



Chimes



Dear Church Family,

One of my favorite authors is John Maxwell, who started his early ministry in Circleville, Ohio and has become a great teacher in the area of leadership. Below is an excerpt of encouragement to all Christians as we enter into the Advent season.

John says: "I love Christmas because it's a season for giving – so people tend to focus on others more at this time of year. Whether we're shopping for gifts for loved ones or looking for ways to give financially to people in need, many of us are seeking ways to add value to another person. This makes it a great season to practice intentionality, because intentional living is about having that mindset – of approaching each day with the goal of adding value to others to make a difference in their lives. And I believe intentional living is the best way to create a life of significance – at any time of the year.

In my book Intentional Living, I shared some specific ways to make sure you're adding value to others every day. And I think they'll be helpful to you as you go through your daily life. If you do so between now and Christmas, you can establish a habit that continues into the new year."

One of my habits is to establish a goal word to live by for the entire year. In 2022, it was **HOPE**. As I begin to set my sights on 2023, my goal word will be **VALUE**. **How can I intentionally grow as a person and add value to peoples' lives?**

As I began to construct my goals for 2023, I met with the worship committee, and Pastor Désirée, and asked if they would be open to the idea of adding more preaching opportunities in 2023. My goal would be to have the opportunity to preach up to a dozen times a year on Sunday. The reason for this is to continue my own growth as

a pastor and my desire for the preparation of the service and the message from the Lectionary each week. Pastor Désirée and the worship committee agreed for up to 12 preaching opportunities for both myself and Pastor Mark Johnson. I want to thank the Worship Committee and Session, along with Pastor Désirée, for making this growth opportunity possible.

Also, beginning next year, I want to be intentional in adding value by re-establishing a men's group at FPC. I have spoken to a few of the younger and older men who have shown a keen interest in starting a men's group. I understand from some of the Session members that some of the men in the congregation were very involved, so I will be reaching out to you for advice on what worked well and what could be improved on. Proverbs 27:17 NASB: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Please consider becoming a part of this group. More information will be forthcoming in January 2023.

It has been said, "**Don't tell me what you're going to do—show me.**" It's great to think ahead and look around for ways to add value to others, but nothing beats doing something for another person. In public or in private, in small ways or large, taking action to add value to someone else is a wonderful expression of the Christmas spirit.

To keep myself accountable to this, at the end of each day, I ask myself one question: "Did I add value to people today?" That's a great question to ask yourself – and intentional actions allow you to answer "Yes."

- ◆ **Think how can we add value to people.**
- ◆ **Look for ways to add value to people.**
- ◆ **Do and create meaningful action in adding value to people.**
- ◆ **Encourage each other as the body of Christ to continue value people in our community.**

Adding value to others begins with us, but it's meant to be shared. As you develop the daily habit of adding value to others, begin encouraging people close to you to do the same. We can begin a significant movement right in our own home, office or community.

What might your goal and growth word be for 2023?

Pastor Steve





Happy November!

The PCC has been focused on a PCC fundraiser which started on October 18 and ran through November 1. We are hoping to raise \$3000. Thank you to all who participated in this event!

Pictures were taken of the PCC children, and it proved very entertaining trying to coax smiles and dimples out of their faces. It was great to see the kids dressed up for this.

The younger children were geared up for their Halloween parties and for the costume parade with trick or treating in the church office on Friday, October 28. The children received lots of great treats! Later that same day, all the PCC kids had the opportunity to go to the Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot from 4:30-6:30 pm. It was a lot of fun!

We are planning a Thanksgiving feast for the kids on November 17 ... We are looking forward to lots of great food that day! We will be closed on November 24-25, allowing the staff to enjoy time off with their families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you for your continued support of the PCC children and staff!!

- Abbey 🍍



PLEASE WELCOME THE PCC'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR

You may have already met Abbey Stonerock, but what you may not know is that she is the PCC's new Administrator. Abbey started with the PCC in September 2018. She has been a teacher in the infant's, 3's and 4's classrooms. While Abbey loves teaching, she was ready to grow in her career and spread her wings. The move from teaching to Administrator became effective on October 1.

