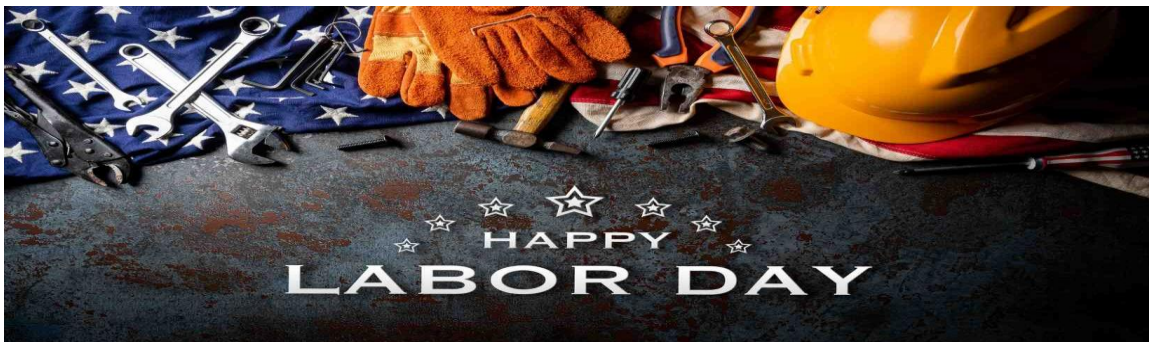




The Messenger

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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
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Groundskeeper/Custodian.... John Hosokawa

You're Never Too Old for a New Beginning

By Rev. Jennifer Wellington

There's something about September that feels like a fresh start. The pencils are sharpened, the notebooks are new, the school buses are back on the roads, and a new school year begins.

Of course, many of us are long past the days of packing a lunch or worrying about the first day of school. But perhaps September still has something to teach us.



We are never too old to learn something new. We are never too old to ask a question, try something different, make a new friend, or discover something about God that we had never noticed before.

The Bible is filled with people who continued to grow and change throughout their lives. Abraham was called to a new journey when he was already an old man. Moses discovered a new calling later in life. Simeon and Anna were still watching and waiting for God's promise when Jesus was born.

God does not have a retirement age for faith.

So as another school year begins, perhaps we can think of September not simply as "back to school," but as an invitation to begin again. What might God want to teach you this fall? Where might you need to grow? What new opportunity might be waiting for you? And who might God place in your path for you to encourage—or perhaps to learn from?

We may not be carrying backpacks anymore, but we still carry something valuable: a lifetime of experience, stories, faith, wisdom, and lessons learned along the way.

And there is always room for one more lesson.

May this new season remind us that God is not finished with any of us yet. There is still more to learn, more love to share, more people to encourage, and more ways for God's grace to surprise us.

Welcome to a new season of learning.

PILLARS

FOR OUR CHURCH
AND LIFE

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

Maria Allen

Claudia Baytos

Barbara Caldwell

Shirley Harris

Audrey John

Evie Rice

Tony & Lolly Symcheck

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??? 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. Sign your name on the article, in case there is a question about what you wrote.

AUTUMN LEAVES



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS
(Nancy Malone/Historian)

SUNDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2004

That Sunday has been designated as Sunday School Rally Day and Grand Parents Sunday.

We will honor all Grandparents with a full breakfast at 9:30 am.

This breakfast will be very similar to our Easter morning breakfast which everyone enjoys.

Please mark your calendar to join our church family for breakfast on Sunday, 12 September, at 9:30 am.

Our theme for Rally Day and our Sunday School Season will be "Show Your Colors".

On Sunday, 12 September, we invite everyone to wear your favorite school t-shirt or team t-shirt.....Ohio State, Browns, Steelers, Indians, etc.

Support your school and/or your favorite team.

Rachel Circle

Our Circle will meet Wednesday, 09 September, at 12:30 in the Good News Room. Please remember to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the conversation before our meeting. As you know, we do not meet in the summer months.

As you are aware, we lost one of our faithful members, JoAnn Baugh. Memorial flowers were on the chapel altar in memory of her sudden death. A collection will be taken at our September meeting. This collection will be given in JoAnn's memory and honor to the Memorial Fund.

Nancy Malone will provide the program for our meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By, *Rebecca Hanks*



Please join us for an International Dinner

Sunday, September 20th @ 12:30 PM

Tickets sold at the door — just \$1 each

Each ticket entitles you to one delicious serving
from our selection of featured ethnic dishes.

