



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

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From the Pastor...

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## FAITHFULLY DIFFERENT

This month I have decided to promote the book entitled, "Faithfully Different." This is the book chosen for discussion at the November meeting of the book club. I strongly encourage everyone to read this timely piece that promotes a biblical worldview that has been distorted and modified by modern culture.

The author of the book, Natasha Crain, writes, "When we keep our eyes on the Lord through consistent prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other believers, we're no longer trapped by worldly influences."

The author goes on to write the following: Love remains a godly love, rather than becoming one rooted in subjective feelings. Joy remains a godly joy, rather than becoming equated with circumstantial happiness.

Peace remains a godly peace, rather than becoming one stemming from worldly appeasement. Goodness remains a godly goodness, rather than becoming one defined by popular consensus. Faithfulness remains a godly faithfulness, rather than becoming one tempered by the authority of the self.

Gentleness remains a godly gentleness, rather than becoming one that is indistinguishable from apathy.

And self-control remains a godly self-control, rather than becoming one that navigates according to a world compass of freedom and restraint.

After reading this book, I discovered how subtle yet powerful is the prevailing culture upon believers. It is so much easier to go along so as to get along with others. The challenging aspects of faith are compromised with the present values glorified by our culture. This phenomenon is not new, rather it is characteristic of human nature to avoid the unpleasant side of the gospel in favor of the more palatable elements found in the Bible.

Our worldview is not only shaped by the current culture it is reinforced by the multiple messages one receives through social media. It is easier to rely upon the opinions of others than the truths revealed in the Scriptures. Popularity is valued more than fidelity to the truth in the present-day culture.

In closing, I strongly recommend that you read "Faithfully Different" and join in the discussion on Tuesday, November 28 with others at the book club.

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## MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
11/5	8:00 am	Mark Cunningham	11/5	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
11/12	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	11/12	8:00 am	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
11/19	8:00 am	Charlann Young	11/19	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Richard Dudash
11/26	8:00 am	Jim Ward	11/26	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Cheryl Simers
<b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b>			<b>SCREEN</b>		
11/5	8:00 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods	11/5	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 am	Doug Dix
11/12	8:00 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	11/12	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
11/19	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	11/19	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggings		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
11/26	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	11/26	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Doug Dix
<b>Altar Guild</b>			<b>Community Meals</b>		
		<b>Ted &amp; Marcia Howenstine</b>			<b>Kathy Pozzuto</b>

### Readings for November 2023

11/5 <u>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</u>	11/12 <u>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	11/19 <u>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	11/26 <u>Christ The King</u>
<u>Revelation 7(2-8) 9-17</u>	<u>Amos 5:18-24</u>	<u>Zephaniah 1:7-16</u>	<u>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</u>
<u>Psalm 149</u>	<u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Psalm 90: 1-12</u>	<u>Psalm 95:1-7</u>
<u>1John 3:1-3</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 15:20-28</u>
<u>Matthew 5:1-12</u>	<u>Matthew 25:1-13</u>	<u>Matthew 25:14-30</u>	<u>Matthew 25:31-46</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:** Pastor Scott Anderson, Sally Lider, Jenny Melegari, David Shetler, 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*

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## **PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

Good Night! *I will lie down and sleep in peace,  
for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety Psalm 4:8*

Have trouble sleeping? You're not alone. A recent study found that 77% of Americans sleep fitfully. Nearly half of us say we're losing sleep because of anxiety about what is going on around us.

In "God's Peace for When You Can't Sleep", Christina Vinson suggests focusing our heart and mind on God's promises and on the sweetness of prayer as the day ends.

Don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd.

As you place your cares into His Loving hands, this peace will replace your worries with a restful night of sleep.

Pray like this: ***Lord, You are the giver of rest, Help me trust that You have everything under control, and to hand all my burdens over You, the all-powerful, able, strong God.***



**This will be our last breakfast for the year.** I would like to thank you all for your support and joining us for a good breakfast and social time with friends and neighbors.

**COUNTRY BREAKFAST BUFFET - ST. John United Church of Christ -  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 8:00 – 11:00a.m.**

**Operation  
Christmas Child  
SHOEBOX**

**Youth Activities:** Youth Group Friendsgiving - **Friday, November 17, 2023 - 6-7:30pm** St. Paul Fellowship Hall

**OCC Shoebox Packing Party - Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 11:40am/ After 10:30am Service** St. Paul Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the OCC Shoebox Packing Party since we want more than just youth families to have an opportunity to participate in this. The shoebox packing party will be open to anyone so it will be offered to the youth families that don't attend our church as well hence the 11:40am-ish time. Lunch will be provided following the shoebox packing.



**Operation Christmas Child:** 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*

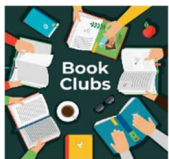
**Christmas Child. We will have our shoebox packing party on Sunday, November 19 after the 10:30am service. Please return all filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 12 to allow time to check them for prohibited items, and determine how many boxes we will be filling on the 19th in case it is necessary to buy more items.**



Bennett Gettan	11/4	Andrew Reeves	11/18
Paulette Hoskinson	11/4	Riker Grewell	11/23
John Kienzle	11/5	Alyce Snyder	11/24
Emma Garver	11/7	Jerry Hoskinson	11/28
MaryAnn Miller	11/8		
Zac Pirillo	11/8		
Randy Simers	11/11		



Dave & Dorothy Garan	11/5
Zac & Beth Pirillo	11/6
Fred & Maryann Miller	11/9
Car & Faye Gregory	11/17
Dave & Linda Clugston	11/20



**Book Club News - "Faithfully Different"** The next book club selection will be "Faithfully Different," by Natasha Crain. The subtitle is helpful, as it reads, "Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture." Quoting from Greg Koukl's insert: "...Crain strikes a healthy balance between her native kindness and gentleness and her sharp biblical thinking, helping you discover, finally, how all the crazy cultural pieces fit together *and* what to do about it....If you read just one book to help you understand the present-day secular assaults on Christianity - and the biblical answers to them - make it *Faithfully Different*." We tentatively plan to meet on **Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm**. Copies can be obtained for \$10 apiece.



**Property News:** A family has donated the money to repair the roof on the church, replace the roof on the small shed, and replace the lighting to all LED for the parking lot both in the main lot and the west side of the church.



**Friends of the Homeless Fundraiser:** Texas Roadhouse in New Philly, OH

Support – Friends of the Homeless – Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 10:00 pm – **10% DONATION NIGHT – PRESENT FLYER AT THE NEW PHILADELPHIA** Texas Roadhouse, drop your dinner receipt in the white box by our bakery or show flyer to drive thru attendant and they will donate 10% of total food sales!

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4
			Choir Practice 7:30 pm Softball pizza party 6-7	Community Meal 11:30 -1:00 pm		EASTERN STANDARD TIME. TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HR.
11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11
Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 am	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> Men & Women’s Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m. Budget Meeting 1:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting 11:00 a.m.		Property 9:00 am Veterans Day
11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. ALL SHOE BOXES TURNED IN	Yoga Class 9-10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm	NALC Pastors Meeting 10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 pm		
11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. PACK SHOE BOXES AFTER 10:30 SERVICE	Yoga Class 9-10 am Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women’s Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers – Fellowship Hall Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers – Fellowship Hall Happy Thanksgiving		
11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30		
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm	Book Club 7:00 pm	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			

## Year To Date Giving

Year to Date Through October Amount 2023 **\$ 128,388**

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