



Canal Fulton

United Methodist Church



*Our mission is to reach out to welcome all and together walk with Christ*



### November Bell Letter

Hello everybody! I hope you are enjoying the fall weather, the holiday planning, and all the festivities that come with the joy of the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. Though I always look forward to Thanksgiving, and of course I love Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and even New Year's Eve/Day can be a fun time, I always kind of gloss over Halloween. Not that I'm not a fan of Halloween, but compared to those other days, for me it just doesn't really rank that high on my "Holiday Power Rankings List". Maybe it's because I never really ate that much candy (though it's hard to turn down a Reese's cup), but the one thing I always did enjoy with Halloween was the costumes and the creativity that people would come up with to make sure they surprised their family and friends with their costumes. From dressing

up as Spiderman and other popular super heroes, to more obscure costumes, Halloween has always been a fun time. However, there are some people that play "dress up" more often than just on Halloween; they play it every day of their lives.

They put on a fake smile to hide the pain, they act like they are doing ok when they might not be, and they only take off the "costume" in privacy or when around their closest family members and friends. Or, on the other side of the spectrum, people can be kind and decent to others in public, only to be less than ideal to deal with at home. Jesus addressed a bit of this in Matthew 15 where he states, "Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,' they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "*These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules*".

In the case of the Pharisees, Jesus knew that they were playing "dress up" in the sense that their lives and actions did not match the heart of what God had wanted them to do. Likewise, we too can put on a costume when things aren't going our way. What is important to remember that as Christians, God loves us on both our good days AND our bad days. There is nothing that God does not already know about you, and there is nothing, as it says in Romans 8, that can keep you from the love of God through Jesus Christ. Don't feel the need to put on a costume and be something that you aren't. God can see through that costume anyway so why even bother! If you're struggling, then that's ok. God will meet you where you are. If you are doing great, then that's great. Enjoy the life that God has blessed you with and given you, and as Ecclesiastes says, "Eat, drink, and be merry!". Just know that you don't have to put on a costume in your walk with God, you just have to walk with God day by day, flaws and all, as the Lord leads us to do the good works that God wants us to do! Have a great Thanksgiving everyone, and we hope to see you for our Advent/Christmas worship services!

-Pastor Shaun

# Prayer Chain

We have a wonderful prayer chain group that can be notified of those needing special prayers. Contact the church office at 330-854-3573 or cfumc1@sssnet.com if you would like prayers for yourself, friends or family members.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”  
Philippines 4:6*

## NEEDING PRAYERS

Ken and Sheila Berwinkle

Nancy Corral (nursing home)

Betty Doyle

Barbara Gregis (Danbury Nursing Home)

Mary Kocsis (health)

Larry Kopp (health)

Chip McCullough (heart problems)

Miriam Moore (pain management)

Mike (Miriam Moore's grandson - cancer)

Ike Nicholson (back problems)

Michael Reighart (health)

Shirley Starr (health)

Frank Tailor (Robin VonBonin's brother)

Luther Waybright

Connie Westfall (health)

Holly Wilhelm (scoliosis - back pain)

Carole Zay (nursing home care)

Sharon (friend of Marlene Lazarus - broken pelvis)

Mike Ziegelhoffer (friend of Maier's surgery)

Jewellee (Maier's daughter - back pain)

Family of Scotty Morrison

Family of Nancy Gerber

Rod Maier (Maier's son - ankle replacement surgery)

Lee Schreckengost (ankle problems - in wheel chair)

## IN THE MILITARY

Lt. Jacob Bickett

Nathan Walker

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Janelle Ferrell

Ethan Lower

Morgan Lower

Morgan Manns

Lauren Spradling

Those with addictions, those wishing to harm themselves or others and sick children everywhere



# CFUMC UPDATES

*The CFUMC Luncheon Group had another great turnout at lunch on October 6 at the Canal Grille. A fun time was had by all with a couple of guessing games, fellowship, and delicious cookies provided by our secretary, Debbie Snyder. Watch for the next planned outing.*



