



The Messenger

NILES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Worship with us.

Sundays @ 9:30 am

In house or Live stream on our Facebook page.

In Ministry Together....

Rev. Jennifer Wellington

Office Secretary.... Leona Krepps

Organist/Pianist ... Bob Bacha

Groundskeeper/Custodian.... John Hoson

PILLARS

FOR OUR CHURCH AND LIFE

Remember these pillars of our church, who no longer are able to attend and sit beside you at service, with a telephone call or perhaps a birthday card or thinking of you card.

Barbara Caldwell

Minnie Blose

Audrey John

Shirley Harris

Dan Taneyhill

Maria Allen

Joe & Linda Salvaterra

Tony & Lolly Symcheck

Evie Rice

Please contact the office for correct addresses and/or telephone numbers.

To make your Messenger more interesting.....If you have something you would like to put in the newsletter....the birth of a grandchild (great), wedding, graduation, birthday celebrations, anything that is important to you, **PLEASE** do not hesitate to contact the office. **THIS IS YOUR MESSENGER!!** What would you like to see/read??? **PLEASE** turn the information in to the secretary by the 15th of the month by 10:00 am. If the 15th falls on a weekend, the articles are due the following Monday. **PLEASE** sign your name on the article, in case there is a question about what you wrote.

Dear Friends,

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart
for all the love, prayers, caring, cards and
gifts remembered to me during my illness.*



*I am blessed to call all of you my friends
and Niles First U.M.C. to be my home.
Blessings to all of you, **Judy!!***



Thank you for helping me be able to go on the Disney trip with the marching band. I'm very grateful that I have such a loving and supportive church. I appreciate having all this support and that you all help even if you don't know me too well. This church is truly a giving church who loves and helps any who asks.

Sincerely grateful, Arya Duncan



I would like to say a big heartfelt thank you to our church family for all the prayers and concerns they have expressed to us in the last few weeks. A "thank you" to Rev. Jennifer for her visit to our home and for giving us communion during her very nice visit. A Thank you to Kathy Hafely for making the beautiful prayer shawl. I use it while watching TV in the evening. And a big Thank You to our church family for all the wonderful cards and gifts of food. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful church family. God Bless All of You for your kindness and prayers. My recovery is slow, but steady and my hope is to be able to attend church at Christmas.

Linda and Nick Belcastro

RACHEL CIRCLE --- October Meeting

We began with our sack lunches. Refreshments were provided by Pat Pfeifer. A short meeting followed and we decided to have our December meeting at Georgio's at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, 10 December. JoAnne Baugh will call to make our reservations.

We adjourned our meeting to do Community Meal prep work. Guests this week were Merrily Rogers and Joyce Lukz. We were done in one (1) hour...record time!! **Rebecca Hanks**



We did it again!! The school supplies will be delivered in early November. I decided to wait to give our supplies to the schools because they were overloaded with supplies. But now, those supplies are running low so these will come in handy as kids will replenish!

Thank you for always supporting our church in making the kids happy and having what they need to get a good education!! *With Love, Patrice*

Representing our church at the Niles McKinley Library Pumpkin Walk. Got to see all the kids and some adults dressed up. It was a great time to be in the community!

Thank you to those who gave candy, I really appreciate it.

With Love, Patrice





As another year closes on our ministry of feeding the Niles Band, I am humbled and grateful to every one of you who volunteered and prayed to make this year another successful one.

The kids, along with all the coaches, were extremely grateful.

Thank you again for the opportunity to do this ministry for our church!

With Love, Patrice



Don't forget we are collecting cereal until November 30th! Boxes will be delivered to Niles Community Services.

Let's show our support in helping kids start off the day strong with some breakfast!

*History Highlights
by Nancy Malone
(Church Historian)*

This article was written by Bob Coupland in the Youngstown Vindicator on Monday, 21 October 2019.

"Church welcomes the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra" for a Stained Glass Concert.

With many colorful stained glass windows, Petersburg Presbyterian Church seemed the ideal location for a Sunday afternoon Stained Glass Concert by the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra.

