



The Community Messenger

I am not a particularly strong swimmer. I can probably count on one hand the number of times I've been in a boat. While I enjoy eating fish, I have no interest whatsoever in catching fish. Even so, I love spending time at the lake. The rhythm of the water as it laps the shore restores the equilibrium of my soul. The point on the horizon where the sky and the water become one focuses my attention far beyond the ordinary scope of my daily thoughts. I breathe more easily, more deeply. Time takes on a different tempo.

I have lived on the shores of Lake Michigan, in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois. I lived a stone's throw from the Atlantic Ocean, in Dover, Delaware. When I was a little girl, an afternoon at Mosquito Lake was a good day. But, when I talk about "the lake," as often as not I refer to my beloved Lakeside, Ohio, on Lake Erie.

As I write, Mom and I are driving home from a few days at Lakeside, with a planned detour to Camp Christian in Marysville, Ohio for a workshop on stewardship. To be clear, Mom is driving and I am writing! The sun is shining. The sky is blue. The leaves are ablaze with all of autumn's beauty.

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Thinking about our visit... We were sitting on the pavilion overlooking the lake, jockeying our Adirondak chairs to enjoy the benefit of the sun's warmth perhaps without the full intensity of its blinding brightness. Mom called my attention to a spider web, quite possibly one of the most beautiful she had ever seen. I looked, but all I could see was a tangled cobweb that couldn't possibly be what had caught her eye.

We switched seats and I was able to catch a glimpse. Mom was right. It was exquisite. She asked me to take a picture, and believe me I tried. (Don't we all fancy ourselves photographers thanks to the technological prowess of our smart phones?) It was very challenging because the light seemed to shift as readily as my perspective. I saw the web, then I didn't. I moved the phone to compensate, first too far, then not far enough. It's hard to capture something when that something is hard to see.

Except, of course, when it isn't. Have you had occasion to view the Northern Lights when they've been visible in our area? Sadly, I have not, but I have seen breathtaking photographs. Apparently, when you use the proper settings on your phone, you are actually able to see the celestial phenomenon more clearly than with the naked eye. Fascinating!

I spend a good amount of time thinking about how Howland Community Church is seen in the larger community. I wonder what it might take to bring more folks through our doors, and what might encourage them to stay, to become a part of our vision, our mission. It's largely a matter of perception, of perspective. "Open our eyes that we may see," dear God. Open our eyes. Open our minds. Open our hearts.



Happy
Thanksgiving

Take good care~Erica



Greetings from Gabby!



Happy Thanksgiving



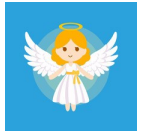
What do you think about all of the pretty leaves?
Have you noticed how they have changed colors?

I wonder... Maybe God just got a brand-new box of crayons,
or colored pencils... maybe even water colors!

I think God is showing off just a little! That is okay, because
God does beautiful work!

~ Gabby

SECRET ANGELS



On Nov. 17th, please meet in the John Howland Room immediately following service.
Tea and cookies will be served! We will reveal our 23/24 names and pick our 24/25 names.

HANGING OF THE GREENS AND TURKEY DINNER

Nov. 24th will be Hanging of the Greens and Turkey Dinner. Please bring a dessert to share. No Nuts Please! Turkey, Stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry and beverage will be provided.



Thank you, Dawn Adgate



A LITTLE REMINDER FROM YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE...



Although Halloween is barely over, and our season of Thankfulness is beginning, Advent will commence in just 4 weeks. Therefore, we wanted to remind you of our two Advent giving projects.

- 1 We will once again be collecting hats and gloves for adults and children, as well as body wash and shampoo.
2. Due to your 2023 generous support and therefore great success of this program, we will also be asking congregation members to fill a Christmas food basket/bag/box with items for a Christmas dinner during the 24 days of Advent.

Thanks, Linda H.



FINANCE	September Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Income	\$ 20,612.03	\$ 184,495.92	\$ 210,863.00
Expenses	\$ 22,942.72	\$ 198,906.32	\$ 214,871.00
Difference	\$ (2,330.69)	\$ (14,410.40)	\$ (4,008.00)



Howland Community Church
Helping Hands Craft Show

**Saturday, November 9
 10 am - 3 pm**



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

The Craft Show supports the Client Choice Pantry, Free Fellowship Meal, Operation Shoeleather and other mission projects.

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



ADVENT
 WORKSHOP

December 1, 2024

Immediately Following Worship

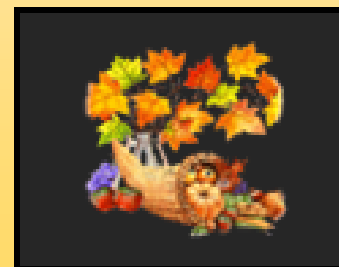
Lunch!! Crafts!! Games!! Cookies!!



