



The Circuit Rider

The Official Newsletter of Newcomer's Chapel of Pigeon Run United Methodist Church
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Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 AM Sunday Faith Studies: 10:30 AM
Youth Night: Sundays at 6:30 PM

JANUARY 2021



Our worship services are now live-streaming via
Facebook LIVE
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM

*Communion Service
Sunday, January 3rd*



FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:
Due to the current state of the coronavirus pandemic, Newcomer's Chapel of Pigeon Run UMC is suspending in-person worship and offering virtual worship until further notice. Our virtual services can be found on the Newcomers Chapel Facebook page and on the Video Room page of our website, newcomerschapel.com. Notifications will be sent once in-person services resume.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 PM. Committee members will be sent the Zoom link prior to the meeting.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 PM



Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons will be contacted prior to the meeting, regarding the meeting format.

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH!

MOMENTUM YOUTH NEWS:

While indoor activities have been temporarily suspended at the church, Momentum Youth continues to stay in touch by holding its meeting via Zoom every Sunday night at 6:30 PM. If you are not part of “the loop”, give Youth Director Aaron Bateman a call at 330-209-3744 and he will hook you up with a Zoom link to the next meeting.

Question: do you love Lerch’s Donuts? The Youth will be holding another fundraiser after the holidays, involving these popular pastries. Watch our media platforms for more details.

Mark your calendars now for the Youth’s next “Fill the Truck” fundraiser – Sunday, March 6th! The Youth will be collecting gently-used clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, bedding and towels. All donated items must be placed in closed bags and can be dropped off downstairs in the Youth Room any time before March 6th.

The Youth has announced that their 2021 mission trip will be to Red Bird in late June. Watch this space for more information as it becomes available.



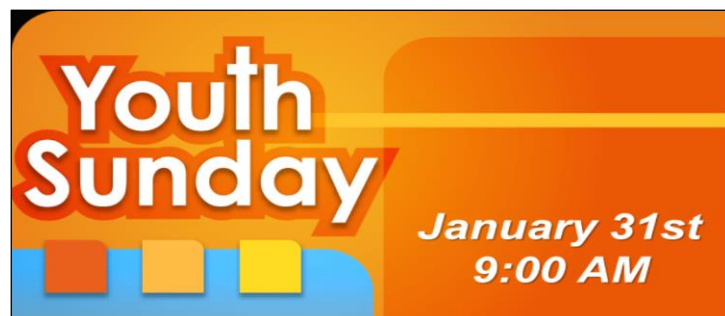
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

JANUARY 18, 2021

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:

- 1/5 Logan Thornsberry
- 1/7 Mike Gorman
- 1/8 Cassidy Higgins
- 1/9 Bobbie Thompson
Carol Cross
Denise Crawford
- 1/11 David Bowman
- 1/12 Courtney Grunder
Pam Gum
- 1/13 Ryan Hendershot
- 1/16 Bradley Grass
- 1/18 Patsy Gordon
Sophia Kurzen
- 1/19 Cheryl Katz
Lindsay Carter
- 1/21 Tana Criswell
- 1/22 Emily Ji-na Walter
- 1/23 Tabitha Lauth
- 1/24 Fred Helline
Gene Alcorn
- 1/25 Donald Buckridge
- 1/26 Sandy Hardesty
- 1/27 Lila Grass
- 1/28 Jamie Thompson
- 1/30 Joni Dingey
- 1/31 Carol Hollinger

Do we have your birthday on our church files?
Send your dates to Shirley Kurzen so that we can celebrate your special day!



FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Please continue to support our year-round collection drives:

- Donations of personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, shampoo, deodorants, lotions and creams, razors, shave cream, lip balm, toilet paper and tissues, etc.). All sizes will be accepted. All donations will be equally divided among the mission organizations that need them. The collection box is in the Narthex.
- Can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, in the name of Amelia Hartong. The collection jar at the table inside the Narthex entrance.
- Diaper coupons to help the families of our wee ones! Drop the coupons off at "The Table".
- Empty printer ink and toner cartridges that will be recycled into store credit for church office supplies. Drop off in the Narthex.
- Donations of any and all non-perishable items for Canton Calvary Mission. These items may be dropped off in the Narthex area at any time.
- Size 4 diapers for the Fairless Clergy Association and the Salvation Army. The collection bin is in the Narthex.
- Donations of bed sheets (full size), diapers, personal items and food for the Family Living Center (CommQuest). The collection box is in the Narthex.

