

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 22 & 23

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ongoing Prayers: Doug Cook, **Family and friends of Bob Shank**, Paul Reiner (Sharronda Reiner's father), Janis Stein (wife of Robert Stein), Lila Rawlins, Dorothy Beyer, Matthew Delaney, Naomi McNeir, Steven Laine (brother of Jim Laine), Dave Moenter, Judy Modene, Sue Hughes, Jared Fleming (Sue Todt's grandson), LeAnn Baker, Nancy Williams (sister-in-law of Ellen), Ann Loebrich, Cary Wise, Judy Schramm, Bill Stuck (brother-in-law of Angie Stuck), 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 **FOCUS (Leading our Families)**. Please use your special offering envelope, or a pew envelope marked "special offering." In October we collected and donated \$1457 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, a total of **155 jars of peanut butter** were collected. Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - 232

PRAYER PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO PRAY

It's Thanksgiving week and most of us look forward to gathering with families and friends. This week we give thanks to God for God's many blessings to us. At the same time, let's also remember those for whom the holidays are hard. As we celebrate, please also pray for those whose families are separated by distance or by strife in the family. For those who are homeless or do not have the means to put a feast on the table. For those who mourn. Pray that God will comfort all who struggle. Pray that God will bless us all.

OUR 85+ MEMBER NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please note there will not be Wednesday morning bible study on November 27th but will resume on December 4th.

IT'S ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE TIME AT ZOAR

During the month of November after the 6 pm service and between Sunday services, Quilt Raffle tickets will be available to purchase. They will also be available during the week in the church office. The raffle will help defray the shipping costs of sending our quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Drawing will be held on **December 3rd**.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ZOAR

Zoar is once again partnering with Bob Evans in Perrysburg to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. This meal is open to all those who might be otherwise alone on the holiday. The dinner will be served on **Thursday, November 28th** at 12 pm in the FLC. There is no cost for the meal; however, donations will be accepted that day. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the church office at 419-874-4346.

DONATIONS TO ZOAR

Please consider continuing your donations to Zoar:

- Give online at [No](#) to set up scheduled gifts or designate your gift to a specific fund.
- Using any smart phone, text the amount you would like to give to **855-785-1182**.
- Download the free **Vanco Mobile app** available for Apple and Android phones to make your gift.
- Mail donation to Zoar Lutheran Church, 314 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

FINANCIAL FIGURES

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	Sep. 2024	Sep. 2024	Sep. 2023
Income:	75,842.08	51,607.79	55,432.85
- Expense:	75,842.08	68,274.43	62,180.89
Net Income:	0.00	-16,666.64	-6,748.04

ZOAR BOOK CLUB

The Zoar Book Club will meet on **Friday, December 6th** at 12:30 pm in rooms L-1 and L-2 at Zoar. Be sure to bring a bagged Lunch. We will be discussing, "The Book Woman if Troublesome Creek" by Kim Richardson (2019) (Fiction) (320 pages). Our discussion facilitator will be Ellen Williams. This story takes place during the Great Depression (1936) in the Appalachian area of rural Kentucky. It follows the life of Cussy Carter, a 19 year old librarian with a genetic condition that turns her skin to a blue tint. Cussy is part of a group of librarians who deliver books to rural residents in Appalachia (This is part of Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA) program.) The main character's adventures take the reader through experiences of distrust and prejudice as well as demonstrating the power of community and caring. It is the story of one woman's belief in the power of books. 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).

SIGN UP GENIUS LINKS

We are looking for volunteers to assist at all worship times. If interested in getting involved, check out opportunities by searching the email address secretary@zoarlutheran at signupgenius.com.

ZOAR FALL ADULT FORUMS

Join us once a month for a reflection on "Faithful Living in Uncertain Times". During Adult Forum, we will gather at 9:45 am in the FLC lounge to share conversation and reflection on how cultural context impacts what we believe and how that belief shapes our faith journey. We will also consider how a life of faith can speak to our culture. Each session will explore how we read scripture, faith and the church in today's political context, and how to build bridges and love across our differences. Mark your calendars!

