



**United Methodist Church**

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# *The Leaflet*

*December 2019*



## **Pastor's Pen**

*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! It is such an exciting time of year! As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are looking forward to our Christmas Eve service. For the first time in 10 years, we are having a Christmas Pageant featuring our children! While there will be solos and duets sung by adults, the manger scene and other songs will be performed and sung by our children. **ALL** children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to be a part of the Pageant. Parents, please contact Pastor Jan 593-1260 or the office 593-2525 to get your child involved. Rehearsals for the Pageant will take place during Junior Church.*

*As we seek to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of the King of Kings, let us consider how we might allow Christ to infiltrate our hearts and lives in a new and unique way! As we considered this, your Pastors thought it might be wonderful if we all decided to make a 'special' offering... a gift fitting the birthday of Jesus to His Church! This special offering will be taken up on Christmas Eve during the worship service. Special envelopes will be available at the door that evening.*

*Secondly, we can prepare our hearts by considering that He was not only born in a stable, He has been born in our hearts! Let us use the Advent Devotional as a tool to truly prepare to worship and rejoice at His birth in our lives! The Advent Devotional will not only prepare us for this, but will also grant us a window into other people's lives. The folks who volunteered (or who were voluntold) to submit a devotion for each day may be someone you don't know so well at New Leaf... this is a GREAT opportunity to get to know them a little better!*

*This is an awesome season and a wonderful opportunity to fulfill our purpose: We love the Lord, Love one another, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Enjoy family and friends during this Holy Season! Pastor Jan and I love each of you and consider it our highest privilege to serve as your pastors. Be **SURE** to invite folks to our Christmas Eve worship service. Go, Give'em Heaven!*

*Pastor Scott*

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## *Financial Snap Shot*

Total Offering in Oct. [Includes Online Giving]	\$ 30,347.49
Online Giving	\$ 4,402.80
Oct's Expenses	\$ 20,725.29
Capital Campaign Received in Oct.	\$ 3,523.00
Mortgage Payment	\$ 8,467.91
Building Fund Balance as of Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 54,785.65
Average Attendance in Oct.	293



## *Mark Your Calendar!*

**Blood Bank** ~ will be at New Leaf Event Center on **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
from 1 to 6 pm.

**Music Booster Craft Fair** ~ Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 3 pm

**Breakfast with Santa** ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>

**CHS Prom** ~ May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**2020 VBS** ~ July 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. Look for information next April.

**Mary's Kitchen** ~ Serving **FREE** meals between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm at the **Conneaut Human Resources Center** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays.

**Free Lunch ~ The Conneaut Community Soup Kitchen** is held at the U.C.C. Church from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

## *Happenings at New Leaf Church*

### Weekly

<b>Sun</b>	8:30 to 11 am	Breakfast Buffet & Fellowship
	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00 am	Small Group Experiences [Sunday School]
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	6 to 7:30 pm	Youth Group
<b>Mon</b>	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
	10:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:30 pm	Soccer
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Tue</b>	4:00 pm	Silver Sneakers
	5:00 pm	Chair Yoga Stretch
<b>Wed</b>	8:30 am	Silver Sneakers
	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
	4:30 pm	Soccer
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
<b>Thurs</b>	10:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:00 pm	Silver Sneakers
<b>Fri</b>	8:30 am	Silver Sneakers
	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
<b>Sat</b>	10:00 am	Prayer Group

### Monthly

<b>Good Grief</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 3:30 pm
<b>Board of Directors</b>	Bi-monthly
<b>Worship Team</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 pm
<b>Yarns of Love</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 am
<b>Bell Choir Practice</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 am
<b>United Methodist Women</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm [at 1pm during Jan., Feb. & Mar.]

