

# Steeple Notes

## From Pastor Sara

As I watch the evening news and see the devastation in the land where Jesus walked, I am heartbroken. I am heartbroken for the residents of the kibbutzes near Gaza who were brutally attacked, raped, murdered, tortured, and kidnapped. I am heartbroken for the innocent civilians of Gaza, who, through no fault of their own, stand between the weapons of Hamas and Israel. I continue to be heartbroken for the people of Ukraine, who have also suffered much because of war.

I am heartbroken when I see the vitriol tossed between "sides" in the wars. I never believed in my lifetime I would see it socially acceptable to make antisemitic remarks. I grieve when people want to lump all Arabs, whether Christian or Muslim, as "terrorists."

Micah was a minor prophet who prophesied around the same time as Isaiah, Hosea, and Amos, following the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel but before Assyria attacked the southern kingdom of Judah. The beginning of Micah warns God's people that because of their cruelty toward others, there would be consequences.

But Micah was not the prophet the kings would listen to. Other prophets would tell the kings they were infallible, that God had riches for them, and that all was hunky-dory. Surprise, surprise: These were the prophets the kings chose to listen to. But Micah continued to prophesy, and the destruction of the kingdom of Judah happened, just as he said.

However, if you continue in Micah, there are words of hope. The fourth chapter begins, *"In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the*

*mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it."* After the heartache and destruction, the Lord will remain, and his temple will be the highest of all mountains. It will be such an incredible sight that people of all ethnicities, cultures, and socio-economic statuses will stream to it. They will hear the word of the Lord, and then *"...they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken."*

This is the way of things. Humans often exchange good for evil, truth for lies, and peace for violence. However, take heart. The current way of things will end, and God's Kingdom will be established as promised through Christ. There will be peace.

In the meantime, God calls us to work toward peace not just on a global scale but in our nation, state, communities, neighborhoods, and families. *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."* We don't always agree with what working toward peace looks like. As Christians, we can agree that living in the pattern of Christ, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us, and understanding that all human beings are made in the image of God is the place to start.

Pray for this broken world. Grieve over the loss of life. Work toward peace. Believe in God's promises. The swords will become plowshares because it is what God promises. Amen.





Ladies Who Lunch will be having lunch at the Huron Yacht Club—really! The club remodeling is complete. We will meet at the club on the second Friday, November 10th, at 11:30 a.m.

The Huron Yacht Club is behind the Huron Post Office. If you need directions or a ride, please let Dawn know.

Also, please call Dawn to let her know you will be joining the group for lunch by November 9th so we can confirm our reservation with the club.

See you for lunch on November 10!



Zion Lutheran Church of Huron presents Bible and Hymn Family Feud on Tuesday, November 30th, in their fellowship hall.

There will be a light dinner served (sloppy jo, homemade Amish cole slaw, veggie, cookie, and drink), a 50/50 raffle, and six rounds of family feud!

Cost is \$5 per person.

Sign up to eat & play; you will be placed on a team or form your group of 4-6 players! All proceeds benefit Lutheran World Hunger!

Call 419-588-2600 to reserve a spot!



The fellowship hall will be a polling place on Tuesday, November 7th, 6 a.m.—7 p.m. Don't forget to vote for the candidates and issues of your choice.

Don't know where your polling place is located? Go to this website:

[www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/)

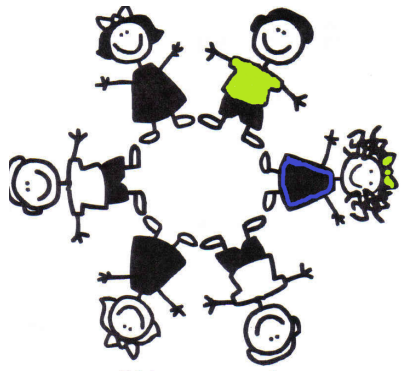


## Fall Poetry Reading

On Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, the Nurture and Mission Committee will host a poetry reading on the topic: POET VISIONS. If you want to be one of the readers, contact Ron Ruble at 419-433-3820 (leave a message) or email him at: [rubler@bgsu.edu](mailto:rubler@bgsu.edu) by November 3rd, if possible. Hopefully, we will have music as well. Social distancing and masks are optional.



