



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

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From the Pastor...

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

Recently, I presented series of discussions on spirituality. I offer some key ideas for those who were unable to attend.

There are many styles of prayer almost as unique as the individual. Apart from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that there can be no prayer worthy of the believer. The Spirit plants within us the desire to pray and rest in the inner being of God.

Luther boldly asserted that "through prayer we share the almightiness of God." Christians who pray are helpers and saviors. Luther suggested that prayer should be "the first business of the morning and the last at night." Luther also added, "I do not know it or understand it, but sounding from above and ringing in my ears I hear what is beyond the thought of man."

Thomas Aquinas held that the frequency, not the length is the important issue in prayer. We should pray for what we believe could be God's final will or at least in accord with His will.

True prayer involves not simply pleading with God, but also wrestling with God in the darkness. Wrestling is not whining, for it springs from strength not weakness.

Prayer to be sure, involves submission to the will of God as well as importunity or petitioning. The surrender in prayer is not so much servile submission as seeking to bring our will in accord with His will.

For Calvin, supplication is opening up the treasures that God has stored for us in heaven. Not only must we be willing to act if our prayer is answered, we must seek to bring about the answer even as we pray. As Luther phrased it, "We pray for silver, but God often gives us gold."

The paradox of prayer that is not answered according to human expectation but that is fulfilled in the perspective of eternity.

St. Augustine understands prayer as "a loving gaze of the spirit directed towards God." John of Damascus defines prayer as the elevation of the mind and heart to God. For Thomas Merton, prayer is not essentially seeking communion with God, but rather realized communion in which we affirm what God gives.

Cardinal Newman confessed, "I am never less alone than when I am all alone."

As you can tell, prayer is a multi-faceted experience of God as we seek all that matters. I encourage all of you to be vigilant and persevering in prayer each day.

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MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
11/2	8:00 am	Charlann Young	11/2	8:00 am	Steve Maurer
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Linda Clugston
11/9	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	11/9	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
11/16	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter	11/16	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Cheryl Simers
11/23	8:00 am	Charlann Young	11/23	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Gabriel Woods
11/30	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter	11/30	8:00 am	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
		USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN
11/2	8:00 am	Dave & Charlanne Young	11/2	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
11/9	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	11/9	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Doug Dix
11/16	8:00 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods	11/16	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
11/23	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	11/23	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 am	Zac Pirillo
11/30	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	11/30	8:00 am	Steve Maure
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Doug Dix
		Altar Guild			Community Meal
		Ted & Marcia Howenstine			Kathy Pozzuto

11/2 All Saints Day	11/9 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	11/16 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	11/23 Christ the King	11/30 First Sunday of Advent
<u>Revelation 7:2-17</u>	<u>Exodus 3:1-15</u>	<u>Malachi 4:1-6</u>	<u>Malachi 3:13-18</u>	<u>Isaiah 2:1-5</u>
<u>Psalms 149</u>	<u>Psalms 148</u>	<u>Psalms 98</u>	<u>Psalms 1-7</u>	<u>Psalms 122:1-9</u>
<u>1 John 3:1-3</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians 3:1-13</u>	<u>Colossians 1:13-20</u>	<u>Romans 13:8-14</u>
<u>Matthew 5:1-12</u>	<u>Luke 20:27-40</u>	<u>Luke 21:5-36</u>	<u>Luke 23:27-43</u>	<u>Matthew 24:36-44</u>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!



BIRTHDAY				ANNIVERSARIES		
Bennett Gettan	11/4		Andrew Reeves	11/18	Zac & Beth Pirillo	11/6
Paulette Hoskinson	11/4		Riker Grewell	11/23	Carl & Faye Gregory	11/17
Emma Garver	11/7		Alyce Snyder	11/24	Fred & Mary Ann Miller	11/9
Mary Ann Miller	11/8		Jerry Hoskinson	11/28	Carl & Faye Gregory	11/17
Zac Pirillo	11/8				Dave & Linda Clugston	11/20
Dave Zastawny	11/9					
Randy Simers	11/11					

Sick & Shut-in

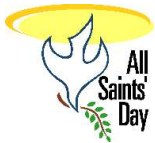


Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. - **Pam Ward (Room 128)** – Hennis Care Center 300 Yant St. Bolivar OH 44612) - **Pat Mizer (Room 215)** the Inn at Northwood Village 5799 N Wooster Avenue Ext NW Dover, OH, 44622. - **Jerry Hoskinson**, 1970 North Orchard Rd. NE Bolivar, OH 44612 - - **Betty Menapace (Room 19 A)** – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave., Dover OH 44622 and **Alyce Snyder - (Room 608)** at Assisted Living at Brewster Park 360 Wabash Avenue (Jefferson Lodge/Inn Bldg. Brewster OH 44613 **Carol Hoskinson –(Room 311)** The Gables 3660 Greentree Ave. SW Canton, Ohio 44706

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Tim King, David Roll, Allyson Sanders, James Baltzly, Jim Tucker, Zach & Raeann Todd, Donna Robishaw, Dan Chenoweth, Jennifer Melegari, Mary Sanders, Irene Ward, Netta Strand, Lissa Johns, Brock McNutt, David Shetler, Gary Smerglia, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Seth Hershberger, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, **Note: After 6 months names will be removed if no new information is given.**



New Address: Ann Shetler- 2922 South Peninsula Drive – Daytona Beach, FL. 32118



For All Saints Sunday, we remember those who died last year.

