



United Methodist Church

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The Leaflet

November 2021



The Dehydrated Heart

Deprive your soul of spiritual water, and your soul will tell you. Dehydrated hearts send desperate messages, Snarling tempers. Waves of worry. Growling mastodons of guilt and fear. You think God wants you to live with these? Hopelessness. Sleeplessness. Loneliness. Resentment. Irritability. Insecurity. These are warnings. Symptoms of a dryness deep within.

Perhaps you've never seen them as such. You've thought they, like speed lumps, are a necessary part of the journey. Anxiety, you assume, runs in your genes like eye color. Some people have bad ankles; others high cholesterol or receding hairlines. And you? You fret.

And moodiness? Everyone has gloomy days, sad Saturdays. Aren't such emotions inevitable? Absolutely. But unquenchable? No way. View the pains of your heart, not as struggles to endure, but as an inner thirst to slake — proof that something within you is starting to shrivel.

Treat your soul as you treat your thirst. Take a gulp. Imbibe moisture. Flood your heart with a good swallow of water.

Where do you find water for the soul? Jesus gave an answer one October day in Jerusalem. People had packed the streets for the annual reenactment of the rock-giving-water miracle of Moses. In honor of their nomadic ancestors, they slept in tents. In tribute to the desert stream, they poured out water. Each morning a priest filled a golden pitcher with water from the Gihon spring and carried it down a people-lined path to the temple. Announced by trumpets, the priest encircled the altar with a libation of liquid. He did this every day, once a day, for seven days. Then on the last day, the great day, the priest gave the altar of Jericho loop — seven circles — dousing it with seven vessels of water. It may have been at this very moment that the rustic rabbi from the northlands commanded the people's attention. "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying.

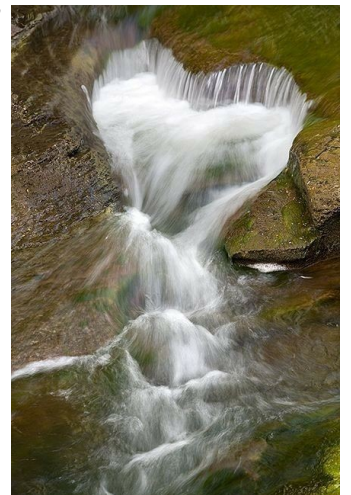
If anyone thirsts. Let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" [John 7:37-38 NKJV]

Finely frocked priests turned. Surprised people looked. Wide-eyed children and toothless grandparents paused. They knew this man. Some had heard him preach in the Hebrew Hills; others, in the city streets. Two and a half years had passed since he'd emerged from the Jordan waters. The crowd had seen this carpenter before.

"Come Thirsty"

by

Max Lucado



Love the Lord † Love One Another † Make Disciples Of Jesus Christ

Financial Snapshot

General Fund Total Income - September: ^	\$ 77,352.77
All sources, including Online Giving	
General Fund Online Giving:	\$ 3,907.61
General Fund September Expenses:	\$ 28,894.13
[only 50% of Conference monthly apportionment payment paid for Funds 2-5 paid; 100% of Conference Fund 1 paid; 100% of District monthly apportionment payment paid]	
Received from the Child Care Center*	\$ 2,129.01
Capital Campaign Funds [Building Fund] received in September:	\$ 3,103.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 6,852.57
Building Fund Balance [pays the mortgage payment] as of 9/30/2021	\$ 61,429.56
Noisy Collection	\$ 133.01
Avg. Weekly Attendance in September [this includes Live Streaming through Facebook and YouTube]	227
Amazon Smile Donations Received to date in 2021: \$111.14	
* Child Care Reimbursement included in above figure towards the cost of utilities, copier lease, trash and security monitoring, etc.	
^ In September we received a one-time donation through a bequest.	

Please remember that if you shop using either smile.amazon.com or iGive.com, a percentage of your purchase benefits New Leaf UMC.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride- and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people - the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we- entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and In the day of trouble-, suffer not our trust in thee to fail.

Amen

Paul Mann

Happenings at New Leaf Church

Weekly

Sun	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	6 to 7:30 pm	Youth Group
Mon	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
	10:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Tue	4:00 pm	Silver Sneakers
Wed	8:30 am	Silver Sneakers
	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
Thurs	10:00 am	Tai Chi
	4:00 pm	Silver Sneakers
Fri	8:30 am	Silver Sneakers
	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ

Monthly

Good Grief	2 nd Tuesday at 3:30 pm
Board of Directors	Bi-monthly
Worship Team	4 th Monday at 7:30 pm
Bell Choir Practice	2 nd & 4 th Saturdays at 10:00 am
United Methodist Women	4 th Tuesday at 1:00 pm
Yarns of Love	1 st & 3 rd Saturday at 10 :00 am



Sunday, November 7th

Can You Help?

