

### Ney Church of God's Monthly

# NEWSLETTER



### OUTREACH INITIATIVE

For the past few years we have focused on a lot of internal details of our church including renovations, upgrades, job descriptions and responsibilities seeking to make our church more welcoming and a better experience for worshippers.

Now however, we must refocus our efforts towards God's call to outreach and evangelism. First and foremost our way of life should always reflect the gospel as we seek to invite people to know Jesus. Second, we hope that as we live this out and share with people the love of Jesus, we would naturally invite them to join us at church and enjoy our many ministries.

Finally, we seek to work together in group outreach and service projects. We are asking for a lot of prayer, participation, networking and ideas. If you have a passion for a particular group of people, a place or way to reach beyond the walls of our building, please let us know as we seek to make God known to the world. Any ideas or information can be passed to pastor Kevin or Kelly.

### <u>BRYAN CHRISTMAS PARADE!!!</u>

We are looking forward to reaching out into the community through festivals, fairs, shows and parades. On **November 28**<sup>th</sup> **at 6:30** pm Ney Church of God will have a float in the Bryan Christmas Parade! This will be a wonderful opportunity for all ages and stages in the church to ride or walk and pass out treats and information. A float and theme will be decided asap. We would love as many members to participate that is able! We are also looking for people to decorate the float and



See Pastor Kevin or Kelly for more info.
Watch for halloween candy clearance and if your willing,
please donate to our parade treat efforts!







### Fall Fest Chili/Soup Cook-off

**Nov 2025** 

We had a wonderful time at our annual Fall Fest and Chili/Soup cook-off. This years winners are:

Brittany Mueller in the soup category and Nellie Niese in the Chili Category. Thank you to all who helped set up, clean up, brought food and planned activities for the kids.











I want to take a moment to say a sincere thank you to my church family for your kindness, encouragement, and generosity during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your cards, words, gifts, and prayers have meant more to me than you know.

Serving as your pastor is one of the greatest blessings of my life. I'm grateful every day for your love and faithfulness. Thank you!!! Pastor Kevin

# **Prayer Time**

Prayer is not only an important aspect of our daily lives, it is absolutely vital as a congregation, as we seek God's guidance. Therefore, we invite everyone to join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Prayer room for a time of prayer for each other, our church, community, country and the world.









November 2-7. Men/s Hunting Trip

November 8th. 8:00am Men's Fellowship @ Seasons Bistro

(Bryan Square)

November 12 6:30pm Worship Night

November 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving... Enjoy!

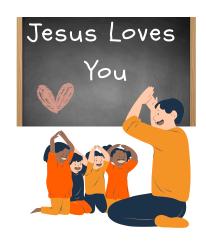
November 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade!!

Wednesdays 6:30pm Bible Study @ Jinkins

Tuesdays 9:30am Women's Bible Study @ parsonage



#### Our Kids Still Need Volunteers!!!!



We really need more volunteers in our Children's department.

#### Needs:

- Sunday School Teachers. We have a WIDE array of ages and could use more options during the Sunday school hour.
- Nursery workers and substitutes for both services as well as for special events
- Youth Group Leader and possible Wed. Night Kids ministry leader.
- Jr. Church and Sunday school substitutes





#### 2025 Church Council Members



President: Cheryl Chafin Treasurer: Stacie Smith Elders: Rob Zwayer, Steve Sims and Dan Jinkins Deacons: Lisa Keck, Stacie Smith and Sherry Sims Trustees: Matt Keck, John Chafin and Leonard Lockwood



All year long we accept donations of New Backpacks, Basic School Supplies (1 sub. notebooks, folders, crayons, pencils, black and red pens, pink erasers, dry erase markers, scissors and pencil pouches).

Boxes of Kleenex and Shoes/Clothes sizes 4t and up and in good condition, clean and of current styles. (no stains, rips or holes or smells please)

We are always low on boys clothing 4t-16/18 and are in need of



pant/skirt hangers with clips. Please consider asking your family and friends for clothing donations as an alternative to thrift stores.