Lauretta Zesiger, Pat Donnelly, Dave Garan, Jocelyn Ely, Pastor Scott Anderson, JoAnne Simers, Mabel Putt, Vittoria Pirillo, Vickie Groenke, Roger Lile, Pastor Ken Hacker, Pam Miller, Don Yost, Jim Stuchin, Suzanne Kuntzman, Marion DuPree, Carol Shering, Stanley Trojak, David Bogue, Jerome James, Claudia Winrod, Evan Davis, Dr. Mike McCombs, Carole Harmon, Lee Hartline, Richard Fallat, Robert McCaulley, Pete Resanovich, Tom O'Dell, Richard Shetler, Darcy Smerglia, Bill Culler, Sandra Locker, John Kienzle, Frank Sekeres, Bill Nelson, Melanie Rhea, Lillian Horrisberger, Bert Yoder, Ted Smith, Gary Goddard, Kay Locker, Kathy Slechta, Ray Stone, John Baltzly, Steve Gombos, Carol Schlegel, Julis Shelt, Charlie Kirk, Rev. John Moineau, Ann Paul.

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

Cleanse Me

Search me God and know my heart today.

Try me, O Savior; know my thoughts I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me.

Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I PRAISE THEE, Lord, for cleansing me from sin.

Fulfill thy Word and make me pure within.

Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame.

Grant my desire to magnify thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly thine.

Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;

Take all my will, my passion, self and pride,

I now surrender; Lord in me abide.

O Holy Spirit, revival comes from Thee.

Send a revival, start the work in me.

Thy Word declares, Thy will supply our need.

For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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Cleanse me with
hyssop, and I will be
clean; wash me and
I will be whiter than
snow. Psalm 51:7
Imagine living in to...

J. Edwin Orr



Christian Book Club - The next book we will be reading is “They Thought for Themselves: Ten Amazing Jews,” by Sid Roth. While the book is probably aimed primarily at a Jewish population, there are numerous things that can be learned by all people. Roth describes that he was instructed in a dream to find and interview people who had “broken through the mold of their experiences to achieve their destiny. He talks about a supernatural destiny and how people need

to “reach beyond your comfort zone...” This book is not long, and will help educate us about the Jewish perspective. We tentatively plan to discuss this book on **Tuesday, November 25th** (unless the majority want to change the date). Notify Terry Tegtmeier if you would like a copy (\$5 apiece).



Poinsettia Orders this year will be \$13.00 and come only in RED, PINK, or WHITE.

THE DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IS

DECEMBER 1.

**RPT#6 November Council Meeting 4 Year Comparison Meeting 11/17/2025
Total Giving January Thru October**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>\$143,867</i>	<i>\$137,226</i>	<i>\$146,955</i>	<i>\$160,975</i>
<i>Average Monthly Attendance For Month of October</i>			
<i>53</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>53</i>

Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County Car Raffle

It's all cleaned up
and ready to drive.
1992 Mercury Grand
Marquis LS. Only
58,300 miles.



Raffle
tickets
are just
\$10
each.

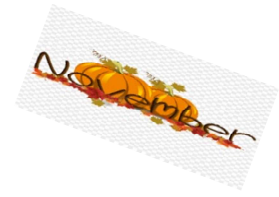


Purchase tickets from a Friends of the Homeless volunteer
or buy on-line at www.fohtusc.org. Car will be
awarded to the raffle winner "as is." Drawing at
Noon, December 15, 2025





2025



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
						<u>11/1</u>
						Turn Clocks back 1 Hr.
<u>11/2</u>	<u>11/3</u>	<u>11/4</u>	<u>11/5</u>	<u>11/6</u>	<u>11/7</u>	<u>11/8</u>
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Daylight Savings Time ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	Yoga 9-10 a.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m. ELECTION DAY	Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.		Property 9:00 a.m.
<u>11/9</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/14</u>	<u>11/15</u>
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 pm	VETERAN'S DAY Rebekah's & Sonshine Meeting 10:30 a.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 pm	Worship Meeting 10:00 a.m.		
<u>11/16</u>	<u>11/17</u>	<u>11/18</u>	<u>11/19</u>	<u>11/20</u>	<u>11/21</u>	<u>11/22</u>
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Youth Group	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.		
<u>11/23</u>	<u>11/24</u>	<u>11/25</u>	<u>11/26</u>	<u>11/27</u>	<u>11/28</u>	<u>11/29</u>
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS 	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 pm	Homeless Shelter Meal 5:00 p.m. Book Club 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 pm	 HAPPY THANKS - GIVING DAY!		
<u>11/30</u>						
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15am FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT						

Month to Month Giving

Month to Date Giving Through October 2025 – Amount \$ 14,664.00

Month to Date Giving Through October 2024– Amount \$8,358.10