

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Worship Services In-Person or Online

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 am every Sunday.

Online Live-Streaming Video Worship

The links to our live video worship service is:

November 19: <https://youtube.com/live/EQZxD-ZzRuE>

A reminder is emailed each week.

OR

Go to <http://YouTube.gethsemene.org> to watch our worship services at a later time.

NOV. 19 – ADULT EDUCATION: "Women of the Bible" – With Advent/Christmas right around the corner, join us as we take a closer look at Mary the Mother of Jesus. If time allows, we will also discuss the much-disputed Mary of Magdala! Hope you'll join us!

SUNDAYS: Weekly Sunday School for Grades K-12. There will be *something* in the 11:00am-12:00pm hour every week through DEC. 17, which may be age-specific classes or some craft or activity open to all ages. Schedule for the next several weeks:

- **NOV. 19 & DEC. 3:** Grades K-5 class (room 212); Confirmation (room 207); High school (room 213).
- **NOV. 26:** Intergenerational craft making ornaments and cards.

NOV. 19 – DELAWARE HANDBELL FESTIVAL Our Handbell Choir will perform at this Festival on this Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:00pm at Ohio Wesleyan University. A freewill offering will be collected.

NOV. 28 – BOOK GROUP: Join the Book Group on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7:00pm in the church library to discuss the book "*Frankenstein*" by Mary Shelley. Jan Patton will lead the discussion. All are welcome.

DEC. 9 – CAMPFIRE & CAROLS: We will again be gathering in Gethsemane's parking lot to sing Christmas carols and other songs around a couple of portable fire pits. This was a lot of fun last year and we look forward to it again this year! Everyone is invited, so bring your families, friends, and neighbors along! We'll have hot chocolate and s'mores too!

DEC. 10 – CONGREGATION MEETING to approve the slate of leadership candidates for 2024 will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, in the sanctuary following worship. We will also hear reports from Pastor TJ and our leaders.

DEC. 10 – DEADLINE FOR ADVENT TREE OF NEEDS: During Advent we will collect gifts for Food Pantry Children, Play & Learn, and Faith Mission/CHOICES. Choose a wish to fulfill and then place the unwrapped item in the box in the Atrium. Finally place an ornament on the tree which will be up on Nov. 26. By the deadline of Dec.10, we should have a tree filled with ornaments.

- 1. FOOD PANTRY CHILDREN:** If you would like to get Christmas gifts for one of our food pantry children, email Jane Sieberth and let her know. She will send you the child's name, gender, age, and wish list. The more people who respond, the more kids we can give gifts to!
 - We're suggesting that you spend \$50 per child. (OR partner with someone else if \$50 is too much.)
 - Return the gifts, unwrapped, to Gethsemane by Sunday, Dec. 10.

2. **PLAY & LEARN:** If you'd like to get gifts for Play & Learn they would like to receive books (preferably hard cover), for infants through elementary age.
3. **FAITH MISSION/CHOICES:** If you'd like to get needed items for Faith Mission/CHOICES, their most needed items wish list is:
 - New adult sweatpants
 - New men's sweatshirts
 - New men's underwear
 - New *or* gently used laundered men's coats
 - Men's hats and insulated gloves
 - New Baby bottles and sippy cups
 - Pull ups (all sizes) and diapers (size 5 and up)

You can also order items directly from Faith Mission and CHOICES Amazon wish lists for both of those programs.

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE: Thank you for your contributions of \$163.03 on Nov. 5. So far this year, these offerings have empowered our kids to provide a cow (\$500), a pig (\$30), and bees (\$20) to help families have sustainable sources of milk, honey, food, fertilizer, food, and income. Our next noisy offering will be Sun. Dec. 3 during worship.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Someone to pick up produce and dairy products at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Contact Jane Sieberth if you are willing to help.

Also needed: Plastic Bags, Toilet Paper, Soups, Complete Meals (Beefaroni, SpaghettiOs), Tuna.