***** We are still looking for cooks and bakers! *****

American cuisine?

Indian?

Mexican?

Polish?

Chinese?

Irish?

Slovak?

British?

Dear Friends,

I am looking for volunteers to help us with the International Dinner on Sunday, September 20th. The dinner begins after church at 12:30.

The tickets will be sold at the door. Each ticket is \$1.00 which buys one serving of any of our ethnic dishes. The money earned will be used to fund our Christmas initiatives.

We need volunteers to work at the dinner as well as cooks and bakers to provide an ethnic dish or two of their choosing! The success of the dinner will be based on the variety of dishes available! So far, no one has volunteered to make an "American Dish" or "British", etc. We also aren't opposed to you "buying" an ethnic dish. We have invited the public, so we want this dinner to well represent the Niles First United Methodist Church!

You can reach me (Amy) by phone or text **330-718-3717**.

Thank you,

Amy Anos

Thought for the day:

RESPONSIBILITY

No single drop of water thinks it is responsible for the flood.

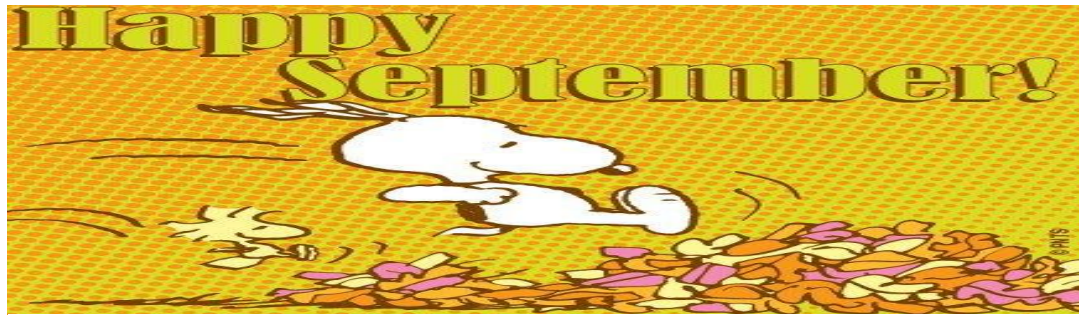
COMMUNITY MEALS!!

Yep, it's that time of the year again, we have the month of October; and yes, it has 5 Thursdays!! So, I am reaching out to see who all would like to help. I will cook the meal but I need hands to help pack it up and pass it out. I need donations, either monetary donations or if you want to buy pasta, green beans, corn, butter, and bread. I would greatly appreciate it!! We have fed many mouths, and I am so proud of my church for always lending a helping hand.

Please contact me if you have any questions, [330.718.7134](tel:330.718.7134), if you want to help or you can just show up. Please be there on Thursdays by 4:15 pm. The meals goes fast and we are usually done by 5:30 pm but we have fed many people in that time. Thank you!! Many Blessings, *Patrice*

School Supplies~~~~ We are having on ongoing collections of school supplies until the end of September, so if you would like to donate, please place them on the table in Wesley Hall! Thank you so much for all you do for our church!

SIDE NOTE: Some of you have asked when we will be moving back to the Sanctuary, well that's not my call but..... I want to stay in the Chapel as long as we can. So as of right now I foresee us staying in the Chapel until at least Christmas. We are small but still mighty, I love how we are as I say "nice and cozy" in the Chapel and sound beautiful when singing. Any questions, just let me know. *Thanks, Patrice*



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	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	
Niles Com. Pantry Items: pancake/waffle/ baking mix						
		1 Quilters 10:00 am	2 AA 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Bob Kish	3	4	5 Kyle Jones
6 Coffee 9:30 Service Rebecca Hanks	7 OFFICE CLOSED 	8 Quilters 10:00 am	9 AA 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	10	11	12 Dakota hafely
13 Coffee 9:30 Service Steve Disco Arya Duncan	14	15 Quilters 10:00 am	15 Bible Study 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Audrey John	17	18	19 Joy Allen
20 Coffee 9:30 Service Amy Anos 11:30 International Dinner	21	22 Quilters 10:00 am	23 Bible Study 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	24 Alexa Erwin	25	26
27 Coffee 9:30 Service Megan Heath Danielle Miles	28 Janel Toth	29 Quilters 10:00 am	30 Sierra Medve Bible Study 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm			

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