article is titled, "120 Friendship Quotes Your Best Friend Will Love," August 19, 2020.

### Inspirational Friendship Quotes

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." — Muhammad Ali

"The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart." — Elisabeth Foley

"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." — Anais Nin

"They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel." — Carl W. Buechner

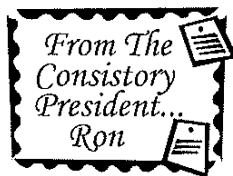
"For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." — Audrey Hepburn

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart." — Helen Keller

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." — Dumbledore

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## FRIENDS



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### Cute Friendship Quotes

"Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down." — Oprah Winfrey

"In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, for in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." — Khalil Gibran

"It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters." — Unknown

"To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world." — Dr. Seuss

"A friend is one who overlooks your broken fence and admires the flowers in your garden." — Unknown

### Short and Sweet Friendship Quotes

"Friends are the siblings God never gave us." — Mencius

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget." — G. Randolph

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have." — Irish Proverb

"I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light." — Helen Keller

"True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart." — Helen Keller

"No friendship is an accident." — O. Henry

**From the Pulpit...**  
**Worship Services 10:15 a.m.**  
**Starting September 11, 2022**

# SEPTEMBER

### **September 4 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion – Labor Sunday**

Philippians 3:12-14

Philemon 1:1-21

*Purposeful Work, Purposeful Life*

### **Return to Regular Schedule Sunday, September 11**

After a summer schedule of worshipping earlier on Sundays, beginning on Sunday, September 11 we return to our regular Sunday morning schedule of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:15 a.m.

### **September 11 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Rally Day**

Deuteronomy 2:1-7

1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Rally Day....and Moving Forward*

### **September 18 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – New Members**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 15:1-10

*Change, Repent, Come Home – However We Say It,  
We All Need It*

### **September 25 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

1 Timothy 16:11-19

Luke 16:19-31

*Our Mission, If We Choose To Accept It....*

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Sept. 4		Kevin Vajen Ron Hoellrich
Sept. 11	Ethan Sanholtz	Carol Medina Jeri Hoellrich
Sept. 18	Zoe Lulfs	Pat Kirk Rick Desgranges
Sept. 25	Eric Rettig	John Hahn Sue Abshire



FROM  
THE SHALOM  
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - JULY 2022

### INCOME

St. John's UCC June Giving	\$ 725.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 805.00</b>

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...**

**Lynn Gilliland** recovering from hand surgery  
**David Mack** (friend of Kirk Fruth) very slow recovery from serious stroke, now at Fairlawn Haven, Archbold  
**Steve Healy** (friend of Kirk Fruth) aortic valve replacement, slow recovery  
**Mick Hoff** awaiting test results  
**Mark Rettig** (Terry's (Sue) son) had rotator cuff surgery  
**Lois Retcher** (Defiance) health issues  
**Gib Sonnenberg** at Genacross in Assisted Living  
**Sharon Hoff** in nursing home side of Vancress for rehab and COVID  
**Anthony Meyer** deployed to Cuba  
**Becky Ganske** (neighbor of Bill and Florence Snyder) going to Columbus to try to get answers  
**Dorothy Kotowski** (friend of Jim and Chris Rettig) cardiac bypass 8/24  
**Gus Ledesma** (Shalom client) blood sugar issues  
**Caden Snyder** (grandson of Bill and Florence Snyder) deployed to Poland

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 procedures**



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### *Within the Fellowship*

- 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.

### *Sympathy To:*

**Fred Breece, and children, Stephen, Terry, Peggy, Vicki and their families** on the passing Thelma Breece on July 23, 2022.

