



# The Community Messenger



## ERICA EXTEMPORANEOUS



October 2023



Picture day in elementary school usually meant scratchy and uncomfortable clothing not befitting your typical school day. It meant fine toothed combs that often did more damage than good when it came right down to it. It meant bright flashes of light and worrying whether you smiled at the right time...or if it ended up more of a goofy grin.

It's Picture Day at Howland Community Church. It will be wonderful, after fifteen years, having a new pictural directory. It will help us connect names and faces and phone numbers and e-mails. It will also provide us with a literal snapshot of who we are at this particular juncture.

Of course, we may grouse a bit. I know of very few people who like getting their picture taken. It can be challenging to manage the youngest among us, those with so much energy they can hardly be expected to light even for a moment. And then there are goofy grins, clenched teeth, and furrowed eyebrows with which to contend.

Pictures frame a memory of a moment in time. I remember family pictures for the church directory when I was a freshman in high school. I was excited because the school literary journal had just come out, and several of my poems were included. I remember what outfit I wore and the fact that we had dinner as a family at Arthur Treachers.

Pictures, photographs, call to mind memories, which is a blessed gift. But we are so much more than our memories. One of my favorite musicians is folk singer Dar Williams. I have preached from her music on many occasions. Hear this line from her song, "My Friends." "If I had a camera showing all the light we give and where the light extends, I'd give it to my friends."

My friends, Howland Community Church is called to let our light shine in the darkness. We are called to be God's church in a world wanting and waiting. What are we waiting for?



Take good care~*Erica*



## Greetings from Gabby!

I am so excited! I get to have my picture taken for the church directory. It will be on a special page with lots of other pictures. Erica said it was called a collage. I know not everybody likes getting their picture taken, but I do. I hope they don't tell me not to monkey around. I'm a monkey!

I can't help it!



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

~ Gabby



### Bumper Stickers Now Available For \$5.00 Each



Please help us reach our "Ghouls!"

Our beloved pipe organ requires regular tuning and maintenance. The yearly cost for this is over \$5000. Along with this maintenance, a recent inspection of the organ and pipes revealed several issues that must be addressed. The pipes are leaning in some spots and may fall over at some point. Needed repairs to the organ can be expected to reach between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The Finance Committee and Official Board have agreed to begin an Organ fund to build up funds to cover the cost of maintaining this wonderful instrument. Your help is needed. If you would like to donate to the fund, please designate the "Organ Fund" with your donation. A couple of donations have already been received. We have started taking recipes for a Church Cookbook, and the bumper stickers are available at a cost of \$5.00 each. There are also envelopes marked "Organ Fund" in the back of church for your convenience. We don't want to lose such a great part of our church. We hope you will support our efforts.





## Client Choice Pantry



Our food pantry is scheduled for Friday, October 20th during the usual hours of 3-5 pm. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Optimally, we require 10-12 church member volunteers for a smoothly running pantry. Although we are not asking for our members to bring in milk, eggs and bread, if you would like to contribute money towards these foods, any donation would always be appreciated. Please put the words "Food Pantry" in the memo section of your check. We will always require volunteers to help us unload and stock our shelves and freezers, generally the day before the pantry each month. We will be having another Food Truck Delivery on Thursday, October 19th, and we will need additional help for unloading and stocking shelves on that day.

Linda Hitmar

VOLUNTEER

# OCTOBER SCHEDULES

DATE	ELDER	DIACONATE SANCTUARY (All Month)	DIACONATE KITCHEN (All Month)
Oct 1	Barb Turvey	Hank Kalmar Captain	<u>Sanctuary</u> Linda Raphoon
Oct 8	Barb Layfield	Kathy Kalmar	<u>JHR</u> Jane Walters
Oct 15	Dawn Adgate	Anna Marie Ottney	
Oct 22	Bim Turner	Linda Raphoon	
Oct 29	Kathy Purdum		

Lectionary for October

- Oct. 1, 2023**  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32
  
- Oct. 8, 2023**  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 19  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46
  
- Oct. 15, 2023**  
Exodus 32:1-14  
Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14
  
- Oct. 22, 2023**  
Exodus 33:12-23  
Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 99  
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22
  
- Oct. 29, 2023**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46





# 3P Blessing of the Animals—Pavilion

SAVE THE DATE

October 15th



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, November 24, 2023

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN NORTH HALL**

Donors may report to the North Hall from 10:00-4:00 p.m.

