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The Leaflet

November 2019



Pastor's Pen

The year was 155 AD and the place was Smyrna, in the Roman province of Asia. There was a new wave of persecution that was sweeping against the Christian church, and the proconsul of Smyrna was especially vicious in his pursuit and persecution of the followers of Jesus. He focused on the bishop of Smyrna, a man named Polycarp, who was almost 100 years old. When the Christians of Smyrna found out that an arrest warrant had been issued for Polycarp, they whisked him away and hid him in a barn on a farm outside of Smyrna. But the police found him and brought him into the city, to the center of an arena where there were tens of thousands of people screaming for his execution. As the old man stood in the middle of the arena, anticipating that soon he would die, the proconsul had a moment of sympathy for the old man. He raised up his arm and he silenced the crowd. When everything was quiet, the proconsul shouted out, "Polycarp! Curse the Christ and live!"

Polycarp, with a strong voice, answered back, "Eighty and six years have I served my master and king, and he has done me no wrong. I dare not blaspheme him now." With that refusal to renounce his faith in Jesus Christ, the proconsul brought down his arm, and Polycarp was executed as a Christian martyr.

I have often wondered, How did he do that? How did he remain so trusting? Where did he muster the faith and the strength to be faithful to Jesus Christ, under the worst of circumstances? I have a theory: I think Polycarp acted in line with what his mentor had taught him—and his mentor was none other than the apostle John!

The apostle John had had a most unusual relationship with Jesus. For a while, there were thousands who thronged around Jesus and hundreds who were counted as his broader network of disciples and a dozen who were his closest followers and three who were in his inner circle. But there was one who was described as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," and that was John.

John trusted Jesus. John and Jesus had a most extraordinary relationship. It was extraordinary, I think, in that John trusted Jesus in so many ways. John trusted Jesus enough to forsake prosperity. If you connect the dots on the biography of John, you discover in Mark 1:20 that he lived in the home of Zebedee, where they had servants. This was a time when most everyone was poor, and yet he was in a family that owned their own fishing business and had household servants to take care of daily chores. When you read on in the New Testament, in John 18 and 19, you find they not only had a business and a house up north on Galilee Lake, but they also had a city residence in the city of Jerusalem. They have two houses at a time when there was virtually no middle class! And in John 18, you discover this man had access to the court and Caiaphas, the high priest. So he was connected to the most important people in society. Yet one day he heard a call from this itinerant rabbi from Nazareth, who said, "Come and follow me." And he walked away from houses and business and servants and wealth in order to follow Jesus.

Now... here is the question. Do you trust Jesus? Enough to follow Him even when times are rough? Enough to follow Him when there is a bad diagnosis? Enough to follow Him when you can't understand why your child has forsaken what you have taught them and they are prodigal, forsaken the Church, and pursuing a destructive lifestyle?

