



Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

November, 2022 Rev. Darlene Robinson, Pastor

## Pastor's Front Page Message

Dear Wildare UMC Family,

The month of November is just filled with so many special dates of gratitude. We thank God for All Saints Sunday, 11/6/22, when we will remember our members who have passed away this time last year. They are Brittany Love and Lewis Passek. We are grateful and thankful for our Veterans. We will take time during our services on 11/13/22 to dedicate a new plaque recognizing their service to our country. We will also dedicate 2 new flags in the sanctuary at the 9 a.m. service on that day as well. Other themes that we may recognize and thank God for are focusing on Stewardship, Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving, United Methodist Student Day and the 1st Sunday in Advent. Yes, from 11/1/22 it will only be about 55 days until Christmas!

Depending upon which side of our vote for disaffiliation or not from the United Methodist Church you are on, may depend upon how grateful you are feeling now and into this holiday season, as well as, the new year 2023 that is also fast approaching. For those of you who don't know, the vote did pass for disaffiliation. However, as our District Superintendent, Rev. Edgar Brady reminded us, we are still a United Methodist congregation at least until July 1, 2023 if the vote is approved at the East Ohio Annual Conference in June of 2023.

Although some are rejoicing, some others are not and have either contemplated leaving the church, already left the church or are planning to leave at some point. This should not be new information because it was mentioned several times that things like this may happen either way the vote went. So we ask for compassion, knowing that others may not feel the way that you do and of course vice versa. However, even in the midst of change there may be a few new members joining soon. What the future will look like for all of us, I do not know but what I do know is that God is faithful, even when we are faithless. (2nd Timothy 2:13) For those that are staying or leaving, God will be with us all and we can be grateful for that during this month of gratitude. We may not be grateful for the situation that we are in but we can be grateful that we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who comforts us during difficult times. I hope that you take time to pray for each other, love one another, be kind to one another and be respectful to all as well.

Gospel artist, Rev. Marvin Winans sings a song called, "I Still Believe." Some of the lyrics are "I still believe in marriages made in heaven and that love will conquer all. I've been hurt, but not deceived, regardless to what has happened, I still believe...All things work together for my good. Oppositions comes against me, yet I proceed cause no matter what I'm facing, I still believe. Now remember that faith the size of a mustard seed has the potential of endless possibilities and if you'll just keep the faith the promise of a better day is guaranteed. I have been through enough to make me cynical, cold-hearted, mean and just disagreeable but I have chosen to believe in a happy day for me filled with miracles...That's why no matter what happens I still believe...Don't you ever stop believing, no matter what you're going through....Keep the faith, keep the faith. We're gonna make it, we're gonna make it, if we keep on hoping, I believe, I really do, I believe..." Whether you stay or leave, please keep your faith in Jesus and do all you can to win souls, as well as, make and mature disciples for Jesus Christ! Have a blessed and safe November! Count your blessings and be encouraged in Jesus!

*Pastor Darlene Robinson*

### Weekly Youth Activities:

11/6 4:00-6:00 in the Family Life Center  
11/13 4:00-6:00 in the Family Life Center  
11/20 4:00-6:00 in the Family Life Center  
11/27 4:00-6:00 in the Family Life Center

### Thank You Trunk or Treat/Food Truck Party

Thank you to all who participated in our trunk or treat event! We had approximately 90 children attend! The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and awesome food from the food trucks!

### Children's Sunday School

Sunday School  
Every Sunday from 10:10-10:50  
Ages 4-17 in The Connector  
Come and learn about the Armor of God

### Youth Group Help

Please let Barb Waldman know if you are interested in helping with Youth Group this fall. Email-Wildarebw@gmail.com

### Children's Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18 during a **COMBINED 10:30am worship service** in the Family Life Center. Practices will be every Sunday starting on November 6 through Sunday, December 11.

Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00am. If you want your child/children to participate in this year's program, please make sure they are here for the practices and rehearsal!! Contact Trish Shafer with any questions.



*Children's  
Christmas  
Program*

### Thanksgiving Baskets for Rocket Fuel

Grab a post-it or two, purchase items, return by November 15th to bless local families in need of a Thanksgiving dinner.

