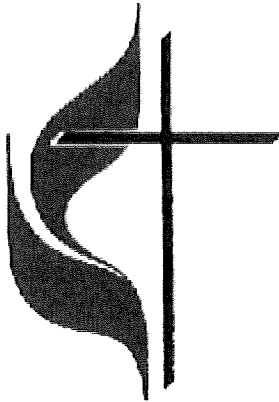
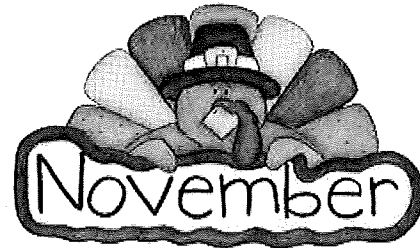


THE MESSENGER

November 2021



NEAL AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT: L.O.V.E. G.O.D.

Lead Others to spiritual victory; to encourage, to Give of Ourselves and Demonstrate the love of Jesus.

Breakthrough Prayer

Lord, lead us by your Holy Spirit as we become agents of revival in our communities. May we move more deeply into relationship with Jesus and draw your people to your light. We give you all praise and glory. Amen.

Your monthly news & updates

Here's what's happening at Neal Avenue this month!

WORSHIP SERVICES

November 7, 2021`

10:3 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

Preacher: Pastor EM

Liturgist: Laura

Atherton

Organist: Mary Ellen

Strahm

Pianist: Sue Spiker

A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy

Spiker, George Cook, Jeff

Wolfe, Jordan Wolfe,

Angelique Gabrielle

Hymn

Leader: Angelique

Gabrielle

Greeters: Elward Smith

Ushers: Bud Bell &

Richard "Hoot" Gibson

November 14, 2021

NEWS



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Order your Christmas poinsettia in honor or remembrance of a loved through

December 5, 2021. Each flower is in a 6.5" pot and is \$9.25 each.

Choose from either red or white. Order forms and money can be mailed to the office, left in the offering plate or dropped in the library drop box.

Please do not leave forms & payments on office desk. Please call the office if you have any questions.

VAN DRIVER AND COORDINATOR The church van will be picking members up for Sunday school and church again. We are in desperate need of a driver for the fourth Sunday of every month. This is a vital ministry that people rely on to get to church. Please consider serving in the important ministry. We are also in need of someone to coordinate the riders of the van. No experience necessary! All you need is a phone and some time! Please let the church office know if you

10:30 a.m.

Preacher: Pastor EM
Liturgist: Carol Powell
Organist: Mary Ellen Strahm
Pianist: Sue Spiker
A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy Spiker, George Cook, Jeff Wolfe, Jordan Wolfe, Angeliqne Gabrielle
Hymn
Leader: Angeliqne Gabrielle
Greeters: Elward Smith
Ushers: Bud Bell & Hoot Gibson

November 21, 2021**10:30 a.m.**

Preacher: Randy Spiker
Liturgist: Don Urban
Organist: Mary Ellen Strahm
Pianist: Sue Spiker
A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy Spiker, George Cook, Jeff Wolfe, Jordan Wolfe, Angeliqne Gabrielle
Hymn
Leader: Angeliqne Gabrielle
Greeters: Elward Smith
Ushers: Bud Bell & Hoot Gibson

November 28, 2021**10:30 a.m.****First Sunday of Advent**

Preacher: Pastor EM
Liturgist: Jeff Wolfe
Organist: Mary Ellen Strahm
Pianist: Sue Spiker
A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy Spiker, George Cook, Jeff Wolfe, Jordan Wolfe, Angeliqne Gabrielle
Hymn
Leader: Angeliqne Gabrielle
Greeters: Elward Smith
Ushers: Bud Bell & Hoot Gibson

Important Dates

November 1 5:30 p.m.
Trustees

would like to serve in either of these positions. Also, please call the office if you would like to be picked up by the van.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have received enough donations to cover the cost of the shipping for 30 shoe boxes, but items and monetary donations to purchase items are still being accepted through November 7, 2021. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. You are all a blessing! Please call the office if you have any questions.