Abbey is pictured with her son, Elijah, who is 4 1/2 years old, and her fiancé, Logan Ebert. Abbey lives in Mt. Sterling. She has a Bernese Mountain Dog (Bo), and two siblings ... Sarah & Nathan. In her free time, Abbey enjoys puzzles and diamond art. Her favorite color is purple, loves Disney, and anything that is pineapple! She has a wonderful smile, and a warm, engaging personality.

When you have a chance, please congratulate Abbey on her new position!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

IMPORTANT DATES

- All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 6
- Church office will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.
- HUMP DAY LUNCH on November 16 at MGM Diner in London, 11:30 AM
- Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 20, at 11:00 AM.
- Presbytery Meeting on Sunday, November 20, at 3:30 PM.
- Church office will be closed on November 24-25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

The following candidates are being nominated for the offices listed below, starting in January 2023:

- Generation to Generation (6 year term) – Marshall Geib
- Deacons (3 year term) – Ken Morlock, Mary Peart, Ruth Kennedy
- Ruling Elders – Pam Dennewitz (Property Co-Chair)
- Paul Oswalt (Membership Chair)
- Cindy Newman (Nominating Committee Chair 2025)
- Nominating Committee Members at Large: Steve Watters, Brenda Engle, Marge Hopkins, & Janis Hamrick

HELP HOUSE

This mission is more vital than ever. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with the Oct. 17 meal: Joe Blaho, Bert Cwiekalo, Gordon & Ruthanne Johnson, Richard & Stephanie Huddleston, Peggy Link, Joyce Lloyd, Dolly McDonley and Mindful Mothers.

Our next meal is **November 21st** and we will serve 150. **The following donations are needed: (6) institutional cans green beans, (15) boxes of penne pasta, (13) Little Debbie Oatmeal Crème Pies (regular size) and (4) volunteers to help package meals.** Contact Debbie Blaho at dblaho@columbus.rr.com or (614) 736-5126 to volunteer for the next meal.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class will be held after the potluck on November 13 for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church, or if you simply would like a refresher course on what it means to be a Presbyterian. Please let the pastor know ASAP so that the class material can be prepared for you.

TRIMMING OF THE CHURCH and THE ADVENT SEASON

The Advent season begins on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

In preparation for Advent, the decorating of the church will be on Sunday, November 20. There is a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. If you can, please plan to stay after the meeting and help with the decorating to prepare the church for Advent. Thank you.

IT'S BACK!

THE CHURCH WILL BE HAVING A **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE POTLUCK DISH AND PLAN TO BRING IT TO SHARE ... MAIN DISH, FINGER FOOD, SIDE DISH, OR DESSERT.

DRINKS AND TABLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED. REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR! IT IS EXCITING TO SHARE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET FOR A LISTENING SESSION?

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard as we consider the future of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Registration is open to anyone who is interested, whether or not you took part in the Landscape Assessment survey of the past few weeks. **We need more folks to participate.** [Please register now!](#)

These listening sessions will be conducted by Zoom, so you won't need to travel to take part. They are organized by role, so we ask you to sign up for the session that best aligns with your role in the church/Presbytery. If your schedule cannot accommodate that time slot, please sign up for another session.

Active Clergy, November 8, 10-noon

Retired Clergy, November 8, 1-3pm

Session Members & Ruling Elders, November 9, 6:30-8:30 pm

Presbytery Leadership, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Deacons & Congregation Members, November 14, 6:30-8:30 pm

[Please click here to register.](#)

We thank you for lending your voice to this important work.

Martha Geib
Memorial Scholarship

ONLINE AUCTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2022
AUCTION
8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022-ITEM PICK UP

6th ANNUAL EVENT



Virtual Auction

IN MEMORY
OF
MARTHA
GEIB

PROCEEDS GO
TOWARDS
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
LONDON AND
MADISON-PLAINS
SENIORS

<https://mgms.betterworld.org/>

All items donated from
local businesses,
community members,
and entrepreneurs

Support the students
of our community

Item pick up will be at the
Presbyterian Church in London
on November 6th from
1:00-4:00 p.m.

More information, visit our social:
Facebook: @mgmemorialscholarship

For any Questions or Concerns:
Call us (740) 506-0012 or
(614) 778-3664

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you wish to provide a poinsettia for our Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve Services ... please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office (PO Box 226), **along with your check.** We are purchasing the poinsettias from London Florist. **DEADLINE for placing your order is Monday, November 14, 2022.** We will order a variety of colors in **6" pots** for the Christmas season for those who order, to take home. Or, you may make a memorial gift to the Generation to Generation Fund.

