

Fall 2020

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Pastor's Corner

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

2 Timothy 1:12b (KJV)

The Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy are some of the greatest texts in the whole Bible, and the one above is one of the most exciting affirmations of faith ever made. The Apostle Paul was in the last years of his life, confined to a Roman prison, doubtless suffering many bodily discomforts. In this second letter to Timothy, Paul gives a tender and touching glimpse of his frailty. To young Timothy he says in verse 9 of chapter 4, "Do your best to come to me," in verse 13 he adds, "When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas," and in verse 21, "Do your best to come before winter." He dreaded facing another winter in a cold building without adequate clothing.

Yet, in spite of all that Paul had faced in the past or faced in the present, nothing the future would have in store for him could move him from his faith in God through Jesus Christ. "I am not ashamed!" he said, meaning, "I am not sorry I believed! I have no regrets!" Why?

As the King James version above puts it, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded!" He didn't say "what I have believed," but "whom I have believed." He knew God personally; he knew what God was, in love and in power. It has been sadly true that many, many people have followed pied pipers who have promised what they could not deliver. Sooner or later disillusioned people, hurt and confused, find out they have been deceived.

But the Apostle Paul knew whom he had believed. So do we! Jesus has marks of suffering to verify his love. He has words of life to bring us strength in our weakness, particularly during this global pandemic. He has a living Presence by God's Spirit to bear witness in our hearts. We, too, know whom we have believed, and he will never lead us astray.

"I am persuaded," says the Apostle Paul, "that he is able to keep what I have committed to him." No one else can keep our souls. No one else can go with us into those dark valleys of shadow. But he can! Paul knew that. He was "persuaded," convinced, by all he had experienced, that Christ's love was enough.

Whether we are young or old, sick or well, it is reassuring to be persuaded that we are resting on a sure foundation, a solid rock. Life brings its storms, 2020 has been a vivid reminder of that! Some of the literal storms, fires, sickness, and abuse we have seen this year has been enough to shake us to that very foundation. But if we have truly placed our reliance on Jesus Christ, if we are seeking to walk with him day by day, nothing can move us from that sure foundation. Folks, like the Apostle Paul, we need to say, "I am persuaded that he is able to keep us, no matter what!"

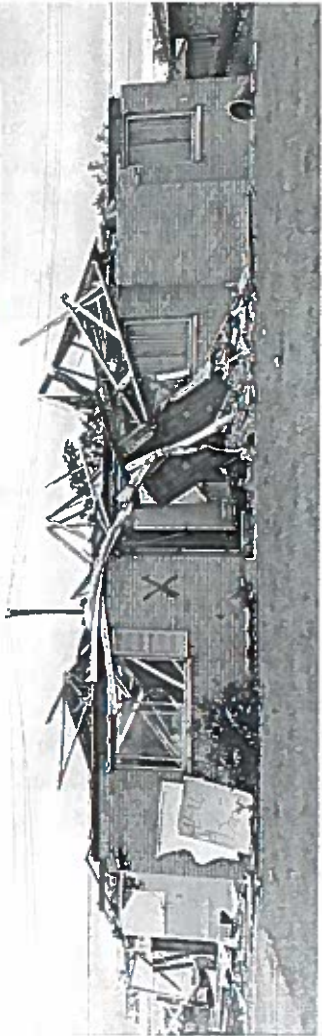
Buddy 

**IN PERSON
WORSHIP HAS
RESUMED FOR
THE FALL ON
SUNDAYS AT
11:00 AM
with Sunday
School at 9:30 AM**

Internet worship will continue to be available on our website and Facebook page, as well as by email for those who are unable to join us in person

"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16



CWS BLANKETS

Embracing neighbors in the aftermath

Have you ever been through a big storm? The kind where you're glued to the weather channel, getting that terrifying text alert or hearing community sirens as you strategize the safest place in your house?

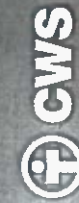
Families in western Ohio experienced that gripping fear when 15 tornadoes touched down overnight. And after the tornadoes finally let up, neighbors stepped out to a world that was broken. The destruction left a traumatic mark; even now, many families haven't been able to move back into their homes.

