



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2023

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From the Pastor...

Whatever happened to compromise?

A Lutheran pastor and a famous politician died on the same day and appear at heaven's pearly gate. St. Peter welcomes them with a cordial invitation: "Let me show you your eternal accommodations." They walk through heaven and arrive at a very small and modest house. St. Peter says: "Pastor, this is your home and thanks for your faithful proclamation of the gospel during your ministry."

They walk further and observe a huge and majestic mansion. St. Peter says to the politician: "This is your residence in heaven. The politician is puzzled and says: "Certainly this pastor is more deserving of this than I am."

St. Peter exclaims: "We have plenty of pastors here. But you are the first politician we have ever had."

While we find humor in that story, it is apparent from our current political situation in Washington that fighting among each other is the means by which both political parties seem to be engaged. In the midst of a 24-hour news cycle, we are constantly bombarded with the bellicose and belligerent attitudes of those serving this nation in Washington. I have noticed in recent years when a candidate is running for office the individual almost always says that he/she is going to fight for you. The lack of civility among politicians is appalling.

The only real answer to all this morass is the willingness to work collaboratively on the most important issues that face this country. Compromise is not a bad word. In fact, business is the art of compromise. Mutual respect is at the heart of this matter. Both political parties have something positive to offer this country and we would all benefit if they would listen to each other and resolve their differences without rancor and vitriol.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "A house divided against itself will not long endure." It is in our collective best interests to work together and resolve the issues that challenge us today. This is not true only for government but for all those issues that challenge the truth and the will of God.

I pray for the nation and those who lead us that they will humbly seek to work in a bipartisan fashion and rely upon the better angels of their nature for the welfare of all Americans.

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MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 2023

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
10/1	8:00 am	Mark Cunningham	10/1	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Tammy Huggins
10/8	8:00 am	Charlann Young	10/8	8:00 am	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Richard Dudash
10/15	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	10/15	8:00 am	Steve Maurer
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
10/22	8:00 am	Charlann Young	10/22	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
10/29	8:00 am	Jim Ward	10/29	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
10/1	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	10/1	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
10/8	8:00 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	10/8	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 am	Doug Dix
10/15	8:00 am	Jim & Jen Ward	10/15	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
10/22	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	10/22	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
10/29	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	10/29	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Doug Dix
Altar Guild			Community Meal		
		Sandy Ritter			Kathy Pozzuto

Readings for September 2023

10/1 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10/8 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10/15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	10/22 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	10/29 Reformation Sunday
<u>Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32</u>	<u>Isaiah 5:1-7</u>	<u>Isaiah 25:6-9</u>	<u>Isaiah 45:1-7</u>	<u>Revelation 14:6-7</u>
<u>Psalms 25:1-10</u>	<u>Psalms 80:7-19</u>	<u>Psalms 23</u>	<u>Psalms 96:1-9</u>	<u>Psalms 46</u>
<u>Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18</u>	<u>Philippians 3:4-14</u>	<u>Philippians 4:4-13</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</u>	<u>Romans 3:19-28</u>
<u>Matthew 21:23-32</u>	<u>Matthew 21:33-46</u>	<u>Matthew 22:1-14</u>	<u>Matthew 22:15-22</u>	<u>John 8:31-36</u>

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Shut-ins: *Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card.*

Bonnie Burkhart – Park Village Assisted Living. – 1525 N. Crater Ave. Room 507– Dover, OH 44622

Betty Menapace – Park Village Southside – Room 19 H – 1019 Oldtown Valley Road SE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers: Jenny Melegari, David Shetler, Lisa Herzog, Gina Sokol, Amy Hughes, Velda De Ruggiero, James Baltzly, Bob Luthy, Margret Cox, Dr. Jennifer Carr, Greg & Nancy Mahoney, Pam Miller, Jeff Elliott, Lucie Dillon, Watson Riffle, Steve Morrin, Lee Hartline, Shannon Welty, Jeff Siegenthaler, Dave Mason, Josh Aubihl, John Moffett, David Sears, Joycelyn Ely, Michael Mayle, Marilyn Shaw, Weston Cooper, Dominic Manuel, Joanne Simers, Jessica Ditous, Hannah Dragomir, Bob Leffler, Becky Fabianich, Devlin Crist, Gary Smerglia, Carol Schlagenhauser, Lyn Christenson, Tony & Ann Whatling, Lauren Seifert, ***Servicemen & Women-*** *Seth Hershberger, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw*

PRAYER FOCUS FOR OCTOBER 2023

Do you ever pray for your doctor?