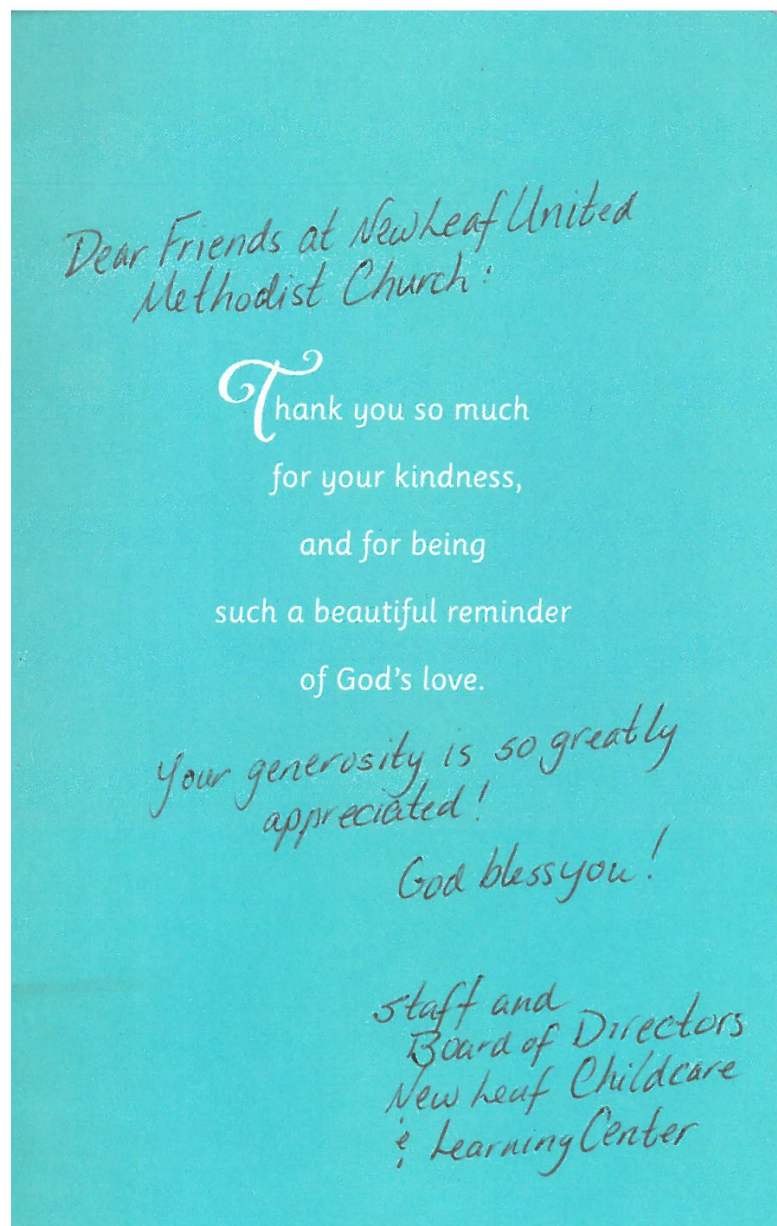
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And here is another question. Can Jesus trust you? Can He trust you when times are rough to continue being His follower? Can He trust you when you've received a bad diagnosis to continue to trust Him and follow Him? Can He trust you when your child goes astray to trust Him and follow Him?

Here is my prayer for you... that you can say "YES" and trust Him in all things! That you can say, "YES"... Jesus can trust me!!

New Leaf: Don't forget who you are! Don't forget your purpose! We LOVE THE LORD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AND MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST! I pray that as we trust Jesus, He can trust us to do this! AMEN!

Pastor Scott



November Birthdays

- 1 Lacey Walsh Oliver
- 2 Sue Starkey, David Dixon
- 5 Bob Jankowski
- 6 Julene Edwards, Nichole Lambert
- 7 Elizabeth Ogren
- 8 Dick Wheeler
- 9 Dave Onion
- 10 Hannah Chase
- 11 Kris Zemla
- 12 Hayley Pennell
- 13 Joey Clark, Donovan Mobley, Alexander Mobley, Desean Taylor
- 17 Denise Wheeler, Bill Merritt, Roberta Owen, Nathan Skwera
- 18 Bradley Tisdale, Glenda Lowe, Ken Simon,
- 19 Carrie Gregory, Alisa Acierno
- 20 Scott Davis
- 21 Gary Pape
- 23 Jillian Heinonen
- 24 Bernie Kovacevic, Kathy Frambach
- 25 Karen Ring, Alice Northrop
- 26 Dorothy Gill, Kara Walsh Conley
- 27 Missy Heinonen, Kirk Hutchens
- 29 Michele Davis
- 30 Melanie Pape



Notice

An area church is in need of a secretary beginning in January for four (4) hours a week. If interested, contact New Leaf Church office at 593-2525.

November Anniversaries

- 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. and 3:00 p.m. @ 593-2525

Reminder

There will be no UMW meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will be packing Christmas Cookie Boxes for our shut-ins on December 11th at 10 am at the Event Center.



Mark Your Calendar!