December pause for Advent reflections in the Sanctuary

January 12th: Christian Unity

PCU THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Thanksgiving time is near. Altar Guild will be collecting items for PCU at the 6:00 pm service on **Saturday, November 23rd** and at both services on **Sunday, November 24th**. We are in need of **non-perishable canned and boxed food items (avoid glass, if possible)**. We will also be collecting **non-food items such as toilet paper, hand soap, laundry soap, etc. and toiletries**. All items will be donated to Perrysburg Christians United. Any help this congregation can give us will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help!

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY CENTER DONATIONS NEEDED

St Paul's Community Center in Toledo serves men and women providing food, shelter, support services and housing for homeless people. Zoar has been providing suppers for St Paul Community Center every 5th Saturday for over 2 decades. With cold weather coming they need clean and usable coats, jackets, warm hats and gloves. There will be a box for your donations next to the elevator area. We will be collecting until **November 25th**.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TOLEDO CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Youth Leadership Toledo needs your help to make this Christmas a memorable one for young children assisted by Lucas County Children's Services! Zoar member Lauren Ellis, a sophomore in high school and a member of Youth Leadership Toledo, is asking for Zoar's help! **Donate new or gently used children's books between now and December 8th**. You will find donation boxes in the Gathering Space, or you can bring your donations to the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on December 8th! Please consider helping these young people put a smile on these children's faces this holiday season!

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP

The sign-up sheet for January, February, and March 2025 is posted in the sacristy. Please sign up by **December 9th**. Remember to check your email later that week for the completed schedule.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN RESPONSES

For those interested in the responses received during the Stewardship "leaf" campaign, please use the link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vrRN_I0FBKEdT2OUoFDoFe4WOEenfOmMxPg0pQwpju4/edit?usp=sharing

LAST WEEK TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

Just a reminder that **December 1st** is the last day to order Poinsettias. The cost is \$12 each plant and order forms are available on the Welcome desk in the Gathering area.

GENEROUS DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The group traveling from Zoar to NYC next summer want to express our sincere gratitude for the generous gift we received from the Odegaard family in memory of Lee Odegaard. Their contribution made it possible for us to include two additional young people in what we hope will be an amazing experience of connection, culture, and service. Thank you!

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 12-18. 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 turn the building 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 9 - 13**. You do not need to commit to the whole week! 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! 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 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 14th**. 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 23

- 9:00 am Nominating Committee – Conference Room
- 9:00 am Altar Guild
- 6:00 pm Worship – Sanctuary**

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 am Worship – Sanctuary**
- 11:00 am Worship – Sanctuary**

Monday, November 25

- 5:15 pm Basketball – FLC
- 7:30 pm Men's Basketball – FLC

Tuesday, November 26

- 9:00 am Quilters – 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 Prayer with Corryn – Facebook Live
- 5:30 pm Pickleball – FLC
- 7:00 pm Altar Guild - Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 27

- 8:00 am Bible Study – Conference Room
- 1:00 pm Zoar Bridge Club – Top Floor
- 1:30 pm Abundant Life I - Offsite
- 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship - LCotM

Thursday, November 28

- 12:00 pm Thanksgiving Meal – FLC

Friday, November 29

- 9:00 am Painters – L1/L2

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**ALTAR GUILD**

November 24 8:30 am Connie Bricker; Dee Ehrmin
 11:00 am Marcia Traber; Jackie Springer

GREETERS

November 23 6:00 pm
November 24 8:30 am
 11:00 am

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 23 6:00 pm
November 24 8:30 am Brian and Jane Tomko
 11:00 am

USHERS

November 23 6:00 pm
November 24 8:30 am Ray Bricker; Paul Dodge; Dave Prue
 11:00 am

LECTORS

November 23 6:00 pm Kelly Andrews
November 24 8:30 am Brian Tomko
 11:00 am Lee Rupert

SOUND CREW

November 23 6:00 pm Doug Williams
November 24 8:30 am Carl Habekost
 11:00 am Tom Trimble

MUSICAL GUESTS

November 23 6:00 pm
November 24 8:30 am
 11:00 am

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP Tom and Margie Iserman

SOCIAL HOUR COOKIE DONATIONS Robin Maxwell; Marcia Traber

COUNTERS Joyce Williams; Carole Welling