



November, 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

When paramedics were called to Milton's home out in the countryside, they arrived in time to administer CPR and then get him to a MedFlight that whisked him to a Columbus hospital to Coronary Intensive Care. His wife, Wanda, was very, very grateful to all who saved her husband's life. A local news reporter interviewed Wanda and Milt and the paramedics. When have you expressed gratitude to someone? Your heart is warmed by the giving and the heart of the recipient is warmed by receiving.

A recent devotional "A Daily Encouraging Word" said how easily we are distracted from the true love of Jesus who told us to love God and love our neighbors. Instead of being self-righteous and judgmental, we are called to be "**paramedics of God's grace and mercy.**"

Did you ever think of yourself as a paramedic for God? We are grateful when trained medical personnel save our loved ones. Do we express our gratitude to those who show us patience and understanding, who take time to listen, who correct us when we are taking the wrong road and who give us forgiveness when we mess up?

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change, but Spirit led,

Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead. (Hymn # 320)

On **November 3** we will be welcoming our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Galloway Presbyterian Church. Show them the Westminster Hospitality – just as they welcomed us on World Communion Sunday!

Whatever the results of Election Day, will you be a "paramedic of God's grace and mercy" with your neighbors, family and friends?

Blessings, in the love of Christ,

Pastor Jon, Gap Pastor

This year on **All Saints Sunday**, November 3rd, we will be remembering church members and family members who have died in the past year. We will celebrate the lives of those who have now entered the Life Triumphant. Our Worship Committee will invite family members to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one. During the service, anyone else may come forward to light a candle. If you would like a family member listed and/or to light a candle for them, please see Pastor Jon, or email him at highpocketsjtc@yahoo.com. This service will be in place of the Blue Christmas service that has been held in the past.

Report from the Deacons

We are handling the luncheon on November 3rd after the All-Saint's Day Service. This is a joint service with Galloway Presbyterian Church, and this gives Westminster the opportunity to act as host. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you want to bring a dish to share.

We accepted Pam Johnston's resignation from the Deacons with regrets. Her health is making it hard for her to participate fully and we will miss Pam's input and contributions. We are praying for better health and good test results for Pam.

We are trying new restaurants for the 3rd Tuesday of the Month Luncheons. We are eating at Tres Potrillos on Galloway Road this month. Please plan on joining us at 11:30. Reservations are not required.

We handed out information about Westminster's Upcoming Events at Trunk or Treat. There are copies available at the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to pass them out to your friends and family.

SAVE the DATES

EVERYONE is INVITED to WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trunk or Treat – Oct ~~31st~~^{30th} – 2 – 3:30 P.M. – *Moved to Wednesday*

All Saint's Day Service and luncheon – November 3 at 10:30 A.M.

Live Nativity – Friday, December 6th from 2-4 P.M

- Stop by and hear the Christmas Story.

Christmas Harp Concert – Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 P.M.

- Join us as Abigail Batchelor plays Christmas selections on the Harp. Light refreshments will be served.

Christmas Eve Service – Tuesday, December 24th 3 P.M

- Get the true meaning of the Season and still be home in time for supper and all those last-minute preparations.

Thank you to everyone who continues to act as our “unofficial” Deacons. We can't be successful without you.

Blessings,

Carol, Joyce, Pam and Jim

Hangin' of the Greens

The first day of Advent is December 1st. We will want to decorate the sanctuary the week of Thanksgiving. Trent and Melinda will string the lights and get the decorations out sometime in the afternoon after the November 24th service. Please let us know if you can decorate one area of the church, there are some of you who already do certain parts of this. You can come on your own time during the week. ~ Thank you!

Property

Let me tell you a Property story.....

"The Roof"

There once was a little church that sat at the corner of Schoolhouse Lane and Amesbury Way. One day the Admin committee informed the Property committee that the property insurance with our current insurance company was going to almost double our rates. So Admin started looking for new insurance quotes and after talking with 3 new insurance companies no one wanted to bid for insurance coverage for this little church on the corner of Schoolhouse Lane and Amesbury Way. The reason they stated was "You have too many roofing issues that need repairs and a few missing roofing tiles". These companies just provided a flat "No" with no chance to mitigate our roofing repairs and have them re-bid. Well, instead of contacting one more company that would just tell us "No thanks" Property moved forward with contacting a roofing repair company to get the roof fixed in hopes it would satisfy the next company we ask to provide a bid. In the mean time a section of the steeple sheet metal blew off the steeple in a big wind storm. We added that to the roof repair company's repair list. After a few weeks and months of scheduling and working around the summer weather they were finally able to get on the roof to make the repairs to the roof and steeple. Property informed Admin that the roof is in good repair now and to move forward with contacting new insurance companies to try to get a better insurance rate. In the mean time we are paying the "almost double" insurance rate unfortunately. More of the story to come...