**Rev. Marvin Rettig and Brenda** along with their extended family on the passing of brother Lynn Rettig on August 13.

### **Carmen Josie Medina**

July 17, 2022

**Parents:** Emilo and Tori Medina

**Sponsors:** Alison Humer  
Serapio Medina



### **Harmony Jean Hahn**

July 31, 2022

**Parents:** Jacob and Kortney Hahn

**Sponsors:** Kara Behnfeldt, Kameron Maurer,  
Konner Maurer, Kacy Wilkerson



**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**

**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**, 1036 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

**Sharon Hoff - #5** temporarily in Nursing home for rehab and COVID

**Marlene Rettig - #13**

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

**Peggy Franz** 15396 St. Rt. 281

**Herbert Fruth** 13567 Co Rd. H

**Jim and Sue Waisner** 1542 St. Rt. 108

**Bernard Zimmer** 1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY JULY REPORT

	JULY 2022 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL YTD	2022 ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>OPERATING BUDGET INCOME</b>			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$12,097.23	\$117,646.68	\$232,186.44
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$4,198.36	\$22,466.17	\$38,399.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$40.00	\$2,248.21	\$7,850.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$3,762.50	\$7,004.00
Total PASTORIAL	\$8,013.32	\$56,083.68	\$109,009.00
Total EXPENSES	\$18,488.55	\$123,474.83	\$232,186.44
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$6,391.32)</b>	<b>(\$5,828.15)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Operating Checking balance as of 7/31/22		2860.37+H45:H63	
Mission Giving		\$ 824.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$ 1,260.00	
SHALOM			
Fellowship Hall A/C		\$28,960.37	
Office Heat & A/C		\$ 7,694.81	
Church Heat Upgrade/New		\$ 3,582.02	
2nd Farm Rent Check was received and distributed. Total was		\$ 1,259.16	
SHALOM	\$ 188.87		
C.U.E.	\$ 188.87		
LOVE GIFT	\$ 251.83		
MAJOR MAINTENANCE	\$ 125.92		
CROSSROAD	\$ 503.67		



Sunday, September 11, 2022

Rally Day

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hot Chicken Sandwiches

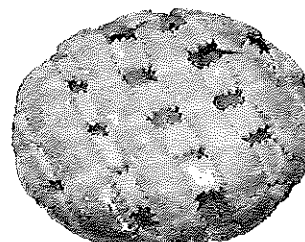
Hot Dogs with Fixin's

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Homemade Desserts

Hand Cranked Ice Cream



Sponsored by the Sanctuary  
and Hand Bell Choirs

Freewill offering  
Proceeds to  
The Heating Fund



## Kid's Corner



## September

- 9 - 6 Griffin Tanner
- 9 - 9 Cody Coppes
- 9 -14 Eric Rettig
- 9 -15 Westin Rozevink
- 9 -18 Summer Haldy-Hoeffel
- 9 -21 Jaidyn Medina



## Kid's Corner



### Sunday School Begins September 18

Regular Sunday school class begins on September 18 at 9:00 a.m. Room assignments are as follows:

**Age 3 through K** – West side of Sunday school wing

**Grades 1 and 2** – East side of Sunday school wing

**Grades 4 and 5** – Room under the balcony

The curriculum we will use is "Spark: Activate Faith". This is a program based on the Revised Common Lectionary, generally using the same scripture the children will hear in worship.

Our Sunday school time will begin with an opening for the children in the Sanctuary. We will learn songs, introduce the lesson for the day and celebrate birthdays.

Thanks to all those who have agreed to teach this year. Volunteers are always welcome. See Diana Evers or call the church office.

**Parents** – please fill out a registration form for each of your children attending Sunday school.

## CHIEF RECEIPTS

I recently submitted Chief cash register receipts in the amount of \$60,781.94. For that amount we received a check in the amount of \$303.91 to be donated to the Shalom Food Pantry.

Saving cash register receipts and dropping them off in the basket at church is such a simple thing for a person do .

We appreciate Chief for allowing us to do this as a fundraiser. Keep those receipts coming in!

Carol Lulfs, Tabulator

## FREE BIBLES

There are a number of **NIV Large Print Thinline Bibles** available. Copies are on the table in the Narthex. Feel Free to take one if you wish.



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.

## NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Six new members will be received into the St. John's faith family:



Jerry Evers has been a part of St. John's since marrying Diana (Waisner) some twenty years ago. But he is making his membership "official" at this time! Jerry is employed as a mechanical/project engineer for Wieland Chase Brass. Jerry is an evening and weekend farmer, resides with his family in Waldron, Michigan, and is the father of Nick and Neveah. He has been teaching our Adult Sunday School class for some 15 years.

