



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR P.

*There's revival, and it's
spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart...
There ain't nothing there*

*ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
I got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy*

(OLD CHURCH CHOIR, Songwriters: Zach Williams, Colby Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse. For non-commercial use only.)

What a great song! Oh yes, there is revival, and it's spreading! And you know what?! I'm excited! Are YOU excited?!

Yes, your pastor has "returned" from her four weeks of renewal leave! (We are including a few pics that reflect some of the things I did.) And... I am excited! *"I've got a heart overflowing... ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!"*

Like I said last month: I am so excited about what the future holds in store for Huron United Methodist Church (WooHoo!)? I am excited about the mission and ministry to which we are called! We are moving forward because God has a plan to which we are faithful! We are moving forward because Jesus is calling and we are answering! We are moving forward because the Holy Spirit is moving and we are following! Let us move forward with wildfire in our hearts and joy beyond measure!

We are Huron United Methodist Church! (WooHoo!) We are disciples of Jesus, the Christ, followers of the living God, and sharers of the WORD! May God continue to encourage, empower, and equip us as we strive "to make [and mature] disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!" WELCOME – WORSHIP - WITNESS

Grace and peace, blessings and health,
Pastor P.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your talent!!! There are plenty of ways to help Huron United Methodist Church in our missions and ministries. Be on the lookout for the Volunteer Job Bank in the Welcome Center. There you can find job openings, the job description and the level of commitment that particular position requires. We have an IMMEDIATE need for the following: Audio Visual Tech, LIFT Teachers, LIFT Dinner Helpers, and On-Line Worship Greeters.

If your team or group would like a volunteer job opening posted, please email the job title, description, and commitment level to Jenessa Faller, discipleship@huronumc.org.



**Veterans Day
Dinner & Concert**

November 11, 2023
Dinner: 4:30-5:45 PM
Concert: 6:00 PM

Huron United Methodist Church
 338 Williams Street, Huron, OH

**Veterans eat
for free!**

Dinner & Concert are
 available for a
 donation.

All proceeds will go
 to our Roof/Boiler
 Project

Take out is available!
For more information
 (419) 433-3984

Featuring:
Firelands Brass Quintet

**FIRELANDS
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
 ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC

VETERANS DAY DINNER & CONCERT!

Mark your calendars! We are planning a special Veterans Day Dinner & Concert on Saturday, November 11th! Dinner will be from 4:30 – 5:45 PM and will include baked pasta, salad, bread, drink and dessert. (Take Out Meals available) The concert will begin at 6:00 PM and feature the Firelands Brass Quintet! We invite all area veterans to have dinner and/or enjoy a concert “on us!” All others attending are invited to donate to our Roof/Boiler Project.

We are need of volunteers to help prep desserts, serve, and clean up, as well as folks who will bring/donate desserts (other than brownies). Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Kathy Faller. (Call/text: 419-503-0122)

ADOPT A SCHOOL UPDATES

Adopt a School is a nationwide program where churches come alongside schools to help in various ways. Huron United Methodist Church and our community churches are teaming up to help the students and staff members of Huron City Schools. Weekly opportunities to get involved include the Tutoring Team and The Breakfast Buddy Team:

Tutoring Team - sign up to tutor, usually once per week. You and a teacher will work out a schedule together. A background check through the school is required.

Breakfast Buddy Team – Spend time with students during breakfast, making them feel cared about. Usually weekly or bi-weekly, but snowbirds are welcome! You pick the day!

We are looking for “Prayer Warriors”! Join a team of “Prayer Warriors” at Huron City School on Wednesday November 1st at 4PM. Each team will walk through areas of a building and pray. Prayers are for board members, administrators, bus drivers, teachers, and support staff. The “Prayer Warriors” will also pray for students, families and any special concerns submitted by the staff. Please email Jenessa to let her know if you are interested - discipleship@huronumc.org.

The next Donuts and Devotions will take place on Friday December 1st at Woodlands from 7-7:30 AM This is a monthly time to meet and pray with staff members while enjoying coffee and breakfast. If you are interested in attending or supplying a breakfast item please contact Jenessa.



**THIRD GRADE
BIBLE SUNDAY**
 Lucie Meyer received her Bible from the church on Sunday, October 22nd.



CONFIRMATION & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Confirmation Class is currently meeting on **Wednesdays during LIFT at 5:30 PM.** Following class, we are spending time putting together a puzzle, playing foosball, and/or hanging with the Youth Group! We have dinner with the rest of the LIFT folks at 6:30 PM.

Some confirmands, due to scheduling conflicts, will be meeting on scheduled Sunday's following the 10:00 AM Worship celebration. (Dates to be determined.) There is still time!



