



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2025

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From the Pastor...

HOW TO FINISH THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

As we age, it is important to keep in mind that life is short and time passes quickly. The thought comes to mind about the legacy you may want to leave. I am going to refer to a book appropriately entitled, "How to Finish the Christian Life.?" The authors, Donald and George Sweeting offer many significant insights into this provocative question.

I found a prayer that is particularly meaningful that I want to share with all of you.

A PRAYER TO FINISH WELL

May I, as I draw closer to the end of my earthly life, be a person who loves your church more than I ever have. A person who prays for your church and your leaders of your church. A person who shows a commitment to your church in all that I do.

May I be a person of greater moral purity, so indwelt by your Word and in prayer that I am able to resist the temptations of the enemy, that my life shines as an example to the watching world.

May I be a person who loves my family more with each passing day. A person more in love and dedicated to my spouse. A person who loves my adult children even more than I did when they were younger. A person who loves grandchildren and generations to come.

May I be a person who loves others more as I grow older and a person who is less judgmental and more giving of grace. A person who realizes that the plank in my own eye is large and I should forgive even as You forgive me.

May my life have greater joy with each day and may I see the blessings of life and count them daily. May I not grow older and more bitter but grow older rejoicing in You always.

As the day draws closer when I meet You face to face, may I be a person who was already drawing closer to You. May I be a person who eagerly anticipated that day and a person who left behind a legacy and not regrets.

Lord strengthen me to finish well.

And then, and only then, can I say that my life was not lived in vain.

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MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 2025

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
10/5	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	10/5	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Gabriel Woods
10/12	8:00 am	Charlann Young	10/12	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Cheryl Simers
10/19	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter	10/19	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
10/26	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	10/26	8:00 am	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
10/5	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	10/5	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Zac Pirillo
10/12	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny	10/12	8:00 am	Steve Maurer
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Doug Dix
10/19	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	10/19	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
10/26	8:00 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	10/26	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Zac Pirillo
Altar Guild			Community Meal		
		Randy & Cheryl Simers			Kathy Pozzuto

<u>10/5</u> <u>Seventeenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>10/12</u> <u>Eighteenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>10/19</u> <u>Nineteenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>10/26</u> <u>Reformation Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>
<u>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</u>	<u>Ruth 1:1-19</u>	<u>Genesis 32:22-30</u>	<u>Revelation 14:6-7</u>
<u>Psalms 62</u>	<u>Psalms 111</u>	<u>Psalms 121</u>	<u>Psalms 46</u>
<u>2 Timothy 1:1-14</u>	<u>2 Timothy 2:1-13</u>	<u>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</u>	<u>Romans 3:19-28</u>
<u>Luke 17:1-10</u>	<u>Luke 17:11-19</u>	<u>Luke 18:1-8</u>	<u>John 8:31-36</u>



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!



BIRTHDAY				ANNIVERSARIES	
Mary Simmons	10/8		Kory Inskeep	10/25	Aaron & Meghan Woods 10/12
Dee Garrison	10/10		Richard Dudash	10/27	
Kathy Pozzuto	10/10		Laura Fortner	10/31	
Jennifer Smith	10/13				
Beth Pirillo	10/23				
Carl Gregory	10/23				
Peggy Dix	10/24				

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 – David Roll, John Swick, Allyson Sanders, James Baltzly, Melanie Rhea, 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.**



Rebekah Sisters & Sonshine Ladies: - We are happy to report that the Zac and Gabe's benefit concert in July for Friends of the Homeless, Jack's House of Hope raised over \$1500.00. Spread Some Sonshine contributed enough to round up and in all we donated \$2500.00 to the new shelter project. Many thanks to all who came to enjoy the show, and to those who couldn't make it, but graciously donated toward the cause.

Our campaign for Birthright in September was a success! Your charity every year provides love and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Thank you!

