

September/October 2026

The Shepherd

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances... I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:11–13 “

As we move into the fall months, many of us are feeling the weight of a world that seems to grow more uncertain by the day. Prices rise, but paychecks don't. Needs feel sharper, and wants feel farther away. It's easy to become discouraged when everything costs twice as much and life demands more than we feel able to give.

Yet in this season, God may be offering us a quiet invitation: to slow down, to breathe, and to rediscover the difference between what we want and what we truly need. Scripture reminds us that contentment isn't found in abundance—it's found in Christ's steady presence. When we pause long enough to notice what we already have, gratitude begins to loosen the grip of fear.

We also live in a society that often jokes about serious things, brushing off real concerns instead of honoring them. But God never treats our worries lightly. He meets us with compassion, wisdom, and strength for each day. In Christ, we are not asked to pretend everything is fine—we are invited to trust that we are not facing any of it alone.

As autumn arrives, may we embrace a slower pace, a grateful heart, and a renewed hope. Christ strengthens us for this moment, and for every moment ahead.

Blessings,
Pastor Cyndi



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(If we have missed your special day,
please notify the church office to be
added to the list! 330-482-2382)

Susan Berger	Sept 1
Inez Corey	Sept 4
Monica Detwiler	Sept 8
Becky McMurray	Sept 8
Marge Armentrout	Sept 23
Pastor Cyndi Midlick	Sept 23
Victoria Szelazek	Sept 28

Beverly Warren	Oct 3
Thomas Ambrose	Oct 21
Jeff Berger	Oct 23
Donna Rouse	Oct 30
Pat Morelli	Oct 31

“If your birthday is in September or October and your name isn’t listed, we still want to wish you a very Happy Birthday. May God bless you in the year ahead.”



Christiana House

Christina House launches text-only crisis line.

The Christina House Domestic Violence Program has launched a text-only crisis line. Persons seeking help or information about domestic violence can text 234-335-7908 24 hours a day. A trained advocate will reply to the text message and offer advice, a listening ear, or referral to other resources. Information about any of the Christina House’s services is available through the text line. The crisis phone line is also available 24 hours a day for phone calls at 330-420-0036.

The Christina House program includes an emergency shelter, legal advocacy, case management, and referral to other community resources. The legal advocate offers information about and assistance with protection orders. To connect with the legal advocate directly individuals can call 330-420-0845 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Additionally, the Christian House offers community education about healthy relationships, teen dating issues, and domestic abuse. The community education specialist can be reached at 330-744-3320 ext. 206.

Christina House Needs list

Paper Towels	Canned Goods	Stationary	Shampoo
Disposable Diapers	Baby Wipes	Kleenex	Deodorant
Dry Food Mixes	Bath Soap	Bleach	Hair Spray
Toilet Paper	Underwear	Light Bulbs	AA Batteries
Disposable Razors	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Tampons
Sanitary Napkins	Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Supplies	
Disposable Razors	Towels/Washcloths	Beauty Certificates	
Pajamas for Women/Children		Baby Clothes	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **In person Worship Services are on Sunday's at 10:30am**
- **Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m., we are exploring how Scripture reveals the work of the Holy Spirit—both in the biblical story and in our lives today. Each week we look closely at the text, listen for the Spirit's movement, and share together how God continues to guide, empower, and transform us.**
- **Sept 16th will have our annual DS Consultations at the Western Reserve UMC, 4580 Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH 44406. Pastor Cyndi will meet with the DS at 3:30 pm, and SPRC will meet with the new DS Bill Liming at 6 pm.**
- **One Board Meeting September 23rd at 4:30 pm**
- **Sept 20th and Oct 18th, we will have Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service. This is a time for extended fellowship with our Church Family. Come and join us for good food and good company.**
- **Oct 21st will be our next Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House. Come and join us. All are welcome, no reservations needed.**
- **Street Fair Parking Fundraiser — September 10–12 We will once again offer parking in the church lot during the Street Fair as a fundraiser for our ministries. If you're willing to help with parking during any of the three days, please contact Anne Brown at 330-831-1112. Your support makes a real difference.**

Good as New Shoppe

As usual the consignment store will be closed during the Street Fair. We will utilize this time to switch our inventory from Spring/Summer to Fall/Winter.