All Are Welcome!!

Donors may report to the North Hall
 Call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment

Friday, November 29, 2024; 10 am—4 pm &
 Tuesday, December 2, 2024; 12-6 pm
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN NORTH HALL



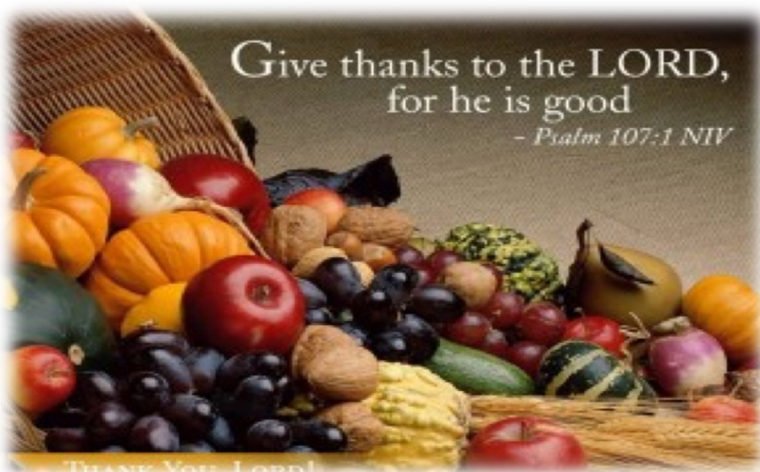
Client Choice Pantry



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 November pantry is scheduled for Friday, November 15th during the usual hours of 3-5 pm. Please check your calendars to see if you might have some available time.

Linda Hitmar

Many Blessings



Lectionary for November

Nov. 3, 2024

- Ruth 1:1-18
- Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- Psalm 146
- Psalm 119:1-8
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Mark 12:28-34

Nov. 10, 2024

- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
- 1 Kings 17:8-16
- Psalm 127
- Psalm 146
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 17, 2024

- 1 Samuel 1:4-20
- Daniel 12:1-3
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Psalm 16
- Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
- Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 24, 2024

- 2 Samuel 23:1-7
- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
- Psalm 93
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

November Schedules

DATE	ELDER	DIACONATE SANCTUARY (All Month)	DIACONATE KITCHEN (All Month)
Nov. 3	Jeffrey Morrison	Jim Diglaw Captain	<u>Sanctuary</u>
Nov. 10	Alan Purdum		
Nov. 17	Kathy Purdum	Bonnie Diglaw	Dawn Adgate
Nov. 24	Tom Hitmar	Emma Adgate	<u>JHR</u> Dawn Adgate
		Haylee Adgate	





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.

Visit

Howlandcommunitychurch.org/fundraisers

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





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November
2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 1P—NA Mtg--NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
3 10A Worship ♥ Terry & Debbie Williams All Saints Day Service  Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 7P Boy Scouts-NH	5 Election Day  South Hall Voting	6 6P—Trustees  Taylor Bickerstaff  Patty DiGiacobbe	7  Joe Bezilla	8	9 1P—NA Mtg NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
10 NOISY COIN OFFERING 10A-Worship	11 7P Elders Veteran's Day  7P Boy Scouts-NH	12	13 	14 ♥ John & Parry DiGiacobbe	15  Janie Nash Client Choice Food Pantry 	16 ♥ Gary & Betty Arblaster 1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
17 10A-Worship ♥ Kevin & Carol Vencel  SECRET ANGELS	18 6:30P Finance 7P Official Board 7P Boy Scouts-NH	19 	20  Steven Beasley December Newsletter Articles Due	21  Jim Matyas	22 ♥ Paul & Shirley Bickerstaff	23  FREE FFM 1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
24 10A-Worship Hanging of the Greens & Turkey Dinner ♥ Jeffrey & Katherine Morrison	25 4-6P PIE SALES PICK UP  7P Boy Scouts-NH	26 ♥ Anna Marie & Barry Otney	27  Mark Waid	28 CLOSED  Terry Williams 	29 CLOSED  Red Cross Blood Drive 10-4P	30 ♥ Sam & Jan Wagner 1P—NA Mtg--NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH

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

Reverend Erica Brown, Senior Minister
Andrew Purdum, Director of Music
Rita Bobco, Finance Manager
Linda Mikula, Administrative Assistant
Minta Pitts, Custodian

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Articles for
Next Month's
Newsletter are
Due Nov 20th