### Jr. Church Schedule 4 years-Grade 5 for October:

Children's Christmas program practice begins November 6 and will be every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. until the program on December 18. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 17, 9-11:00 a.m.

Contact Trish Shafer with any questions.

### Upward Basketball

We will be starting the Upward basketball program again. Any one who wants to help, participate, or coach please see Dean Kappas

This is for boys and girls Kindergarten-5th grade

Contact Dean with any questions:

deanbev52@aol.com



Have you ever wondered if STEM and Religion can be combined?

Well, the answer is YES.

Come and try some Bible Stories with STEM activities and challenges. Wednesday evenings at 6:00-8:00 for children in 2nd-6th grade. Please RSVP to Barb Waldman if your child is interested.

wildarebw@gmail.com or call  
(330) 637-5000.



### Rocket Fuel

I am writing in hopes that I can count on your support again this year for our Thanksgiving boxes. We have 105 children receiving food each week at the elementary school so I expect the Thanksgiving box opt in to be higher than in the past. Please know that I am incredibly grateful for your monetary support but also for your prayers for our school and program. Many volunteers have grown weary from exhaustion, overextending themselves and the sheer size of the need. Please know that Rocket Fuel is truly grateful for the community's support.

Ms. Kim Cleer  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Maplewood Elementary School

### **Wildare Walkers**

Meet Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the Family Life Center @ 8:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The next prayer breakfast will be on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00am in the FLC

**Wednesday evening Bible Study** is held at 6:30 p.m. in the connector. Join us!

### **Please Pray For:**

Shirley M., Cody, Kailee & their unborn baby, Isaiah & Lauren pregnancy complications at 19 weeks, Dave P., 7 yr old boy with bone infection in leg, Virginia W., Missy, Casey, Judy F., Judy S., Jennifer, Martha Z., Pastor Jim M., Jerry W., Jackie M., Eleanor, Bob & Kathy Y., Lisa Y., Leo P., Winnie (2 yr old with Leukemia), Lives lost and situation in Eastern Africa; Eryn - 2 yr old, Jill, Rose Ann, Lee, Cindy, Mone, a friend of Lori Campbell, John C., family in Columbus who lost a loved one, Al A. & son Timothy A., Karen, Dominic attacked by 5 dogs, Dave W. fell out of a tree stand and was injured, John C., extreme flooding, Clint & Kathy, John C., Steve, Tim, Family of Melvin, Pat R., Niki, Jim B., Florida and hurricane victims, Ukraine, trunk or treat children & families, forgiveness, Wildare UMC



Deadline to get information in to Hope for December Wings/newsletter is Tuesday, November 22

### **Tithes and Offerings**

Thanks again for your support financially to Wildare! Your stewardship helps us grow our ministries and reach more people for the Kingdom! You may mail any offerings to: Wildare UMC 7211 North Park Ave. Cortland, OH 44410 or give online and in person during worship.

### **Recording Our Faithfulness for the month of October (four Sundays):**

Average Sunday School Attendance: 18  
Average Worship Attendance: 85  
Average of Tithes & Offerings: \$3954.00  
Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$5478.00  
Giving YTD \$194,331.00

### **Fellowship Opportunities**

Anyone interested in planning and/or participating in some monthly fellowshiping opportunities, please let Pastor Darlene know. Thanks!

### **Administrative Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 17 @ 6:00 pm in person in the connector. If you are interested in attending by zoom, contact Pastor Darlene and a link will be emailed to you.

*Please note that all chairs and ministry leaders are asked to attend and share about their ministries. If unable to attend, please send a report that can be shared.*

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Champion Pride Council is providing Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need from our area.

Non-perishable, ***non-expired*** food items and also monetary donations for Sparkle Market gift certificates for them to buy perishables.

There will be a box in the connector for donations of food items. You can put monetary gifts in an envelope marked "food drive" & put in the offering St. William Church is asking for each church to send 2 people to help pack the baskets on Saturday, November 19 @ 9:00 a.m. If you know of a family in need or are in need yourself, please contact the church to complete a form. 330-637-5000

### **Eucharist Ministry**

This is a ministry that will take communion to those who are homebound or still covid-careful. Receiving communion is one of the most important worship events in the life of our homebound and we want to make it available to them upon request if they feel safe with someone coming into their home, Training lay members to serve communion elements after they have been consecrated during worship makes this possible. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please sign-up at the Welcome Center on the clipboard.