Happenings at New Leaf Church

Weekly

Sun	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
Mon	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
	10:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:30 pm	Soccer
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Tue	4:00 pm	Silver Sneakers
	5:00 pm	Chair Yoga Stretch
Wed	8:30 am	Silver Sneakers
	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
	4:30 pm	Soccer
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs	10:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:00 pm	Silver Sneakers
	6:30 pm	Walking Group ~ Township Park
Fri	8:30 am	Silver Sneakers
	9:00 am	Aerobics ~ Fit for Christ
Sat	10:00 am	Prayer Group

Monthly

Good Grief	2 nd Tuesday at 3:30 pm
Board of Directors	Bi-monthly
Worship Team	4 th Monday at 7:30 pm
Mission/Outreach Team	1 st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Yarns of Love	1 st & 3 rd Saturdays at 10:00 am
Bell Choir Practice	2 nd & 4 th Saturdays at 10:00 am
United Methodist Women	4 th Tuesday at 7 pm [at 1pm during Jan., Feb. & Mar.]

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

End of Daylight Savings ~ Sunday, November 3rd

Election Day ~ Tuesday, November 5th

Charge Conference ~ Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 pm

Apple Pie & Pumpkins Roll Sale ~ Pick-up November 24th

Music Booster Craft Fair ~ Saturday, November 30th 9 am to 3 pm

Breakfast with Santa ~ December 21st

CHS Prom ~ May 2nd, 2020

2020 VBS ~ July 20th to 24th. 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 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Free Lunch ~ The Conneaut Community Soup Kitchen is held at the **Odd Fellows Hall** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Financial Snap Shot

Total Offering in Sept.	\$ 29,604.62
[Includes Online Giving]	
Online Giving	\$ 3,442.50
Sept's Expenses	\$ 23,595.16
Capital Campaign Received in Sept.	\$ 4,543.00
Mortgage Payment	\$ 8,467.91
Building Fund Balance as of Sept. 30 th	\$ 58,997.42
Noisy Collection	\$ 410.84
Average Attendance in Sept.	267





In the Spotlight

A new book entitled Signs and Seasons written by Melanie Shubitowski and published by Christian Faith Publishing tells of the times we live in and why, amidst all the deception and chaos, there is reason for Christians to be hopeful and develop an urgency to make disciples of Jesus Christ. See Melanie to get a signed copy. Also available in both soft and hard cover from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books a Million, Ingram, Spring Arbor, Indigo, McNally Robinson, Russell Books or audio book on iTunes.



We would like to say **congratulations** to Jim Cunningham for being nominated for Ashtabula County Citizen Of the Year.

Jim is hard working and a pleasure to work with. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication Jim.



Apple Pie & Pumpkin Roll Sale

We are taking orders for Homemade Apple Pies and Pumpkin Rolls for your Thanksgiving Holiday Season. Apple Pies will be constructed and frozen with baking instructions provided while the Pumpkin Rolls will be frozen and only need a short thawing. Pick-up will be on November 24th at the church. If you need an earlier pick-up just



let us know. Both items are **\$10.00 each**. Orders are being taken at the table in the back of the Worship Center. Sponsored by the Mission Team.



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Prayer Concerns

Al Zemla, George Onion, Alex, Susie (Richmond) Ruck, Paulette Hillyer, Jim Purcell, Annika Kelner, Sue Meier, Penny Mitchell, Rex Lillie, Karen Ring, Rebecca Risley, Bob Jankowski, Morgan Phillips, Brant Kananen, Evelyn Heath, Tricia

Prayers of Joy

Jeff & Julie Rowbotham welcomed baby Charlotte Joy. Grandparents Karl & Pat.

Tim does not need knee surgery.

Steve & Debbie Rzeszutek had safe travels and are now home.

Jeff Onion had a safe return from his deployment.

Great to see Louis Krieg back in church

Entered into Glory

Kim Schwartz, Cpl. Cole Walker, Arlene Laituri



Editor's Note

Happy Thanksgiving New Leafers,

November is the month when we remember the bounty of the earth as well as the blessings we have received both in our everyday lives and in our Spiritual lives from our Lord and Savior. It is a time to give thanks that we are free to worship publicly and to share our faith with everyone. Jesus told his disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." This is his command to us also. As we reflect on our blessings, think of all those which are lost and without the love of our Lord and Savior. Enjoy this holiday season.