Anyone in grades 4-12 who would like to learn more about the church and become a member, please let Pastor P. know ASAP! We're having a great year! (Pictures are of prayer beads strung in Confirmation Class and... a "mean" game of SORRY! in the Youth Room!)

CONGRATULATIONS!

William Meyer has received his black belt!



**CHURCH OUTING:
MOVIE TIME!**

The Journey To Bethlehem

A young woman carrying an unimaginable responsibility. A young man torn between love and honor. A jealous king who will stop at nothing to keep his crown. This live-action Christmas musical celebration for the entire family, weaves classic Christmas melodies into new pop songs in a music-infused retelling of the timeless story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. A unique new entry into the collection of holiday classic movies, this epic Christmas musical is unlike any before it.



Our United Methodist Youth Fellowship invites you to join them on Sunday, November 12th for the 1:40 PM showing of *The Journey To Bethlehem* at Regal Cobblestone Square theater in Elyria. Tickets can and should be purchased ahead of time online from <https://www.regmovies.com/>.

YOUTH GROUP! YOUTH GROUP! YOUTH GROUP!

Our UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meets on **Wednesdays at 5:30 during LIFT in room 6/7!!** WooHoo! Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. If you are in grades 5-12 (and have, hopefully, gone through confirmation), this is the place for you! You are also encouraged to invite/bring a friend!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF HURON UMC? If so, please see Pastor P. and pick up your copy of **UNITED METHODIST QUESTIONS, UNITED METHODIST ANSWERS: Exploring Christian Faith** by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.



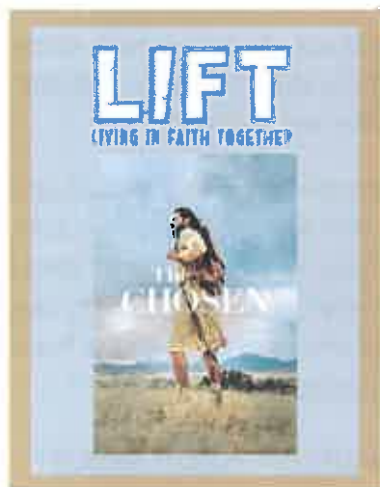
HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please mark your calendar and plan to come help on Sunday, November 26th at 11:00 AM. We also need volunteers beforehand to help organize and prepare! Please contact Alyson

Wilson at 419-602-0705.

L.I.F.T.!

Living In Faith Together each Wednesday! During November & December doors will open at 4:45 PM, KIDS' CHOIR will rehearse from 5:00 – 5:30 PM, and CONFIRMATION will go from 5:30 – 6:00 PM. YOUTH GROUP, KID'S CLASS, AND ADULT CLASS will all continue to meet from 5:45 – 6:30 PM. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. (We are looking for folks to help with dinner! Please let Kathy Faller know if you are interested!) There is plenty of time to visit, work on puzzles, play foosball, etc.! Come join the fun! There will be NO LIFT/related activities on November 22nd.



L.I.F.T.: THE CHOSEN

The Adult LIFT Class is currently watching the first season of *The Chosen* and will continue until Advent. The show is about Jesus Christ, adapted from the Gospels. The series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus

through the eyes of those who knew Him best. It also helps us to better understand the social and political factors of that time. Between episodes, there is time for discussion, questions and answers, and observations. A study guide and a "Who's Who" of the cast is available in the Welcome Center. We hope to see you on Wednesdays!

ADULT ADVENT STUDY

Expect the unexpected this Christmas! Join us November 29th, as we begin our 4 week Advent study based on the book *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups. This study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love,



joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

The Advent study will take place during LIFT on November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th. To purchase *An Unlikely Advent* (\$13.50), please sign up in the Welcome Center.



KIDS CHOIR!

We are looking ahead to Christmas Eve and beginning to prepare for our 5:00 PM Family Friendly Celebration! Once again this year we will have a "kids choir" that will sing and play Boomwackers! There will be rehearsals on **Wednesdays at 5:00 PM** (Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29 and Dec. 6, 13 & 20) and **Saturdays at 4:30 PM** (Nov. 4, 18 & 25 and Dec. 9, 16 & 23). Please plan to attend as many as possible! Questions: contact Pastor P.



YOGA CHANGE OF VENUE (FOR ONE WEEK)

On Election Day, November 7th, Chair Yoga will be held at Zion Lutheran Church. Huron United Methodist Church is a polling location.

HURON UMC IS A LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH!