Thanks, Property Committee

Current assistance request - Live Nativity

It's that time of the year again for the Live Nativity. We are having it on Friday December 6 from 2-4. We chose this time, so when the kids get out of school they can come over and see the Nativity. We also want to pass out flyers telling of all of our activities at Church during the Holiday season.

Now your part will be to sign up to play one of our characters. Since it's earlier in the day it will be warmer...haha....well work with me at least it will be daylight hours. We will post the sign-up sheet in November, if you want a certain part let me know! And after we are all cleaned up we will meet in the kitchen for dinner.

Thanks,

~ Karen, Jim and Linda Witten

FALL COAT DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has brought in coats for the Capital City Helping Hands Coat Drive. You may have noticed that the coat rack in the Sanctuary choir area has been filling up. At last count, there were over 35 coats there and when added to the collections from other churches and individuals there will be fewer cold students this year.


Blessings,

Jim Benney

Service Format Changes

I am sure you have all notice that we no longer are using slides in the service and are now relying on bulletins for all your content. There is a good reason for this and it addresses two issues with running slides. The first is that it takes at least 2 hours each week to create slides in addition to the bulletin. The second is that it takes a lot more technical coordination to run slides while aiming the camera and recording the service. It is much easier to point the camera for the service than to switch viewing from slide to camera continually during the service. It was decided to keep things simple to reduce frustration, work and time by dropping the slides in the service. We make sure that all the content is in the bulletin and hymnals. ~ Melinda Rowe, Worship Committee

New You Tube Channel

Reminder, you can watch past services of Westminster by clicking on the link from your email for that week's service. You can also go to the Westminster website at www.westminstercolumbus.org and look under the "services" tab. There you will see a link to the service.  Website is down until further notice.

Galloway Presbyterian events

Tuesday, November 12th – See Ya Tuesday Dinner Group meets at Average Joes, 1515 Hilliard-Rome Road, Hilliard, OH 43288

Wednesday, November 13th – Women's Lunch at Bob Evans in Georgesville Square 12:30 p.m.

FROM THE NOOK

Hallmark movies firmly plant the Christmas season in our heads in October, and depending on your shopping habits, it might be time to think about those stocking stuffers. Many good books were published during the summer, and two of them are suggested for giving or receiving,

THE LOST BOY OF SANTA CHIONIA By Juliet Grames Historical Fiction

Santa Chionia is a fictional village in the real area of Calabria, Italy. It is located in the tip of the toe of that country, and its residents are not considered Italian by most of Italy. They speak Greco and their ancestors came across the Ionian Sea. Isolation best describes this rugged territory— isolation caused by neglect by the Italian government, and isolation which is somewhat self-imposed. The time period is 1950s to 1960. WWII bombing damaged the hills and mountains so much that spring rains caused flooding and erosion of natural waterways. Poverty is extreme. It is an area for goat raising, and residents are shepherds. Francesca, a young American, is sent there by a charity organization to establish a preschool for young children. Medical attention, as well as health education, is on the agenda. The story begins with the discovery of a body—long buried under the post office—and Francesca is determined to find its identity. She is soon caught up in the woes of women looking for missing men (sons or husbands), and the pressures of dealing with a culture so opposed to her own. Crime abounds, but who are the villains?? This is a compelling read, and also an educational one, as most readers will not be acquainted with the heritage of that region. An excellent choice for a gift to be given or received.

AN ASIDE The World Atlas with a detailed map of Italy lay next to the reading chair. Thanks to the internet I learned about the current issues and geography of this area. The author's grandmother was born in Calabria in 1920, so her background information is authentic.

YOU ARE HERE By David Nicholls Fiction

Go north from Italy and hop across the "Channel" to England. Here you will meet up with two individuals joining a small group to hike across England on

the famous Coast to Coast Path. Both are going through a divorce, are stuck in their own glum ruts, and have been urged and nagged to get out and DO SOMETHING!!! Michael is a geography teacher and geologist. His life is in the wind, water and sand. Marnie is a copy editor whose world exists among the paragraphs and pages written by someone else. They join the group, begin the hike, and the rain begins. One by one other members of this hiking party depart for home. Michael is determined to finish. Will Marnie continue???