FROM THE FAIRLESS SALVATION ARMY:

Support the mission of the Fairless Salvation Army by sending a check (payable to Fairless Salvation Army) to St Paul UCC, 21 Wooster St.. Navarre, OH 44662.

You can also to donate to the FSA via text message. Text "KETTLE" TO 91999 to make a secure online donation that will go directly to the FSA.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Canton Calvary Mission and the Tuslaw Community Group are doing their level best to serve their respective communities during this pandemic, but could use your financial support. Please consider donating to these organizations through your tithing. Thank you in advance!

A NOTE ABOUT YOUR CHURCH OFFERING:

Several have asked "Where is the best place to send my offering"? We have received some at the church and they are given to Bobbi Richardson. Bobbi said it is best to just mail them to her home (3474 Pigeon Run Road SW, Massillon OH 44647), payable to Newcomer's Chapel. We thank each and every one of you who have been able to support the church with your tithes, showing kindness to other members and / or your prayers; all those things are very important & appreciated!

UNITED WE KNEEL

Set your alarm for **7:30 PM** each and every night and join together in prayer from wherever you are!

Start with Praise!

Pray According to the Word and His Will!

Speak out your needs!

Guard Your Mind!



"QUICK MEAL MINISTRY" CONTINUES:

We have been blessed with a supply of ground beef and the opportunity to serve our community where there is a need. We're calling it our "Quick Meal Ministry" and here are a few of the details: Joel Berresford has offered to head up the program. It's very simple; if you know of someone in your neighborhood or family who could use a "hand up" during these tough times, just call Joel (330-904-2710); he will arrange a time when you can come to the church kitchen to pick up the frozen beef and they can also have cans of Sloppy Joe Sauce or Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta to add to their meal. You will then deliver the food to the family with our blessings. The beef will be frozen in one pound packages to be given out in 5 – 10 pound lots, depending on the size of the family. The beef will be available until the supply is exhausted. We will keep you updated on the program as we go forward. This is a beautiful example of the church reaching out beyond the walls of the "building" and into the community!

With God
All things are Possible

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

The furnace in the Fellowship Hall has been repaired and working perfectly.

The Trustees will research the feasibility of syncing the projector system in the Fellowship Hall with the system in the Sanctuary. Our technical advisor, Jim Shaffer, will be involved.

The Trustees are currently gathering quotes for the following projects:

- ✓ Interior painting.
- ✓ Water heater replacement

OUR QUILT MINISTRY:

The Prayer Quilts we are making are for those in our congregation who have special need for prayer. They are also for any who you feel would benefit from a prayer quilt outside our church family. If you have someone in mind we need you to do three things:

1. Contact that person and explain the prayer quilt program and that the congregation at Newcomer's Chapel will pray for those receiving the quilt as they tie knots on the quilt during a worship service.
2. Ask if they would like a quilt and, if so, do they have a favorite color.
3. Ask what they would like listed as their special "need" that we can pray for.

Contact Tracey Kaser at 330-767-2242 with your prayer quilt request and it will be done.

We are also looking for plastic totes with clip-style locking lids. If you can help out here, please contact Tracey. Thank you!

EMMAUS NEWS:

Upcoming Emmaus Walks (at Camp Wanake):

Men's: To Be Announced

Women's: To Be Announced

To participate in a Walk, go to "The Walk to Emmaus" link from our website, click "Pilgrim Forms" from the top of the page and download an application. Applications must be turned in no later than 2 weeks before the scheduled Walk.

Go to the "Walk to Emmaus" website for more information. You'll find the link from the "Links of Interest" page of our website.

THIS AND THAT:

Claudia Berresford has been working on face masks with her sisters, Mary Hilliard and Darlene Reed. If you need a mask, call Claudia on her cell: 330-904-0413.

"Farmer" Dean Speicher is still accepting empty egg cartons; you can drop them off anytime at his home (4423 Pigeon Run Road SW); the garage is always open! Dean and the chickens thank you!

Even though we are uncertain when the next Dinner & Euchre Night will be held, we continue to accept donations to the "Prize Closet". These can be items that you wouldn't mind having for yourself (gift cards are the most popular). Monetary donations are also accepted. Contact Sharon Baum (330-232-2248) if you would like to donate or if you have questions.

Claudia Berresford is making Aprons for Mission Trips. All aprons are \$15.00, with \$5.00 going to materials and \$10.00 going toward mission trips. Making men's, women's and children's sizes. Different styles available. To place your order, call Claudia at 330-904-0413.

Shirley Kurzen sends emails with prayer concerns, church announcements, meeting reminders etc. to all known addresses. It is important that you put Shirley's email address (*dkurzen@sssnet.com*) in your contact list to avoid the message going into spam or junk. Thank you!

CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS: Join us inside the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 AM as we gather in prayer prior to the worship service.

Dan and Arlene Bauman are now residing in the US and continuing their mission work for Wycliffe Bible Translators. You can help support Dan and Arlene by donating to their ministry; go to our website (newcomerschapel.com), click "Links of Interest" and in the Supported Missions section, click "Wycliffe Bible Translators (Dan & Arlene Bauman)".



Grab your mouse and go to our website:

newcomerschapel.com



HELP WANTED:

Be a Worship Servant for our Sunday morning services and special events. Below are the areas that are looking for someone like you to help fill; call the contact person below for more information or if you have questions:

- Junior Church: Pam Gum – 330-401-1622
- Audio / Video: Dave Bateman – 330-347-6317
- Ushers: Al Cunningham – 330-904-9509
- Acolytes: Tom Romey – 330-465-0397
- Greeters & Liturgists: Shirley Kurzen – 330-705-3482
- Communion Stewards: Pastor Kim Vanoster – 330-827-3144

Once our Dinner & Euchre Nights return, the ministry will be looking for a team (about 5 people) to help with the evening meals. This includes fixing the meal (main course, salad, dessert, beverage and snacks during cards), serving the meal and cleaning up the kitchen afterwards. Meals can be as simple or as fancy as you like. Plan to feed around 40-50 people. Keep track of expenses, turn in your receipts to Sharon Baum and you will be reimbursed. Contact Sharon (330-232-2248) or Shirley Kurzen (330-705-3482) if you have any questions.

Dave Bateman is looking for someone(s) willing to learn WordPress, our website platform. This would require maintaining the weekly updates of our website in the event that Dave is unavailable. If interested, contact Dave at 330-347-6317.

PROJECT INDIA UPDATE:

We look ahead to 2021 and our next chance for a mission trip to Hyderabad, India (this year’s trip was postponed). If you ever wanted to go on a trip of a lifetime, Aaron Bateman (330-209-3744) has all the information you need. Usually, the trip is held the first week in August.

Continue to pray for the staff and students of the Bethel Gospel Church in Hyderabad, India. Recent flooding, along with the current pandemic, have created challenging conditions.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

During this pandemic, we wish to load up our worship services and social media platforms with Special Music. We welcome soloists, duets, trios, quartets, ensembles and musical instruments. If you would like to “make a joyful noise”, please give Joel Berresford a call at 330-904-2710.

FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION:

The Fairless Food Cupboard will distribute free groceries to qualified residents of the Fairless School District on the 4th Thursday of the month (the 3rd Thursday in November and December) from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in the basement of St. Therese Catholic Church (500 S. Wabash in Brewster). Recipients must have identification, meet the financial guidelines and show proof of Fairless School District residency.

Since the virus has hit, most of us have enough to eat, but not all. The Fairless Food Cupboard has been hit very hard and is struggling. Since just about everything is closed, it makes getting foodstuffs to the cupboard almost impossible. One way to donate is by giving a monetary donation, that way the people in charge can purchase what is needed. For more information, please call Angie Hess at 330-495-0474. Stay safe and “Thank You” in advance.

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In addition to the Fairless Food Cupboard, there are other food pantries within the Fairless Community. Here’s the current list:

Believer’s Assembly Food Pantry: 2nd to last Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.

Faith United Church of Christ: Last Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Helping Hands (at Christ Community Church): Every Wednesday; registration begins at 6:00 PM (bring proof of residency, photo ID, income verification).



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FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS GUY:

Pastor Kim wants all of you to be aware that her email has been hacked. Someone may be using her email to ask for gift cards and money. **THIS IS NOT HER! THIS IS NOT THE CHURCH!** Please disregard anything from Pastor Kim until we know all is clear. Thank you.

We have received great responses to our special Christmas Eve videos. Our thanks to the Worship Committee for creating them, our Audio/Video Team for developing them and the many people who contributed to them.

Pastor Kim's Mid-Week Messages have been put on hiatus during the holidays, but will resume soon. Look for them on our Facebook page and the Video Room page of our website.

Did you happen to get the internet for Christmas? Would you like to have our newsletter sent to your Inbox? Send Dave Bateman your request at dbateman@neo.rr.com and he'll add you to the list.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

Test your knowledge of the Bible by answering the following questions. The answers will appear in next month's newsletter.

1. In what city was Jesus born?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
4. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
5. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves of bread and two fish?
6. After Jesus was arrested, which apostle disowned him three times?
7. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?



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