But they aren't alone, and they aren't forgotten. Your gift to CWS Blankets today proves it, as did the gifts of thousands like you last year.

With those gifts, members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dayton, OH were able to immediately embrace their neighbors. In a matter of days, they were distributing blankets and supplies to those who lost everything.

It signaled to a hurting community that someone cared about them. That Christ's love comforts and heals. That we find light together in our darkest times.

Will you give generously to CWS Blankets today to set that in motion for future needs? You'll signal your love to families who are desperate for a healing embrace.



To see our latest video of how you responded to needs in Dayton, scan this QR code or visit cwsblankets.org/dayton.



In 2019, congregational gifts provided over 118,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty). Here's what your gift today could mean in 2020:

\$10

Provides one blanket

\$50

Gives blankets to an entire family

\$250

Stocks shelves in a shelter with blankets before wintry lows hit

Forgot to bring cash or a checkbook? You can make an online donation - complete with a receipt for your records - at cwsblankets.org/donate.

Your gift supports two types of CWS Blankets:

HEAVYWEIGHT

These woolen blankets are great for frigid temperatures. They hold heat extremely well, they're water resistant, and they don't easily catch fire so people can use them while warming up by a heat source.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Appropriate for warmer climates, these fleece blankets keep families covered without adding bulk if they have to move around a lot. Fleece is water repellent, durable, warm and soft.



Families also share that they use blankets:

- As insulated padding if they have to sleep on hard, cold surfaces
- As room dividers if they're staying in shelters and need a moment of privacy
- As bags to carry supplies if they must move from place to place

Thank you for embracing your neighbors in many different ways through your gift today!



"What we have really seen here in Dayton is that, when you're standing in front of someone who has lost absolutely everything and you hand them a blanket, that's the one thing they now have... It's more than just bodily warmth; it's the *warmth* of the Church coming to that individual."

— REV. TERRY KUKUK,
FAITH LEADER IN DAYTON, OHIO

October Events 2020

Lay Leaders

- Oct 04 Ruth Morrison
11 Bill Gross
18 Anne Ward
25 Mark Ash

Birthdays

- Oct 02 Casey Ferry
02 Kendra Fuller
05 Conner Campman
05 Nancy Grinnen
07 Lukas Cope
07 Marcy Engman
07 Akaruh Gardiner
11 David Zaffino
12 Amanda McElhatten
12 Anne Ward
13 Jordan Bullock
15 Marilyn McCoy
15 Carly Olsen
15 Keziah Port
19 Sally Clark
19 Ashlee Laurie
19 Dominick Little
19 Aldyn Poston
20 Chris Case
21 Haley Campman
22 Michael Fiscus
22 Cole Johnson
27 Lynn Collins
29 Jim Swartz
30 Kris Soderberg

World Wide Communion

October 4th

We will serve communion following
social distancing practices.

Hospital Visitor

Sandy Ransom

Ushers

Pusateri Family

Anniversaries

- Oct 05 Ron & Cathy Davies
06 Dave & Tammy Swartz
10 Jim & Karen Ashbaugh
13 Dave & Danell Sowers
16 Cale & Audrey Ash (5)
20 Gary & Dixie Brumagin
22 Jim & Cindy Fiscus
23 Bob & Sandy Goodwill
28 Jim & Ruth Morrison

Sanctuary Flowers

- Oct 4 Mark & Sheryl Ash
11 Kathy Whittemore
18 Marcia McKown
25 Kathy Whittemore

Sound Booth

- Oct 4 Jim Ashbaugh
11 Hayden Turner
18 Teresa Blumquist
25 Kelley Wood

Greeters

- Oct 4 Judy McElhatten
11 Jim Morrison
18 Gary Olson
25 Lynn Olsen

Nursery Workers



- Oct 4 Susan Stout
Christine Case
Nancy Bullock
Melissa Turner

After Church Coffee

Presently, we are not holding Coffee Hour.
If this changes, we will list in the bulletin.