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

to be picked up after 7:30 service: _____ # to be donated _____

TOTAL # _____ poinsettias ordered X \$13.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Given By:

Phone: _____

SPECIAL GIFT FOR GENERATION TO GENERATION FUND

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Given By:

Phone _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Many fun and exciting things have happened this summer and fall with Christian Education at the PCC. We had a mini VBS week, with an "under the sea" theme. We read several Bible stories, including: Jonah and the Whale, Parting the Red Sea, Noah's Ark and Jesus Feeds the 5000. We played games and made crafts related to the stories: sea slime, "fishing", digging for treasure and making bookmarks. The kids really seemed to love it!

Each week we have Bible themed lessons for each PCC class (toddlers, preschool and school age). I try to reach all different types of learners: we read the Spark Bible, have "field trips" around the church, do crafts, play games, writing/tracing pages, watch demonstrations, coloring pages, listening to music and watching videos! I try to make each day of the weekly lesson different so it's something fun and new every day. I have really enjoyed getting to know the kids and teachers and look forward to continuing to grow the Christian Education Program at the PCC. Cody Smith



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is BACK!

Christian Education is collecting donations for shoeboxes for Christmas.

****DONATION IDEAS:** doll, stuffed animal, comb, washcloth, toothbrush ONLY (no toothpaste), reusable cups, school supplies, yo-yo, tennis ball, etc.

(Things to not donate: Candy - toothpaste - gum; used or damaged items - scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures - chocolate or food - liquids).

We will be accepting donations now through November 13th. There is a collection box in the Narthex, or see Cody Smith. Thank you!



PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed.

If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOUT OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

They have a vision to reach seven countries in West Africa. The work that they are doing is difficult, and at times, dangerous. Please pray for the church leaders, that they remain faithful, especially during the difficult times.

They are struggling to buy more books and uniforms for the children in their missions. Please pray for the continuous operation to provide for the children, and for guidance for their church. Our prayers for RNCS is greatly needed.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER BRINGS ALL KINDS OF WEATHER, AND LOTS OF FAMILY TIME. GET READY TO ROLL WITH THE WEATHER CHANGES, AND FAMILY HOLIDAY FUN.

November 17 is National Take a Hike Day. There are many trails around London. Take a hike in your favorite area.

Did you know that Harry London's Chocolate Factory in Canton offers FREE tours? The tours are offered Monday through Thursday, from 10am-4pm, and run approximately 45 minutes. During the tour, visitors learn about the history of Harry London, see the factory and watch the chocolates being made, and even sample some delicious chocolate and gelato. Delicious, educational and fun!

Visit the Ohio Caverns in West Liberty. While in that neck of the woods, consider visiting the historic Piatt Castles and step back in time.

Speaking of stepping back in time, visit the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum including a tour through his home. Located in Fremont, Ohio, it's an easy trip and well worth it!

Visit the Franklin Park Conservatory for a wonderful holiday experience.

Try something new ... Visit the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, a children's museum, science and technology center and zoo in Dayton, Ohio that focuses on science and natural history. Exhibits include an extensive natural history collection as well as maintaining a collection of live animals native to Ohio and abroad.

London's Olde Fashioned Christmas will be November 27. The Music Men & Jen will be performing from 2-6:00pm, wandering the downtown & singing.

NOVEMBER FUN FACTS

TIME IS CHANGING
ON NOV. 6. MOVE
THE CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR WHEN
YOU GO TO BED ON
NOV. 5.

Topaz & Citrine are November's birthstones. The color of Topaz is orange-yellow. Citrine is a quartz crystal and ranges from yellow to orange.

The Chrysanthemum is November's flower. It symbolizes honesty, joy, and optimism.

In the early morning hours of November 8, a total lunar eclipse will be visible from much of North America.

November's full moon is traditionally called the Beaver Moon. The full moon will occur on Tuesday, November 8.

VETERAN'S DAY IS NOVEMBER 11. Veteran's Day originated as 'Armistice Day' on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of WWI.

November Weather Folklore

- ◆ If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after, but sludge and muck.
- ◆ If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May.
- ◆ There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.
- ◆ Ice in November brings mud in December.

