

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 8 & 9

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday – Sunday: Closed

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ongoing Prayers: Lori Nilsson (wife of Kim Nilsson), Gwen Trumball and family, Thomas, Nicole, Stella, Bentley, and baby, Pam Studer (aunt of Melissa Kocis), Barb Hendel, Cathie Tyree, Mike Kleinfelt, Julia (mother of Melissa Kocis' friend), Samuel McNeir (son of Patrick and Naomi McNeir), Al Gaige (brother of Jan Baker), David Buenting, Brian from Kenya, Linda Smith (wife of Gary Smith), Kay Baird (sister of Ted Weaver), Jason Scasny (husband of Kristen Scasny), LaVerne Edwards, Roger Peinert (husband of Sandy Peinert), Bob and Janis Stein, Carol Hancock (cousin of Naomi McNeir), Steven Laine (brother of Jim Laine), Judy Modene, Sue Hughes, Cary Wise, Judy Schramm, and all those we name in our hearts.

***Please contact the church office or one of the pastors with any prayer list additions or changes.**

SPECIAL OFFERING

The special offering for November will help to support **Leading Our Families (Beach House)**. Please use your special offering envelope, or a pew envelope marked "special offering." In October we collected and donated \$1218 to **LWR-Shipping**.

PCU FOOD PROGRAM

Zoar's item for November will be **canned tomatoes**. Please place items in the cupboard by the elevator. During the month of October, we collected and donated **182 jars of peanut butter** to PCU. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - 217

PRAYER PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO PRAY

In the midst of so much violence in our world, in the midst of so much fear, in the midst of so many struggles, let's not forget that God is still present in our lives, in our world. So this week, let's give thanks to God, that God does indeed still love us and watches over us. Give thanks, and know that God hears us when we cry out to Him. Know that God is still present no matter what. Give thanks.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<i>Preliminary report of Operating Funds</i>	Budget September	Actual September	Budget YTD 2025	Actual YTD 2025
Total Income	\$87,074	\$49,123	\$783,666	\$587,986
Total Expense	\$87,074	\$91,628	\$783,666	\$695,142
Income less Expense	\$0	-\$42,505	\$0	-\$107,156

BIBLE STUDY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 12th AT 8:30 AM

Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

OUR 85+ MEMBER NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Beyer	11/15	Marcelyn Moser	11/24
Rosalie Moser	11/27	James Laine	11/30

OFFERINGS TO ZOAR

Please consider continuing your offerings to Zoar:

- Give online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM4T/home> to set up scheduled gifts or designate your gift to a specific fund.
- Download the free **Vanco Mobile app** available for Apple and Android phones to make your gift.
- Mail offering to Zoar Lutheran Church, 314 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

ZOAR BOOK CLUB

The Zoar Book Club will meet on **Friday, November 7th** at 12:30 pm in rooms L1/L2 at Zoar Church (bring a brown bag lunch). Our eleventh book for the year will be "James: A Novel" by Percival Everett (2024) (Fiction). An action-packed reimagining of **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Jan Trease will be the discussion facilitator. Book Club members can pick up this book at Way Public Library (Zoar Book Club Box). The Book Club is open to all interested people. For further information, contact Ellen Williams (ewillia@bgsu.edu).

OLD TABLES AVAILABLE

Zoar has been awarded a grant to replace the old tables used in the FLC. We are looking for homes for the older 36" x 8' rectangular tables. Would prefer this be a charitable donation. If you know of a group, please let the office know to arrange for a pickup. There are 24 tables available. Partial donations are also welcome if only a few needed.

ZOAR THANKSGIVING DINNER

On **Thursday, November 27th at 12 pm**, Zoar will be hosting a traditional Thanksgiving meal. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. Reservations are required by Friday, November 21st and can be made by calling the church office at 419-874-4346.

ONE SERVICE SUNDAYS

Please mark your calendars that on the following Sundays (**November 23rd, December 21st, and December 28th**) we will be holding one worship service at 10 am.

KITCHEN OF HOPE LUNCHEONS

Kitchen of Hope is back providing meals and playing bingo on the fourth Friday of each month. Meals are held in Zoar's FLC and start at noon. These meals are free and open to everyone. We do ask that you call the church office at 419-874-4346 to sign up if you plan on attending.

