



**United Methodist Church**

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*The Leaflet*

*January 2021*



## **Pastor's Pen**

Well, HAPPY NEW YEAR, NEW LEAF! Isn't it wonderful to wipe the slate clean and welcome the year of 2021? 2020 is now a not-so-distant memory and many of us are glad that it is behind us. We learned so many new things about: COVID – SOCIAL DISTANCING – PANDEMICS – UNPRECEDENTEDNESS - MASKS.....the list goes on. Now we wait to see what the New Year brings!

This year has also brought us good things – new life to our church and new ministries such as the GIVE 'EM GAS ministry, the DONUT DELIVERY ministry, the FOOD BOXES for the needy, the FOOD CUPBOARD ministry, the NUEVA ESPERENZA (the ministry to the orphanage in Honduras) all of these brought to us from our mission team. If YOU would like to be plugged into ANY of these ministries, see Ann Wiley, Kris Zemla, Tom Batchelor or either of our pastors. We'd love to have you join us as we serve those in need!

Pastor Rick Oaks, when he spoke to us Dec. 13, talked to us about how we give our lives to Christ two different times. The first time we give our lives to Him is when we accept Him into our hearts as our Lord and Savior. Some of us remember the exact date and time when 'being born again' happened to us, others don't. It's OK either way. The fact is...IT HAPPENED. NOTHING can change that. The second time we give our lives to Christ should be at the start of every new day.

As part of our daily devotions, we should give the Lord every part of us so He can use us for His glory! As part of my time with my Father every morning, I say this prayer. Honestly, it has become such a part of me that when I don't start my morning with it, I feel just a wee bit hollow inside.

How about we all try it? You can write your own prayer if you like or just pray this with me. Try it for about a month and see if your day goes just a little smoother, your worries are a bit less troublesome, your heart is a little less heavy and Jesus seems a tad closer. Watch how the Lord changes your life as you surrender it to Him fresh and new every morning!

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

Father, on this day, increase Your will in me and decrease my own for You are my strength and song. I worship You this day and sing Your praises even when I can't understand why things are the way they are. Thank You for putting this new song in my heart!

May my life be a sweet offering to you as I seek to follow You and to love You with all my heart, soul and mind. Use my mouth, my hands, my feet all of me as instruments of Your peace. May I be a light in the darkness for others. I give to You my life, my talents, all that I am and ever will be. In Jesus Name I Pray, Amen.

May the Lord richly bless you this day and throughout the New Year!

*Pastors Scott & Jan*



#### *2020 Mission Team Report*

*As you know 10% of all giving is put into the Mission Team Fund to provide the Mission Team with funds to assist those in need. Here is a summary of the mission team projects for the year.*

<i>Conneaut School System ~ Football Stadium sign -</i>	<i>\$ 900.00 for 3 years total</i>
<i>Nueva Esperanza -</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Toner for the copier -</i>	<i>\$ 697.94</i>
<i>Food Pantry matching funds -</i>	<i>\$ 1,775.00</i>
<i>Blessing in a backpack -</i>	<i>\$ 2,000.00</i>
<i>Bibles for our troops -</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Child Care Center School Supplies -</i>	<i>\$ 112.25</i>
<i>Child Care Center for 25 Christmas dinner boxes for CCC families -</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Homeless family -</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>Gas Give Away -</i>	<i>\$ 2,610.40</i>
<i>H2O mission [plus helped build a wheelchair ramp at Kramer Home] -</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>
<i>Trunk or Treat -</i>	<i>\$ 900.03</i>
<i>Children's Services Ashtabula County [10/\$25 gift cards for children] -</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>
<i>Daily Bread, Upper Room and Coat Giveaways</i>	

*If you feel led to join the mission team or if you have a mission you would like to present to the team, please call the church, Ann Wiley or Kris Zemla.*

*The Mission Team*

## Financial Snapshot

General Fund Total Income - **November**: \$ 30,423.01

All sources, including Online Giving

General Fund Online Giving: \$ 4,692.10

General Fund **November** Expenses: \$ 28,011.65

[only 30% of Conference monthly apportionment payment paid; 100% of District monthly apportionment payment paid]

Received from the Child Care Center\* \$ 2,035.88

Capital Campaign Funds [Building Fund] received in **November**: \$ 3,105.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 6,852.57

Building Fund Balance [pays the mortgage payment] as of **11/30** \$ 53,722.57

Avg. Weekly Attendance in **November** [this includes Live Streaming through Facebook and YouTube] 191



### Prayer Concerns

*Matt Lanzi, Liz Ogren, Cindy Eigel, Frank Cole, Pastor Scott, Barb Adams, Josie Gross, Lonnie and Nancy Hutchens, Judy Griffith, Zoller Family, Clancy McCall JoEllen Mace, Travel Mercies for anyone traveling, Doris Boyle, Allison Burnham, Dave Dickson, Annika Kelner, Nanette Lampman*

### Prayers of Joy

*Pastor Scott recovered from his case of double pneumonia.*

### Entered into Glory

*Margery Brown, Pat Gurto, Ed Pedaci, Ken Simon,  
Wayne Lett, Barb Pritchard, Paul Mangold, Rene Dickson*