*The monthly men's breakfast was held on Sunday, October 17, with approximately 24 in attendance. Thanks to Burgess Lowe, Shaun Diley, Grant Diley and Cavin Diley for all of their help. It was great to have about seven young adults in attendance. Men, mark your calendars now for the next men's breakfast on November 21.*



# CFUMC UPDATES

*On Sunday, October 10, CFUMC and Pastor Shaun were privileged to baptize the Biscan twins. Viera and Otis were most cooperative. It was a pleasure to have several members of the Biscan family in attendance. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall after the church service. If you missed the baptism, you can find it on our Facebook page. Congratulations to all of the Biscan family.*



*October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On Sunday, October 24 Pastor Shaun was honored and thanked for his dedicated service to our church. He was presented a special gift from the district superintendent. He was also surprised by the congregation with a plentiful supply of Vitamin water.*





# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

*November: A time to remember to give thanks. We give thanks to God for all his blessings and we thank one another for love and compassion. As a faith-based, non-profit organization, Flat Rock could not do its essential work for those with developmental and intellectual, as well as physical disabilities, unless people like you, churches like CFUMC, and others, support the work. You have graciously and generously sent supplies and funds that are immediately put to good use for our residents and community service clients. Here is a recent success story. I pray it blesses your heart.*

*Sam is from Lorain County. Flat Rock's Adult Education Services was called in to save his job as a restaurant janitorial crew member. Sam is a great young man and has a smile that lights up a room, however, he was struggling to complete all the tasks assigned to him and was very frustrated about this. A job coach was assigned and assisted him with how to organize and create order to his job duties. Soon after, our director of Adult Education, Cyndi Johnson (also Flat Rock's Chaplain) received a call from Sam's boss and the general manager stating what an amazing job Sam was doing. She was so impressed that she asked for another worker, which Cyndi was able to find. Sam is another transformed life!*

*Please keep Flat Rock, its residents and individuals, and staff in your prayers.*

*Winter is near and our individuals will be indoors more, so donations of activities' supplies are welcome. Things like: crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, and construction paper give hours of fun and activity to our individuals. Please put any supplies/donations in the Flat Rock box in the coat room off the church front entrance. I will be taking supplies in mid-November. Thank you. Happy days of Thanks-giving!*

*Rose Darling*

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# FOB

## From the Organ Bench



*My dear friends at CFUMC:*

*I am finally back as your Director of Music. I have had my booster shot and a flu shot too. I have done all I can to protect myself and all of you. With my Congestive Heart Failure, I can't take any chances. It is good to be back. I have many plans to work toward helping to make CFUMC the best it can be and get us back to what we used to be, a vital and exciting congregation.*

*Since it is too late to start on the dinner theater I had planned, it will have to wait until later. I am planning on a really nice Christmas Eve Musical.*

*Chancel Choir will start on Wednesday, November 3 at 7 pm. Also anyone interested in a Handbell Choir, please come that evening too, so we can decide when the rehearsals will be. If you can't be there, please let me know of your interest. My e-mail is mrmouse1123@gmail.com and my home phone is 330.925.8436. Please let me know. Let's work to make CFUMC the best it can be!*

*"Sing"cerely yours,*

*Mickey*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Richmond - 11/6  
Ron Williams - 11/8  
Cheryl Gschnell - 11/10  
Patty Lower - 11/11  
Randy Szilagyi - 11/11  
Melissa Smith - 11/22  
Lynn Szilagyi - 11/22  
Susie Jones - 11/27



**Thank You!**

We have received cards thanking the church and church family for the wonderful luncheon provided after the funeral for Marvin Hardgrove.

Also, Rich and Sharon Ries sent their appreciation for all the calls, cards and prayers during Rich's recovery.



# Discovery Time Preschool

We have had a busy October. The 5 day a week class went to Nickajack Farms this month and got to explore.

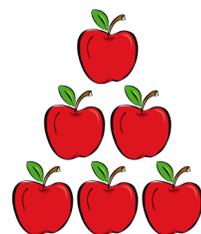


We had our Halloween party and then did trunk or treat! The kids had a blast.



Next month we are collecting food for Bountiful Gifts and if everyone in class participates, we get to pie Mrs. Scheufler in the face.

pie face



# November 2021

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