2025 Season: Nov. 21, Dec. 19

2026 Season: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

We will be hosting a new member luncheon for all new members and those potentially interested in church membership. The luncheon will be held on **Sunday, November 9th** following the 11 am worship service (approximately 12:15 pm). This gathering offers the opportunity to receive an overview of our faith and ministries at Zoar as well as participate in open Q&A and explore the building with a tour. New members will then be received on Sunday, November 23rd during our one service Sunday worship at 10 am. Call the church office or follow the link below to register for the luncheon. Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/urjYfbKNqGQ8X6Mb9>

TIME CAPSULE LETTER SUBMISSIONS

On November 22nd, Zoar will be opening our 175th anniversary time capsule. Parishioners are invited to submit a letter to place in the NEW time capsule to be opened in 2050! Letters must be submitted by **Sunday, November 9th**. You can email your letters to secretary@zoarlutheran.com or drop them off in the church office.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Members, please plan to meet on **Friday, November 21st at 10 am** for a short meeting and to decorate the chancel for Thanksgiving Eve. If you are unable to attend please drop off any donated food or non-food items in the sacristy. We will meet again on Saturday, November 29th at 9 am to pack the donated items for PCU and remove decorations.

2026 ZOAR RETREAT

Registration is now open for Zoar's 2026 Retreat! It will be held at Hopewood Pines in Marengo, OH from **February 27th – March 1st**. This is such a fun time for all who participate. Don't miss out! Follow the link below to be taken to the registration page: <https://forms.gle/4sSbpLRUzyQvK9ct5>

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY CENTER

St. Paul's Community Center serves meals to unhoused individuals in and around the Toledo area. Zoar contributes to this effort by providing four meals a year. When it gets cold, many of the visitors do not have warm coats, hats or gloves. With the temperatures starting to change we are collecting clean winter gear in sizes large or extra-large, men or women's. New packages of underwear are also needed. You can put your donations in the box by the stairs at Zoar until **November 9th**.

UNCORKED FAITH CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

Join Uncorked Faith as we spread holiday cheer by wrapping Christmas gifts on **December 7th, 14th, and 21st from 9:45–10:45 am and 12–2 pm**. A free will offering will be collected to support the Wood County Brown Bag Project, helping nourish our neighbors in need. Come share the joy and make a difference this season!

2025 HOLIDAY HOUSE COLLECTION

The 2025 Holiday House is once again collecting items from **November 3rd – December 5th** for the 5th-12th grade students at Westfield & Virtual Academy. This event allows students to shop FOR FREE, wrap, and take home gifts for their family and caregivers. Anything left over is donated to local Toledo area shelters. All items must be new or very gently used. They are accepting the following: purses, bags, jewelry, games, books, DVDs, crafts, housewares, dishes, pots, pans, trinkets, toys, holiday décor, kitchen items, perfumes, colognes, body sprays, shoes, socks, gloves, scarves, blankets, and baskets. Clothes are accepted, however, only infant through young adult sizes. They ARE NOT accepting adult clothing. Empty boxes, tissue, and gift wrap are also needed for wrapping.

Drop off locations are:

Grace United Methodist Church, Perrysburg, M-F, 9 am – 4 pm

Westfield School, 1505 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 8:30 am – 2 pm

26209 Seminary Rd., Perrysburg, 9 am – 5 pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TALENT SEARCH

As we approach the end of the year, the Nominating Committee is looking for names of anyone willing to serve on the committees here at Zoar. If you are feeling called to serve – whether for a particular event or a committee assignment, please contact the church office and we will put you in contact with the right person. As a reminder, the New Member Resource Guide lists the many ways to share your talents in service to our community. https://www.zoarlutheran.com/_files/ugd/c80d36_76b7022350534421ad6daed1cb15928e.pdf

2025 POINSETTIA FLOWER SALE

We are offering the opportunity to support Perrysburg Christians United (PCU) with the Annual Poinsettia Sale. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary during Christmas services “In Memory of” and “In Honor of” anyone special in your life. Order forms for the sale can be found in the church office during normal hours or in the gathering area after every worship service. The price for each 6-1/2” pot is \$12. Due to a shortage of flowers, orders must be received by **November 30th**. Questions? Call the church office at 419-874-4346.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Is Advent just a countdown to Christmas? Is it just another way of marking the Sundays before the main event? Is it just ...? Advent has deep roots in church history. There are traditions and meaning behind most of the ways we celebrate Advent. This four-week study will look at some of those traditions and meanings to help us prepare for Jesus’ entrance into our world. **This study will be on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom or Thursday mornings at 10 am at Zoar. Session dates are 11/12 or 13, 11/19 or 20, 12/3 or 4, and 12/10 or 11.** Contact the church office or Diane Ninke at dninke@gmail.com for questions or to join.