This is a fun filled, non-thought-provoking story, which will put a smile on your face and even have you searching for a poncho. Descriptions of the landscape are accurate—and so is the rain. Thoroughly delightful!!!!

Carolyn Moore

Through The Eyes of a Dummy

By Diane Lynn Trout

My husband Jim and I were doing our normal weekend ritual, hitting as many garage sales as possible. It was a hot summer morning and we were excited to see an old house with antiques spread out under the tall shade trees.

We walked up to the house then we split up and went in different directions. I like looking for reverse paintings and old planters and Jim likes old toys, trains and knives.

Jim was drawn to an old box of toys, and looking out of the top of the toy box was an old ventriloquist dummy with the name Simon on his shirt. The little dummy seemed to be calling as if to say, "Hey mister, do you see me?" Somehow Simon was drawing Jim in. He picked up Simon and tried to get his mouth to work, it would not open and close. He looked at Simon and studied him trying to find out what was wrong with him. Jim had a strong feeling that the ventriloquist dummy was saying, "Buy me, help me, I still have a lot of good years left". At least that is what Jim told me.

I was paying for my items and I saw Jim coming and he was smiling from ear to ear. He said, "I bought this little dummy and his name is Simon". I thought he was a little nuts but I hadn't seen my husband look so happy all summer. The summer had been so hot and we stayed in a lot and Jim seemed a little bored.

We climbed into the truck and Simon sat between us. Jim hit a pothole and Simon's arm flipped up and landed on Jim's arm. We look at each other and didn't say much, the rest of the trip; it was a little spooky.

We sat Simon on the sofa and I didn't think any more about him; well I have to admit I did lay him down and covered him with the blanket that came with him. I wondered what had happened to me that I felt I needed to do this?

The next day Jim said there is a doll hospital in Canal Winchester at the Doll Museum and he wanted to take Simon there to be fixed. We looked at the doll and his big blue eyes were looking at us as to say "Yea! They are going to make me good as new." I waved as they left the driveway.

A few days, later they called from the doll hospital and said they had some bad news. They couldn't fix Simon because his head was hard and they just worked on soft heads. Jim picked up Simon and brought him home. He said he would do it himself. I believed there was nothing he couldn't do so I knew he would find a way to fix him. He drew it on paper how he was going to do it.

Jim fixed Simon with out any damage to the doll. His mouth worked as Jim moved it up and down. I was busy in the kitchen and I heard this strange conversation going on. I walked in and Simon sounded like the old ventriloquist dummy, Charley McCarthy.

Needless to say Jim worked up a routine for our grandchildren and some neighbor kids. Simon will probably just be here for the summer and then go to an auction or yard sale next summer.

The point of all of this seems to me that whether you are an old toy or older adult there is plenty of life left to laugh and give joy to others.

November 2024

October SUN 27

MON 28

TUE 29

WED 30

THU 31

FRI Nov 1

SAT 2

● 10:30am Hybrid Wc

● 1pm Book Discussio

● 7pm SDA-Sanctuar

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● 9am SDA - 9 to 1

Trunk or Treat @ moved to church 2pm Wed 30

November 3

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Galloway church is joining
Pot Luck to follow Service
The Lord's Supper

● 4:30pm Deacon Me

● 7pm SDA-Sanctuar

● 9am SDA - 9 to 1

● 5pm SDA

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11:30 - Congregation
● 10am Fellowship Tl
● 10:30am Hybrid Wc

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● 7pm SDA-Sanctuar

● 9am SDA - 9 to 1

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● 10:30am Hybrid Wc

● 11:30am Lunch Bun
@ Tres
Portillos on
Galloway Rd

● 4pm Session (Hybr
● 7pm SDA-Sanctuar

● 9am SDA - 9 to 1

● 5pm SDA

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Thanksgiving Day

Decorate church - your own time during this week for Advent

Understanding Perspectives of Older Adults with High Blood Pressure

What is the purpose of this research study?

The purpose of this research study is to understand the perspectives of older adults about their experience with high blood pressure and their opinions about options to receive healthcare outside of an in-person appointment.



Designed by Freepik

What does this study involve?

- A one-on-one phone interview
- The interview will take 20-30 minutes and will be audio recorded
- Participants will receive a \$35 gift card by mail or email

Am I eligible?

- Adults age 65 years or older
- Diagnosis of high blood pressure or hypertension



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