### **Come Visit Us Online at Our Church Website**

[www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com](http://www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com)  
Information about upcoming ministry, download our church phone app, online giving, our weekly sermons on video and more! AND, at our FaceBook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/>  
Also, on Twitter, YouTube and Instagram

## August-November Mission of the Month Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child. November 13 is your last chance to give to the greatest children's ministry in the world, Wildare's mission teams goal is for every church family to pack 1 shoebox per month (4 per family). We are setting a God goal of 300 shoeboxes. With Jesus anything is possible. If you need, Shoeboxes and supplies will be available in the connector.

Mission "Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14, ESV

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

From the  
**WILDARE MISSIONS TEAM**

Thank you for giving to missions each month, your generosity is overwhelming, instead of making a monetary donation, please pack one or two Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. There are boxes and supplies available in the connector.



### Swimming Pool

We are taking down the swimming pool at the parsonage, if anyone is interested in it please contact Bob Lewis at 330 502 4133.

### Married Couples - Let's get together!

Focus on the family has a series entitled: Reconnected. This is a 7 part series that will help you and your spouse to rekindle passion, reawaken intimacy and reconnect to the one to whom you said "I Do". (If you sign-up, this doesn't mean that you are having marriage problems!) (Child care may be made available.) Please let Pastor Darlene know if you or someone else may be interested in this or another series so we can set up a time to meet.

### Operation Christmas Child Drop off dates:

November 14 - 10am-12pm  
November 15 - 4-6pm  
November 16 - 10am-12pm  
November 17 - 4-6pm  
November 18 - 4-6pm  
November 19 - 10am-12pm  
November 20 - 1-3pm  
November 21 - 8am-8pm

We are in need of a few younger, strong youth or young adults to help load the truck on Monday.

### Church and Community Transformation

Fri. & Sat., 11/11-12/22 at Church Hill UMC in Youngstown, OH In this 2-day training, you will be introduced to some basics of church and community transformation to begin to discern the role of the congregation in this work, and to learn how this part of what God calls us to when we pray "Thy Kingdom come." \$15 a person. Friday Nov 11: 12PM-8PM, Saturday Nov 12: 9AM-12PM: Location: Church Hill UMC 189 Churchill Hubbard Rd, Youngstown, OH 44505. Please let Pastor Darlene know if you are interested in going to this training. (The training is also being held: Fri, Oct 14, 2022, 9:00 AM – Sat, Oct 15, 2022, 12:00 PM EDT at Union Ave United Methodist Church 1843 S Union Ave Alliance, OH 44601)

### Shepherding Ministry

We would like to start a ministry called Shepherding. It is a program of caring and concern. The overall goal is for every member and constituent to have a shepherd that will contact you to check on you periodically. Christ is the Good Shepherd. He continues to shepherd His flock. He accomplishes this ministry through the lives of those who compose His spiritual body. The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to improve the level of care of our congregation by the utilization of lay persons as caring shepherds. The desired result of the program is that all members of the congregation will feel they are vital parts of our church. If anyone is interested in being a part of this ministry as a Shepherd that will just for right now call a few people to check up on them monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly. Training will be provided. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center on the clipboard.

### All Saints Day

Sunday, November 6

To remember the glory of God in the saints who have gone before us.

### Kairos Prison Ministry

Interested in the Kairos Prison Ministry, contact Dean Kappas or Phil Armstrong.



## Thank You

Special thanks for the gifts and cards given to me for Pastor Appreciation's Month. They are greatly appreciated! -  
Pastor Darlene

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Dear Wildare,  
Thanks so much for the beautiful 23rd Psalm throw. It is lovely. Appreciate your thoughtfulness. We all appreciate your prayers. Living to the age of 95 is actually tough. Most of my dad's friends and immediate family are gone. It was a lonely time for him. To those of you who were able to visit him over the past few years please know that your visits were rays of sunshine to his days. The cards that he received meant a lot to him and myself. My dad was ornery. He was a great father and I was honored to help him over the years. I miss him. Thank you all so much.