ALTAR GUILD THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving time is near. Altar Guild will be decorating the chancel with food items for Thanksgiving Eve on **Friday, November 21st**. We are in need of **non-perishable canned and boxed food items**. This year we will also be collecting **non-food items such as toilet paper, hand soap, laundry soap, etc. or toiletries**. Please place the items in the sacristy before Friday, November 21st. The items will be donated to Perrysburg Christians United. Any help the congregation can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your help!

UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Your sweater might be ugly but Christian fellowship is always in style! You’re invited to the ADULT Ugly Sweater Party on **Sunday, December 7th**. It will be held at Beer Barrel – Fallen Timbers, 2200 Maple St., Maumee, from 5-8 pm. Appetizers, salad and pizza costs have been graciously covered by the Zoar Foundation for up to 70 people. Attendees will cover the cost of their own beverages. In addition to our festive fun, participants are asked to bring a new twin sized blanket, comforter, or quilt to donate to Let’s Build Beds. Please RSVP using the link below by Saturday, November 29th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA9AF29AAF4C52-59972397-ugly>

VISION KITCHEN

Vision Kitchen on Broadway needs YOUR help! Thanks to a grant from Zoar's Foundation we are able to provide pizza every fourth Monday of the month now through February. The meal will be followed by a short bible study and prayer. Volunteers are still needed to assist with meal prep and serving. To volunteer or donate to the monthly pizza dinner, please follow the link below.

https://m.signupgenius.com/?fbclid=IwRIRTSANtfq5leHRuA2FibQIxMQABHosU6EhefbB2xFbdA9_LyYO5uml0u0jxCJ80LNHMZ2PHeZY0K1p4vtJ2aQxh_aem_MYB0-tNreTsaxi6Fkqk6Q#!/showSignUp/30E0C48A5AD2DA5FC1-59052066-vision

FEED OUR FAMILIES CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Feed our Families at Zoar has a longstanding tradition of sharing God's love through service to our local community. Each Christmas, Feed Our Families invites local families in need of support to come to Zoar for an opportunity to Christmas shop. There are many ways that you can help to make this year's ministry a success.

Donate Items for the Feed Our Families Christmas Store: Feed Our Families is collecting new and gently used gifts for all ages. We set up a gift shop for adult women and men, as well as shops for older and younger teens, school-aged children, preschoolers, and infants. This year the majority of our participants are parents of older children, so please consider gifting items that are geared towards children aged 8-18. Some ideas include jewelry, electronics, games, books, crafts, nail polish, and puzzles. If you plan to gift a gently used item, please make sure that it contains all the parts/pieces and is in working order. Our team can add batteries and do light cleaning, but if the item is missing parts or broken, we can't in good conscience offer it to our shoppers. We also accept wrapping paper donations. Items to be donated are being collected in the gathering space near the elevator.

Help serve as an "Elf": The week leading up to our distribution event, we gather at Zoar to set up our Christmas Shop. Many hands make light work, so please consider marking your calendar to come and help "Elf" the week of December 10-12. Hours vary, so contact Leigh Ann Meinecke for confirmation. You can choose a timeslot that works for you/your family, and come help clean toys, set out the items on display, and prep the building for the big event! Call the church office (419) 874-4346 and give them your name and phone number or you can text the same information to Leigh Ann Meinecke (419) 356-6123. Leigh Ann will follow up with you to confirm your timeslot.

Help shop for needed items: We make sure that each participating family gets 3 items per child. Additionally, the children are invited to choose items to gift to their parent(s)/caregiver(s). Once we evaluate the donations received, we send volunteers to the store with gift cards to purchase items needed to help fill in any gaps for our Christmas Shop. Our shopping team strives to ensure that each section of our shop is robust enough for distribution. If you enjoy shopping and have a great idea of what kids enjoy, please consider joining our shopping team! To join this team please contact, via text, Rhonda Jones (419) 266-0722 or Tracy Rickman (419) 206-7927.

