

NOVEMBER 2021



United  
Church of  
Christ

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

114 S Broad St. Middletown, OH 45044



"By listening to  
the still  
speaking God,  
we seek to  
connect people  
to God and to  
others through  
worship,  
service, and  
fellowship."

We are a church  
that values:  
Welcome  
Fellowship  
Outreach  
Tradition



## A TIME TO REFLECT

November brings us into a month where we observe several important events: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving and Black Friday!

Veteran's Day is a time when we celebrate the lives of those people who served in the Armed Forces – and a number of whom gave their lives in the defense of freedom. We honor our veterans for the sacrifices they made on our behalf. We honor them and thank them for their service.

Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect upon the blessings that God has bestowed on us throughout the year. Sometimes we find it hard to remember those blessings because of some not too pleasant circumstances that have entered into the picture – illness, death of a loved one, loss of a job, family issues, etc. But, in spite of whatever difficulties we have had to face, as we look at our life and the good things that surround it, we are still grateful for what we have.

So, to give God thanks on this special day is not out of the question for any of us, is it? Actually, we should be giving thanks to Him each and every day we rise from bed. We can thank God for a new day and with it, new opportunities for us to serve Him in whatever humble capacity we can. We can thank God for His love for us and the encouragement He bestows upon us through the Holy Spirit. We can thank God for what we have as opposed to what we lack. We can thank God for our place of worship and the community of believers that attend and are there for us when we need their support.

So let us, as we gather around the table to enjoy a delicious meal, be willing and ready to give thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow, and show our thanks to him by how we reach out to one another in love and service. That, my friends, will indeed provide a very happy Thanksgiving.

Then there is Black Friday, which really puts a damper on giving and emphasizes taking – as experienced by those brave souls who dare to challenge the awaiting crowd of shoppers as they storm into the local stores.

Which of these events are we thankful for? Which of these events are we ready to engage in? Which of these events do we want to cherish in our hearts and let them be an inspiration for us as we continue down the road of life? These are choices we have to make. What will yours be?

On behalf of the staff at St. Paul's and my wife, Sue, you are all wished a most joyous Thanksgiving with your family and friends!



*Don't  
Forget*

*Time Change happens on November 7. We are  
falling back a hour.*



## November Volunteers




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November 7	J. Batliner	C. Kiniyalocts	L & D Adams	M. Minge	M. Ratliff
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**Communion J. Brewer/ D Flory**

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November 14	J. Williams	J. Batliner	C. & J Batliner	S. Luh	M. Ratliff
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November 21	C. Lowman	S. Luh	T & M Shibley	C. Burnett	M. Ratliff
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November 28	C. Clark	G. Sorrell	R. Lyons/C. Lowman	C. Clark	M. Ratliff
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We are sorry for any inconvenience this  
may cause but there are no minutes  
from Septembers Council meeting.  
The minutes for Sept/Oct will be in  
the next Messenger.



We continue to pray for our  
homebound members  
and those with ongoing health  
concerns:

Virginia Elam Lorraine Clark  
Charlene Hale Judy Curtis  
Frances Stoutenborough  
Calleigh Barraclough Susan Luh  
Barbara Liggett Ruby McQuade







This month we celebrate **CORRINE LOWMAN**. She works along with Chuck to keep our finances in good shape. She also has been an active member of our Bible Study group since its inception last year. She lay reads and does just about any job needed to be done around the church. Her enthusiasm in her approach to the tasks that await her is a blessing for all of us. Thank you, Corrine of the dedication you show week in and week out! Our hats are off to you!



### Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet

*We've Got you Covered*

Our cliental continues to increase. Our donations are steady; but we would love to have more volunteers come our way.

Remember, the clothes are free and we are open on Tuesdays from 10-1pm If you are interested in helping out, please let me know at 937-993-5464.



Pastor will be on vacation from November 28 - December 4th but I will be available for any emergencies.



In observance of Thanksgiving, our offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. If there is a pastoral emergency, please let me know at 937-993-5464.



**ST. PAUL'S IS EXCITED  
TO CELEBRATE  
BRANDI ADAMS MARRIAGE TO ELIOT SPITLER  
WE WISH THEM A BLESSED MARRIAGE AND  
MANY YEARS OF HAPPINESS**



Income: \$8123.70  
Donations: \$2,590.00  
Expenses: \$7,199.65



# Christmas

## POINTSSETTA ORDER

Red- 8 inch pots -3 plants with 12-15 blooms \$15 each wrapped in green foil sound  
December 11th delivery. Last day for orders will be November 28,2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each (8- inch pot with 5-7 blooms)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Place orders with money in the offering plate or turn in to the office by November.  
Flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.



### **TOTENFEST**

Celebrating those who  
have gone before us



We will be having our annual  
meeting on November 21. We will  
be discussing our financial position  
and the budget for next year.

November 21,2021

# NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10:15 am		Bible Study 1pm Closet Closet 10-1		Woodworker Group		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10:15 am Council 11:30 am		Bible Study 1pm Closet Closet 10-1				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Totenfest Congregational Meeting Worship 10:15 am		Bible Study 1pm Closet Closet 10-1		Happy Thanksgiving Day Office closed		
28	29	30				
Worship 10:15 am		Closet Closet 10-1				
Pastor on vacation till 12-4						

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## OPEN AND AFFIRMING

1015 a.m. Worship Service  
Nursery Provided • Lift to Sanctuary • Handicap Accessible  
Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Rev. Rich Luh, Pastor  
Marsha Minge, Choir Director • Barbara Flory, Pianist

Office Hours Tuesday-Thursday, 930am-2pm or By appointment

Church Office Hours Tuesday-Thursday 11am-2pm

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