North Warren Presbyterian Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 PM Deacons	2	3
4 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship World Wide Communion Sunday	No School 5 	6	7	8 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	9	10
11 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Pastor Appreciation Day	12 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	13 6:00 PM Christian Ed	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	26 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	27	28	29	30 	31 Halloween in the Park & Trunk or Treat 6 - 8 pm

For a complete up-to-date view, visit our website at <http://www.nwpcchurch.org/events-news-and-lists>

October 2020

November Events 2020

Lay Leaders

- Nov 1 David Snyder
8 Gloria Lindell
15 Celia Gross
22 Susan Stout
29 Lynn Bricker

Greeters

- Nov 1 Nancy Bullock
8 Joe Poston
15 Darrell Pusateri
22 Sandy Ransom
29 Donita Redick

Sound Booth

- Nov 1 Rick Blumquist
8 Jim Ashbaugh
15 Hayden Turner
22 Teresa Blumquist
29 Kelley Wood

Sanctuary Flowers

- Nov 1 Jean Swartz
8 Maureen Gonano
15 Thanksgiving Table
22 Thanksgiving Table
29 Advent Decorations

Ushers

Lois Marshall
Kathy Olson
Roxy Vanord

Hospital Visitor

Sally Clark

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Nursery Workers

- Nov 1 Anne Ward
8 Susan Stout
15 Nancy Bullock
22 Melissa Turner
29 Susan Stout

Birthdays

- Nov 01 Joann Stevenson
06 Karen Ashbaugh
06 Ayden Stiteler
06 Kelley Wood
07 Mary Mahan
08 Jim Morison
09 John Dyke
11 Melissa Turner
17 Anna Parkinson
17 Melissa Port
17 Julie Ransom
18 Natalie Smith
18 Linda Swanson
19 Bryan Olsen
20 Abigail Chapel
20 Judy Rimer Sweet
21 Brian Ferry
25 Michelle Gray
25 Sarah Wilson
26 Norma Hoffman
26 Sandra Lee
26 Robert Swartz
29 Judy Grosch-Rudolph

Anniversaries

- Nov 3 Ian & Soojye Gustafson
26 Richard & Barb Cook

Christ the King



Communion Service

November 22

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social distancing practices.

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15 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
Christ the King Sunday 22 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	23 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	24	No School 25	Thanksgiving 26 	No School 27	28
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News from the Pews

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Decorating Committee News

The Decorating committee will be decking the halls for Christmas on Saturday, December 6 starting at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to help.

They are also offering poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary. These can be done in honor or memory of a loved one. See form later in newsletter.

Going South

If you are heading south for the winter, please let the church office know when you are leaving. Then we can mail your newsletter directly to you.

Warren Bible Club

Warren Bible Club is in need of volunteers to help with supervising and crowd control at release time education. Two schools will participate by video media. Two schools want religious education to be in person.

Sheffield and Youngsville elementary will need some volunteers one hour each week. Sheffield is on Wednesday 1:40-2:40 in the Auditorium. Youngsville is on Thursday 1:30-2:30 in the Cafeteria. Classes will be set apart from each other and volunteers are asked to wear a clear face shield.

Volunteers interact with students by smiling, waving, nodding head yes or shaking head no.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Gray 757-8410 or Leanna Ashe 726-3504.

NWPC's World Vision

Sponsored Child

Earlier this year, we received a letter stating that the family of our World Vision sponsored child, Yamba, had moved out of their ministry area, and was no longer able to be sponsored. We have helped Yamba and her family for many years, and she was close to being 18 years old. World Vision then gave us another child for us to sponsor so let us introduce her to the NWPC community.

Her name is Shawanatu Mudasiru and she lives in the savannah region of North Ghana. She is an only child and is 12 years old and likes to draw and play jumping games. Her parents are farmers and struggle to provide for their family.

Please pray for Shawanatu and her family and we are blessed as a church to support her both with our prayers and financially.



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Mission News/Blanket Fund

Our church has been very blessed these past few months in so many ways. Not only have you, the congregation, been faithful in and offerings to pay the salaries and utility bills, we have also been able to maintain our commitments to a number of missionaries and other local organizations we support.



For this quarter, these include Dr. Matt Megill, who is serving (along with his family) in Niger, Africa, and John and Linda Wagner, who have served as Wycliffe Bible translators in Mexico since 1996. Local ministries include BCM (Bible-Centered Ministries, Int'l), the released-time religious education program in Warren County schools, Impact Christian Fellowship at WAHS, Blue Star Mothers, for shipping costs to send Christmas care packages to local military members, and finally, Family Life Network, Christian radio station in Bath, NY, which some of us may listen to.