Carol Gravatt (daughter) & Family

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Thank you for prayers, cards, & phone calls.

Love & God Bless,

Carey & Lee Carter

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Wildare Family,  
Thank you for all the cards and kind words in the passing of Uncle Lewis Passek. Thank you for the time you shared with him and things you did for him including the meals, repairs, and help you gave him; as friends and neighbors. We thank you again!

Bill & Cindy Passek

## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring your book, Calm My Anxious Heart and your Bible. Last day is November 14



John Astolfi, Lucy Rossi, Ed & Dotty Myers, Sarah Menosky, Duke & Shana Whiting joined our church family on September 25, 2022.

Be sure to welcome them!

Leaders needed to be facilitators for the Financial Peace Christian series with video teaching with Dave Ramsey.

Finance Chairperson needed for 2023

## Small Groups

Let's get back to our small groups!! Video teachings are available!! Let Pastor Darlene know if you are interested in facilitating a small group, learning how to lead a small group or just wanting to be a part of a small group, as well as, the times that you are available (Sundays in the morning or late afternoon/evening, during the week, during the day or evening or Saturdays, etc...). These can be short-term groups like 4-6 weeks or longer.

## Men's Tuesday Bible Study

meets @ 8:00am  
Tuesdays

## Revival with Billy Huddleston Winter Revival

Billy Huddleston is coming to Wildare Sunday, January 29 - Wednesday, February 1, 2023

## Veterans Day

Sunday, November 13  
Flag Dedication at the 9:00 service.  
Plaque Dedication at BOTH Services.



## Stewardship Ministry

Looking for volunteers who are interested in promoting tithing through either the Financial Peace ministry or another Stewardship ministry. Please see Pastor Darlene if interested as soon as possible. Thanks!

## From Committee on Lay Leadership

All chairpersons, coordinators and team leaders are asked to please contact your team/volunteers to see if they are still willing to serve the Lord in 2023 in your particular work area. **Please let the office know your results.**

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing

On Sunday, November 6, during Jr Church, the kids will be able to pack a shoebox and then they will go to Christmas Program practice!

## Night to Shine Special Needs Prom February 10, 2023



## Food Pantry/Give Away

Thanks so much for all who helped serve over 124 families in September

### Stats:

Total Families Served - 147  
NEW Families Served - 15  
Families without Children - 100  
Families with Children - 47  
**Total Individuals served - 408**  
Children (birth-17) - 99  
Adults (18-59) - 191  
Seniors (60+) - 118

Our next giveaway will be November 5 at 10am. **Packing bags with non-perishables will be done on Friday, November 4 @ 4:00.** We will continue to serve our community the first Saturday of the month. **If you want to help, simply show up the morning of the giveaway a little early and we will assign you to a team.**

## GAME NIGHT

Wildare Boardgame Night  
Friday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m.  
Refreshments and snacks available

Come enjoy a night of wholesome fun with friends and family. Board games ranging from children to adults will be available to learn and play. Child care may be provided determined by availability.

## Dates to Remember

- 11/6 - All Saints Sunday  
Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11/11 - Veterans Day
- 11/24 - Thanksgiving
- 11/20 - Christ the King Sunday
- 11/27 - First Sunday of Advent  
United Methodist Student Day

Dates to Remember



## THE WOODEN BOWL

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor and when he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.



The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little wooden bowl for you and Mama to eat your food when I grow up."

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family, and for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

This story about the wooden bowl I read in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series really touched my heart as I hope it has yours.

As I have grown older and wiser, I've learned that each person is valuable! I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life'. I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch – holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. And, I have learned that I still have a lot to learn!

As we are approaching the Thanksgiving Season, I think of the Grandfathers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Uncles, Parents, Siblings and Friends that have graced our table on Thanksgiving pasts and how we are missing them now. Sometimes we take for granted the people around the table and think they will always be there, BUT we all know that is far from the truth.