Activities Nov. 19—Nov. 25

SUNDAY

9:30 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Education Hour
1:00 pm	Ibada Ya Kiswahili Service
7:00 pm	Delaware Handbell Festival

MONDAY

8:00 am	Reflections
7:00 PM	Congregation Council
7:30 pm	A.A. & Al Anon

TUESDAY

9:30 am	P&L Chapel
5-8:00 pm	Music Lessons
7:00 pm	Pub Theology

WEDNESDAY

NO	Midweek Connections
11-12:00 pm	Music Lessons
NO	Food Pantry
4-7:00 pm	Music Lessons

THURSDAY

CHURCH OFFICE & PLAY & LEARN CLOSED

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SATURDAY

9-2:00 pm	Music Lessons
11:00 am	IYK Choir

We Remember in Prayer

New concerns: Lorraine Wilson (aunt of Juanita Brooks) ... Rod Hirschfeld (brother of Alice Siddall) ... Linda (aunt of Anna Wildermuth) ... Barb Galvin (sister of John Woods) ... Rita Wilson (mother of Lindalee Brownstein) ... Phoebe Abrams (mother of Bob Abdou) ... Barbara Kirsop (mother of Doug Kirsop) ... Dewey Smith (brother-in-law of Laurie Burnett) ... Rev. Betsy Willims (former Gethsemane deaconess) ... Marsha Wynn (friend of Bob and Jan Davis) ... Kristi and Bruce (sister and brother-in-law of Carol Klukas).

Our congratulations to Joel and Anna Wildermuth on the birth of their daughter, Della, on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Our love and compassion to the family of Carol Becker, sister of Barbara Ford, who passed away November 12.

Members with ongoing concerns: Don Cumberland ... Howard Feole ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... David Lagerberg ... James Laspisa ... Rick Nelson ... Denise Sager ... Doug Sand ... Adam Siddall.

Friends and family with concerns: Kandace Crawford (granddaughter of Rick Nelson) ... Chuck Fuller (friend of Stephen Smith) ... Cindi McCullum (sister of Char Jessie) ... Carl Johnson (brother-in-law of Joanne

Leussing) ... JR Lynch (brother-in-law of Joe and Bonnie Reilly) ... Jeff Smith (brother of Pam Hagerdorn) ... Laura Leussing (daughter-in-law of Joanne Leussing) ... Mary Jo Muhlenkamp (sister of Alice Siddall) ... Melba Byrne, Brock Rapp, Mike and Steve Smith (friends of Liz Melick) ... Patsy Seifarth (mother of Bill Seifarth) ... Bradley Albright (son-in-law of Howard and Nancy Feole) ... Matthew Swallow (son of Beth Berkani) ... Tim Toops (son-in-law of Don Cumberland) ... Bryan and his children Kastyn and Holden Weirick (nephew of Jan Davis).

Homebound: Bob Cerny (Danbury Senior Living-Westerville) ... Barb Driver (Home) ... Gene Fisher (Home) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Elaine Haines (The Ashford at Sturbridge) ... Don Huiner (Danbury Senior Living-Columbus) ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen).

<i>To fulfill God's mission here at Gethsemane</i>		
	September 2023	Fiscal Year to Date (3 month)
Budgeted Contributions:	\$20,357.65	\$111,240.00
Contributions Received:	\$33,010.74	\$120,572.95
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$12,653.00	\$9,333.00
Contributions needed for the remainder of the fiscal year.		
<u>Total:</u>	\$250,227.00	
<u>Average Per Month:</u>	\$31,378.00	
<i>Note: The amounts listed above reflect contributions to Gethsemane's Operating Fund; they do not include contributions to Special Funds, such as the Remembrance Fund and they do not include contributions for IYK.</i>		

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023: These are the various options that you can use to make your contributions to Gethsemane to keep our ministries going. Everyone will continue to get credit for their contributions no matter which option:

- **Gethsemane Online;**
- **Electronic Transfers from Your Bank; *Contact Mark Geary or Rick Langner to make any changes.***
- **"Vanco Mobile App" on Your Smart Phone;**
- **Text from Your Smart Phone;**
- **Write a Check and Mail It to Church, 35 E. Stanton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214. Place your contribution in the offering basket at the rear of the sanctuary. Envelopes are provided.**

Go to www.gethsemane.org to see the recent issue of the newsletter or pick one up at the Welcome Center.

Deadline for the newsletter is the second Sunday of the month.

To submit an article, email it to glcoffice@gethsemane.org or put it on the secretary's desk.