NEW DOOR KEYS The locks on the outside doors have been changed. If you need a key or a code to get into the church, please let the office know.

ALTAR FLOWERS There are still dates available for the remainder of the year to buy altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. The chart is located on the bulletin board across from the office. Flowers are \$30 each week.

CHOIR PRACTICE Choir practice is at 5 p.m. every Wednesday. If you would like to be in the choir, please contact Angeliqne Gabrielle.

HAND BELL CHOIR Practice for the hand bell choir is at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. If you are interested in being in the hand bell choir, please contact Laura Atherton.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7, 2021. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.



YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Monday, November 8th at noon. They will be meeting at Shades on 30th.

NEAL AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOMEN (NACW) will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Please keep the following ministries of our church and community in your prayers throughout the month: **Permanent Endowment Committee, Quilters, Homebound, and the Homeless**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 2, Wayne & Judy Wright
November 9 Tim & Margie Howe
November 25 Dave & Mary Francis Rauch

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of Gene Kettering at his passing.

Kathie Hayden, who was in a hospital in Cleveland. She underwent testing. Not sure what is wrong with her.

Shirley Goodin's granddaughter, Margie, who had COVID.

Roy Hodges, who was in the hospital.

Russ who has cancer.

Stephanie who has cancer.

Natalie who had surgery.

For the family of Tara at her passing.

For Dennis Huber's kids, Rodger Huffer and Lori Gaskill who have COVID. Rodger was in OSU Hospital with blood clots in his lung.

Bob Pablos who is in the hospital.

fortitude. We neither enjoy nor look for suffering, but when God permits it to come into our lives, he turns it around for our good.

If there's chaos around us, God works peace within us. If there's anguish or discouragement on the outside, God builds trust, faith, and hope on the inside. Suffering can be deep-heartbreaking deep. But God can take it to the heights of glory.

God, in my suffering help me take comfort in your promises and find peace in the knowledge of your unending love. Amen.

If you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 1 Peter 2:20

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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of **Josephine Comisford** by: William Comsiford

HEAL ME, O LORD

And I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise. I praise you, loving God, you forgive all my iniquities, and you heal all my diseases. Thank you, Lord, when I am sick, you send your word, and it heals me. Your word is life to me, and it brings healing to my flesh. Thank you for the healing power of your word. I will never let it depart from my eyes. I will keep your word deeply implanted within my heart. Praise your name, O God. I love you, and I thank you for healing me and keeping me in good health.

Adopted from "Praying God's Promises".

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MESSENGER DEADLINE If you have information you would like published in the monthly Messenger, please submit to the office by the 19th of each month. If you would like it published in the weekly edition, please submit to the office by Friday. The office email is office@nealavenue.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon & 12:45 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

Pastor Em's Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Neal Avenue Messenger is mailed once a month for the enjoyment of friends and members of Neal Avenue Church. It is emailed weekly to anyone who wants to provide an email address for weekly updates. If

6:30 p.m. Finance

November 7

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time
Ends
Operation Christmas
Child items and monetary
donations due

November 8 Noon

Young At Heart
Shades on 30th

November 18th

3 p.m. NACW

November 21 Hanging
of the Greens & soup
luncheon after worship

November 25 *Happy
Thanksgiving!*

November 26 Office
Closed

November 28

First Sunday of Advent
United Methodist Student
Day

November 30 FREE
Community Dinner &
God's Closet



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

- November 5 Esther Wright
- November 11 Sheena Abel, Jane Shriner
- November 12 George Cook, Terry Wymer
- November 14 Dennis James
- November 17 Eden Barrett
- November 22 Jenna Wolfe
- November 24 James Gibboney
- November 29 Hudson Bush
- November 30 Jeff Wolfe



HANGING OF THE GREENS Here's your opportunity to prepare our church for a wonderful Christmas celebration! Join us Sunday, November 21st after church for a soup luncheon. After lunch we will decorate the sanctuary and church lobbies, which include decorating several trees, putting up greenery and other decorations, and setting up nativity scenes, etc. Don't miss this once a year opportunity to prepare our church for a beautiful Christmas season! Any questions, please contact Sue Spiker.



