

# *The Z-Disciple*

# OCTOBER 2021

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*Gratitude is the memory of the heart.* French Proverb

The season of fall is upon us with beautiful sunny days, crisp apples, and high school football games—all reasons to delight in the handiwork of God. Here at First Christian, there is much about this season to celebrate as well. Our ministries for children and youth are off to a good start and although health and safety protocols impact our gatherings, there is still plenty of laughter and giggles as the youth work together to build a scarecrow and the children ask thoughtful questions as they explore the stories of Jesus. Many of our adults are busy planning fall outreach projects that will the impact our community. What a blessing for us all that our congregation can share with children, youth, and adults the joy and comfort of knowing the God of love.

This month we will look ahead to the coming year as we celebrate those ministries and the lives that are changed when together we share our gifts large and small. We will explore what it means to be generous stewards through our worship theme *With Gratitude...* and will have an opportunity to explore how we will use our time, talent, and resources in service to God. We will have opportunities to serve our community in Jesus' name and we will come together to celebrate the blessings that are ours on Consecration Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to participate in all these opportunities. It helps make us even more aware of the blessings this season holds and touches us all with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

*Dawn*



## Consecration Sunday Celebration Meal –October 17<sup>th</sup>



Be sure to make a reservation and join us for our celebration meal to be held on Consecration Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will celebrate the blessings that are ours through the love and grace of Jesus Christ. This is a prepared meal and there is no cost to you. It will be held outdoors behind the church. We do need to know how many are coming so we can be good stewards in our planning. Please make your reservations on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and then come enjoy the fun and inspiration as we share together in gratitude for God's abundant blessings.

**Estimate of Giving cards** will be mailed to our members this month. Whether you join us on Consecration Sunday in person or online, we hope you will return your card so that we can complete a budget to present to the board in November and the congregation in December. If you have questions, please contact Janice Fox, Financial Secretary or Scott Barr, Finance Committee Chair. Thank you for generously supporting the mission and ministry of First Christian Church.

## Photos of Blessings—please share

As we enter the season of fall, tell us how you are blessed. Snap a photo or two of what you are grateful for and send it to the church. Photos will be shared during the month of October. You can email your photos to [zvillefcc@gmail.com](mailto:zvillefcc@gmail.com) or drop them off at the church. Thank you!

## Celebrate the Lord's Supper with the World—October 3<sup>rd</sup>



Over 80 years ago, on November 1, 1936, World-Wide Communion Day was born. In the winter of 1935, a group of ministers met to study the spiritual needs and possibilities of the church during the dark days of the Great Depression. In the Lord's Supper they saw a great opportunity to unite Christians in dedication to Christ. In 1937, the date of World-Wide Communion Sunday was changed to the first Sunday in October, where it has remained. The word 'wide' has since been dropped from the name, giving us the present observance of World Communion Sunday.