Sandra Frey-Latta and Pat Spence live in Sherwood, Ohio. Sandra is a retired State of Michigan Corrections Officer and now works part-time in a Group Home for developmentally disabled adults. She enjoys cooking, resales, and spending time with her grandchildren, and was previously Roman Catholic. Pat is employed at Dana World Headquarters in Maumee and is into fishing and fossil hunting. They discovered St. John's after striking up a friendship with Geri Ripke.



Tyler Rue is married to St. John's member Jillian (Clady). They have a daughter, Remi, who is nine months old. Tyler and family call Holgate home. He is employed by Western & Southern Life. In his spare time he likes cooking and grilling, watching college sports, playing sports, and family time. Tyler was previously a member of the Continental United Methodist Church.

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Colin and Emily Waisner reside in rural Holgate. Colin was part of our Confirmation program as a youth and also attended St. Mark's Lutheran in Defiance, while Emily was a member of St. John's Lutheran, also in Defiance. They have two children: Kacey, who is almost four; and Logan, who was born in February. Colin works at Campbell Soup as an electrician and enjoys ATVs, racing, contesting horses, and being a mechanic. Emily, a pre-K-third grade former teacher is now employed at the Holgate Community Library and enjoys reading and yoga. Colin is the son of Mark Waisner and grandson of Jim and Sue Waisner.



### **Kennedy Lynn Shank**

July 24, 2022

**Parents:** Dan and Mollory (Pruett) Shank  
**Grandparents:** Eric and Lori Shank



### **Theodore Graham Hall**

August 8, 2022

**Grandparents:** Dan and Tammy Hall

## Confirmation I and II News



We are excited to have two classes this year. Each class will meet for two sessions every other Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Pastor Dave, Kevin Waisner and Franell Nelson will provide instruction.

**Confirmation I** members will receive their Bibles during 10:15 a.m. worship on September 11. Please support them with your presence on that very special day. The first day of class is September 25.

**Confirmation II** members will begin their classes on September 18.

## Thank You

St. John's Faith Family,  
Thank You to Pastor Dave for coming to the hospital to pray with Steve and I before my hip surgery. Everything goes better with prayer. I thank everyone at St. John's for the cards and prayers. It means a lot to have such a caring faith family.

*Deb Waisner*

Jim and I thank all of you for the many cards, visits and well wishes we have received over the year. We have enjoyed the service online every Sunday - wishing we could be with you.

*Thank you again -  
"With Gods Blessings"  
Sue and Jim Waisner*



## News and Notes

Submitted By Franell Nelson

### SUMMER SPLASH FAMILY GATHERING WRAP-UP

The Christian Education Board wants to thank everyone who came to the three summer gatherings. It was so much fun to see families interact as the children learned about Jonah and the big fish, Moses parting the Red Sea, and Jesus (and Peter) walking on water.

Special thanks to the donor who monetarily supported our swim party at the Napoleon Pool. We had over 60 people attend that event and had wonderful feedback with requests to do this again.

### WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

#### RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 11

A big welcome is extended to students, teachers and helpers as we begin our Sunday school year.

We'll begin with our **Rally Day Kick-off celebration Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.**

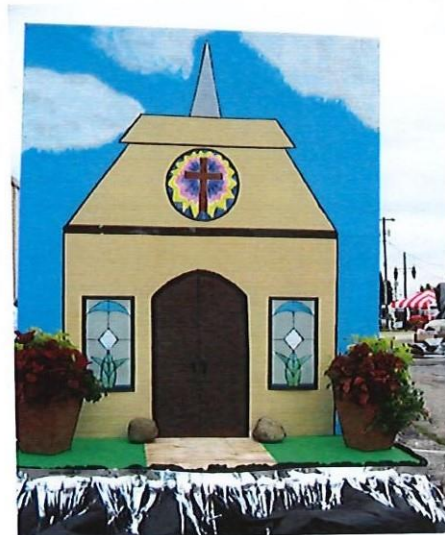
**This Rally Day is super special because we will have a children's dedication of our brand-new beautiful playground equipment!** We will then try out the equipment (weather permitting) and play games with the chance to win trophies and prizes. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.