Thank you to all who filled out our TCI Survey. What's next? We will have focus groups very soon--in person and on Zoom. We will be interviewing both church members and others in the community. Continue to pray for our transformation process. Thank you!



Little Wonders  
Presbyterian Preschool

Our Little Wonders children have been busy this month! In chapel, they learned about God creating the whole world. They have been enjoying Big Play in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. This allows the teachers to assess their physical development.



The Huron Fire Department visited for fire safety week, and we even participated in a fire drill!



The Harvest party was a hit. They enjoyed games, crafts, and snacks!



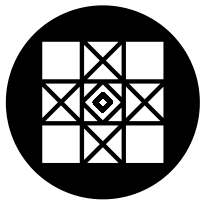
# Coming in November



Little Wonders Preschool to-go style annual pizza fundraiser is Friday, November 3rd. They will be selling freshly baked pizzas. All money raised will go directly to the preschool for supplies, furniture, scholarships, etc.

Thanksgiving Break will be November 20-23!

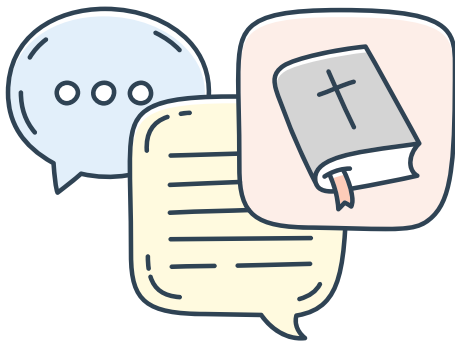
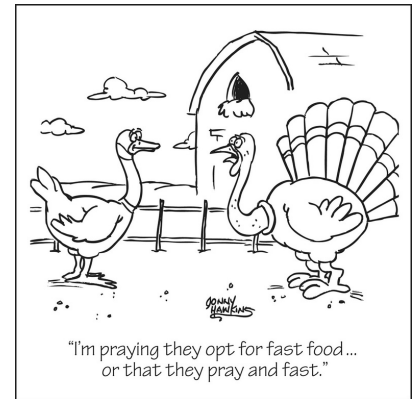




Each Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., our busy quilters work together to hand quilt and raise money for mission. Would you like to join in? All skill levels are welcome. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy this fantastic opportunity for fellowship and service,

# Thankful & Blessed

Let's give thanks to God together for all His blessings. Join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner after worship on Sunday, November 19th in Fellowship Hall.



Ladies: Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in faith with other women? Join "Girlfriends in God" as we study and discuss Scripture and our spiritual walks together. Our next study will be on Wednesday, November 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room near the Little Wonders rooms.



Christ Community Meals provides free meals every Monday at noon and every second and fourth Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. If you need a free meal or want to come for some company, you are welcome! No questions asked. We always need volunteers to serve, set up, clean up, or bake desserts.



PW would like to give a HUGE thank you to all who donated items and helped with the Fall Rummage Sale. The sale brought in \$1,000 for PW. The leftovers from the sale were donated to the Vietnam Veterans of America. Thanks again for your service and support.



# Stewardship News

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who turned in their pledge cards during October. If you have yet to turn your pledge card in, please do so as soon as possible. Pledges help the Session set a realistic budget for the coming year. We would also like to thank those who shared a favorite dessert recipe along with their stewardship stories.

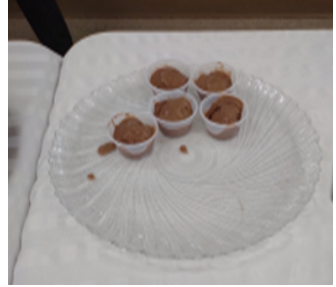
To celebrate our stewardship theme of "Dessert First" on October 29th, we had a dessert contest. There were eight delicious entries. Although it was a difficult choice to select just one favorite, the attendees sampled the entries and then voted. Three desserts were declared winners. Betty Reed won first place for her mouthwatering lemon meringue pie. Coming in second place: a tie between Ann Pullano's amazing ice cream and Gail Burke's scrumptious trifle.