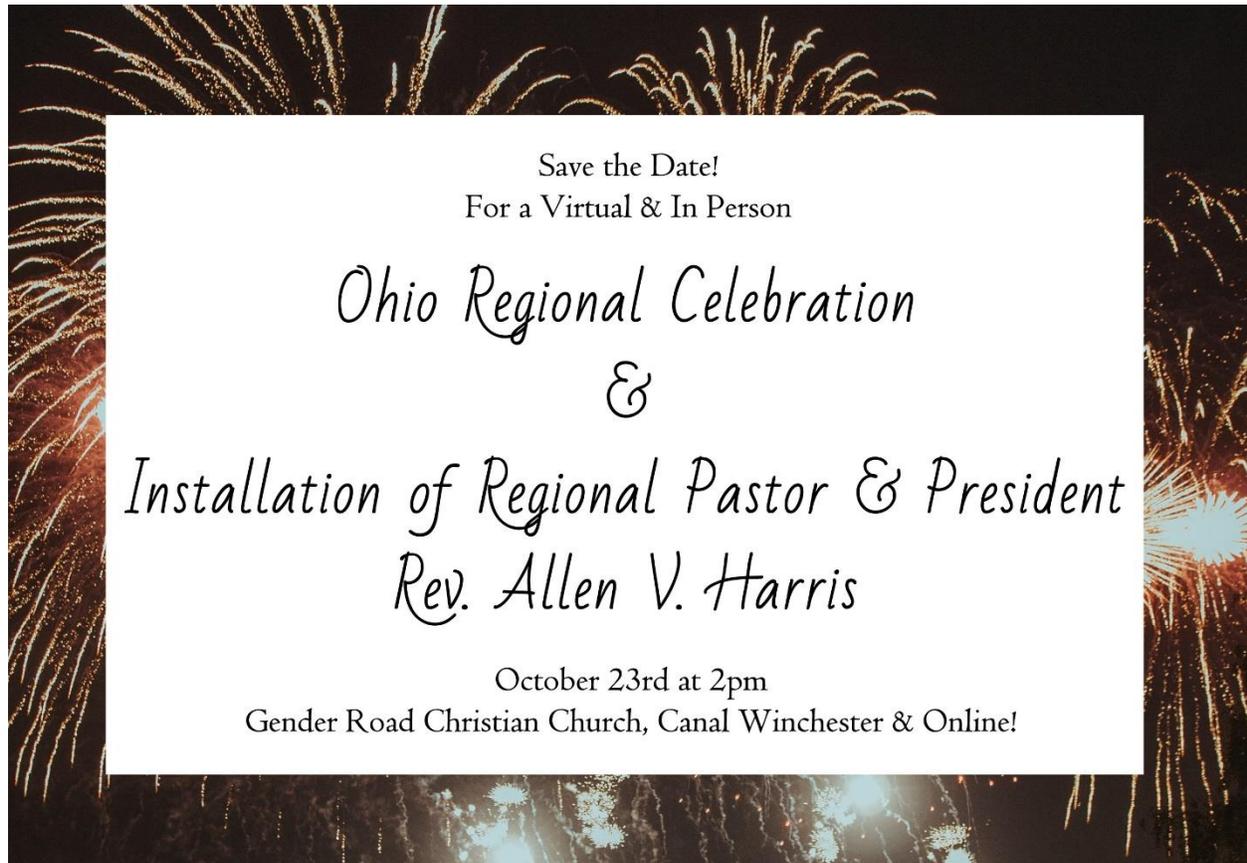
The day remains as it began: 'A great opportunity to unite the membership in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ.' People from the four corners of the world gather together to answer Christ's invitation, 'This do in remembrance of me.' Plan to join us as we gather around the Lord's Table with the world.

## Fall Bible Study Opportunity

Dawn is leading a study on the Gospel of Mark this fall. We meet at 7p.m. on Wednesday evenings through October. We begin in September but it's not too late to join us. See Dawn if you have questions.

## Welcome to Worship....Service of inclusion

Our 3, 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> graders have spent several weeks in September/October worshipping in the chapel each week in *Welcome to Worship* as they learned how to participate in the worship service that takes place in our sanctuary each week. We will celebrate their growth and learning and welcome them into our worshipping community through a Service of Inclusion that will be held during the 10:30 worship on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate with us.



**151st Anniversary Continues**

To help us continue our Anniversary celebration, several guest speakers are joining us this fall. On September 12th Dr Herbert Hicks shared the message. On October 24th Rev Margot Connor will be with us and on November 14th Audrey Connor will share the message. Plan to join us as we welcome our former pastors and Timothys. Happy Anniversary First Christian Church.

**Covid Response Update**

As Muskingum Co has seen a rise in covid cases in September, our medical consultants and church leadership encourage us to continue our response of wearing masks, no congregational singing or passing trays, holding our children/youth activities outdoors as much as possible and staying home when ill. We continue to encourage you to get a vaccine if you have not yet done so. Vaccines are free and easily accessible. Do not underestimate the difference the vaccines are making in the midst of this pandemic to guard your health and the health of our community. We continue to offer our worship services online for those who choose to join us virtually each week. Thank you to being a community of faithful folks who care for one another and are cooperative in keeping each other safe.

## **A Message from the Celebration of Ministry Committee**

The Celebration of Ministry Committee would like to ask for your help. For one of our projects, we need pictures!

We are putting together a special project for Pastor Dawn and we would like all the pictures you have of her & yourself or loved ones. These pictures can be from anything! Weddings, dedications, Pastor's Class, baptisms, mission trips, work projects, Christ Table, etc.