Help on Distribution Day: Feed Our Families Christmas distribution is scheduled for December 13th. This is a meaningful day in ministry and takes many hands to help make it a success! We are looking for volunteers who wish to help with this year's annual event. There are several ways you can support on event day! Some folks greet and usher families around, some help our guests shop, others wrap gifts, and we even assign someone to serve as the event photographer. The time commitment is approximately 9:00 am to 2 p.m. and lunch will be provided. To sign up for this heart-warming event—which gives the whole season a reason—you can call the church office (419) 874-4346 and give them your name and phone number or you can text the same information to Leigh Ann Meinecke (419) 356-6123. Leigh Ann will follow up with you to confirm your role.

COMMUNION EDUCATION

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, November 8th** Zoar will be holding a communion education class from 10 am – 2 pm in the FLC. This class is open to people of all ages. RSVPs are required. Please follow the link below to be taken to registration.

<https://forms.gle/j4ZXZ6FUm99QTrmE6>

*Communion bread ingredients: Brown rice flour, Tapioca Flour, Teff Flour, Sugar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder, Salt, Whole Psyllium husks, Olive Oil, Vegetable Oil, Apple Cider Vinegar, and Water

YOGA FOR EVERY BODY

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 9th** from 4-5 pm in the FLC as we spend time connecting our mind, body and spirit with yoga instructor Kasey Kilmer. Bring a yoga mat (if you have one) or a towel. Chairs will be available for anyone choosing chair yoga. Thank you to the Zoar Foundation for sponsoring this event. A free will offering will be collected in support of Water Mission. Sign up by following the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Z2bzqH76NiQBvWwU9>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 8

9:00 am Altar Guild
10:00 am Yarns of Love – L1/L2
10:00 am Communion Education - FLC
6:00 pm Worship – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 9

8:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 am Social Hour – Gathering Space
9:45 am Sunday School – SS Room
11:00 am Worship – Sanctuary
12:00 pm New Member Lunch – Lounge
4:00 pm Yoga for Every Body - FLC

Monday, November 10

10:00 am Caring Companions – Conference Room
5:00 pm Communications Committee – Conference Room
5:15 pm Basketball – FLC
5:30 pm Property Committee – L1/L2
7:00 pm Pack 110 Den Meeting – SS Room
7:00 pm Special Council Meeting – L1/L2
7:30 pm Basketball - FLC

Tuesday, November 11

9:00 am Quilters – L1/L2/L3/L4
11:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
11:00 am Pickleball – FLC
1:00 pm Pickleball – FLC
3:00 pm Intermediate Pickleball - FLC
3:14 pm 314 with Pastor Paul – Facebook Live
5:30 pm Pickleball – FLC
6:00 pm Heritage Committee – Heritage Room
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee – Conference Room
7:00 pm Uncorked Faith - Offsite

Wednesday, November 12

8:30 am Bible Study – Conference Room
1:00 pm Bridge Club – Third Floor
1:00 pm Rachel Circle - Lounge
2:00 pm Pickleball Lessons – FLC
7:00 pm Advent Bible Study - ZOOM

Thursday, November 13

10:00 am Advent Bible Study – L1/L2
4:00 pm Confirmation Class Field Trip - Offsite
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1338 – SS Room
6:00 pm Girl Scouts – FLC & Lounge
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, November 14

9:00 am Painters – L1/L2
1:00 pm Solo Again – Conference Room
4:30 pm Birthday Party (Private Event) - FLC

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**ALTAR GUILD**

November 9 8:30 am Connie Bricker; Nadine Johnson
 11:00 am Sharon Schadek; Vicki Karnes

USHERS

November 9 8:30 am Ray Bricker; Dave Prue
 11:00 am David and Jeanne Hood

LECTOR

November 8 6:00 pm Kelly Andrews
November 9 8:30 am Brian Tomko
 11:00 am

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 8 6:00 pm
November 9 8:30 am Jane Tomko
 11:00 am

GREETERS

November 8 6:00 pm
November 9 8:30 am Jane Tomko
 11:00 am

SOUND CREW

November 8 6:00 pm Doug Williams
November 9 8:30 am Carl Habekost
 11:00 am Tom Trimble

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP

November 9 8:00 am

SOCIAL HOUR COOKIE DONATIONS

November 9 8:00 am Carolyn St. Meyers

COUNTERS Chuck and Nancy Elvers