Do you ever pray for the physicians caring for all the people on our prayer chain – or for doctors caring for members of your family or friends who are ill?

Of course, we pray first to Jesus, (Jehovah Rapha), the Great Physician, for healing. Then also pray for the men and women who are the doctors and surgeons. God has given them the ability to be His healers here on earth. Doctors are one of God's gifts to us.

Pray something like this:

Thank you, God, for (fill in doctor's name). Please give him or her the knowledge needed to make the correct diagnosis and the ability to prescribe the correct treatment. Remove their fears, bless them with a good night's sleep and a compassionate office staff to help them care for their patients.

Ask this in Jesus' name. Amen





Operation Christmas Child: In **OCTOBER** we will be collecting socks: sizes Toddler 4T-5T, Youth S-L, and Adult S-M.

A box will be in the Narthex for donations. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope labeled "Operation Christmas Child" in the offering plate. As a reminder to all, these items are prohibited: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, food of any kind, drink mixes, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, and aerosol cans.

In advance, please accept our thanks for all you do to support Operation Christmas Child.

Youth News: **Sunday, October 22**  **at the Akron Zoo 1:30 pm**
Friday, October 27 - Youth Group 6-7:30pm

Operation Christmas Child: We will be collecting monetary donations to purchase bulk items still needed for the boxes.



Denise Garver	10/3	Carl Gregory	10/23
Mary Simmons	10/8	Peggy Dix	10/24
Dee Garrison	10/10	Kory Inskeep	10/25
Kathy Pozzuto	10/10	Jean Steward	10/25
Dave Garan	10/11	Richard Dudash	10/27
Jennifer Smith	10/13	Laura Fortner	10/31
Beth Pirillo	10/23		



Lynett & John McClay	10/2
Aaron & Meghan Woods	10/12



ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST
St. John United Church of Christ - 409 Park Avenue SE Bolivar
Saturday October 7, 2023 - 8 - 11:00 a.m.
 Cost: \$9.00 ages 11 and up \$4.00 ages 6 to 10 - Under 6 – Free

New Members: We welcome Fred & Mary Ann Miller, Ann Shetler and Jack Chenoweth to our church family..

Council News: Approval was given for Semi Monthly Dinners on the first and third Thursdays beginning this month.

Live & In-Person From Nashville!



Rick Price Ministries presents:

NEW LEGACY PROJECT

Formerly the Blackwood Legacy

MON – OCT 9 – 7 PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church
156 Poplar Street - Bolivar

Non-denominational Event – Everyone Welcomed

Please join us for a phenomenal concert with one of Nashville's finest Men's Vocal Bands. Best known for their stellar harmonies, impeccable delivery, humor & love for God.

Admission is free!

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN AT TIME OF CONCERT.



OCTOBER IS FOOD PANTRY **MONTH!**



Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the narthex.

The weeks are as follows:

WEEK ONE – Breakfast Food

WEEK TWO – Canned Foods

WEEK THREE – Quick Foods (i.e., Cake Mixes, Macaroni and Cheese, etc.)

WEEK FOUR – Paper Products, Laundry Products, Hand Soap, Dish Soap, etc.

Thank You..



OCTOBER CALENDAR 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7
Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 am Book Club 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 pm	Community Meal 11:30 -1:00 pm		
10/8	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm New Legacy Project Concert 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 pm Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m.	Worship Meeting 11:00 a.m.		Property 9:00 am
10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 am Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 pm		
10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm		Choi Practice 7:30 p.m.		Youth Group Fellowship Hall 6-7:30pm	
10/29	10/30	10/31				
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. REFORMATION SUNDAY	Yoga Class 9-10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm					

Year To Date Giving

Year to Date Through September Amount 2023 **\$ 118,343.00**

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