Feel free to send these pictures via email [melissalichtner1@hotmail.com](mailto:melissalichtner1@hotmail.com)

or if they are a hard copy, you can give them to any of the committee members.

Please write your name on the back of the picture or have it in a sealed envelope with your name so we are certain it gets returned to the correct person.

We appreciate your support in helping us with this project,

Lori Ryan-Griffin, Ann Blood, Chloe & Lori Buchanan, Cato Coleman, Susan Davis, Rick Griffin, Margret Hayes, Phillip Hunt, Melissa Lichtner, Jim McPherson, Susie Mercer & Kim Paul

## **Board Meeting Highlights—September 12, 2019**

- Meeting was opened by Jason Kehrberg, Board Moderator
- The Worship Committee has a new chairperson, Peggy Moon. The Board thanked Mary Arnold for her years of service as Worship Chair.
- Outreach Committee has many projects going on this fall. CROP Walk will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. We serve at Christ's Table on Sept. 25.
- Evangelism Committee announced Trunk or Treat to be held Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> in the parking lot.
- Christian Education: Sunday School kick off was well attended and fall programming is underway for children and youth with Covid precautions in place.
- Property Committee is talking to roofers about replacing rubber gutters around sanctuary.
- Finance Committee asked that committee budgets be submitted to the church office by October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Consecration Sunday will be October 17<sup>th</sup> and the meal will be a picnic style lunch following the 10:30 worship service.
- Jason has appointed a technology task force: Heather Near (Chair), Dave Higgins, Kim Paul, Larry Paul, Rick Griffin and Greg Rhodes. This task force will assess the current and future technology needs of our congregation and develop a job description for a Technology coordinator position and come up with a plan for training volunteers. The Board voted to approve this task force.
- The Search Committee reported that prospective candidates have been looking for more complete information about our congregation on our web site. Board voted that we would add the designation of Open and Affirming and Green Chalice to our web page since this better designates who we are as a congregation.
- A lengthy discussion on our Covid response as we take care of each other. The board decided to continue as we have been with keeping social distance, not singing, and wearing masks. Our services are offered online for those who choose to join us virtually.
- Janice Fox has let us know that for health reasons she will need to retire sometime soon. The board discussed finding someone to fill the church secretary position so that Janice will have a chance to orient someone new before she fully retires. No specific dates have been set.

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- Next meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## With Sympathy

Our prayers continue for the families who lost loved ones.

Celia Miller died on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Kitzig's father, Charles Kitzig, Sr died on September 12<sup>th</sup>. He lived in Berlin, MA

## Congratulations!

Evelynn Marie Barr was born September 14<sup>th</sup> to Emma and John Barr of Columbus. Her proud grandparents are Joan and Scott Barr.

Rick Griffin retires on September 30<sup>th</sup> after 36 years as a Soil Scientist for the USDA--Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Judy & Henry Gorsky have a new address:  
4212 Northpointe Drive Apartment #133.

Fred Grant has moved and his new address is:  
Inn at Library Way, 4615 Library Way,  
Columbus, OH 43025.

## Elder Emeritus

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the congregation honored Bill Anderson by making him Elder Emeritus. Bill has served for decades as a faithful Elder. Pictured left to right: Joan Barr, Elder, Pastor Remster, Bill, and Jerry Sturtz, Elder



through Baptism:

Sadee McCune, Errin Rhodes, Taylor Rhodes, and Aran Jamison.

## Thank You

From Judy & Henry Gorsky

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during our ill health.

From Jane Richardson

I would like to thank Pastor Dawn, the many who sent cards, and all who prayed for my tendon repairs and ultimate hip replacement.

## Attention College Students (or parents)

Please call the church (or e-mail) with your mailing address and e-mail address so we can keep in touch.

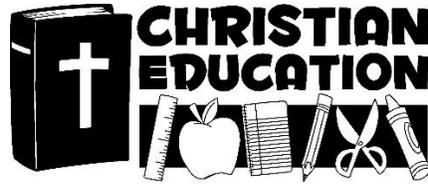
## Donations needed

We will be sending about 15 care packages to college students this month. Donations of small packages of tissues, lifesavers & gum, cheese & crackers, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, pens, pencils, etc. are appreciated. Thank you.