Oh, one more thing I have learned in life so far, is that this life goes so very fast and in the blink of an eye, I will be that "Grandfather" in the story!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Brigitta's Blessings





## Advent Readers

We would love to have you help us worship each Sunday during advent November 27- December 18. Each Sunday and Christmas Eve we need help at each of our services to read the advent theme as well as light the advent candles. Please let Pastor Darlene or Hope know if you would like to help and you will receive the reading ahead of time. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the welcome center.

## Thanksgiving Breakfast

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving morning in the Family Life Center. We ask that you either call the ministry office @ 330-637-5000 or email at wildarehl@gmail.com us with the number of people from your family who will be attending. Or tell Hope after worship service and she will add you to the sign-up list.



Change Your  
Clocks Back &  
Smoke Alarm  
Batteries



**Saturday night, November 5th**  
**Set your clocks back an hour!**

## Mitten/Hat/Scarf/Sock Tree

We will have one tree in the connector for all of these items to be hung on once we get decorated for Christmas. Then they will be taken to the Warren Family Mission. Items are due by Sunday, December 18th.



## Decorating for Christmas

On Sunday, November 20th we will decorate the sanctuary and connector after the 9:00 service and the Family Life Center sometime later in the week. We could use your help! Contact Mary Sue or Susan with any questions.



## Disaffiliation: Moving Forward

On Saturday, October 22, 2022 a membership vote was taken at a special conference administered by our District Superintendent. It resulted in a 98 to 23 decision to allow Wildare to separate from the United Methodist Church.

We now have before us the task of finalizing the process through next June's Annual Conference, if approved there. There are several items that will need to be completed (deed transfers, amending our articles of incorporation with a name change, and the all important determination as to whether we go independent, join the Global Methodist Church, or connect with some other denomination, etc.).

To make sure that things are executed in a timely and thoughtful manner, a special committee may be established to complete these tasks.

Please be in prayer as we move forward in this new chapter in the life of "Wildare".





## ANNIVERSARIES

### NOVEMBER:

- 2 Charles and Brenda Jarvis
- 4 Frank and Beth Kuligowski
- 11 Mark and Michelle Murray
- 18 Bill and Cindy Passek
- 19 Murray and Lynda Boucher

## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER:

- 1 Hope List
- 3 Maebree Fabian
- 4 Rick Papp, Betty Molinatto  
Mark Kaiser, Melissa McCauley
- 5 Robert Vesey,  
Ellie Marshall
- 6 John Candelaria
- 7 Aidan Scott
- 8 Margie Papp, Tony Zendarski,  
Henry Ebben
- 9 Elliana Muresan
- 11 Leo Pierce
- 12 Karen Vitale, Colton Mahan
- 14 Jim Steer, Jan Was
- 15 Paige Mancini
- 16 Barb Armstrong,  
Remington & Reagan Whiting
- 17 Terry Muresan, Diane Mokri
- 18 Cindy Passek
- 19 Vicki Lewis
- 21 Nicole (Parry) Csernik
- 24 Tami Muresan,  
Samuel Waldman
- 28 Kathleen Kistler, Kirk Vondrasek,  
Amelia Fike
- 29 James Kistler, Jack Rasmussen  
Joshua Scott
- 30 Wes Campbell

### Join us on Facebook to watch sermons live

(on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/> AND in person)

### September Sermons below, see what you missed or watch them again on Facebook/YouTube/Twitter/Instagram

- 10/2/22 - Water, Water, Water...Almost Everywhere; Exodus 14:21-31
- 10/9/22 - Don't Move Until God Moves; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 &  
2 Timothy 2:13
- 10/16/22 - Don't Move Until God Moves Part 2; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 &  
2 Timothy 2:13
- 10/23/22 - Don't Move Until God Moves Part3; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 &  
2 Timothy 2:13
- 10/30/22 - 9:00 service - Operation Christmas Child guest speaker  
11:00 service - 5th Sunday Intergenerational Service  
"Tower of Babel" & OCC guest speaker



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Sunday School Class  
For Adult & Children at 10:10 am  
Morning Worship at  
9:00 am (Traditional - Sanctuary) &  
11:00 am (Contemporary - FLC)

Come as you are!!

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*Happy Fall!*

*Have fun coloring and bring your completed picture back to church and we will hang it up!*