## Henry County Fair Tomato Festival Parade August 14, 2022



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Thank You to all who helped with our St. John's UCC float  
All of your efforts won  
**First Place in the Religious Category**  
and  
**Best Overall**



## TASTE and TALENT

Everyone Mark Your Calendars  
For November 12, 2022  
To Enjoy An Evening Of  
Fun and Fellowship!!

The Fellowship Committee is planning an  
event for November 12, 2022,  
to raise money for the  
Heating System Replacement

Our plan is to have an  
Informal Meal followed by a Talent Revue

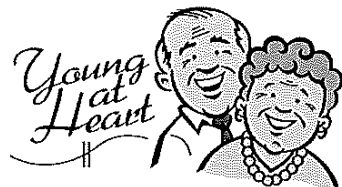


We are asking for volunteers to share their  
Musical/Comedy/Theatrical Talent.  
There will be help with this if you so desire.

If you would like to volunteer, please see  
Millie Holzer, Jeri Hoellrich,  
Norma Nagel, Van Huber  
or Sue Abshire

We would love to have as much  
In-House talent as possible.





*"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members*

**Darlene Hockman**

will celebrate her  
82nd Birthday  
on September 11

854 W Graceway Dr  
Napoleon, OH 43545

**James Yocom**

will celebrate his  
86th Birthday  
on September 26

N416 SR 109  
Napoleon, OH 43545

**Esther Bischoff**

will celebrate her  
87th Birthday  
on September 27

814 Third St  
Napoleon, OH 43545



*In Loving Memory*

**Thelma L. Breece**

*September 22, 1933 - July 23, 2022*

Thelma Leota Breece, age 88, of Holgate passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Ayden Healthcare of Wauseon.

She was born in Henry County on September 22, 1933, to Clarence and Johanna (Rettig) Bortz. Thelma married Frederick Breece, Jr. on November 14, 1954, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Holgate.

Thelma was a member of St. John's UCC, where she was a former Sunday school teacher and member of the women's Mayflower Circle, serving as treasurer for many years. Thelma was a wonderful cook and was a cook at Vancrest Nursing Home for many years.

In her later years, she enjoyed watching the Food Network and collecting cook books. She enjoyed knitting and crafting for the Mayflower Circle craft bazaar. Thelma loved spending time supporting her children during their high school sports and was a proud "volleyball and baseball" mom attending every game. Her grandchildren were a constant joy, and she loved them very much.

Thelma is survived by her husband, Fred; children: Stephen of Holgate, Terry (Lois) of Hamler, Peggy (Tim) Gainsley of Maumee and Vicki Adams of Napoleon; grandchildren: Katrina Adams, Adam Gainsley, Bradly Breece, Rachel Adams, Jeffrey Gainsley, and Erin Breece; and her brother Melvin (Theresea) Bortz of Napoleon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Dorothy (William) Stitsel.

Friends and family were received at the Zachrich Family Funeral, Holgate on Tuesday, July 26 from 3-6 p.m. Her funeral service was held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour before the service. Interment followed in St. John's UCC Cemetery, Holgate.

*Memorial contributions may be made to  
St. John United Church of Christ, Holgate*



## SEPTEMBER

9 - 1	Jennifer Bortz	9 - 23	Reed Waisner
9 - 9	Dustin Dunfee	9 - 25	Chad Lulfs
9 - 10	Kylee Pontious	9 - 26	James Yocom
9 - 11	Darlene Hockman	9 - 27	Debbie Eberle
9 - 12	Brittany Morgan	9 - 27	Esther Bischoff
9 - 13	Maggie Prigge	9 - 28	Brian Lulfs
9 - 18	Norma Nagel	9 - 28	Courtney Clay
9 - 19	Paul Prigge	9 - 29	Georgena Nanson
9 - 19	Terry (Sue) Rettig	9 - 30	Dennis Jones
9 - 21	Denny Behnfeldt		

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 **OCTOBER**  
Newsletter is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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**



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**NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

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Heartland Conference United Church of Christ. Information and  
resources are available at [www.nwoa.org](http://www.nwoa.org), [www.heartlanducc.org](http://www.heartlanducc.org) and  
[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).