July-September 2025 Giving: - Jack's House of Hope \$936.00 –

Friends of the Homeless of New Philadelphia *paper and personal hygiene supplies* **\$475**

Beneath the Shade's, brother home "Built On Stone" a transitional living place for men *operational expenses* **\$500.00** - NALC Disaster Relief *Lowes gift cards* **\$500.00**

Tusky Valley student Mayson White, hospitalized since the end of August *gas gift cards* **\$1000.00**

Birthright of New Philadelphia, *infant clothing* **\$500.00**

We can't thank you enough for the offerings to Spread Some Someshine and for trusting us as your representatives in giving.

Our hearts are full! - **Another reminder that any offerings to the Rebekah Sisters & Sonshine Ladies should make their check payable to "Spread Some Sonshine"**



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, e

OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS

AMEN

The word AMEN is a Semitic word that means “truth” and saying **AMEN** is an acknowledgement that what has been said and heard is sure and binding. So this little word is centered on the idea of the truth of God. If we are not concerned about truth, then we have no reason to have a Bible. The Bible is God’s Word and God’s Word is true.

There is, perhaps, no more remarkable use of the term **AMEN** in the New Testament than on the lips of Jesus. We read Jesus saying “Verily, Verily, I say unto you or “Truly, Truly”, I say unto you. The Greek word of Truly and Verily is the word **AMEN**. Instead of saying **AMEN** at the end of His teaching, Jesus begins by saying, “Verily, verily” or “Truly, truly” (Amen, Amen), I say unto you. “Why is this significant? Because every word that came from His lips were true and important.

When Jesus wanted to call attention to something, he would repeat **AMEN, AMEN** to emphasize the importance of what He was going to say.

Take a moment before reading the Bible to pray for insight to be able to receive the message that Jesus wants you to understand, and how to apply It to your life.



Help Needed: Last week Becca Dix Hugg and her family lost their home in a tragic fire. Fortunately, no one was injured. The council voted to donate \$5000 to the family. The congregation can also contribute. Please make all checks payable to Rebecca Hugg.



Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things.

Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives.

On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: ***God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.***

Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better - Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better. We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call “church.” ***Happy Reformation Sunday!***

Matching Gifts Program: The church council approved a contribution of \$2,000 to be matched by members of the congregation and given to various charities. The amount was chosen to honor the Bi-Centennial of the Village of Bolivar. Denominations varying from \$10 to \$100 are in envelopes for your use. Please match any amount you choose and give to the charity that you prefer.

Birthright- Beneath the Shade- Friends of the Homeless -
Local Food Pantry at the Bolivar United Methodist Church
Local Salvation Army at the Bolivar United Methodist Church
NALC Disaster Response in Caldwell, Ohio -
Local Hospice Organizations - St. Paul Lutheran Church -
American Red Cross - Save the Children -St. Jude Hospital



Fundraiser: Friends of the Homeless is sponsoring a Piano Maniacs event with a silent auction on **Saturday, October 18 beginning at 6:00 pm**. The dueling pianos is truly a unique musical experience. It will be held at the Marilyn located at 1260 Monroe Avenue in New Philadelphia. Finger food will be served. The cost is \$50/person or \$80/couple. Pastor Mike has tickets for those who are interested.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT



On **Monday October 13th**, the Mission Committee of **St. John UCC** will be hosting a benefit dinner from 4:00pm-7:00pm. All proceeds will go to the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless. Meals are \$10 and will include

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			<u>10/1</u>	<u>10/2</u>	<u>10/3</u>	<u>10/4</u>
				Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.		Caldwell NALC Whse, 9:00 a.m.
10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10	10/11
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m.	<i>Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m. NALC Pastors Meeting 10:00 a.m.</i>	Choir Practice 7:00 pm			Property 9:00 a.m.
10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 pm	Budget Meeting 10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M. Rebekah's Sisters 7:00 p.m.		
10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25
Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 pm			
10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	
REFORMATION SUNDAY - Worship & Communion 8 &10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 pm	Homeless Shelter Meal 5:00 p.m.			 Trick or Treat	

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverage. Carry out is available as well.

Month To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving Through September 2025 – Amount \$ 8,655.00

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