Last but not least, for many years our church has participated in the Blanket program with Church World Service, and we typically collect those offerings in the fall. If you would like to be a

part of this worthwhile ministry, a \$10 donation will purchase a warm blanket for a survivor of one of these hurricanes or forest fires that are currently plaguing our country. You can use the enclosed envelope and return to the church between now and the end of October. Please make checks payable to NWPC. Thanks so much.

Warren Public Library

The Warren Public Library is open for book browsing as well as for computer and reference needs by appointment. Call the library for available times and to schedule an appointment.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The Deacons will once again be providing boxes of food for Thanksgiving dinner to those in need in our church and our community.

If you are able to donate a turkey, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let one of the Deacons know and they will provide you with more details of the date and time they will be needed. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Deacons..



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Halloween in the Park

Saturday, October 31, 6-8 pm

Our Halloween outreach will look a little different this year! In the interest of bring safe and following COVID-19 mitigation efforts, we will NOT be serving hot dogs, food or drinks to be consumed in the pavilion since it is impossible to wear a mask while eating.

We will, however, be making bags of candy and/or “prizes” to pass out from a decorated pavilion! In this way, we can reach out in person to community members and share Jesus’ love and encouragement.



In that spirit, we invite you to decorate your vehicle and participate in our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. We have had some festively decorated trunks in past years.

Donations of candy are appreciated, so plan now to bring candy to the church. Please consider coming out that evening, perhaps in costume to help share with our neighbors!



Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

This group of women from the church meets at 12:30 on the second Thursday of each month for prayer, a meal and fellowship. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



Weather permitting we will meet on October 8 in the Dave Clark pavilion; otherwise, we will be downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Celia Gross and Marcia McKown will be hosting. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided. You will get a reminder call or email the week before.

Please remember your mask.

Information Update

Is your birthday or anniversary not on our list? Is your address need updated? Do you have a cell phone number or email?



Please provide this information to the church office so we can update our records.



Ladies Bible Study

This fall we will finish up our study by Becky Kopitzke – Generous Love; Discover the Joy of Living “Others First”. Please join us at 10:00 am.

- Sept 28 – A Church on Every Corner
- Oct 12 – Why? Because God Says So
- Oct 26- And Because it Benefits You, Too
- Nov 9 – When Blessing is Hard
- Nov 23 –About that Golden Rule

Pastor Appreciation

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Due to the COVID virus, there is no soup and no pie this year, but we do want to honor Buddy.

If you would like to donate toward his gift, please place your donation in the collection plate marked **Buddy’s Gift** or see Gloria Lindell.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 4, 2020.

thank you!

Turn Your Clock Back

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.



Sunday School has begun

With the coming of September is the start of our Sunday School year with classes for all ages from preschool through adult beginning at 9:30 am each Sunday.

Sheryl Ash and Nancy Bullock - Preschool Class; Marian Hartman and Sally Clark - elementary age children; Ruth Morrison - middle school children and Anne Ward - high school students.

We offer two adult classes, one led by Jim Ashbaugh upstairs, and the other led by Buddy Ward in Fellowship Hall.

These classes are great opportunities to interact in a smaller group while learning more about the Bible and our faith. Consider inviting friends and/or family to these classes or attending yourself if you aren’t currently involved.



New Downstairs Adult Sunday School Class

Starting September 27th at 9:30 am, the downstairs Adult Sunday School Class will be starting a new five-part series from “Right-Now” titled “Race and the Gospel.” Pastors Bryan Loritts and Matt Chandler will use the Apostle Paul’s words in Ephesians to address race, racism, and injustice. Ephesians 2:11–16 carries a unique importance regarding an issue that has plagued American churches since the conception of America itself—racism. The doubt and frustration surrounding current conversations about race and ethnicity provoke questions like, “Why do we keep bringing racism up?” “Isn’t race just a social construct?” and “Isn’t there just one race—the human race?” However, our nation has come to a turning point where many Christians can no longer ignore racial tensions or use simplistic responses to deflect from the complexity of our country’s racial problem. As those who follow Jesus, Christians have the unique opportunity to enter into—rather than shy away from—conversations about race and reconciliation in light of the hope of the gospel. Through teaching and

