



The Inn



HOUSING THE HOLY

You are welcome here this Christmas season! Join us each Sunday in Advent at 8:30am & 10:30am for our Advent series "The Inn", where we will explore the call to radical hospitality.



CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARK

This year we will hold two Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th.
One at 4:00pm - (*Family Service & Kids Christmas Program*)

And one at 11:00pm - (*Candlelight Service*).

On Sunday, December 26th, we will worship together at **one service at 9:00am.**

Would you help us tell the Christmas Story? All PreK-5th Grade students are invited to take part in this year's Christmas Program! **The program will take place on Christmas Eve (12/24) at the 4:00pm worship service.** We have speaking roles for narrators, and costumed roles for all the characters of the Christmas story! We will costume on Sunday, 12/12 during Sunday School at 9:30am, and we will practice on Sunday, 12/19 during Sunday School at 9:30am. Please sign up for the Christmas Program by contacting Youth & Family Life Director - Emily Hemminger at emilyinministry@gmail.com.



Sunday School - Preschool - Fifth Grade

We've been learning about Paul and how he continued to teach the gospel even though others did not believe him and wanted to harm him. But he trusted that God would protect him. Our big picture question has been, "When should we teach others about Jesus?" We should always tell others about Jesus, even when it is difficult. In December, our lessons will concentrate on Advent and the birth of Jesus.

There will be no Sunday school on December 26 or January 2.

Our offering mission: "The Beach House" - a family shelter that takes in entire families affected by homelessness. We will give a monetary donation or needed supplies.

A reminder that we will start promptly at 9:30am and end at 10:20am, so families can make it to our second church service, if they choose. Please drop off and pick up your children at the doors to our opening area downstairs. **Masks are required.** Our team members are: Tess Bourgeois, Megan Buehler, Jessica Kamelesky, Kristie Rife, and Leslie Welling. Our entire Sunday School Team wishes everyone a safe and joyous Holiday season!!

-Kim Kruse, Superintendent



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
*“Glory to the newborn King.
 Peace on earth and mercy mild;
 God and sinners reconciled.”*
 Joyful all ye nations rise.
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”
 (Charles Wesley, 1739)



Greetings! *Welcome* to a new church year. This is the year, we call “Year C” in the Revised Common Lectionary. The scripture readings we will hear in Worship Services will often be from the Gospel of Luke and some from the Gospel of John.

Welcome to the Season of Advent. This is when we wait for the coming of the Lord...as the infant Christ Child and His second coming too. We do this with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and often with the tradition in church of lighting the Advent candles each week.

Welcome to the journey to Bethlehem. This is when we focus on scripture with Mary and Joseph and Shepherds and Angels as we await Christmas Day.

And then...we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior and Lord...and as my grandchildren proclaim, “Happy Birthday Jesus!”

Welcome to learning about God’s LOVE. *LOVE came down on Christmas Day.* This is when we focus on God’s unconditional love for all of God’s children and God’s desire for us to LOVE and serve our neighbor. This is a time of caring and sharing and having grace with all folks around us for:

*God is love, and he who abides in love
 abides in God, and God abides in him.*

(1 John 4:16)

Christ is Born! Glory to the newborn King!
 Blessings, Pr. Cindy Ritter



FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT!

Enjoy a free Holiday Concert titled “A December to Remember” featuring pianist, Corey Pappas. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:00 P.M. at the Maumee Indoor Theater (601 Conant Street in Maumee, Ohio). Since the age of 5, Corey’s place has been behind the seat of a piano. Playing note after note, all while diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and being blind.

NEIGHBORHOOD GIVEAWAY ITEMS

Please remember our St. Mark Ministry as you clean out gently used blankets, sheets, and pillows. If possible, label with size. Drop your items off on the pew in the lobby.

Thank you! -Cathy Klewer



MITTENS, GLOVES, & HATS



It’s the Christmas season, and that means the temperature is dropping! We need your help collecting new (or gently used) mittens, gloves and hats. Please drop them off in the bin by the mittens, gloves, and hats tree in the lobby by the Welcome Desk. When it is full, I will deliver them to neighborhood schools for them to distribute to children in need.

Thank you! -Fred Hahn



BETTY SCHAEZKE age 90, died October 28th.
Interment at Fort Meigs Cemetery in Perrysburg, OH.

MERLIN "PETE" ZUNK age 88, died November 12th.



MEMORIALS

ROBERT ROE by Marcellus & Sandra Bodi.

ELSIE PFOUTS by Mark & Nancy Murphy.

MERLIN "PETE" ZUNK by Lillian Lager, Richard Soncrant, Jim & Carol Keeley, Jeff & Julie & Family, Tom & Cindy Ritter, Arnold & Barbara Brossia, Aryan & Cindy Mooss, Sue & Dave Baumhower, Rick & Connie Hoffman, Tim & Cheri Ellerbih, Ken & Diana Burkhart, Keith & Carol Soncrant, Janet Buschmann, Jan Livingston.



Wade Wertenbach
Charlotte Wertenbach
(Both on November 20th.)



MARRIED

Devin Gabella & Andrea King
On October 30th

Gabriel Yanez & Emily McLargin
On November 20th

FIRST COMMUNION

On November 7th - Chase Buehler, Mason Stutts, Ruby Novakowski, Leah Novakowski, Dylan Shimman, C.J. Harrison, Christopher Rife, Bella Ewersen all took first Communion.

NOVEMBER WEEKLY GIVING TOTALS

(Combined means that the counters skipped a week and combined that count with the next week)

11/1 - 11/5

Envelope Offerings: \$34,974
Simply Giving: \$5,826
Total: \$40,800

11/7 - 11/12

Envelope Offerings: \$7,036
Simply Giving: \$1,572
Total: \$8,608

11/14 - 11/19

Envelope Offerings: \$1,651
Simply Giving: \$3,460
Total: \$5,111

11/21 - 11/26

Envelope Offerings: \$8,557
Simply Giving: \$1,827
Total: \$10,384

Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget: \$7,383

Thank you



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

11/07: Early- 26 Late- 107 Total: 133
11/14: Early- 34 Late- 45 Total: 79
11/21: Early- 32 Late- 66 Total: 98
11/28: Early- 28 Late- 53 Total: 81