The store will reopen on Sept. 18 with our regular hours.

We are going to have a free giveaway open to the public on Tuesday Sept. 8 from 11-3. This event is something new and will help the community.

Everything left will be free with limited quantities.

Please call for an appointment if you have any items to donate or consign. Our consignment is 50%.

We continue to support the church and recently again helped an individual with their utility bill thru the City of Columbiana. Our mission is to help others as much as we can. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible.

Marge & Linda

Store hours Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-3.

Store Phone Number: (330) 831-0399

United Methodists Women

Next UMC breakfast will be Oct.21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dutch Haus. All are welcome!

Love in Action

God's Love in Action

In July and August, the God's Love in Action team assisted with two doctor's appointments, with two more scheduled in the coming weeks.

This week is Visitation Week. Our team is dividing up to visit or call members who are in facilities—or at home—and unable to attend church. We want them to know they are remembered, loved, and connected.

We also have several organizing projects coming up, and we continue to offer practical help to anyone in our church family who needs support.

We are happy to:

Take you to the store

Pick up and deliver your groceries

Pick up and deliver your prescriptions

Provide transportation to doctor's appointments (reasonable distance)

Please don't hesitate to call our Love In Action hotline: 330-429-4305. We will make sure someone from the team responds quickly and with care.

In Christian Love,

Karen Culp



Trustee Report

The Church's exterior looks very good thanks to the efforts of our people who planted the geraniums along with Brads watering efforts. Black mulch has been put around the flowers by Brad. Lowell and Cheryl Snider have pruned the tree next to the sign which has been a very nice improvement. Thanks goes out to all the people who made this happen.

Special Thanks

Thank you for all your prayers, many beautiful cards and thoughts during my recent health scare. It really helped I'm doing much better. I appreciate your kindness, and give my love to all of you. Thank you so much!

Becky McMurray

Name: _____

Date: _____

September Word Search



September's here, and so is a word search packed with seasonal fun! Can you find all the hidden words scattered in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal? Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list.

K J L L A B T O O F S E Q U I N O X
S X G H A Y R I D E D R F R Q D P M
P E Q S C H O O L S N I K P M U P V
T L P G L X F P B J R F G W C T Q M
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ACORNS

APPLES

AUTUMN

BACKPACK

BONFIRE

BREEZY

CIDER

COOLER

CORN

CRISP

EQUINOX

FALLING

FARMERS

FOLIAGE

FOOTBALL

GOURDS

GRAPES

HARVEST

HAYRIDE

LABOR DAY

LEAVES

MIGRATION

ORCHARDS

SCHOOL

PUMPKINS

SEPTEMBER

RAKE

SQUIRREL

SCARECROW

SWEATER



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Name: _____

Date: _____



Autumn Crossword

Across

- Popular autumn flowers
- Seed of a pine tree, found in autumn
- Keeps birds away from crops
- Used to collect apples
- Part of a tree where leaves grow
- Collecting crops from the field
- Autumn weather, not hot
- Animal that gathers nuts in autumn

- Color of pumpkins
- Early settlers celebrated Thanksgiving
- Grown in fields, often harvested in autumn
- Nut from an oak tree
- Blows through the trees in autumn
- Cooking method for turkey

- Flavor used in pumpkin pie
- Event celebrating autumn harvest
- Holiday in late November
- Sport played in the fall
- Color of many fallen leaves
- Sweet treat often enjoyed with apples
- Spicy stew often eaten in autumn
- Orange fruit for Halloween
- Main dish at Thanksgiving dinner

Down

- Worn to keep warm in autumn
- Common autumn weather
- Decorative fruit often used in autumn
- Apple drink enjoyed in fall
- Light fog often seen in the morning
- Another name for autumn

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