honest dialogues, Bryan and Matt will unpack the hard truths about America’s racial past and present and suggest a pathway forward of healing, justice, and hope for multiethnic harmony in the church. Each session has a study guide and a time for discussion. Now’s a great time to start a new exploration of God’s Word with your fellow Christians. Because of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the wearing of masks is required and social distancing will be maintained in the class. The study will also be available on the North Warren Presbyterian “Right-Now” web page for those who are unable to attend the class in person. If you haven’t already signed up for a FREE “Right-Now” account you can contact Rev. Ward or follow the instructions on the front page of our website at www.nwpchurch.org.

After Church Coffee

Due to social distance guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be holding after church coffee until further notice.

We will put a notification in the bulletin and also send out an email when we are once again able to gather for fellowship and refreshments.





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Worship Service

Sunday September 13, 2020, we returned to our regular schedule.

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

You are required to wear a mask while entering or exiting the Sanctuary. If you have a medical issue that prevents you from wearing your mask, feel free to remove it once everyone is seated and proper social distancing has been maintained. You will need to wear your mask while singing or speaking. We will continue to follow social distance guidelines by keeping the six feet distance between other members of the congregation. Portions of the pews will be marked off. Please be considerate and sit only in the areas designated.

We will not be passing friendship registers or collection plates. Bowls are located at the back of the church where you can place your offering and the attendance slip from the seat in the pew.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 723-5060.

Until we can all be back together, stay safe.

God Bless

The Church with a Welcome for All

Church Library

Need something new to read?

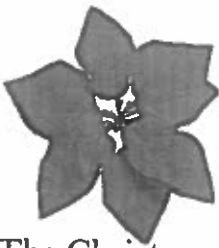
Stop by the church library for some new selections as well as some new DVDs and books on CD.



The church library has had a face-lift thank to Donna Caito. Many of the books were outdated or in poor condition and in need of replacement. We do have a great selection of fiction books there. A few new titles have been added to the collection as well as a few new non-fictions.

All new titles are located on the fiction shelf to the left as you walk in the library. Look for the Max Lucado titles and you will see all the new fiction and non-fiction in that area. The older but still usable non-fiction is now on the shelves closest to the fellowship hall. We hope that you will enjoy reading some of these books.

If you are interested in donating good books that you have, please let Donna Caito know.



POINSETTIAS

The Christmas season will be upon us soon and the Flower committee is busy with preparations for decorating our church. We are asking for your help. You may help in any or all of the following areas:

Poinsettias will be \$9.00 each and will be of varying colors. All flowers are to be picked up following the Christmas Eve Service. Please bring a bag to cover your plant and protect it from the cold.

Donations of \$\$\$ to the Deacons Fund will assist them in providing for those in need in our community. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated again this year.

If you would like to make a donation of \$\$\$ to help defray the cost of renewing and/or replacing some of the decorations you may do so through this form as well.

All flowers and donations may be placed in memory or honor of family, friends, loved ones, etc. Please indicate your choices and place in the offering plate or return this form along with your gift to the church office.

Deadline is December 6, 2020.

Thank you for your participation. The Flower Committee

Name _____ Phone _____

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|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. Poinsettia - \$9.00 each | \$ _____ | (colors may vary) |
| 2. Deacons Fund | \$ _____ | |
| 3. Church Decorating Fund | \$ _____ | |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ | |



In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Please indicate your choices and place in the offering plate or return this form along with your gift to the church office, ATTN: Flower Committee.

Deadline is December 6, 2020

Make your checks to "NWPC" or North Warren Presbyterian Church



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"How Autumn Leaves Me"

It's amazing God, how autumn leaves me,
awed by Your majesty.
There's a bite in the air that nips at the
leaves, which blush orange and red
from the nibbles of the night.
Without warning, they fall to the ground
and carpet the earth with their color.
There is every reason in this season of
beauty to reap the blessings
You've sown in my life and offer the bounty
Of my grateful heart to You.

"Prayers from my Pencil" by Greg Asimakopoulos