### December Birthdays

- 1 Brett Heinonen, Melissa Miller, Anne Cunningham
- 2 Penny Mitchell
- 3 Arlene Loomis, Bryona Thayer
- 6 Gabe Allen Humphreys
- 9 Dave Jones
- 10 Diana Lewis, Scott Cameron, Nickie Davis, Bonnie Ruth, Abby Ruth
- 12 Karl Clancy, Kyle Clancy, Callie Bearden
- 14 Sarah Watson, Dean Nelson
- 15 Sally McCroskey,
- 16 Jeff Lewis, Jessica Dumas, Robert Hagstrom, Steven Hagstrom
- 20 Nancy Hutchens
- 23 Scott Zimmerman, Rebecca Temple, Jessica Temple, Tori Shubitowski
- 24 Stephanie Nesbitt, Devyn Zappitelli, Christopher Clark
- 25 JESUS
- 26 Doris Miller
- 27 Ariana Tyler
- 29 Ann Laughlin
- 30 Karen Kennedy, DJ Harrington, Laura Horwood
- 31 Erich Williams



### 5th Sunday Donations

*Please consider any of these items for Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>*

*APL ~ towels, toys, cleaning supplies*

*Quilt materials ~ pillowcases, trims & jeans*

*Child underwear & diapers*

*Bags ~ bigger ones, small ones*

*Hand towels*

*No egg cartons ~ use yours to store*

*Christmas ornaments*

### December Anniversaries

- 11 Ken & Carol Simon
- 15 Darrel & Meegan Mobley
- 17 Ron & Sheri Walbridge
- 23 Pete & Barb Furman
- 30 Jeff & Linda Brown



### ***Birthday & Anniversary List:***

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

### **Remember!!**

If you use either [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) or [ume.Market](http://ume.Market) when shopping online for Christmas or everyday shopping, you will be helping support New Leaf UMC

### Reminder

The United Methodist Women will be packing Christmas Cookie Boxes for our shut-ins on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Event Center.



## Prayer Concerns

Janet Speer, Sheila Brooker, Karen Ring, Diane Saylor, Aunt Esther Mae, Uncle Tom, Dale & Carolyn, Michelle, David, Angelo, Pamela Simpson, Pam & Mark Gebe, Terri Church, Mark & Susan, Monica, Maureen, Parker & Avery Davis, Janie Wheeler, Sue Prime, Becky Levering, Thomas Tressler, Janice Fox, Sandy, Kris Zemla & family, Faith Onion, Mike, Andy Cole, Norma Hamilton, Steven Pinney, Bud Brooker, Traveling mercies for the holidays, All those sick & suffering

## Prayers of Joy

I am cured of three different things, Arthralgia, Diabetes and Anemia. Praise God. ~ Karen Ball



## Entered into Glory

Tim Toddy, Steve Williams, Vivian Hawn, Sgt. Cole Walker



## Editor's Note

### ***Blessings Dear New Leafers,***

*As December draws near and we enter the Advent Season, I pause to remember what we are looking forward to. Not the hassles and headaches of shopping or what to give our loved ones this Christmas, but the love our Father had for His world by sending us a baby who would be our Savior. As the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and Peace to man on Earth." Let each of us remember that this is the true meaning of Christmas. May each of you have the Holiest of Holiday Seasons. Don't forget to get your copy of the Advent Devotional and read the wonderful entries written within. May they inspire you each and every day.*

***Penny, Editor***

**Note:** The January issue will be published earlier than usual because of the holidays. Note the dates below!

Items for submission can be sent to me by email at [niteowl122@twc.com](mailto:niteowl122@twc.com) or sent to the church office.

### Publication Schedule for upcoming issues.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Submission</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Hand-out</u>
<b>January</b>	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>February</b>	Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March</b>	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>

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## Christmas Greetings from NEW LEAF CHILDCARE....