Our Lighthouse Church "training team" is made up of the following: Pastor P. (Pastor), Scott Whitehurst (Lay Member to Annual Conference, Band Member), Jenessa Faller (Director of Discipleship Ministries), and Dave (Lay Leader) & Judy Wilber (Past Treasurer, Choir Member). Huron United Methodist Church – where All are invited! All are welcome! All means ALL!

"Saturdays @ 5"

Relaxed Worship
(songs, prayers, message) &
Conversation!
Come as you are!

Huron United Methodist Church
338 Williams Street – Fellowship Hall
Saturdays at 5:00 PM
419-433-3984

Less structured, more relaxed! There's music, prayer, sharing, learning, and caring! (And on third Saturdays there is a potluck!)



**NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN!
WOOHOO!**

We've already saved 42 plastic bottles by using the bottle filler! And the water is cold!

ROOF/BOILER PROJECT

We are still collecting change (and any other gifts!) to go toward the roof and boiler project! The water jug in which we are collecting is in the sanctuary each Sunday! Please bring in your change (or bills work, too 😊)! Let's see how quickly we can reach the "top" again! When it is filled we will see who can come closest to guessing the amount in the jug!

THE S'MORE THE MERRIER!



JOIN US BY THE CAMPFIRE
FOR A FESTIVE WORSHIP AND
ENJOY HOT COCOA AND
S'MORES. THEN STAY FOR
THE FIREWORKS!



**BETTCHEPARK
DECEMBER 2ND @ 5PM**

FIRE PITS NEEDED!

We are looking to borrow a few fire pits for "The S'more The Merrier" on Saturday December 2, 2023. Please contact Jenessa Faller if you have one we can use. discipleship@huronumc.org



PASTOR'S CURRENT READING LIST

REMEMBER ME by Sharon Garlough Brown

BEING UNITED METHODIST CHRISTIANS: Living A Life Of Grace And Hope by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan, and Sally Langford

AN UNLIKELY ADVENT by Rachel Billups

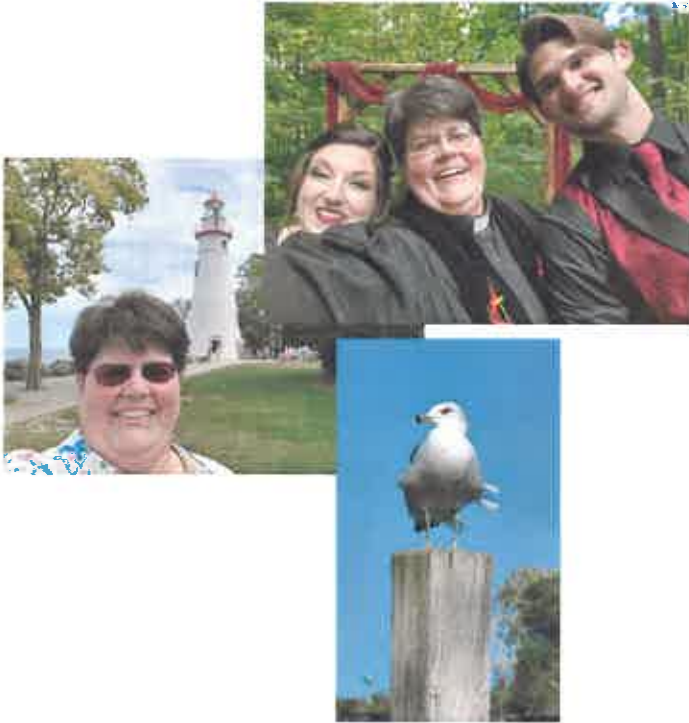
FOR SABBATH'S SAKE: Embracing Your Need For Rest, Worship, and Community by J. Dana Trent

COMMUNION ELEMENTS

We now have pre-packaged Communion elements available in the office for pick-up! Regular and gluten-free!

PASTOR'S RENEWAL LEAVE

Last month Pastor P. shared a few pics from the first week of her four-week renewal leave. Here are a few highlights from the last three weeks. They included officiating the marriage of her nephew, some local sightseeing (believe it or not, she had never been to the Marblehead Lighthouse!), and some time sitting by the water.



AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM

We need you!!!! This now also includes ON-LINE GREETERS! We offer free training and tons of moral support and... our eternal gratitude!!! Please consider being part of the A/V worship team and help us do what we already do – better! If you are interested, please contact Derek Callin, Chris Harlan, or Pastor P.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Worship Committee
Thursday, Nov. 9th at 5:30 PM
Trustees – Tuesday, Nov. 14th
at 7:00 PM



NOVEMBER WORSHIP PLANS

Nov. 4/5: ALL SAINTS WEEKEND/COMMUNION

Scriptures: Psalm 34:1-10, 22; Matthew 5:1-12;
*Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon: "They Will Never Again Be Hungry Or Thirsty"

Nov. 12: TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (No Saturdays @ 5!)