## Welcome!

Mason Brown joined the membership of First Christian Church on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to welcome him.





**Pastor Appreciation** We are so blessed to be in the spiritual care of Pastor Dawn Remster and Pastor Phillip Hunt. We will celebrate their leadership and ministry on Sunday, October 24th. You are invited to send a card to Pastor Dawn and Pastor Hunt this week to let them know how their ministry blesses you. As Pastor Dawn prepares to retire at the end of December, we recognize that this will be an extra special opportunity to let her know the impact she has had on our life together as a church family.

**A New Sunday School Class for Young Adults** is being organized by Melissa Lichtner. This class plans to meet on October 3rd and 24th in the Multi-Purpose Room and will discuss frequency and dates of future meetings during these initial gatherings. Melissa extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining this class. If you have any questions, please let Melissa or Kim know.



**The JC and Kingdom Kids held their kick-off meeting this month** and helped James McCandlish count the collection from his annual birthday food drive. James' efforts brought in an impressive 540 food items and \$465 for Christ's Table. We are so proud of James and his choice to use his birthday as an opportunity to share with others. The JC and Kingdom Kids also sorted and counted the hygiene items that our church family collected for Eastside Community Ministry during the month of September. Our church collected over 540 personal care items for Eastside. The JC and Kingdom Kids look to this verse from Ephesians 2:10 to inform who they are as individuals and as a group, "You are God's masterpiece, created for good works.". Certainly the good works of this group, our church family and our community abound.

**The JC and Kingdom Kids plan to have a Fun Night at Pigeon Roost Farm on Saturday, October 9th.** Please contact Kim for more details.

**Chi Rho and CYF Youth Groups** are off to a fantastic start! Kick-Off was held on September 12th. In addition to enjoying time to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends they also packed hygiene kits which were delivered to Church World Service through the Festival of Sharing at Otterbein University. These kits will be sent to families who have been impacted by natural disasters in recent weeks/months. During our second week together, we made two scarecrows to submit to the Y-City Scarecrow Contest. Be sure to look for and vote for our entries. The themes for our scarecrows were "Bob Ross" and "Scarey-crow". All the scarecrows will be displayed at Mission Oaks Gardens and downtown during the month of October.

**Our weekly Youth Group meetings** are held on Sundays from 4-5:30 either in the youth room or at Spangler Memorial (depending on the weather). Our first discussion series is titled “The Big Questions”. Research shows that teenagers across varying cultures, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds are all searching for answers to three big questions: “Who am I?”, “Where do I fit in?” and “Do I matter?” This study will help us discuss these questions of identity, belonging and purpose with our youth from a Jesus centered perspective.

## **Special Events Coming Up:**

**Sunday, October 3rd:** Our regular Youth Group meeting will be held at Mission Oaks Park so that we can see our scarecrows on display

**Saturday, October 9th:** Fun Night at Pigeon Roost Farm

**Sunday, Oct. 10th, 4:00 pm:** Crop/Prayer Walk

**Saturday, October 30th:** Fun Night

**Trunk or Treat—Sunday, October 31st**

Plan to join us for our third annual Trunk or Treat Event that will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st in our church parking lot. Since many Halloween activities are not so safe during the pandemic, we want to treat the children to a little Halloween fun in a safe, distanced manner. This is your opportunity to get creative and decorate your trunk and dress up in costume and pass out treats to the children of our church and neighborhood. We are asking that everyone wears face masks and gloves to distribute wrapped treats. We will have gloves and masks available. We are hoping to reach approximately 75-100 trick or treaters. This was a fun event last year and we hope to make it an opportunity to have a little fun together again this year. Please let us know if you will participate. If you have any questions see Lori Buchanan.

## **Ways to keep in touch with the Church**

### **Where do I find worship services?**

At this time, we continue our in-person worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday and 1:30 Wednesday in our chapel. Our worship services are accessed through our website at [www.zvillefcc.com](http://www.zvillefcc.com). You will see a black box at the top left of the screen with instructions to click for the service information.