Call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment



# PLEASE JOIN HCC LEARNING CENTER FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL

Friday, October 27th  
6:00-7:30 pm

# Fall Fest

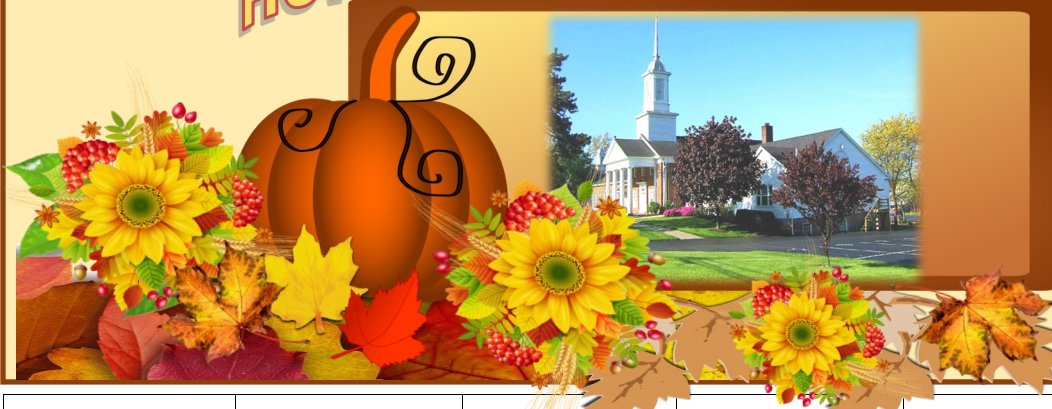
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# TRUNK OR TREAT!

198 Niles-Cortland Rd SE  
Warren, Ohio 44484

We are welcoming the community to join in on the fun! Food for purchase & door prizes available!  
If you'd like to decorate a trunk, promote your business, donate door prizes/candy, or even volunteer for our event, please contact us by Friday, October 13th at [hcclearningcenter@gmail.com](mailto:hcclearningcenter@gmail.com)

# HOWLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>  Red Cross <b>Blood Drive 12-6P</b> ♥ Ron & Shawn Tarary  7P Boy Scouts-NH	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6P Trustees	<b>5</b> 6-8P Girl Scouts-NH  	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  1P—NA Mtg--NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
<b>8</b> 10A-Worship	<b>9</b>  7P Elders 7P Boy Scouts-NH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>   Becky Noftinger	<b>13</b>   Andy Purdum	<b>14</b>  1P—NA Mtg NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
<b>15</b> 10A-Worship  	<b>16</b> 6:30P Finance 7P Board 7P Boy Scouts-NH   Ralph Palette	<b>17</b>   Georgia Jones	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b> 6-8P Girl Scouts-NH	<b>20</b>  3-5P Client Choice Food Pantry ♥ Harm & Diane Andrews III  <a href="#">November Newsletter</a> <a href="#">Articles Due</a>	<b>21</b>  1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
<b>22</b> 10A-Worship  	<b>23</b>  7P Boy Scouts-NH	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>   Gary Arblaster	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> HCC Learning Center 6-7:30P Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat  	<b>28</b> 11-12:30P-FFM--SH   1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
<b>29</b> 10A-Worship   Jim Bates	<b>30</b>  Happy Halloween  7P Boy Scouts-NH	<b>31</b>				



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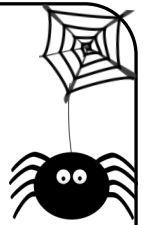
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(affiliated with the Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and International Council of Community Churches). Our church is **"A House of Prayer For All People."**

We offer Sunday School for children and a fellowship gathering after Worship.

Communion is served every Sunday.

# OFFICE HOURS



Monday—Thursday  
9:00AM—4:00PM  
Friday  
9:00AM—Noon

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

Articles for  
Next Month's  
Newsletter are  
Due Oct 20

Reverend Erica Brown, Senior Minister

Andrew Purdum, Director of Music

Peggy Elliott, Organist

Rita Bobco, Finance Manager

Linda Mikula, Administrative Assistant

Minta Pitts, Custodian