Scriptures: Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18;
*Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Stay Awake – Be Prepared!"

Nov. 18/19: TWENTYFIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scriptures: Psalm 123; I Thessalonians 5:1-11;
*Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Use It Or Lose It!"

Nov. 25/26: TWENTYSIXTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scriptures: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;
*Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "Final Judgment"

LITURGISTS

November 5: Tom Sprunk (8); Carol Schell (10)
November 12: Carole Dreffer (8); Jack Hubbard (10)
November 19: Cathi Houghton (8); Derek Callin (10)
November 26: Barb Ringle (8); Carol Schell (10)

10:00 GREETERS

November 5: Ben & Bonnie Lindsley
November 12: Tank & Becky Rogers
November 19: Scott Timple
November 26: Dave Wilber

MONEY COUNTERS

November 5: Alyson Wilson/TBD
November 12: Judy Wilber/Dave Wilber, Mary Boos
November 19: Dee Hartley/Ben & Bonnie Lindsley
November 26: Joe Beebe/Jonathan Merckens



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julia Noftz	1
Suzann Callin	1
Leatham Maddix	1
Kelly Rowen	2
Robert Hastings	6
Christopher Faller	6
John Johnson	7
Austin Cook	8
Karen Young	8
Jeffery McFarland	10
Jordan Prosser	10
Jacob Thomas	10
Brian Cook	11
Scott Hitchcock	11
Ava Manner	11
Lindsay Bowman	12
Elizabeth Mills	13
Mark Clayman	13
Becky Rogers	14
Julie Lesnett	14
Billy Dees	16
Matthew Wilson	17
Jack Springer	17
George Pettegrew	18
Scott Whitehurst	18
Linda Ingley	19
Sandy Stierhoff	20
Bruce Hitchcock	22
Fred Nagel	22
Jennifer Route	23
Daniel Lindsley	25
Madison Brant	27
Cameron Manner	28
Kaleen Soisson	30

OTHER MEETINGS/EVENTS

FSO Chorale Rehearsals: November 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 27th, and 30th (Mondays/Thursdays) 6:30 – 9:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Daylight Savings Time Ends: Fall Back Sunday, November 5th

Card Gals Workshop: Monday, November 6th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in Rms. 3 & 4

Election – Precincts A & C: Tuesday, November 7th ALL DAY in the Fellowship Hall

Quilt Group Sew Day: Friday, November 17th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM in Basement Quilt Room

Pantry Sunday: November 19th

December/January Newsletter Articles Due: Sunday, November 19th

Hanging Of The Greens: Sunday, November 26th at 11:00 AM

TRUNK OR TREAT 2023



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

"...in giving generously, we give ourselves the ability to experience significant spiritual growth. There is joy felt from knowing that you have prioritized God through Jesus Christ our church by supporting all the good we bring to our congregation, our community and our world. We look to share that joy with you over the next few weeks. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of the Huron United Methodist Church... Give in a way that makes both you & God smile!" (from the bulletin insert for Sunday, October 29, 2023)

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Huron United Methodist Church

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In continuing support of the programs, ministries and services of Huron United Methodist Church, I/we shall try to give the following:

Per week ** \$ _____ x 52 weeks = \$ _____
 - or -
 Per month \$ _____ x 12 months = \$ _____
 - or -
 Annually \$ _____ x 1 = \$ _____

** There is no obligation to submit 4 checks per month. For your convenience, the giving can be made monthly with one check.

Signed: _____ Printed Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Envelope # _____ Email address (for sending "Giving Statements"): _____

This is an expression of intent and is not a legal obligation. Please return on or before Sunday, November 12, 2023.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Please drop off or mail in your order, place in the offering box, call in or email to the Church Office at 419-433-3984 or secretary@huronumc.org. Payment may be made in person or noted on your offering envelope/check memo line. We cannot include you in the order until payment is received. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 10th.

You may pick up your poinsettia after the conclusion of 11:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship. The building will be open limited hours between Christmas Day and New Year's Day - those are yet to be determined.

The Church Office is taking orders until Sunday, December 10th, for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary on Sunday, December 17th & Christmas Eve.

Order below and please include your payment with your dedication/memorial. All poinsettias are red. Thank you!

Your Name _____

Quantity _____ @ \$10.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Paid by: _____ check (# _____) or _____ cash

Dedication (check one): _____ in memory of _____ in honor of _____

Dedication Name(s): _____

