

NOVEMBER 2024

November 1 *All Saint's Day*

November 2 Official Board Meeting 8:00

am - Don't Forget to Turn your Clocks

BACK One Hour. Daylight Savings Time

Begins Sunday, November 3rd

November 3 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am - Make Up Date for

Pictures for New Pictorial Phone

Directory

November 5 *Election Day*

November 10 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am - Trustee Budget

Meeting after worship service

November 11 *Veterans Day* Church

Office Closed

November 16 Drive-Thru Pork Chop

Event at the Agle Farm 11:00am-1:00pm

(see news article for more details)

November 17 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am

November 18 DECEMBER Call Deadline

November 24 *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Worship Service & Sunday School

9:30 am

November 26 Call Collators 11:00 am

November 28 *Thanksgiving Day*

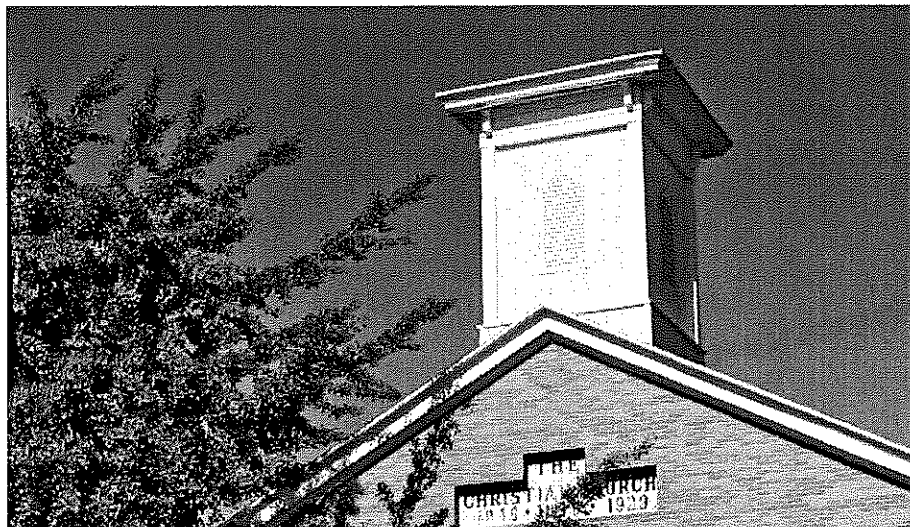
November 29 Church Office Closed

November 30 Hanging of the Greens and

Christmas Decorating at the Church at

9:00 am

PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST The Church Call



BOARD OF OUTREACH 2024 Fourth Quarter Mission The Mission Focus for November—December

Collection of Food Items - Hats, Mittens & Socks
Christmas Adopt-A-Family

FINANCIAL

NEWS

For the month ending

September 30th 2024:

September Income to expense ratio was 125.8% and the January through September income to expense was 94.8%.

This congregation supports all the missions of the church: Financial, with donations to benefit all the many special projects, and with their time and talents. We appreciate all the wonderful support provided.

A detailed report of the Church expenses, by month, is always posted on the church bulletin board outside of the pastor's office. Your generous and regular financial support makes it possible for our church to do great things for our members, our neighbors, our community and our world. Thank you for all YOU do as we walk together loving and serving our Lord and Savior.

We are asking for congregation assistance with the food collection. The collection for the canned and dry food items begins in October. You may bring your food items in and place them in the container that will be provided in the hallway area.

Please place your hats, mittens & socks in the container marked for them as well.

The "Spirit of the Giving Trees" with the tag system will be used this year for the Adopt-A-Families Project.

Watch for the placement of the "Giving Trees" in the upcoming weeks ahead.

The Board of Outreach will also be leaving other totes in the hallway for collections of other items throughout the year.

Those totes will be labeled as follows:

Soup Kitchen (paper products only) - Toiletries/Hygiene
and School Supplies

If you are out shopping and find a sale on any of these items, you can now bring them to the church at anytime. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

PLEASE cash any expense-reimbursement checks from the church in a timely manner. Checks that have not been cashed for two or three months make record keeping more difficult. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2024, a sign-up sheet has been posted in the front hallway for your convenience. In past years, we have had live flowers on the altar nearly every Sunday. You may wish to provide flowers in memory of loved ones, to commemorate a special

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to volunteer to be Ushers or Greeters on Sunday mornings. The church is also in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School classes and be with the little ones in the Nursery during worship service time. If you are interested, please contact Joanna Rittenhouse. Thank you.

Church Contributions: We understand that there still may be concerns about gatherings and attending worship service. If you are unable to attend worship service in person, you may mail your contributions to - **Mike Judy - 8439 Whitridge Road, South Charleston OH 45368** Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

Finding Faith

Can you believe it? Already we are bumping up against the holiday season. For a number of years, Trey and I would always say "when things slow down, we will (insert some form of rest or vacation)..." This thought that somewhere down the line life would be less busy always brought us comfort. After the birth of our first child, we were overheard at church using this common line. A dear friend whose own children were grown and out of the house, gently tapped us on our shoulders and said "Life doesn't ever slow down. It always seems to speed up, like a ball rolling down a hill."

