



# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

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From the Pastor...

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## IS IT REALLY GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY?

On Monday, September 6, our nation will celebrate Labor Day. It is the time to recognize the value and significance of labor and the millions of people who daily perform their tasks for the welfare of our country. We honor all workers for their time and effort to promote the standard of living for all Americans.

On the flip side of work is volunteering. This aspect of life reminds us of the importance of helping other people without any compensation. It is said that you make a living by what you earn and a life by what you give. Giving time is the most precious commodity that we have. In addition to the labor that is done by countless workers each day, there are many instances of volunteer work performed by many to benefit others in need. This is the essence of life as a believer in Christ. We are called to serve the needs of others.

It is inspiring to see stories reported in the media of people who are helping others in need. I am often encouraged by their willingness to give of their time and energy to assist others. Often times I find, however, when asked by various media personalities the rationale behind their service they typically reply by saying they are giving back to the community. What do they mean by that statement? Do we owe our community anything? Don't we pay taxes for many services provided by the community such as; fire and emergency help, public education and a police department?

I suggest that what lies behind volunteer work is not giving back to a community that I support through local taxes but a response to God who motivates all of us to be generous with others as God has been generous to us. Many people seem to ignore God in their charity and seek to describe it just as good will. In the book of James 1:17 it states that, "Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." Clearly the motivation for volunteering is not simply good will but a response to God who deserves the credit for the kindness being shared.

In closing, as America celebrates Labor Day this month, I encourage you to remember all the great contributions that labor has made to the success of this country; including industry, commerce, medicine, technology and many other aspects of life. America is blessed by God with many dedicated and tireless workers as well as many unheralded volunteers who support the less fortunate in countless ways each day. As we value labor and the people behind it, let us be grateful that we are fortunate to live in a country that holds the work we do in such esteem.

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# Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
9/5	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine	9/5	9:30 a.m.	None
9/12 Rally Day	11:00 a.m.	Steve Maurer	9/12 Rally Day	11:00 a.m.	None
9/19	8:00 a.m.	Pam Ward	9/19	8:00 a.m.	Jen Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Randy Simers		10:30 a.m.	None
9/26	8:00 a.m.	Jim Ward	9/26	8:00 a.m.	Pam Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 a.m.	None
DATE	TIME	USHERS & GREETERS	DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES
9/5	9:30 a.m.	Kevin Kienzle	9/5	9:30 a.m.	None
9/12 Rally Day	11:00 a.m.	Tom & Tammy Huggins	9/12 Rally Day	11:00 a.m.	None
9/19	8:00 a.m.	Jim & Jen Ward	9/19	8:00 a.m.	None
	10:30 a.m.	Dave & Linda Ward		10:30 a.m.	None
9/26	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Charlann Young	9/26	8:00 a.m.	None
	10:30 a.m.	Jerry & Carol Hoskinson		10:30 a.m.	None
		Altar Guild Cheryl Simers			Fellowship Jean Steward
		<b>Screen Monitor</b>			<b>Nursery</b>
9/5	9:30 a.m.	Ted Howenstine	9/5	9:30 a.m.	None
9/12 Rally Day	11:00 a.m.	None	9/12 Rally Day	11:00 a.m.	None
9/19	8:00 a.m.	Pam Ward	9/19	8:00 a.m.	None
	10:30 a.m.	Doug Dix		10:30 a.m.	None
9/26	8:00 a.m.	Jen Ward	9/26	8:00 a.m.	None
	10:30 a.m.	Jerry Hoskinson		10:30 a.m.	None

9/5	9/12	9/19	9/26
<u>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>16<sup>th</sup> Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>17<sup>th</sup> Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>18<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>
<u>Isaiah 35:4-7</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9</u>	<u>Jeremiah 11:18-20</u>	<u>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</u>
<u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 54</u>	<u>Psalm 19:7-14</u>
<u>James 2:1-10, 14-17</u>	<u>James 3:1-12</u>	<u>James 3:13-4:3,7-8</u>	<u>James 5:13-20</u>

<u>Mark 7:24-37</u>	<u>Mark 8:27-38</u>	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u>	<u>Mark 9:38-50</u>
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**Readings**



**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers:** Charles Boyles, Julie Dean, Andrew Stanley, Hannah Dragomir, Bob Leffler, Rose Cunningham, Seth Hershberger, Brenda Farrar, Dale Huff, Jay Johnson, Darin Wentz, Becky Fabianich, Stan Trojak, Adam Clugston, Dave McClay, Margaret Cox, Kelly Moore, Joe Harris, Terry Manning, Devlin Crist, Theresa Weaver, Gary Smerglia, Robert Kuntzman, Betty Harper, Carol Schlagenhauser, Lyn Christenson, Tony & Ann Whatling, Pat Sundheimer, Louise Harris, Ret Kendrick, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** *Seth Hershberger, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw*