Earlier in October, Dawna ran into Kourtney Kelnor who was home briefly to pack as they have been told that Annika will need to stay in Columbus for nearly a year to monitor her progress. Now I know that there is a Reverse Raffle in November but not everyone wants to go to Raffles and all proceeds from the raffle will be handled by COTTA [Children's Organ Transplant Association]. But there is a way we can show support which will not be handled by COTTA. I know that the family can benefit from **Gift Cards** sent directly to them. Consider sending them **gas cards or general Cash cards**. Just send a greeting card with your gift card to Annika Kelnor, 711 E Livingston Ave. Columbus Ohio 43205. Let us show God's continued love to our little miracle.

P.S. Don't forget to save those pop tabs and help us fill the jug in the church narthex.



Thanksgiving Thoughts

*He ripens fields of golden grain,
Greens the lawns with summer's rain,
Sets the fruit on plant and vine,
Adorns roadsides with columbine.*

*He gives the birds a song to sing,
Provides the wind for kites on string;
He sets the sun when evening's here
And watches o'er us all the year.*

*In autumn when the crops and hay
Are harvested and stored away.
I'm sure He'll find the time to spare
To listen to a thankful prayer.*

Faye M. Estabrooks

November Birthdays

- 1 Lacey Walsh Oliver
- 2 David Dixon
- 5 Bob Jankowski
- 6 Julene Edwards
- 7 Elizabeth Ogren
- 8 Dick Wheeler
- 9 Dave Onion, Fiona Mullins
- 10 Hannah Chase
- 11 Kris Zemla
- 12 Joel Clark
- 17 Denise Wheeler, Bill Barnes
- 18 Bradley Tisdale, Glenda Lowe
- 19 Carrie Gregory, Alisa Acierno, Tina Slapnicker
- 20 Scott Davis
- 21 Gary Pape
- 23 Jillian Heinonen
- 24 Bernie Kovacevic, Kathy Frambach
- 25 Karen Ring
- 26 Kara Walsh Conley
- 27 Missy Heinonen
- 29 Michele Davis
- 30 Melanie Pape



November Anniversaries

- 4 Barry & Karen Holub
- 7 Alan & Kris Zemla
- 16 Mike & Sally Kennedy
- 19 King & Missy Heinonen
- 26 Lew & Judy Shiley



Birthday & Anniversary List:

If you would like your name on our list, please call the church office between 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. @ 593-2525



If you are planning on attending our congregation's Annual Charge Conference which is November 4th at 2 pm at the Andover UMC, please note the following guidelines from the district office.

- ◆ Masks are required.
- ◆ Please do not mingle as much as in the past. Try and keep a 6 foot distance.
- ◆ Everyone will vote when Edgar asks everyone if they approve of the Omnibus questions.
- ◆ The pastors will need to make sure that everyone in their group has an Omnibus for them to refer to.
- ◆ Only the recording secretary can make changes on the Omnibus at Charge Conference when voted upon. And initialed if need be.
- ◆ There will be no refreshments at any of the Charge Conferences. [You may bring your own water or drink]. No food please.
- ◆ At the end Churches will be called by Jerri or Diane to come to the back table for signatures. 1 or 2 at a time!!

Prayer Concerns

Neil and Jennifer Lyn Simpson & children Leo and Rosie of Meadville are all in various stages of Covid/recovery.

Now Rosie has MIS-C. Neil is the son of David & Pam Simpson.

Caitlyn & family, Dave, Mary, Harry Brumbaugh, Alan Mitchell, Susan Quates, Gayle Skidmore, Karen Ring, Cheyenne Stewart, Jean Carlo, Greg Kent, Greg Collins, Steve Rzeszutek, Ashley Corlett Dermody, Mary Lou Hines, Sue Meier, Lynn, Karl Rowbotham, The Stitt Family, Viola Huffman, John Galloway, April Childers, Bob Cole, Carol, DeVaughn, Katie Hoover

Prayers of Joy

How wonderful to see the roof on the parsonage replaced! Gotta protect those special folks!!

*Our **New Leaf Child Care** is now a 5-Star facility thru Step Up to Quality,*

Roger & Shirley Corlett have a healthy great grandson...Thank you God for answered prayers.

Marie Heinonen is now back home.



Entered into Glory

*Joan Barnett, Janet O. Smith, Norma DeWalt, Bill Borlind, Sr., Gerald Atkins,
Helen Sawchak, Dorothy Makynen, William Merritt, Dave Pritchard*



Remember that starting **October 31st** and going through **November 22nd**, orders will be taken for Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms will be available at the table at the rear of the worship center or you can call the church office at 593-2525 and let them know. The prices have a slight increase so now the 6" plants will be \$7.00 and the 10" plants will be \$21.00. We would appreciate payment accompany the order form. Checks are made to New Leaf UMC and note "Poinsettias". Let's make the worship center beautifully decorated for the Advent Season.



Red



Pink



Ivory



Marble



Speckled

The Editor's Thoughts

Do any of you remember when awhile back we heard about 'God Winks'? Well several weeks ago I felt my personal God Wink. One night I was really having trouble sleeping ~ something kept nudging me to do something. I wasn't quite sure what but I knew I was being urged to act. That's when I got out of bed and went and sat in my desk chair trying to figure "Now What"? Then I felt I was to seek out our missing church attendees. I jotted down some thoughts quickly and then was able to return to bed and sleep. In the morning I went and read over what I had written, did some editing and set it up in a postcard format. I took it to the office and asked to have Pastor Russ look it over. Here is what I wrote:

Hi! We Miss You!!!

