

Pathways November 2023



WELCOME

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Worship Opportunities <u>Sundays:</u> 10:00 AM Traditional Worship in Sanctuary



Sunday, November 26th - Hanging of the Greens will take place during worship. A sign–up sheet is in the Narthex if you would like to hang a wreath in the Sanctuary. Sign up sheets will be available very soon for Advent Readings on Sunday mornings.



For an electronic version of newsletter please visit our website: www.journeyccc.com There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to help. A meeting for Breakfast with Santa will be held on Wednesday, November 15th, at 6 PM. Meeting is not mandatory.

Pastor Words of Wisdom

We are entering probably the busiest time of the Church year, now that November is here.

In the next two months we have Memorial Sunday, Stewardship Month, Hanging of the Greens, Advent, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. I am out of breath just typing all of that!

With increased busyness can come an overwhelming sense of stress and panic and anxiety.

And I am speaking directly from experience as I look at our calendar ahead and worry about all that I have to get done to make sure these next few months go as smoothly as possible.

But I also know that when I am becoming overwhelmed with stress, I tend to shut down. I tend to curl up on the couch, close my eyes, and hope that everything magically disappears. Which, of course, it won't.

So rather than let myself fall into despair at my workload, I instead remind myself that it is okay to sometimes slow down, take a deep breath, and remind myself that it will be okay.

We as a society are almost built on the idea of being busy. How many times do people ask you how you are doing and you reply with some form of, "I have been so busy lately!" It's almost an expectation that people be busy, and it's some sort of warped badge of honor that we wear around.

But I am here to tell you that it's okay to not always be busy. Or, at the very least, to be busy but to take breaks amidst your busyness.

You working yourself to death isn't going to impress anyone or make you any better than anyone else. In fact, the only real outcome from that is to burn yourself out and no longer be able to do the important work you are called to do.

So I am not only asking, but also demanding that you slow down. Yes, there are going to be a lot of things you have to do coming up, especially around the holidays. But you also deserve (and NEED) time off.

Give yourself a break. Literally. Trust that the world will not fall apart if you give yourself the night off. Things will not crumble around you if you let yourself go on a walk, grab a drink, make a nice dinner, or do something fun and enjoyable.

We were not created to be busy, but to find joy in life. The holidays should be a time for joy and celebration and friendship and family.

Don't let your busyness get in the way. And the next time someone asks you how you're doing, I hope you share not how busy you are, but how much joy you've found lately.

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant Hand Soap Dishwashing Liquid Non-Perishable Foods Shampoo Toilet Paper Toothpaste Laundry Detergent Toothbrushes

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies





| 11/1 | Jason Hauer | | |
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| | Ed Roberts | | |
| | Patrick Woods | | |
| 11/2 | Estie Hutchison | | |
| | Angie Oaks | | |
| 11/3 | Mason Dahm | | |
| 11/7 | Todd Mittler | | |
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| 11/8 | Phyllis King |
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| 11/9 | Margaret Maybury |
| 11/12 | Mike Bartholomew |
| 11/13 | Chelsey Davis |
| 11/15 | Dot Kahle |
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| 11/17 | Missy Sauer |
| 11/19 | Marla Banks |
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| 11/20 | Julia Sprong |
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| 11/22 | Mike Iverson, Jr. |
| 11/23 | Jacob Sauer |
| 11/25 | Gerald Stegman |
| 11/27 | Joan Lewis |
| 11/29 | Nic Turner |
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11/30 Greg Marshall



- 12/2 Jess Hauer
- 12/4 Vicki Luke
- 12/5 Clare Brumfield 12/6 Melissa Holmes
- Debra Nungester
- 12/14 Ginny Murphy 12/22 Rommie Turner 12/23 Terry DuPriest 12/25 Joy Packer 12/26 Jesse McIlhaney
- 12/29 Lois Bates Louise Pitcher12/30 Debbie Hauer Bey Lewis

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Wm & Eileen ChurchAlice GraberSharon FrazierDiane GriswoldRuth HoewelerLynn HoffmanEmmett IzerNancy LanzaMelitta & John MarxBob RunkDave SchleutkerMarlene ShewardElaine SloanAnne TimmeRommie TurnerSharon WagnerDel Yung