**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.  
Thank you.

- Bonnie Burkhardt** – Park Village Assisted Living. – 1525 N. Crater Ave. Room 56H– Dover, OH 44622  
**Pat Sundheimer** – Inn at Apple Ridge – 3308 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, OH 44286  
**Terry Manning** – PO Box652- 724 Orchard Rd. NE, Bolivar, OH 44612  
**Joe Harris** – 10283 SR 212 NE, Apt. B – Bolivar, OH 44612  
**Rose Cunningham** – Park Village – 1525 N Crater Ave. – Room 22H Dover OH 44622



Happy Birthday

Joe Harris	9/7
Deanna McMaken	9/7
Michael Eberly	9/8
Lisa Keane	9/9
Marcia Howenstine	9/10
Kim Pohovey	9/10
Sandy Ritter	9/15
Paul Shine	9/16
Barb Shine	9/17

Trent Garver	9/21
James Ward	9/21
Linda Clugston	9/24
Carole Harmon	9/24
Chrystal Page	9/24
Terry Tegtmeier	9/25
Jordan Beitzel	9/25
Josh Keane	9/27
Abe Marlowe	9/30



Joe & Rose Harris	9/3
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Anniversaries

John & Sandy Bolitho	9/14
Paul & Barbara Shine	9/17

**Youth News:** - Sunday school will resume on Sunday September 19 at 9:15 a.m. The names of the youth groups have been changed to the following:

**Adventurers (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)**

Mark 16:15 - Go everywhere in the world and tell everyone the good news.

**Braveheart's (3rd - 7th Grade)** - Psalm 31:24 - Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

**Warriors (8th - 12th Grade)** - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - <sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Adventurers will meet at the church on **Friday, September 10th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Braveheart's will meet at the church on **Friday, September 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Warriors will meet at the church on **Friday, September 24th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Each group will have a lesson, activity and snack!

We will have a youth and family outing on **Saturday, September 25th!** We will all meet at the church at 12:30 for lunch (Subway) and then travel to Sunny Slope Orchard to pick our own apples and have apple cider!



**Council News:** The council has decided to resume the **community meals in September beginning Thursday September 23 at 5:00 p.m.** We will also continue a monthly meal for the Homeless Shelter. The council has approved the *Fall Schedule* –beginning on **Sunday, September 19 with 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.** In addition, we will have fellowship that day as well. *New Sign-up sheets are available in Narthex.*



**Book Club:** The next book we'll be reading is "*Chance or the Dance?: A Critique of Modern Secularism,*" by Thomas Howard. This is a new edition of a 20<sup>th</sup> century work that has become a prophetic reality of the modern-day secular worldview. Only 130 pages, this book is meant to be read slowly, partly due to his vocabulary, as well as his slightly unusual prose and content.

Eric Metaxis states in his foreword, "...the fundamental question that faces us today --- whether to accept a view of the world that says we are extraordinary creatures whose lives have eternal meaning or to accept a view that says we are cosmic accidents whose lives have no meaning at all." And from the first chapter, "The myth sovereign in the old age was that everything means everything. The myth sovereign in the new is that nothing means anything." There is quite a bit to chew on here. Contact Terry Tegtmeier for a copy at \$10 each. The date for the next book club discussion will be **Tuesday, September 28th, at 7:00 pm.**

**Fall Schedule begins September 19<sup>th</sup> with services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**

**Evangelism and Missions-** Continuing our survey of Great Commission opportunities ("... make disciples of all nations ..."), we'll go back overseas. This month's agency is Spiritual Orphans Network (SON – formerly East European Missions Network – EEMN). From the NALC listing: "SON serves people in a part of the world that is often overlooked as a mission field. We excel at reaching spiritual orphans in the unique context of former communist nations. The spiritual darkness and challenges of former and currently communist nations are uniquely different from more common, third-world missions' destinations. While most mission organizations are focused on service and social ministries (building homes, digging wells, clothing and feeding the poor), this is often a means to an end to share the Gospel. The part of the world SON serves already provides for basic human needs and infrastructure. What is lacking is a connection to God."

SON's website mentions career missionaries in Poland, Latvia, Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Albania, and Turkey, but few details are given, perhaps for their protection. It appears that a major part of their activity involves organizing mission trips to Eastern Europe for US churches. More information is available on the SON website: "<https://sonetwork.org/>".

**ALL - YOU - CAN – EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST**

St. John United Church of Christ 409 Park Avenue, Bolivar  
Saturday, September 4, 2021 8 - 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast will consist of: Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast bakes, grits, fruit, sweets, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, juice and coffee.

Cost: \$7.00 ages 11 and up \$3.00 ages 6 to 10 Under 6 – Free



**On Wednesdays beginning September 15th at 7:30pm choir practice will resume.**

**Monthly To Date Giving**

**August 2021 \$ 23,745.52 Includes 4 Services**



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4
			Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m.			
9/5	9-6	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 a.m. Labor Day	Men's Meeting 7:00 p.m.				Property Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Dee Garrison - Luncheon Bolivar HS Graduates
9/12	9/13	9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18
Rally Day at the Sears Barn..11:00 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			
9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m..	Yoga Class 9-10 a.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Men's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m.		Homeless Shelter Meal 6:00 p.m.
9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30		
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m..	Yoga Class 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 p.m.	Book Club 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			

August 2020 \$10,382.49 Includes 4 Services on Line