Dear Friends,

We have missed seeing you at morning services and would like to invite you to once again join us during worship service. Although we do have online services and you may be one of our regular viewers, we would love to see you in person. If you haven't met Pastor Russ and his lovely wife, Lynn, you haven't enjoyed his infectious wit and enthusiasm for God's Word. Please consider joining us at service in person so that we can welcome you back among us.

Contemporary service at 9:00

Traditional Service at 11:00

Hope to see you soon!

Your Friends at New Leaf United Methodist Church.

Hopefully God was asking for us, as the church, to reach out to our fellow members/attendees.

*May God's work be done!
Penn, Editor*



Invitation to Participate in Music Opportunities

The Traditional Worship Service is looking for people to get involved in the Music Ministry at New Leaf. If you love music and would like to participate in one of the following areas, we would love to hear from you!

CHOIR - *We are hoping to get the choir reorganized in the near future and a new choir director hired. You do not need to have a solo voice to sing in the choir! You just need to love singing with a group. If you hear someone singing enthusiastically in the congregation, encourage them to join the choir. And if you know of anyone with directing ability, let Pastor Russ know. Maybe they will be our next choir director! Our choir has always been one of the most loving and supportive small groups in our church. We hope to be back soon!!!*

SPECIAL MUSIC - *If you have a talent you would like to share with the congregation in the form of special music, don't be shy! This does not mean only singing, it can be other forms of musical talent as well. If you have an interest or if you know of someone who should be invited to share in this ministry, please let Pastor Russ know.*

SONG LEADERS - *We are in need of song leaders for the 11:00 AM worship service. We would like to have several people to volunteer for this ministry so that it would not have to be the same people every week. A shared burden is always easier! We would not ask you to do this alone but with a group of two - four people. We would go over the hymns before the service so that they would be familiar to you. If you are willing to help with this music ministry, please let the office or Pastor Russ know of your interest.*

BELL CHOIR - *The Bell Choir is another of our music opportunities and we are always looking for interested ringers. This is a more specialized ministry and a basic music understanding is really necessary! Probably, the most important requirement is being able to count! When you play bells you are responsible for two bells. We can help you learn where those two bell notes are found on the music staff but being able to count the rhythm and to know when to play those two bell notes is a very important part of the process. If you are interested in this particular part of the music ministry at New Leaf, please let Becky Levering know through the church office or at a worship service.*

Music is one of the most vital aspects of our worship services. It helps to lead us inward to a closer relationship with God and it helps us to express our praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful gift he has given us in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Please consider joining one of these important ministries at New Leaf.

Special Music



Choir



Song Leaders



Bell Choir

New Leaf Childcare

has been awarded a

5-star Step Up to Quality

rating! It has been a long,
hard journey to get here and
we are all so happy and
excited that our hard work
has finally paid off!



**5-STAR
AWARD
WINNER!**

Ohio Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services



*May we all have the
Happiest
of
Thanksgiving
Days*



BREAKFAST WITH ELVES

November 20, 2021

9 AM - 11 AM

New Leaf Childcare
110 Gateway Avenue

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
COME HAVE BREAKFAST
ENTER A CHINESE AUCTION

Breakfast is free, but donations are
appreciated



Conneaut Music Boosters

HOLIDAY
Craft & Vendor Fair

When: Saturday November 27, 2021

Where: New Leaf Event Center

110 Gateway Ave

Conneaut OH 44030

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission is \$1.00 Seniors & Students are FREE

Handmade Crafts

Local Vendors

50-50 Drawing

Chinese Auction

Small Business Saturday—support local businesses

Contact Brenda Fields at brendafields@gwcmail.net


Spots available \$20.00 crafter \$25.00 Vendor



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lynn's Mom's Group , every Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Parsonage.	1 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	2 Silver Sneakers 4 pm	3 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Child Care Bd. 11 am	4 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	5 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Fit for Christ 9 am	6 Yarns of Love 10 am
7 All Saints Sunday Food Pantry Envelope Youth 6 pm	8 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	9 Good Grief 3:30 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm	10 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	11 Veterans Day Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	12 Fit for Christ 9 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	13 Bells 10 am
14 Bd. Speaks at 10:15 am Charge Conf. 2 pm at And-over UMC CHS Football Dinner noon	15 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	16 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm	17 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	18 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Event Cir in use.	19 Fit for Christ 9 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Orlando's Bell Ringers 1—6 pm.	20 Yarns of Love 10 am Breakfast with Elves 8 am to noon
21 Youth 6 pm	22 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm Worship Team 7:30 pm	23 Silver Sneakers 4 pm	24 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Bells 10 am Craft Fair 9-3 pm
28 1st Sunday of Advent Youth 6 pm	29 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	30 Life Line Screening 8-5 pm. Silver Sneakers 4 pm				
						Soccer at 4:30 pm On Monday & Wednesday



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**What are YOU
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