

November 2025

# LIFELINE



**Matthew 25 Ministries (M25M) Donation Collection Bin**—It arrived Oct. 10th and is located in the Lower Parking Lot near Highview Dr. Acceptable donations are clothing, household linens, shoes, and new underwear or socks in original packaging. It's asked that all donations be bagged up to make gathering donations easier. M25M volunteers will monitor and empty the bin as needed.

## October 2025 Highlights

**Trunk or Treat**—This was a joint event on Oct. 25th with the Montessori school. It was fun for all with smiles all around. There were 12 decorated cars passing out treats to the approximately 60 kids that came by. There was music to make a real party atmosphere. Delicious food was available from Freddie's Burgers and Franks.







## CLERK'S CORNER

### October 19, 2025 Session Recap

Pastor Joe opened with prayer and thanked Diane for providing lunch. Julie Brown was named as acting Clerk for the day in Kathleen's absence. A quorum was present. The Session watched a video at the beginning of the meeting. The subject was "Observing Pastoral Boundaries." All Session members are required to watch the videos and reported to the Presbytery as completed.

### Session approved/accepted:

- the September 21 meeting minutes.
- the current membership roll total of 81 with the loss of Barb Bush.
- reviewed and accepted the financial report for the period 01/01/25 through 09/30/25. Total expenses were \$160,204.14 while our income during the same period was \$134,135.10 for a net loss of \$26,069.04.
- the next Session meeting on November 16 following worship. Kim Sellers will provide lunch.

### Information received:

Pastor Joe provided updates on his pastoral duties.

### Committee Reports:

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CLS: Trunk or Treat will be held on October 25 in the lower parking lot. A food truck will be present also. An Ugly Christmas Sweater luncheon will be held on December 14.

Operations: The Property Committee is meeting to discuss future plans for cleaning and maintenance issues. A company has been hired to clean and wax the floors in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen, to include the hallways leading to those areas. They are accepting quotes for carpet cleaning in the lower Narthex and Lounge.

Personnel: The Presbytery has suggested a 2.7% raise for all Pastors. Personnel will finalize the budget during next month's Session Meeting.

Julie Brown  
Acting Clerk of Session

## A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

Welcome to late fall/early winter! The family and I have been staying in more these past couple of days/weeks since its been colder in the evenings and a little rainier. There have been several contractors in the building lately - have you seen the floors in the basement Fellowship Hall and kitchen? They are clean and shiny! It took two days to clean and rewax the floors and they look beautiful. Next in line, the carpet in the Lounge and new Narthex will be cleaned. Art Myers is getting estimates now. There was a new bladder put in the boiler by Advanced Mechanical just in time for the chillier days and colder nights. They are also preparing to replace one of our air handlers and compressor as soon as parts come in. Trunk or Treat was a BIG SUCCESS again this year. Started during COVID when children were not able to get out trick or treating, it has grown every year and is one of our favorite events. It was hard to tell who was enjoying it more—about the 60 kids in costumes who came by or the big kids passing out treats from the 12 cars! Last year's addition of a food truck (Freddy's Burgers and Franks) was such a big hit, we invited them back this year. The final free lunch of 2025 was served at the Senior Center - taco soup, cheesy cornbread and lemon cake. The attendees are looking forward to the New Year when we start back up. Don't forget there will be a special Community Thanksgiving Service on November 23rd at 2:00 pm. We are proud that other churches in the community will be able to see our beautifully decorated church since we are Hanging the Greens that morning after our service. We have a lot to be thankful for, count your blessings and Thank God every day! ~Ecclesial Mouse



**Stewardship 2025**—Thanks to all who have already submitted a pledge to support the good works of our church in 2026. We hope to surpass the \$98,382 pledged for 2025 from 31 pledge cards. We rely on donations for all the operating expenses of our church. It is our church where people of faith come together, donating their time and money to be present in our community and open to new ways of discipleship. It is our church where people of faith come together, seeking to understand God's will for us through the Holy Spirit and carrying out the good works that we are called to do. Please consider how you can support the good works of our church and complete a 2026 pledge card for dedication on Nov. 9th.



## Happy Birthday!

**Nov**    **4** Lloyd Gehring  
             **5** Joyce Hazlett  
**10** Chris Eubel  
             Hsi-Han Yeh  
**13** Mallorie Ferguson  
**22** Paul Keller  
**27** Rena Leatherman  
             Karen Parli  
**29** Andrew Raschid  
**30** Colleen Gooray



## Thank You!

With an anonymous donation from one of the generous members of our congregation, the floor in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen are clean and shiny! The Property Committee had a company come in to strip the old wax, do a deep cleaning, and apply new wax to the floor. This new look leaves a welcoming feeling for us and the community groups that use these areas.

## Service of Thanksgiving Sunday Nov. 23rd

Congregations of the Miami Valley Presbytery are invited to our church at 2:00 pm to worship with us in a special Thanksgiving service. We welcome guests to join us in giving thanks for our blessings and times of fellowship with new and old friends.