Hello New Leaf family and friends! I would like to say Merry Christmas to all our New Leaf family and friends from all my staff and the families we serve. You all are such blessings to us and I would like to say thank you. Thank you to all that have contacted Jim Lutes, our chairperson of our board of director's, and have joined in the Prayer Initiative. Your weekly/daily prayers for the center and the children are being felt. Please keep those prayers coming. If you aren't on the prayer list and would like to be, please contact Jim. Thank you to our anonymous Grandparents that have touched the lives of several of our children. They have really enjoyed being able to get books at the book fair and doing the other activities that otherwise they would not be able to enjoy. Not only are the children happy, but their parents are moved with the compassion and caring their child/children have received because of your generosity. Thank you to the few families that have stepped out of their comfort zone and in love have adopted several of our families for Christmas. I am so grateful for your love for the families here and the families that have been adopted are so deeply, deeply grateful that someone would think of them at this time of the year. I know that God will richly bless you for caring for the least of His children. Great will be your reward. And a special Thank you to each person that has given me items for the staff and children throughout the year. It never ceases to amaze me at God's timing. I can be told of a need in a classroom one day and the majority of the time before the week is out I have either received a call from one of you, New Leaf family, or someone has stopped in and filled that need. I feel very blessed to have that support.

I want all of you to know of another way you can connect with the center. This year we are bringing back the center's wish tree. This is a Christmas tree that will have hand made ornaments on it and listed on those ornaments will be simple wishes from the classrooms in the center. For example, a classroom may have an ornament that has legos listed on it, or maybe socks (for the size of their children), or perhaps craft materials such as colored pencils or markers, then maybe there would be a request for play dough or a simple toy that the children might like to play with. Sometimes it is the little things that make life in the classroom so much easier. You are asked to take an ornament if you so desire, purchase the item, wrap it up, tape the ornament tag to the package and return it back under the tree. The tree will be located outside Pastor Scott's office. Watch for it to go up and pray for God's leading in helping make each of the classrooms Christmas even better.



Finally, but not least important, is a reminder of the center's annual fundraiser, Breakfast With Santa. This is basically our only fundraiser we do for the center and it is also a way for us to reach out to the community. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am to 11:00 am. This is a Free Will donation breakfast. We will also be having a Chinese Auction at the end of the breakfast. We have many great donations already from area businesses and some of the small groups here at New Leaf. Come out and enjoy breakfast, "rub elbows" with others while "Giving them heaven" and possibly get a last minute gift for someone on your list.

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to all of you,

Linda Brown, Administrator



### *Mission Team*

*In conjunction with the Child Care Center's Giving Tree, we encourage the church to fill the tree with hats, gloves, mittens, scarfs, socks or underwear. These will be given to the New Leaf's Child Care families. Children enrolled include infant sizes to school age children through seventh grade.*

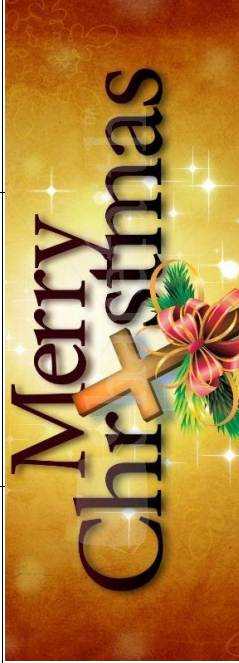
*Thank You for supporting this important mission.*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Kids Rock 3 pm Downtown Coaches Banquet 12:30 ~ 6:30 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	2 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	3 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm	4 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Child Care Board 11 am Choir 7 pm	5 Tai Chi 10:30 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	6 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Party	7 Prayer Group 10 am Yarns of Love 10 am Co. Party
8 Youth 6 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Ash. Co. Touch Down Club 5 ~ 11 pm	10 Good Grief 3:30 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm Board of Directors 6 pm	11 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Cookie Packing 10 am Choir 7 pm	12 Tai Chi 10:30 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Event Ctr Bd 6 pm	13 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Co. Party 6 ~ 9 pm	14 Prayer Group 10 am Bell Practice 10 am Co. Party
15 Kids Rock 3 pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	16 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	17 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm	18 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Choir 7 pm	19 Tai Chi 10:30 am Blood Mobile 1 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm	20 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am	21 Breakfast with Santa 9am—11 am Prayer Group 10 am Yarns of Love 10 am
22 Youth 6 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	23 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Tai Chi 10:30 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	27 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am	28 Prayer Group 10 am Bell Practice 10 am Family Party
29 Communion Noisy Collection 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	30 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	31 New Years Eve Office Closed				Soccer ~ 4 pm every Monday & Wednesday



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