Betty Reed's Lemon Meringue Pie



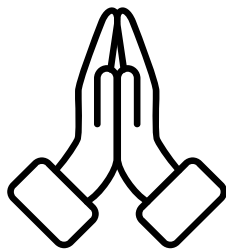
Congratulations, Betty!



Ann Pullano's Queen City Ice Cream



Gail Burke's Trifle



# Prayer Page

*...but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6 NIV*

We should never attempt to make it through a single day without expressing our dependence on our heavenly Father in prayer.

We ought to make our requests known to God, whatever those requests may be, great or small. But we should also be bold to pray for grand things. The greatest cries of the people of God should be the greatest concerns of the kingdom. During this time of war and tumult, pray for Christians in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank. Our brothers and sisters affected by the war are in great need and provide a vital witness in the most dire of circumstances. Pray for peace in the region and throughout the world.

## FPC Prayer List

David Fenn, Ward DeLamatre, Jeanne Schaffer, Ann West, Tony and Barb Smith, Cameron James, John P. Jones, Carol Kopkas, Rachel Leonard, Denny Velliquette, Eldon Zimmer, June Franduto, Rev. Randal Richards, Paul Brown, Angela Belliveau, Margaret Swords, Brad Mason, Jim, David Wittmer, Gabe Phillips, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pedersen, Nancy McPeak, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Gene Darby, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Barb Gettman, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Joan Cash, Denny Hall, Sally Muffaloto, Susan Martter.

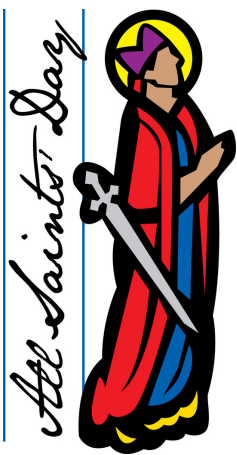
## Huron Churches Prayer Calendar

11/5 Journey Church

11/12 Christ Episcopal Church  
Father Michael Floyd

11/19 St. Peter Catholic Church  
Father Doug Garrand

11/26 Huron United Methodist Church Pastor  
Pamela Sayre



We will observe All Saints' Day during worship on Sunday, November 5th. Please pray for all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.



# November

## Liturgists

11/5 Cynthia Brown Mathews  
11/12 Betty Reed  
11/19 Chuck Kaman  
11/29 Katie McGraw

## Communion

11/5 Set up: Kathy Kirby  
  
Servers: Sarah Blakeman,  
Jack and Marcia Arthur

## Counters

11/5 Francesca Lendrum &  
Ellen Drumm  
11/12 Bob & Marcie Muntz  
11/19 Sarah & John Blakeman  
11/26 Jack & Marcia Arthur

## Flowers

11/5: Jeannine and David Asher: In honor of our grandson, Logan Asher.

11/12: Ron Ruble: In honor of November birthdays and to the Glory of God.

11/19: Jann and John Glann: Celebrating Kerry's birthday and for Thanksgiving Sunday.



11/19 Deborah Schisler  
11/20 Joanna Phillips  
11/25 Kerry Glann  
11/26 Brian McGraw  
11/29 Parker Muntz

## Ushers Wanted

We have many vacancies for usher duties in the months of November and December. Ushers are responsible for greeting people, making sure visitors feel welcome, and collecting the offering. To sign up, contact Wendy Quinn, or sign up in the narthex. Thank you!



November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving





# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Worship	30 12:00pm Christ's Community Meal 7:00pm Scout Troop 31	31 10:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm Preschool Chapel	1	2 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Bell Choir	3 Little Wonders Fundraiser	4
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