### January Birthdays

- 2 Beth [Levering] Slattey, Karen Holub, Deanna Gates Billings
- 3 Lynda Blood
- 4 Twila Dewey, Jeff Pritchard
- 5 Connor Clark
- 6 Chris Kelly
- 7 Joshua Morrison
- 8 Tim Church, Jim Greenfield
- 9 Mark Phillips
- 10 Beth Jafarace, Steve Rzeszutek, Levi Joseph Beatman
- 11 Brant Kannanen
- 12 Hunter Cox
- 14 Margaret McGrody
- 15 Bailey Carlson
- 16 Lew Shiley, Kent Wheeler
- 18 Jozlyne Pape, Joy Kent, Tammy Lillie, Wm. H Kennedy IV
- 20 Melinda Onion
- 21 Jarrod Blood
- 22 Dot Hogle, Gregory Ernst
- 23 George Hogle, G. Joseph Jafarace
- 24 Mark Kauppila
- 25 Bill Funk
- 26 Susan Durant
- 28 Sylvia Skalos
- 29 Carole Alexander
- 30 Dan Blank, Betty Kannanen, Wes Camensky, Nicole Edwards



### January Anniversaries

- 1 Tom & Judy Church
- 11 Bob & Carley Strader



### Notices

#### *Christmas Greening from Tom & Lois Badanjeck*

Pray that everyone is doing well and is healthy. Pray that you all will have a great 2021. We are doing well, staying healthy and home. Only go out when we have to. Getting tired of being home. Running out of things to do around the house, Really not looking forward to the winter months, need to be outside and busy, Take care of yourselves,

In Christian Friendship

Tom &

Lois



#### Meeters & Greeters

Will be meeting on **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.** Sign up sheet is on the back table. Open to everyone, Lunch will be provided.



Mary Berfield will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to send her a card on this occasion her address is:

**Mary Berfield 3329 Jog Park Drive Greenacres, FL 33467**



The Event Center has given the church a **\$3,000** donation this month, No special presentation was done this time. We thank them for their continued support.

### Editor's Thoughts

Happy New Year to all our church family. As I sit here and try to compose this note, I realize that it has now been 5-1/2 years that I have been the editor of the Leaflet. What a joy, a blessing and labor of love it has been for me. Even if I had a cast on one wrist or the other or when I couldn't bend my knee, I still knew the overwhelming desire to make sure the Leaflet was ready for print. I don't often know what I'm going to write but God makes my fingers move over the keyboard and I'm often surprised what appears on the screen. Please pray that as we enter another year, that Our Lord and Savior will continue to work thru me to be able to share vital news and needed information with you. Let me bridge that gap in communication that often can happen between church and parishioners. One of my resolutions for 2021 is to keep my church family informed on the happenings of New Leaf United Methodist Church.



EACH MOMENT IN A DAY HAS ITS OWN VALUE,  
MORNING BRINGS HOPE,  
AFTERNOON BRINGS FAITH,  
EVENING BRINGS LOVE,  
NIGHT BRINGS REST,  
HOPE YOU WILL HAVE ALL OF THEM EVERYDAY.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

## 2020 Poinsettia List

*Our families and friends have donated the beautiful poinsettias in honor and memory of their friends and family members. We thank all of you who purchased 22 plants [including 11 large ones] that are being used to decorate our worship center during the holiday season. Please take a moment and read over the list of names.*

### *In Honor Of:*

*Dean & JoAnn Nelson, Dawna Mitchell and Lauren Machuga ~ given by Penny Mitchell  
Tracy Walker ~ given by Tom Batchelor*

### *In Memory Of:*

*Ray & Mae Dennis; Howard & Belle Lillie; Jeanne Lillie ~ given by Jerry Lillie*

*Our parents Virgil & Mary Franklin; George & Beryl Lowe ~ given by Terry & Glenda Lowe*

*George & Shirley McCroskey; Robert Wheeler ~ given by Sally McCroskey*

*Harold & Nancy Shiley; Jim Tobias; Gerry Tobias ~ given by Lew & Judy Shiley*

*Jay B Bernardini ~ given by Suzanne, John & Liz*

*My husband, Robert Aufrance ~ given by Mary Aufrance*

*Past loved ones ~ given by Bill Nine, Joy Kent, Dick & Denise Wheeler*

*Dick & Eileen Neubauer; John & Kathryn Rzeszutek ~ given by Steve & Debbie Rzeszutek*

*Donald & Florence Blood, Earl & LouClare Mitchell, Helen Blood ~ given by Penny Mitchell*

*Cole Walker ~ given by Tom Batchelor*

*Joe Chapin a loving husband, father and Poppy; you are truly missed ~ given by Becky Chapin, children and grandkids.*

*Beverly Zimmerman and Marilyn Zimmerman ~ given by Lucille Zimmerman*





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Soccer ~ every Monday & Wednesday at 4:30 PM					1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 Communion	4 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	5 Silver Sneakers 4 pm	6 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Child Care Bd 11 am Choir Ensemble 7 pm	7 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	8 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	9 Meet & Greet Class 9 am
10 Youth 6 pm	11 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	12 Good Grief 3:30 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm Bd of Directors 6 pm	13 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Choir Ensemble 7 pm	14 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Event Ctr Bd 6 pm	15 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	16
17 Youth 6 pm	18 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	19 Silver Sneakers 4 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm	20 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Choir Ensemble 7 pm	21 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	22 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	23
24 Youth 6 pm	25 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	26 Silver Sneakers 4 pm	27 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Choir Ensemble 7 pm	28 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	29 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	30
31 Youth 6 pm Fifth Sunday Noisy Collection						

# Good Bye 2020 ~ Welcome 2021



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