COMMUNITY DINNER

FREE Community Dinner & God's Closet
November 30th @ 5 p.m.

If you would like a meal delivered, please call the office.

BEGGAR NIGHT OUTREACH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 5:00 - 7 P.M. George has received enough monetary donations to cover the cost for snacks and candy. Thank you all for your generous donations!

CHOSEN OF GOD

What can we do to win God's approval? Nothing! His approval is already ours in Christ. A newborn baby doesn't need to jump through any hoops for mom and dad to cry tears of joy that a child has been born. God does not reject us because we make mistakes. Parents don't reject a child because she stumbles when she is learning to walk. We serve God not to gain his acceptance, but because we already have it.

Our service to God is an offering of gratitude; he has chosen us! We get to be part of the beautiful work he is doing in our world.

God, thank you for choosing me, accepting me, and loving me. I choose to serve you because you care for me. Amen.

Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Ephesians 1:4

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COMING GLORY

God turns human reasoning inside out. While we prize material possessions, he values spiritual gifts. We push for self-satisfaction, but he prompts us to put others first. In suffering, we find only pain and loss, but though our suffering, God generates spiritual strength and

Pastor EM's sister, Beth, who had an allergic reaction to a shot in her knee.

The family of Linda D., who passed from COVID.

Craig Sessor who is in the hospital with COVID and other health conditions.

Dave Rauch, who was in the hospital.

Mary Robert's grandson, Jimmy, who was exposed to COVID.

Mary Roberts, who tested positive for COVID. She is in quarantine for 10 days, but is not currently having symptoms.

Peg Rine, who has CHF and was in the hospital. She has been moved to Flint Ridge.

Debbie Hodges and family as her aunt, Mary B., passed away from COVID.

Louis W., who was supposed to go home from rehab on Saturday, but tested positive for COVID.

Jane F., who is at OSU Hospital and is unresponsive.

Pastor Brian Harkness, who is very ill.

Betty Bell's brother, John Dawson, who had a massive heart attack. He coded on the way to the hospital. He is in Riverside Hospital.

you are receiving the Messenger by mail or email and you no longer wish to, please let the office know. Please report any address or email address changes to the office immediately.

BIBLE VERSES

November 1 1 Kings 17:1-7
 November 2 1 Kings 17:8-16
 November 3 1 Kings 17:17-24
 November 4 1 Kings 18:1-19
 November 5 1 Kings 18:20-40
 November 6 1 Kings 18:41-46
 November 7 1 Kings 19:1-18
 November 8 2 Kings 2:1-12
 November 9 2 Kings 2:12-18
 November 10 2 Kings 2:19-25
 November 11 2 Kings 4:1-7
 November 12 2 Kings 5:1-19a
 November 13 2 Kings 9:30-37
 November 14 Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24
 November 15 Amos 3:1-8
 November 16 Amos 5:18-20
 November 17 Amos 6:1-8
 November 18 Amos 6:9-14
 November 19 Amos 7:1-9
 November 20 Amos 9:11-15
 November 21 Isaiah 9:1-7
 November 22 Isaiah 11:1-9
 November 23 Isaiah 22:1-14
 November 24 Isaiah 25:1-12
 November 25 Isaiah 27:1-11
 November 26 Isaiah 30:8-17
 November 27 Isaiah 32:16-20
 November 28 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
 November 29 Jeremiah 1:4-19
 November 30 Jeremiah 2:1-8

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the old testament, God bestowed his spirit on chosen individuals. Take King Saul, for example. At one time, Saul was God's chosen ruler. But he fell out of favor with the Lord when his impatience caused him to lose his faith in God. God removed his spirit from Saul and bestowed it instead on David.

In the New Testament, God established a new covenant and a new promise. God promised his spirit would be a permanent gift to every individual who believed in him. We are the blessed recipients of this promise. From Pentecost on, God's presence and power have made a home in each one of his children.

God, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Help me to be more aware of your presence in my life every day. Amen.

The spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.

Ephesians 1:14

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. - Acts 1:8

You are my servant. I have chosen you and not rejected you. - Isaiah
41:9

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