# Missions Report

After last month's article dealing with the funding of missions, today we are returning to explore for what the money is used. This year, Mission money has been directed to both local and international projects and has gone to individuals and organizations. Several previous articles addressed the availability of local emergency funds for individuals. Today's article addresses the three projects that benefit local school-aged children and their families.

First, is Lifewise, a program which brings the gospel to the children in local schools once a week. In the past several years, we have sponsored a Field Trip to the Ark Museum and purchased individual Bibles for Fairview students. Twelve hundred dollars was given this year for Lifewise to use at their discretion.

Today, over three hundred and fifty children from surrounding school systems are using school supplies in class thanks to our annual School Supply Give Away that was held last July. Anyone who is responsible for school age children can come; their child is allowed to select a backpack, given a bag of school supplies and then they can peruse tables and racks of gently used coats, clothing and shoes. While the actual giveaway is only one day. the "stocking of shelves" for this day is a yearlong process. To be good stewards of the mission funds, money is available throughout the year to take advantage of the sales with which to purchase give-away items. Already, 400 backpacks are on the shelf for next summer.

Finally, Camp Otyokwah is an opportunity that five local children availed themselves of this past summer, thanks to mission funds. Otyokwah, a facility in central Ohio, provides several summer camps for kids seven to eighteen years of age to attend. Camp provides a woodland get-away where the kids are nourished with Jesus' love and inspired to be His church.

Next month, we will explore more of the projects undertaken by the Mission Team.



# Mary's Musing



A couple of weeks ago my husband, Jeff, shared this worthy-of-a-chuckle meme with me: "Nothing is truly lost until your wife can't find it." Ironically, after enjoying the humor, I found I had "misplaced" my prayer journal. I searched all the "usual" places lost items congregate to no avail. Since all things work together for good, I guess my lesson was in humility.

As I was contemplating having to replace it, Eureka! I found it nestled in my Bible. That was one of the "usual" places in which I had previously checked and rechecked! It made me think of all the times I read a familiar scripture and discovered a customized nugget there. You've said it before: "I never saw that!" Chalk it up to the Word being alive and active (Hebrews 4:10). Holy Spirit amazingly reveals to us these personalized gems when and where we need them.

So, persevere in your Word study or, if life has interrupted that study, repent and reopen your Bible. Abba has all kinds of wisdom to uniquely fulfill your needs.



## **Advent Conspiracy**

The largest Worship Event is just a few weeks away and begins with a day called Black Friday and ends on Christmas morning. Millions upon millions of people will live out what is in their heart. The question is, where will this heart of ours lead us?

For many, the Advent season is about the things we own and the stuff we buy. Bigger is Better is the creed so many live by throughout this season. And in the end, they find continued discontentment and dissatisfaction as their worship results in a mountain of debt.

But God calls us to celebrate differently as we choose to worship Jesus Christ, and reflect God's gift to us. Through Advent Conspiracy, we resolve to tell a better story as we seek to worship Christ fully, Spend Less, Give More, and love All. We hope you will conspire with us.



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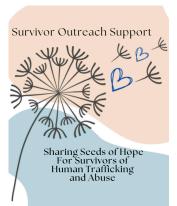
Have you downloaded YouVersion?

If not, do it today. YouVersion is a great free app that provides users with a Bible on their phone

Ney Church also uses it to provide you with sermon notes, announcements, and an opportunity to pray for others through the week.

If you are having trouble getting the app to work, ask and we will help you!

## **Survivor Outreach Support Ministry**



#### **Current Needs to support our SOS ministry**

Laundry Detergent and Dryer sheets
All types of cleaning supplies
Paper Towels and Kleenex
Paper Plates, bowls, foil and plastic wrap
Formal menswear, dresses, shoes and jewelry







Why formal wear? Our main funder is "Beauty Comes From The Heart", a ministry of West Clinton Mennonite Church that offers hundreds of dresses and menswear for prom and homecoming for any donated amount. All donations go directly to SOS. They are always in need of plus size dresses size 20 and up. Check with friends and thrift stores if you would like to help support this ministry.