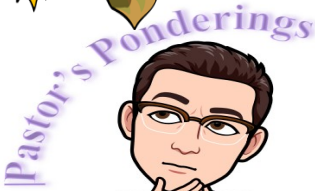




2023 ~ Marion Salem

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!

Well another charge conference is complete and it was a breath of fresh air. It did not take us hours to complete and we were done in 30 minutes. The amount of forms to complete was reduced from 50+ pages to less than 15. The best part was your leadership was gathered together with our Presiding Elder, Dave Carter, and the majority of our meeting was spent on two things: prayer and celebration. I wanted to share those two items that were lifted up at our charge conference before anything else:

Prayer Requests:

- Unity & and common goals
- Fresh ideas
- Youth fellowship
- More young families & children
- Community will know Christ is preached here
- For Pastor Jason

Celebrations:

- Operation Christmas Child
- Choir started
- Adult Sunday School classes
- Mission minded congregation -- PBJ Truck
- Food outreach-Ice Cream Social & Noodles
- Hosted Ohio Garden Club Association
- VBS – successful & family-oriented

Pastor Carter reminded the Charge Conference that the above celebrations are not minor things. As Christ's Church we should be all about these things. What impresses me is how much our prayer requests and celebrations resonate with what has been learned through the Pastor Meet and Greets. All 72 people who took the opportunity to share, referenced similar joys and concerns. God has given us a path forward. My complete report to the Charge Conference will be shared with the congregation soon along with the combined responses. For now an abridged summary is included in this newsletter of what we have shared together as our vision. We pray for many things. We also have much to celebrate. Let's continue praying and working together for what God has laid on our hearts to do.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

We have so much to be thankful for at Salem!
Sunday, November 5th following the worship service.
Please sign up for your favorite dish or side dish to share.
Looking forward to seeing you!



November Election Information

If Issue 1 passes:

- Erases parental notification & excludes parents from their child's medical decisions, such as abortion or irreversible sex-change operations.
- Would always allow an unborn child to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy, regardless of viability.
- The treating physician decides if the abortion is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health, including mental, physical, financial, etc.
- Allows for-profit abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, to self-regulate & perform abortions up to viability & beyond at the sole discretion of the abortionist.
- Removes even basic limits on abortion. Allows dismemberment abortions; painful, late-term abortions & abortions after a child is born alive.
- Late term abortion would be enshrined in the Ohio Constitution forever.
- **VOTE NO ON ISSUE 1**

If Issue 2 passes...

- It legalizes an addiction-for-profit industry.
- It would legalize the processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow and use of marijuana by adults who are 21 & older.
- Exposes kids to a mind-altering substance in kid-friendly forms, such as candy & cookies.
- Promotes recreational use of a drug that causes withdrawal, distorted perceptions, respiratory damage, anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts & schizophrenia.
- Endangers others by driving under the influence.
- Heightens the risk of workplace injuries.
- Adds more government—the Division of Cannabis Control—within the Department of Commerce.
- **VOTE NO ON ISSUE 2**



Mission & History

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.

Deadline for shoeboxes November 19th

- ♥ Please include \$10 for shipping with each box
- ♥ Can't do a box? Write a check to Samaritan's Purse
- ♥ Questions—see Susie Williams

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Knitting/ Crafting 1pm	2 Homeschool 9 - 1	3	4
5 Communion Thanksgiving Potluck	6	7 Election Day Choir 7 pm	8 Knitting/ Crafting 1pm	9 Homeschool 9 - 1	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Fam Ctr –reserved	13	14 Choir 7pm	15 Sr. Lunch 11:30 Knitting 1pm SPRC 6:30 pm	16 Homeschool 9 - 1 SPRC 6:30 pm	17	18 Fam Ctr– reserved
19	20	21 Choir 7pm	22 Knitting/ Crafting 1pm	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28 Choir 7pm	29 Fin. Comm 6p Ad Council 7p	30		

Pray for

Karen Link
Ron VonAlmen
Janet Schelb
Dave Monroe
Jude Stitzel
Rodney Weisbrodt
Paul Strodtbeck
Sheryl Campbell
Jim VanMeter
Allen Wagner family
Jana Bauer
Three Strands Ministry
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Terry Fisher
Bob Barker
Israel
George Brown
Ike Dietsch



1st Sunday every month in the Family Center at 8:30 AM.

November - Crusaders
December - Slackers

Birthdays

11/1 Kelly Wagner
Chris Breeding
11/3 Marcia Burden
11/9 Robbi Smart
Natalie Wagner
11/10 Debbie Croft
Tom Seitter
11/12 Ben Galloway
11/13 Martha Crabtree
11/14 Riggins Pollock
11/15 Emery Braumiller
11/16 Caitlin Smith
11/21 Shirley Klinefelter
11/23 Tracy Weisbrodt
11/27 Andy Williams
Hudson Pollock
11/28 Ruth Lutz
11/29 Maggie Breeding

Nursery Schedule

11/5 Amanda & Marissa Loyer
11/12 Jana Bauer & Susie Williams
11/19 Charisse Smith
11/26 Linda Seitter & Amy McGuire

Anniversaries

11/19 Bruce & Conni McChesney
11/23 Steve & Joan Crock
11/29 Joe & Kathy Schelb

GREETERS

11/5 Sharon & Kerr Murray
11/12 Jay & Betty Woodruff
11/19 Curt & Mary Galloway
11/26 Jay & Betty Woodruff



Next PB & J Sunday: November 12th

THANK A VETERAN



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Children's Sunday school classes will be making Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, **November 19th** during the Sunday school hour.

If you would like a basket made for someone, please give the name to Cheryl Slack or Jana Bauer. If you are able to deliver a basket, please let Cheryl or Jana know.

We also need help with donations of food items for the baskets.

- Apples, bananas, oranges
- Individual oatmeal packets
- Hot Chocolate
- Pudding, Jello, fruit & applesauce cups, raisins
- Breakfast, snack, nutrition bars, peanut butter & cheese crackers.
- Individually wrapped hard candy

Thank you for your love and support!



Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 10th

Practices will start November 5th during Children's Church.

All children pre-school to 6th grade are welcome to join. We ask that your children are at as many practices as possible during those 5 weeks. Any questions see Kelly, Natalie, Jess, or Lilly Wagner



A big thank you to all who helped with the SUB SALE
Buying, selling, making, eating—it's all important !!



Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon
Friday 10-noon

Mite's Message Sharing

Those interested in being in the rotation to share the Mite's Message need to speak with Pastor Jason. Spots are available now through the end of the year.



Marion Salem Church Choir
is the place to be!
We practice on
Tuesdays at 7pm
Everyone is welcome!
Come and sing with us!

CONTACT EMILY SHARP AT 740-701-4263
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

**40 blankets were collected
for Leapin' Outreach!!**
Thank you everyone for your generous support