### **Website Homepage Update**

Our church homepage has a listing of upcoming events, announcements, and links to help you engage in our current events. Be sure to check it out and stay up to date on all that is happening.

### **How do I access First Christian’s Facebook Page?**

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCZanesville/> is our public information page that shares our general church information.

Our members group is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/530602930924824/>. This page is where we can share information of a personal nature.

### **Options to continue your gifts to the church**

\*Placing your donation in the offering plate on the table outside the sanctuary.

\*Mailing your offering to the church.

\*Setting up an auto deduction service which will electronically transfer funds from your bank account directly to your offering here at church. If you would like more information about this service, or to sign-up, please contact Janice at [zvillefcc@gmail.com](mailto:zvillefcc@gmail.com).

\*Scan the QR code at the right of this page.





## FCC Outreach Update

**Gracious Givers:** Each month in 2021, we are collecting a different item for a local community group. The full calendar is below. Please bring your donations to the Church during business hours. In September, we collected 488 personal hygiene items for Eastside Community Ministries. In October, we are collecting tissues for Naomi House.

Month	Item Collected	Recipient
October (Oct. 31)	Tissues	Naomi House
November (Nov. 28)	Canned Fruit or Peanut Butter or Cereal	Zanesville City Schools
December (Dec. 26)	Paper or Foam Plates	Bethel

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, October 10 CROP Walk:** Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Zane's Landing Park. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you do not wish to walk, you can always sponsor a walker. Sign up on the bulletin board and we will match sponsors with walkers! 25% of money raised stays local to assist Christ's Table and Salvation Army meal programs!

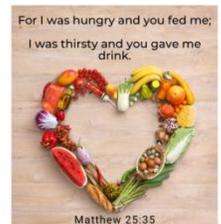
**"NO SHOW" SOUPer Bowl:** Sunday, October 17. Due to COVID-19, we will not be holding the luncheon but the need is still here. Drive up and donate non-perishable food at Secrest Auditorium from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Purchase a "NO SHOW" ticket for \$5.00 and be entered into a door prize drawing! Tickets are available in the church office.

**Saturday, November 27 Serving at Christ's Table:** First Christian Church will serve next at Christ's Table on Saturday, November September 27 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact the church office.

**Christ's Table Coordinators Needed:** We still need more coordinators for our service at Christ's Table. We serve one Saturday in January, March, May, July, September, & November. Coordinators receive training and are only asked to take a turn coordinating twice per year. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact the church office.

**Angel Tree:** This year, we have requested 50 angels for our Angel Tree. Watch for details to come in future newsletters.

**December Blessing Bag Collection:** In coordination with this year's Advent Theme, we are collecting items for blessing bags to give to residents at Homeless Hands and Naomi House.



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Look for details in the next newsletter.

**God is Our Refuge: A Week of Compassion Update 9:21-21**

Dear Friends,

The past few weeks have been heavy with crises: the desperate situation in Afghanistan, which continues to unfold; the earthquake in Haiti, which killed more than 2,200 and left tens of thousands more without a home; Hurricane Ida, which caused widespread damage in Louisiana and Mississippi, and even as far north as New York and New Jersey; and wildfires that continue to spread rapidly across the western U.S. But we don't need to remind you of the suffering that continues to affect so much of our world. You have already RESPONDED with urgency, with faithfulness, and with great compassion.



**Just as these disasters continue to ripple across our awareness and our world, so your generous responses keep coming in waves.** Individuals, families, and congregations are sharing so much, so willingly. In the midst of these ongoing responses, we wanted to take a moment and say thank you and share a word about the impact of your support and partnership through these difficult days.