A TRUE INDIAN
SUMMER OCCURS
BETWEEN
NOVEMBER 11-20.

Thanksgiving Day is
November 24, 2022.

Did you know ... In 1620, 102 passengers set sail on the Mayflower, but only 50 survived that first winter.

According to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants ... today, there is an estimated 10 million living Americans who descend from the Mayflower passengers.

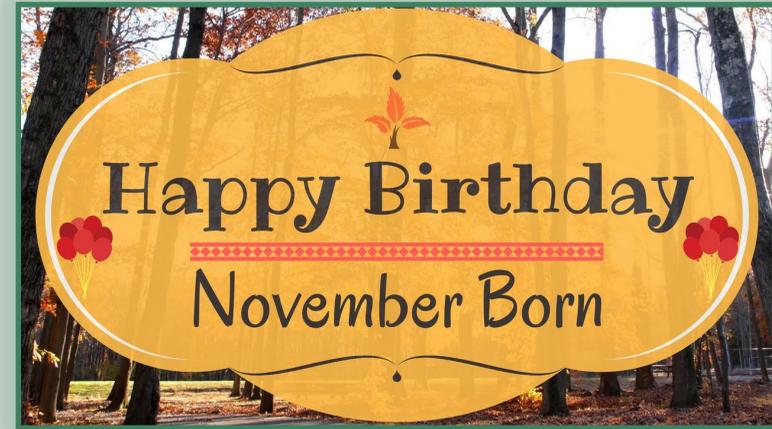


An Irish Prayer

May God give you ...

For every storm a rainbow, for every tear a smile,
 for every care a promise, and a blessing in each trial.
 For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,
 for every sigh a sweet song,
 and an answer for each prayer.

Jeff & Cheryl Baltzer 11-7
 Neil & Helen Studebaker 11-30



<i>Laura Madden</i>	<i>11-3</i>	<i>Helen Studebaker</i>	<i>11-18</i>
<i>Dolores Fischer</i>	<i>11-3</i>	<i>Bruce Yerian</i>	<i>11-18</i>
<i>Judi Borders</i>	<i>11-6</i>	<i>Nancy Clemmons</i>	<i>11-18</i>
<i>Bill Fischer</i>	<i>11-8</i>	<i>Luke Mack</i>	<i>11-21</i>
<i>Jim Smith</i>	<i>11-11</i>	<i>Doug Dennewitz</i>	<i>11-24</i>
<i>Corabeth Morris</i>	<i>11-14</i>	<i>Larry Bobo</i>	<i>11-26</i>
<i>Chuck Spinning</i>	<i>11-14</i>	<i>Christine Yost</i>	<i>11-29</i>
<i>Seth Johnson</i>	<i>11-18</i>	<i>Mary Locke</i>	<i>11-30</i>

November born are either a Scorpio or a Sagittarius. Those born between November 1-21 are classified as the passionate Scorpio. Those born from November 22-30 are Sagittarius, and they're generous souls with a sense of humor

Those born in November are quite private and prefer to keep their secrets to themselves. Because the November born are private and take their time in trusting others, they can be misunderstood. They like to socialize, but do things on their own terms. They are creative, and think outside of the box. They are good-looking, hardworking, and loyal.

NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	31	Nov 1	2 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4pm Stewardship Commission	3 ● 4:15pm Mission Committee mee ● 6pm Worship Committee Meetin ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5 ● 8am Martha Geib On-line Auction
6 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship / Communion ● 11am Deacon Meeting ● 1pm Martha Geib Items - pick up	7 ● 11am PCC Leadership Meeting	8	9 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4:30pm Session Meeting	10 ● 11am Session Review ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Veterans Day - Closed for the Holi	12
13 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship ● 11am Thanksgiving Potluck	14	15	16 ● 11:30am Hump Day Lunch Day ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom N	17 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship ● 11am Congregational Meeting ● 11:30am DECORATE THE CHURC ● 3:30pm Presbytery Meeting	21	22	23 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting	24 Thanksgiving - Closed for the Holiday	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent ● 10am Worship	28	29	30 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 6pm PCC Committee Meeting	Dec 1 ● 4:15pm Mission Committee mee ● 6pm Worship Committee Meetin ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3

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