

The Community Messenger

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October 2024



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio and the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ came together September 27 and 28 in Columbus OH for a joint Regional Assembly and Annual Gathering. It was a blessed time of praise and prayer, song and silence, conversation and contemplation, listening and learning, and doing the work of the church together. An added bonus – the opportunity to catch up with Danny DiMarco!

We were led in song by Rev. Andra Moran and Dr. Christopher Grundy. We were empowered and impassioned by the preaching of partners in mission Dr. Nibedita Pramanik and Rev. Dr. LaMarco Cable. We were welcomed by many manifestations of the ministry of the church with whom we have the ability to cooperate and join in service.

During the business session, we approved a slate of nine new members and fourteen returning members of the Regional Church Council. You might recall I am among those beginning their second term. We also kicked off the ambitious three year 2.5-million-dollar capital campaign, "If Not Now, When? If Not You, Who?" The campaign will raise money for improvements to Camp Christian, including a new accessible pool. The goal is for the camp to become a year-round center for regional ministry. The campaign will fund several new staff positions for a period of three years. A portion of the funds raised will be allocated for mission projects including Cleveland Christian Home, Hiram Farm, and Disciples Overseas Ministries. Additional information is forthcoming.

I particularly appreciated our keynote speaker, Rev. Elizabeth Hagan, author of the book Brave Church: Tackling Tough Topics Together. She encouraged us to think about the ways in which we might become not only a safe space, but a brave place, unafraid of having difficult conversations that will surely take us beyond our respective comfort zones. When we talk with one another, respectfully and honestly, about things that matter about which we might disagree, we take seriously what it means to be a community of faith. We learn how to listen, and we learn how to open our hearts and minds to different perspectives. We learn to be a place where justice, kindness, and humility are practiced in real time. What might happen if Howland Community Church decided to be just a bit braver?

Take good care~ Erica







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Do you have a pet? Maybe a dog, or a cat, or a hamster, or a goldfish? Maybe you would like to bring them to church for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3:00 pm! It's going to be outside... I think the animals will enjoy the pavilion much more than the sanctuary. There will be homemade treats for all four footed and two footed creatures. When Erica says, "All are welcome," she isn't kidding! I don't know... I think I will stay hidden in her pocket... I am a very little monkey! (you can come even if you don't have a pet, by the way!) There will be barking and purring and ... I don't even know what else!

~ Gabby



FINANCIAL	August Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Income	\$ 17,643.43	\$ 173,286.89	\$ 187,656.00
Expenses	\$ 29,144.28	<u>\$ 187,941.60</u>	\$ 192,986.00
Difference	\$ (11,500.85)	\$ (14,654.71)	\$ (5,330.00)





Monday, Oct. 7th, 2024
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN
NORTH HALL

North Hall from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment





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Client Choice Pantry



Thank You to those who have been volunteering their time to work with our long standing Food Pantry. This past year, we have been requesting volunteers for both the unloading of food, stocking the shelves, and readying the North Hall to receive clients, -- as well as to be available to give out the food during the actual pantry hours. There are two opportunities to serve the community through our church outreach every month. Our October pantry is scheduled for Friday, October 18th during the usual hours of 3-5 pm. Please check your calendars to see if you might have some available time.

Linda Hitmar



Lectionary for October

Oct. 6, 2024

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 26

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 13, 2024

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 22:1-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 20, 2024

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 27, 2024

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52









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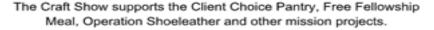
Helping Hands Craft Show



Saturday, November 9 10 am - 3 pm



Up to 30 vendors Raffles Bake Sale The Kitchen will be open!



We will be in need of volunteers for the dining room, kitchen, admission doors, bake sale, and help serving vendors. Please see Patty to volunteer.



198 Niles-Cortland Road SE, Warren, Ohio



Howland Community Church
October 13, 2024
3:00 pm

In the Pavilion… rain or shine!

All are welcome!



Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Enjoy some pie from Gardner Pie Company for Thanksgiving. HCC is selling Apple, Apple Walnut, Cherry, Peach, Pecan, Pumpkin, and Very Berry pies. The pies come frozen and unbaked. Baking instructions are included.

The cost per pie is \$15.00. Orders must be received by November 10 and will be available for pick up on November 25 between 4:00 and 6:00 pm.

Howlandcommunitychurch.org/fundraisers

to order your pies. A Paypal link is available to make payment.



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for such a generous gift. The money has been used to pay for my CPE. I am forever bonded to all of you and blessed beyond measure to have had the opportunity to serve the Howland Community Church community, and to forever call you all family. God's peace and blessings to you all! Danny DeMarco

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6P—Trustees	3	4	5 1P—NA MtgNH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
6 10A-Worship	Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6P 7P Boy Scouts-NH	8	9	10	11	Becky Noftsinger 1P—NA Mtg NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
Noisy Coin Offering 10A-Worship 3 PM Blessing of the Animals in the Pavilion	14 7P Elders 7P Boy Scouts-NH	15	16 Ralph Palette	17	3-5 P Client Choice Food Pantry 6-7:30P TRUNK OR TREAT HCC Learning Center	19 1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
20 10A-Worship • Harm & Diane Andrews III	21 6:30P Finance 7P Official Board 7P Boy Scouts-NH November Newsletter Articles Due	22	23	24	25 Gary Arblaster	FFM 11-12:30 PM 1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
27 10A-Worship 4-6P Girl Scouts (NH)	28 7PBoy Scouts-NH	29	30	Happy Halloween		

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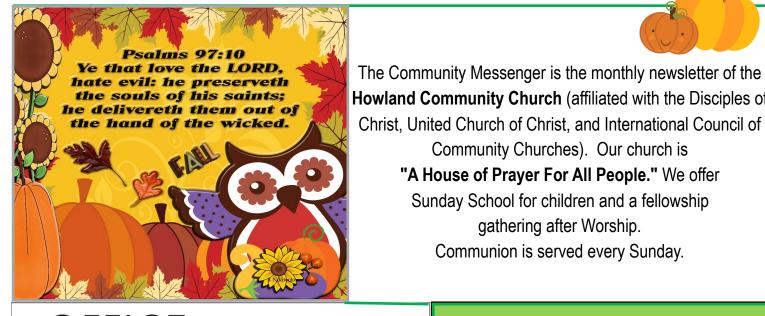
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Monday—Thursday 9:00AM-4:00PM Friday 9:00AM-Noon



Articles for Next Month's Newsletter are Due Oct. 21st

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