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women The Country of Ukraine Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers Cities affected by any and all Violence Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Civil War in the Sudan Victims of Children Trafficking For Maui, Hawaii For Israel

Harry Archer LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister) Nola Apro Victoria Baumstead Bob Bechtold Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso Mike Burriss Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell Wm. Church Dee Derrick **Baby Dorian** Debbie Carrie Devine Jim Cobb Dorothy Dumford Carolyn Dykes Farlow Family Brian Drinnen Theo Gruber Michelle Henn Sue Gearv Allen Holmes Max, Brian's Stepmom's Grandson Harper Manning Dan Mc Donald Jackie Northrop Barb Nuckols Vicki Newport Jerry Oberjohann Bill Richards, Jr. Darlene Reed Rhonda Vicky Ritz Ed Ross Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Kari Shell Colleen Smith Karen Street Tom Schumm Chad Wilcocks Anne Vander Molen Ann Winkler Mike Woeste Linda Woods Paula Zellner Family of Travis Johnson Family of Charles Brown Family of Doris Dunn Family of Hannah Mikes

> Please keep the office informed when Names can be removed or need to be added

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| Worship Leaders | |
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| in November | |



Communion Servers in November



| 11/5/2023 | Judith Lewis-Combs | 11/5/2023 | Judith Lewis-Combs | Trudy Jester |
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| 11/12/2023 | Bobbie Compton | 11/12/2023 | Bobbie Compton | Lois Bates |
| 11/19/2023 | Vicki Celenza | 11/19/2023 | Vicki Celenza | Dee Iverson |
| 11/26/2023 | Jim Hutchison | 11/26/223 | Ben Sauer | Louise Pitcher |

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, November 26, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is an ever changing necessity for our members, friends of our members, and those on the prayer list. If you have placed someone on the prayer list, who is not a member of this church, and would like for them to receive a card from the church, please call the office and give to Anne the address of the person you would like to have a card sent to.

Our team of card writers will be happy to send a card to let them know the church is thinking about them and praying for them.

Information can be called in to Anne during office hours at 513-931-2205 or it can be emailed to her at office@journeyccc.com.

Thanks in advance!

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The newsletter deadline

for the December edition is Wednesday, November 15th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Starting in November, our weekly community dinners will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM





Dear friends at Journey CC, Thanks so much for your calls, cards and other well wishes for recovery after hip surgery, Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Hod Bless! Txride Woods

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link! https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link,

https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com, or you can also use the CR code below. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much, Finance Team



From Mt. Healthy Alliance

We would like to extend our profound gratitude to you for all of the time, love, and effort you have selflessly given to our organization to make our world a better place. Thank you for sharing your bright light, generous spirit, and helping us change lives.

With Many Thanks,

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Executive Director

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ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Halloween was so fun here at St. Paul Early Learning Center! The pre-k class made a haunted house out of boxes for the other classes to go through! There was so much creativity coming from our preschoolers with this project! All of our students were able to trick or treat through the building as Pastor Brian, Miss Anne, and Mr. Jim passed out treats! It was surely a great time!

The Halloween decorations have been put away and now on to Thanksgiving! The pre-k class had so much fun building our haunted house that we decided to make a Turkey for the month of November. The 2.5, 3, and 4 year old classes have also been busy making turkeys and learning what it means to be thankful.

This month, we celebrated Donuts with Dudes. The children invited their Dudes (Dad or Grandpa) to spend some time with us at school. We sang songs, played games, and of course ate donuts with our special guests!

Each week, our preschoolers are involved in Chapel Chat. This is a time carved out of our busy day to learn about the Bible and our wonderful God. It warms my heart as the children learn about their heavenly Father. The children are gifted with a children's Bible to take the word of God home with them. Last week, I received an email which was incredible! Here is what I received from a mom of one of our 4 year olds."This morning as I'm getting (child's name) ready for school, (child's name) asked me to hand him his Bible and that he wanted to read the next story. He told me about Adam and the snake. Thank you for all you do for our kids and I love that you do chapel chat with them! They listen!

Judy Staudigel Director

Pictures of the preschool decorations are on the next page!



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