Penny, Editor

Note: The December and January issues 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 or sent to the church office.

Publication Schedule for upcoming issues.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Submission</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Hand-out</u>
December	Nov 18 th	Nov 20 th	Nov 24 th
January	Dec 16 th	Dec 18 th	Dec 22 nd
February	Jan 20 th	Jan 22 nd	Jan 26 th

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Mission News

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Hoagie Sale. For a first attempt at this type of project we ended with a profit of

\$542.00

Thanks again!

My brother, George Onion, would like to thank you all for your prayers and he liked the gift you gave him. He is out of the hospital and has completed rehabilitation and is now at home.

Thanks again;

Dinah Grimes

George's sister

The Breakfast Crew would like to thank everyone for their financial and food donations for Sunday mornings.

A MESSAGE FROM THE YARNS OF LOVE GROUP

Hi there New Leaf family...

Yarns of Love have been busy, busy, busy! For those of you not familiar with our group, we are a group that meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month to knit or crochet prayer shawls, lap robes, hats, scarves, Guide Post T-sweaters and baby blankets for the Erie NICU. Everything we make is blessed & prayed over on our special fifth Sunday services. The prayer shawls & lap robes are given to individuals in the hospitals & nursing homes or anyone that is going through a difficult time in their lives. The people that have received these special gifts have said they can feel the love & healing power of God as they wear them. The hat & scarves have gone to children at the center & in the community or I have also sent them to Tennessee & West Virginia to what is called The Christmas Train where they take a train load of winter items into the hill country. The baby blankets are taken by a New Leaf member to the Erie NICU to be used to cover the infant's incubator to block some of the harsh light. The families wrap the infant in it when they hold their child then take the blanket home with them when they are discharged. I would like to invite anyone if interested to stop in some Saturday morning and either join in the fun of making projects or just sit and visit for a spell.

Yarns of Love began in the spring of 2010. Since our beginning we have made and have had blessed over 2,000 articles. That's 2,000 lives that have been touched in one way or another by love and prayers. We even have a member that has taken it upon herself to make lap robes for a cancer center outside the state, sending our love to others well beyond our community and region. Please keep our group in your prayers that we can continue to work our hands to produce these items that bring comfort and prayers to those that receive them.

Linda Brown, co-leader

Greetings from NEW LEAF CHILDCARE....

Hello New Leaf family and friends! I wanted to catch everyone up on the happenings of the center, so....hang on for the ride.

Let me begin by saying God has been showering us with many, many blessings! We have been blessed with having full classrooms! We have been blessed with being able to pay our share of all monthly expenses (some are payment of entire bill) here at New Leaf UMC. We have even been able to begin to set aside, in a designated fund, monies that will be needed to, at someday in the near future, replace the heating and cooling units that are on the roof of the building. They are currently the original units that are now obsolete and many parts are not available to repair them properly. For all this and so much more I give great THANKS to God. And I also ask for His continued blessings and guidance, wisdom and understanding as we continue to grow.

Next, I am asking for you to pray that God will grant me even more wisdom as I take on the search to replace 2 staff members that are leaving us for new positions. I also ask for all of you to pray that God will lead their replacements to me and that He will have His hands upon the center at this time. Leaving us are Jessica Dames and Linda Painter. Jessica has been with us for 10 years and will be joining ODJFS as a case manager. I will deeply miss her. She not only was a lead teacher, but she was my administrative assistant who helped me with some of the many, many paperwork reports the state now requires of me as Administrator. I wish her all the best as she begins this new journey in her life. I will also miss Linda Painter. Linda has been with us 5 years and is the lead teacher in our transition into kindergarten preschool class. Her shoes are also going to be hard to fill, as she really worked hard to prepare our preschool children to enter kindergarten and succeed in our school system. Linda will be returning to Head Start as they are preparing to open a new location in Ashtabula. I wish her the best of luck on this new phase in her life.