Randall Fleischer, Director of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, said the orchestra performs classic theme songs from movies to military songs such as "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

The stained glass concerts are a reduced size orchestra that performs at various places of worship around the Mahoning Valley.

Love offerings and donations received at the concerts help cover the cost for concerts for children in the Youngstown area.

An upcoming stained glass concert will be held at 4:00 pm at Niles First United Methodist Church, which is a church with beautiful stained glass windows.

Do you remember this day and the beautiful music we enjoyed in our sanctuary??







SOME REASONS TO JOIN YOUR CHURCH CHOIR

1. Participate in a different type of worship.
2. Praise God in a new and fun way.
3. Don't know how to read music.....you don't have too!!
4. A way to learn something new.
5. Singing increases your oxygen intake.
6. Improves your ability to communicate.
7. It can be a confidence booster.
8. Connect with other members of the church.
9. Your appreciation of music will increase.
10. It's a way to represent your church and proclaim your faith.
11. With more people, we have a stronger choir which will broaden our song choices.
12. It's a way to make our Sunday mornings more joyful.

You do not have to make a weekly commitment. We appreciate any participation you can offer—even if it's only once a month. Practice lasts about an hour—and it starts at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. That hour can reduce stress, improve your health, and help your church become stronger and better able to present special music.

THINGS YOU SAY AFTER 50!!

1. Where the heck is my phone?
2. How did I get this bruise?
3. That isn't my password either? WTH?
4. How do they expect you to read this small print?
5. Where did I put my glasses?
6. I don't care if it doesn't look fashionable, it's comfortable!!
7. Who the heck is calling at 9:30 pm??
8. Does anyone say please and thank you anymore?
9. Geez, how do you throw your body out of whack just sleeping wrong?? WTH??
10. This scale can't be right!!
11. WTH is wrong with people nowadays??
12. Why did I come into this room?

*How many of you know/remember
JoAnne Ulery???*



Correspondent photos / Nanclynn Gatta

Steve Soroka of Vienna, born in 1924, and JoAnne Ulery of Niles, born in 1925, display the proclamations they received from the Trumbull County commissioners during a luncheon at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library on Friday. They were two of the 22 Trumbull County centenarians honored for their contributions to the area.

Celebrating a century



READY FOR FALL



In Flanders Fields

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.




We are the dead; short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved; and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: cereal in boxes						1 Andrew Moyer
2 Coffee/Refreshments 9:30 Service Pat King 	3	4  Leona Krepps	5 Bible Study 12:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Dan Taneyhill	6	7	8 Craft Show 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
9 Coffee 9:30 Service Kathie Hafely	10 Ralph Lee Blair	11 Quilters 10:00 am Bd. Mtg. 6:00 pm 	12 Rachel Circle 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm	13	14	15 Betsy Wallace
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The Adventures of Rev. Jennifer! What an Adventure It Has Been!

By Rev. Jennifer Wellington

Dear Church Family,
As November rolls in, I can hardly believe how quickly the months have flown by since coming to Niles First United Methodist Church. What an adventure it's been!

From Sunday worship to preparing meals, from laughter to Bible Study, I've seen God's goodness at work in so many ways. This month naturally brings the subject of gratitude to mind, but I've been thinking lately—gratitude and joy aren't just seasonal feelings.

They are deeply connected ways of living. Gratitude opens the door for joy. When we stop long enough to recognize what God has already done, we find ourselves standing right in the middle of joy.



Rev. Jennifer Wellington

The Apostle Paul said, "Rejoice always... give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thess. 5:16-18). He wasn't saying life will always be easy. He was reminding us that even in hard times, we can choose to notice God's presence.

That choice—to be thankful right where we are—creates space for joy to take root.

As I think back on my time with you so far, I'm filled with gratitude for you: for your welcome, your faith, and your willingness to serve your community. You've made this place feel like home. My prayer for all of us this November is that our gratitude would grow deeper—and that joy would follow close behind.

With a thankful heart,



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