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Prayer Concerns

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Tables of Eight

There will be **no** Tables of Eight dinner in October. We will meet again in November!

Benefit for Darrel Toole

Saturday, October 11 from 12p-4p there will be a benefit for Darrel Toole in the fellowship hall. Darrel is currently at Amberwood Manor recovering from spinal surgery that was necessary due to a blood infection. This benefit is to help with his living expenses.

\$10 Meal Options:

Chicken with Mashed Potatoes

Or

Spaghetti with Salad

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and Chinese raffle

Donated items are accepted—please contact Lee at 330-401-4513 or Kelly at 330-691-0924.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting held on **October 19 following service**. In that meeting we will be nominating and electing new officers for Session and Deacons, and reviewing the pastoral terms of call for 2026. Remember all members have a right to voice and vote, so come and help us in these important decisions!

Tickets are available for sale through Rev. Joe.



FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS DUELING PIANOS SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

THE MARILYN
1260 MONROE AVE
NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO
OCTOBER 18, 2025
TICKETS: \$50 (SINGLE), \$80 (COUPLE)
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
CASH BAR AND FINGER FOOD GRAZING
CASUAL DRESS

Halloween at Church

We are accepting candy donations so we can make treat bags for New Philadelphia's public trick or treating! Deposit all donations in the sanctuary collection box, and be sure to join us on **October 25 from 6-8pm** as we hand them out!

Operation Christmas Child

It is already time to think about the season of giving with Operation Christmas Child- the global ministry of sending gifts to kids around the world. Gift boxes and packing guides are available if you wish to participate. Make sure your boxes are prepared and brought back no later than November 16 so they can be shipped in time for Christmas!

Pastor's Corner

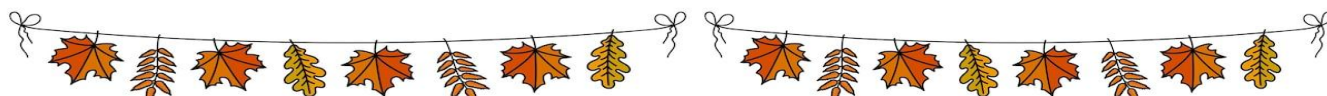
Starting this month, it might seem like there is a lot happening at our church! Fundraisers, Halloween, Christmas, and countless community activities and meetings. It can be a bit overwhelming sometimes simply because there are so many opportunities and so many changes going on. One of the biggest is the new Jack's House of Hope which is expected to be open by December of this year. It feels like our church is turning into a center of something big that is happening in our community, and people are being brought to us for a reason. But what reason could that be? To build and grow the church, make new programs, or strengthen our standing in the community? I feel all that we do, and are being led to do, is much deeper and more special than that. I feel this is the work of the Holy Spirit teaching us what it means to serve, and how others are brought into faithful and loving community.

A church does not stand on its own simply because of resource or popularity, it stands because of faithfulness and willingness to introduce a source of healing and peace beyond what the world can provide. Churches that become like anything else in the world, with programs and services undifferentiated from any other secular organization, can be the most in danger of falling because they rely on human popularity and interest. When that is gone, what is left? All that a church provides is a demonstration of the values and priorities of the people who call it their home, and is an opening to deeper and richer connection with those who come. Our service is to bring the reality of the LORD's salvation to people's lives and set them up for healing and success. All we do is simply a means to engage, get to know who those people are, so we might speak and teach in a manner which makes the most sense to them. It is a spirit of service which St. Paul makes known to his student Timothy:

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

(2 Timothy 2:8-10)

All we do, and seek to do, is to carry on this message and open the door to hope and opportunity that many people need in this world. It will require going to, and making room, for those whom society says are a mistake and are not worthy. It will require giving up the right to any kind of thanks or gratitude because we are simply doing what the LORD asked. But we do all this not for importance or respectability, but because we truly see and know the hope which exists among this people and want others to experience it too. All we do is for the betterment of the greater humanity, and leaving things better than when we found them. And how we have come so far as a church, as a community of faith, testifies to the faithfulness of so many which has produced unexpected results. **-Rev. Joe**



Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project

Our church will be accepting donations toward the "Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign"- the county homeless shelter renovation. We have already raised \$2585.00 toward their effort! Any who wish to contribute may mail their donations to the church office, give them during the Sunday offering, or visit the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (<https://fohtusc.org/hoh/>).



Construction Parking

As the construction of Jack's House of Hope takes place, we thank you for your patience in terms of parking at the church. Parking is available on the gravel lot along the fence and side alley, and on the street along East High Ave. The inner section closest to the door is reserved for handicap/limited mobility parking and drop off. Thank you for keeping the entrance to this clear (marked by cones)!

Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! We will be reading through "Practicing the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join!



"First Celebration" Sunday

Join us on **October 5** as we celebrate Holy Communion during service and Church Brunch following service. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the saints!

Cookies for Sundays!

What's your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn't matter! Sign up in the church office!



Friends of the Homeless Meal

Our monthly Friends of the Homeless dinner will be held on **October 12** at 6pm. While we are fully funded for the monthly meals, please consider donating toward the FOTH General Operations or the Jack's House of Hope Project.

Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor's messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website (www.newphilapc.org). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

Session Members:

Class of 2025: Renee Miskimmin (clerk), Craig Stewart

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Deacon Members:

Class of 2025: Carolyn Berry

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed: Friday

Church Email and Phone:

office@newphilapc.org
330-343-7114

Our Church:

Sunday School: 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.

October 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

EVERY SUNDAY 9:15am- Sunday Study Group 10:30am- Worship Service followed by coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall			1 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 Communion All Church Brunch	6	7 6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	8 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	9	10 Office Closed	11 12-4pm- Darrel Toole Benefit (see ad)
12 6pm- FoH Meal	13	14	15 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	16	17 Office Closed	18 5pm- Dueling Pianos Fundraiser (see ad)
19 Congregational Meeting	20	21 7pm- Session Meeting	22 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	23	24 Office Closed	25 6-8pm-Trick or Treat
26	27 6pm FoH Board Meeting	28 7pm Finance Meeting	29 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	30	31 Office Closed	

October Birthdays: 5th: Gene Zimmerly; 18th: Ethelyn Ann Eichel; 21st: Linda Corpman; 28th: Joe Erwin; 29th: John Stutz; 31st: Kevin Marshall

October Anniversaries: 5th: Hank & Bonnie Majewski; 6th: Brian & Mandy Stewart; 12th: Scott & Michele Davis

If you'd like your birthday or wedding anniversary listed in the monthly newsletter, please let us know! Give us a call or email with the information you'd like included!