## Hanging of the Greens Sunday Nov. 23rd

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent Season immediately after worship on November 23rd. We would appreciate as many people as possible to join in to help make this a fun and easy task. Please see Shelda for more information.



## 2025 Family Christmas Project

We received the names of two families this year for our Angel Tree Family Christmas Project. Watch the tree in the Lower Narthex for tags with gift needs. Please help us support these families and bring joy to them during the holiday season. Please watch the Midweek Update and bulletins for information updates. Please see Maryann with any questions.



## Save the Date— Sunday Dec. 14th Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Join us for lunch immediately after worship for “Ugly Christmas Sweater Day”. Prizes for sweaters will return! More info to come.



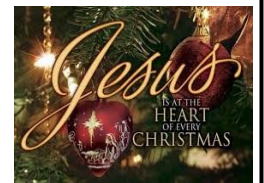
## Children’s Time Food Collection Sunday Nov. 16th

The children will be going through the sanctuary during “Time with Pastor Joe” to collect food items from the congregation for our pantry missions. The items collected will be divided between the School Pantry and the Little Free Pantry. Please bring one food item that day and keep it with you until the children come around to collect it. The children will see how thankful we are for our many blessings and how we share what we have with others.



## Christmas Card Crusade

We are going to do our Christmas Card Crusade again this December where we take signed cards to Senior Living Facilities. Please sign as many Christmas cards as you can but do not address them or seal the envelope. We will collect the cards you sign and then package 2 or 3 with a ribbon and candy cane for the staff to hand out to the residents. Please watch the December Life-line for more information.



## Christmas Cards for Our Church Family

We will set out bins beginning December 1st on the tables in the Lower Narthex where you can leave Christmas cards for people in the congregation. You can leave cards there without sending them through the U.S. Post Office. Please check the bins regularly for cards to you.



# November 2025

| Sun                                                                                           | Mon                                                      | Tue    | Wed                                          | Thu    | Fri | Sat   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
|                                                                                               |                                                          |        |                                              |        |     | 1<br> |
| 2<br>10:15 am<br>Worship with<br>Communion                                                    | 3<br>1:00 pm<br>Hope Circle—<br>Lounge                   | 4<br>  | 5<br>2:00 pm<br>Cornerstone<br>Class—Lounge  | 6      | 7   | 8     |
| 9<br>10:15 am<br>Worship                                                                      | 10                                                       | 11<br> | 12<br>2:00 pm<br>Cornerstone<br>Class—Lounge | 13     | 14  | 15    |
| 16<br>10:15 am<br>Worship<br>11:30 Session<br>Meeting<br>11:30 Deacon's<br>Meeting            | 17<br>10:15 am<br>Matthew 25<br>Ministries<br>Field Trip | 18     | 19<br>2:00 pm<br>Cornerstone<br>Class—Lounge | 20     | 21  | 22    |
| 23<br>10:15 am<br>Worship<br>11:15 am<br>Hanging Greens<br>2:00 pm<br>Thanksgiving<br>Service | 24<br>Lifeline<br>Articles Due                           | 25     | 26<br>No Corner-<br>stone Class              | 27<br> | 28  | 29    |
| 30<br>10:15 am<br>Worship<br>                                                                 |                                                          |        |                                              |        |     |       |

**SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS**

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be given to the Fairborn School Pantry. You can leave items in the bins in the narthex. If you need help with shopping or with pick-up and delivery, just let me know. I'll be happy to help.

Linda Hartsock

School Pantry Coordinator



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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Pasta Noodles                      | Oatmeal                      | Crackers          |
| Pasta Sauce                        | Pancake Mix (add water only) | Snacks            |
| Ravioli (Can or individual)        | Pancake Syrup                | Canned Vegetables |
| Soup                               | Poptarts                     | Juice             |
| Rice and Noodle Mixes              | Nuts                         | Paper Towels      |
| Mac and Cheese (Box or individual) | Pudding                      | Toilet Paper      |
| Tuna and Chicken cans              | Fruit cups                   | Shampoo/Cond.     |
| Vegetable Oil/Spray                | Peanut Butter                | Body Wash         |
| Cereal                             | Jelly                        | Feminine Hygiene  |
| Breakfast bars/muffins             |                              |                   |

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Choir Director: Shelda Cox

Director of Chancel Ringers: Rena Leatherman

**SESSION**

**Moderator:** Reverend Joe Hinds

**Clerk:** Kathleen Seewer

**Ruling Elders:** Julie Brown, Linda Hartsock, Dixie Jenkins, Art Myers,  
Kathleen Seewer, David Sellers, Kim Sellers, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

Articles for next month's *Lifeline* need to be in the office by November 24th.

There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*  
in the lower narthex if you want to pick one up.

Please let the office know of any meetings that you have scheduled in the church building  
so that we can maintain an accurate calendar and answer questions as folks call.