Unfortunately, I have to say that she was right. Each year seems to pick up the pace, and it seems like holiday season only presses more firmly on the accelerator. So I thought that today I might entice you to "slow your roll" if only for a brief moment. Appreciate the color of the leaves while they still hang onto their branches. Ecclesiastes tells us that "*to everything there is a season,*" so let us linger in this one before diving headlong into the next.

Pastor Faith

Picture Make-Up Day for the new Pictorial Church Phone Directory

If you missed the picture session on Sunday, October 6th, a make-up date has been scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd. Pictures will be taken a few minutes before worship service and again after worship service. Thank you!

Mark your calendar, on Saturday, November 30th, the hanging of the greens and Christmas decorating will be done at the church at **9:00 am**. Everyone is welcome to come and help. Let us be joyful as we begin the Christmas season and the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth.

Invitation

A poem by Mary Oliver

Oh do you have time to linger
for just a little while
out of your busy
and very important day
for the goldfinches
that have gathered
in a field of thistles
for a musical battle,
to see who can sing
the highest note,
or the lowest,
or the most expressive of mirth,
or the most tender?
Their strong, blunt beaks
drink the air
as they strive
melodiously not for your sake
and not for mine
and not for the sake of winning
but for sheer delight and gratitude –
believe us, they say,
it is a serious thing
just to be alive
on this fresh morning
in this broken world.
I beg of you,
do not walk by
without pausing to attend to this
rather ridiculous performance.
It could mean something.
It could mean everything.
It could be what Rilke meant, when he wrote:
You must change your life.



KIDS HOPE MENTORING PROGRAM

Volunteers are still needed for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of this wonderful mentoring program. If you are interested now is the time to sign up. You would be mentoring a child in the South Vienna Northeastern Elementary School just one hour each week. The impact that you would have on a small child and the memories that this child would have for a live time are truly amazing. What a wonderful feeling you would have knowing that you were helping this child as they learn and grow. If you would like to learn more about this program or become a volunteer, please contact Jeanne Troxell or Mitzi Holloway. Volunteers are greatly needed.



Thank you!

FAIR CHOPS Saturday, November 16th 2024

This year's Drive Thru Pork Chops Event will be held at Bill & Polly Agle's Farm (993 South Urbana Lisbon Road) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The new Agle barn will be used as the hub for the cooking and distribution.

The planning committee for this event is as follows: Bill Agle, Jeanne Troxell, Debbie Bell, Amy Zimmerman, and Joanna Rittenhouse.

Many other volunteers will be needed on the day of the event.

The boneless pork chops will cost \$8.00 each. Your orders may be placed now by calling **326-213-5527**.

The last day to order the pork chops is Tuesday, November 12th.

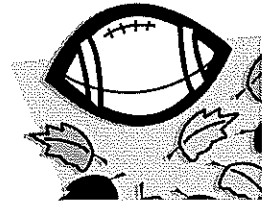
South Vienna Church will be selling their Homemade ice cream as well.

If you should have any questions regarding this event, please phone the church and leave a message.

Dear Plattsburg United Church of Christ

On behalf of Northeastern Elementary School, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donations. Your support will make a meaningful difference in so many students lives, and we truly appreciate your commitment to helping our school community.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Northeastern Elementary School



REMINDER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday, November 2nd.



We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Daily Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for showering us with blessings in all life's circumstances.
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, With humble hearts, we come before You today, overflowing with gratitude for the precious gift of life You have bestowed upon us.

We thank You for the breath that fills our lungs, the beating of our hearts, and the intricate workings of our bodies.

In every sunrise that graces the horizon and every sunset that paints the sky, we see Your handiwork and marvel at Your infinite creativity.

Lord, we acknowledge that life is a precious and fragile gift, not to be taken for granted. Help us cherish each moment, embrace the opportunities that come our way, and live with purpose and intention.

May we seek Your guidance in every step and find joy in the simplest blessings.

Amen.

Anonymous

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A Challenging situation can be a gift from God.

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, OH 45368

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 10-22-2024
Church Phone 937-568-4102
Church E-Mail Plattsburgucc@gmail.com
Mitzi Holloway - Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-11:00 am

DEVOTIONAL LIFE BOOKLETS Devotional Life Booklets (The Upper Room) will be placed in a rack in the front hall for anyone who would like one. If you would like one delivered to your home or to someone in a Nursing Facility, please call the Church Office and let us know. **(937-568-4102)**

OCTOBER 2024 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 22	37
September 29	36
October 6	32
October 13	41
October 20	37

MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Board of Outreach
2024 Fourth Quarter Mission
October - November - December

Collection of Food Items - Hats, Mittens & Socks - Christmas Adopt-A-Family
(See Newsletter article for more details)

FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS AT: Plattsburgucc@gmail.com or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox or call the church and leave a message