Finally, let me relate a short story to all of you. New Leaf Childcare is a MISSION of New Leaf UMC. Over the past few weeks I have sat in church on Sunday and heard Pastor Scott remind us that 90% of Conneaut does not attend church any where. Keep this in mind as I continue. Currently there are over 100 children enrolled at the center. There are 76 families. Of those 76 families, I know for sure of only 15 that attend church any where. That leaves 61 families right here Monday through Friday that attend New Leaf's biggest MISSION that are not attending church some place. Now, recently I told this to someone and they replied "WOW." I then asked them, "When was the last time you stopped in between 3:00 & 5:00 to say Hi to some of these families as they pick up their children to go home?" I know, I know, not everyone can stop what they are doing and stop in to say hi to the center's families, but there is a great opportunity for everyone to reach out and "rub elbows" so to speak with not only families from the center but also from the Conneaut community. When is this you ask??? December 21st from 9:00 am - 11:00 am is the center's annual Breakfast With Santa here at New Leaf. Cost of the breakfast is by free will donation only and I invite each of you to come out for pancakes & sausage and spend time getting to know families from the center and the community. Plus, we will be having a Chinese auction for those last minute Christmas gifts. If anybody would like to donate an item for the auction you can drop that off to the center office. If you are a member of one of New Leaf's small groups, I am looking forward to seeing your group's donation this year. We had such a great reply last year and all the donations were greatly appreciated. Look at this event as a way to, as Pastor Scott would say, "Give 'Em Heaven!"

In Christ's Service,

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Conneaut Music Boosters

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair

November 30, 2019

9:00 am—3:00 pm

New Leaf Event Center

110 Gateway Ave

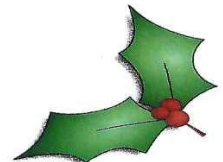
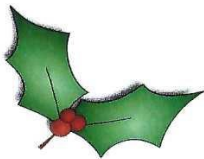
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\$1.00 admission—Students and Seniors are FREE



Spots available— \$20.00 Crafter \$25.00 Vendor

Please contact Brenda Fields at
brendafields@gwcmail.net



Breakfast with Santa

To Benefit New Leaf Childcare

Saturday, December 21

9:00-11:00 am

@ New Leaf Event Center

110 Gateway Ave.

Conneaut, Ohio

Breakfast is a freewill offering.

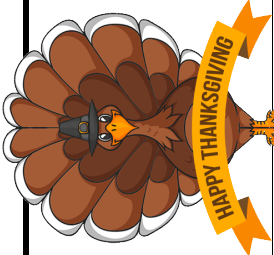
Chinese auction tickets will be
available for purchase.



Pancakes, Sausage and
Juice.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>3 All Saints Sunday Food Pantry Envelopes Kids Rock 3 pm Youth 6 pm</p>	<p>4 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Soccer every Monday and Wednesday</u> at 4:30 pm</p> <p>5 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm</p>	<p>6 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Child Card Bd. 11 am Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>7 Tai Chi 10:30 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm</p>	<p>1 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am</p>	<p>2 Prayer Group 10 am Yarns of Love 10 am Mission Team Pie Making 9am ~ 5 pm</p>
<p>10 Communion Youth 6 pm</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Good Grief 3:30 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm</p>	<p>13 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>14 Tai Chi 10:30 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Event Ctr Bd 6 pm</p>	<p>15 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Cookie Décor Class 5-8 pm</p>	<p>16 Prayer Group 10 am Yarns of Love 10 am</p>
<p>17 Special Church Conf. 10:15 am Charge Conference 2 pm Kids Rock 3 pm</p>	<p>18 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm Staff Mtg 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>21 Tai Chi 10:30 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm</p>	<p>22 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am</p>	<p>23 Prayer Group 10 am Bell Practice 10 am</p>
<p>24 Youth 6 pm</p>	<p>25 Aerobics 9 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Praise Team 6:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm</p>	<p>27 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Aerobics 9 am Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Office Closed</p>	<p>30 Prayer Group 10 am Craft Fair 8 am ~ 3 pm</p>





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We thank you Lord

We thank you Lord,
for all you give;
The food we eat,
the lives we live.

And to our loved ones far away,

Please send your blessings,

Lord we pray,

and help us all to live our days

with thankful hearts and loving ways.

Amen