- Support for Afghanistan is reaching Week of Compassion partners with long-standing relationships in the region. They are working to meet immediate needs among those who are unable to leave the country. Meanwhile, Week of Compassion, along with Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries and other partners, is working to support Afghans arriving in the United States. Many Disciples congregations are stepping up to help welcome families resettling in their local communities. Recent gifts to Week of Compassion designated for “refugees” are helping, in part, to [support our Disciples churches in these ministries](#), helping with basic needs like clothing, food, household items, and rental assistance for new arrivals.
- Recent gifts for earthquake relief are providing relief to the people of Haiti as they navigate yet another devastating event. Week of Compassion partners responded immediately, deploying volunteers to help with rescue operations and assess the damage. In the weeks since, they've been working to provide things like temporary shelters, emergency power generators, hygiene kits, food, and water, as well as first aid kits. But this is only the beginning. Week of Compassion will continue to support long-term responses including construction, community-based psychosocial support and trauma recovery, as well as rebuilding of damaged water infrastructure.
- Disciples congregations in Louisiana continue to assess damage from Hurricane Ida. Week of Compassion is supporting congregations as they work to serve their neighbors. Just Love Your Neighbor-Northshore Disciples are working with other local organizations to meet basic needs like food and water. Two churches in the greater Houston area have also been helping with supplies. We continue to plan for long-term recovery needs, as well as share information to help those affected navigate the process of seeking FEMA assistance. Meanwhile, your presence is also being felt to the northeast. Week of Compassion provided support to Park Avenue Christian Church in Orange, New Jersey, to help with flood damage at the church and among members' homes; and to Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City, supporting the church as they reached out to members and neighbors who were without power, providing hot meals as well as gift cards to meet additional needs.
- It is shaping up to be another record year for wildfires, and it is still early in the season. Week of Compassion is in touch with church leaders and partners in the affected regions and sharing support for congregations like First Christian Church Redding, who opened their doors and offered shelter to neighbors who were displaced.

The need seems overwhelming at times, Church. But so is your compassion. The Psalmist reminds us not to fear, even when waters roar and mountains quake. Disciples have answered the call in a powerful way, acting out of love and mercy rather than fear and hopelessness. You bear witness to the power of God at work in our midst, in the holy places that remain even in places of disaster. Please continue to hold all these people and places in prayer in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for your important part in this work that continues to change lives around the world, around the year.

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**Weekly Worship:**

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday 1:00 pm



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>3</b>   World Communion Sunday Welcome to Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:00 Property	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> JCKids/Kingdom Kids Pigeon Roose
<b>10</b> Welcome to Worship CROP Walk	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast
<b>17</b> Consecration Sunday 11:30 Consecration Dinner Welcome to Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Pastor Appreciation Service of Inclusion	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Trunk or Treat						

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### *Happy Birthday to:*

Betty Barr	October 1
Ben Kight	October 1
Michelle Neal	October 1
Jacob Newlon	October 1
JoAnn Van Gilder	October 2
Andrew Griffin	October 3
Tammy Pierson	October 3
Barbara Watts	October 5
Marcia Coleman	October 6
Adalyn Thomas	October 6
Ben Appleby	October 7
Frank Blaney	October 7
Brooke Anderson	October 9
Arielle Robison	October 9
Judy Robinson	October 11
Tillman Hawk	October 12
Autumn Kight	October 12
Susan Davis	October 13
Reece Neal	October 15
Bob Payne	October 17
Bob Ambrose	October 20
Dr. Herbert Hicks	October 21
Richard Newsom	October 21
Parker Roberts	October 24
Lila Kinney	October 25
Lona Kuehn	October 25
Dawn Tonneman	October 27
Kenton Casey	October 28
Margo Cooper	October 29
Maxine Rice	October 29
Tim Wilson	October 30

#### *Happy Anniversary to:*

Steven & Susan Kimberly	October 1
Heather & Bryan Near	October 1
Jared & Sarah Moon	October 2
Joe & Janet Burns	October 3
Gary & Charlotte McGuire	October 4
Gloria & Roger Moore	October 5
Phil & Kathy Short	October 8
Dennis & Karen Huy	October 14
Scott & Nicole Wegner	October 16
Robert & Sharon Wise	October 18
Rev. Philip & Rolanda Hunt	October 20
Ben & Peggy Gordon	October 27
David & Penny Higgins	October 29

\* Shut In

#### *Special Birthdays this month:*

Bob Payne celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. His address is 2802 Thompson Run Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701

Lila Kinney celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Her address is 334 McConnell Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701

#### *Your Special Day*

We typically list special birthdays as 80, 85, 90, and each year thereafter. We list anniversaries at 50, 60, 70, etc. However, we are happy to share your special day whenever it is; just let us know.

