

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

**NOVEMBER 2023**

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It's amazing, when you stop to think about it, that our minds and hearts and mouths are linked. Listen to these common phrases:

- > Free your mind
- > Freedom of speech
- > Speak your mind

But, the Bible says in Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." If you do diligence in study on this, the collective message of the Bible goes like this: "The thoughts of the head flow from the heart." So, if you have the love of God in your heart, it will impact your mind, which will in turn affect what you choose to say or choose not to say.

The implication of all Bible passages that speak of "heart," suggest that the metaphor means one's close connection with God - or not! Keeping one's heart, with all diligence, means hearing and heeding the subtle yet consistent impressions of the heart. That is, a heart whereon the Lord has written His law that leads to happiness and joy. Words flow forth having been influenced by one's heart. That's why it's a good idea to think before you speak, because your words will reveal what's in your heart.

Years ago, Norman Vincent Peale conveyed a story about a man walking through the twisted little streets of Kowloon in Hong Kong. When he came upon a tattoo studio. He could see in the window all sorts of sample tattoos available. On the chest or arms you could have tattooed an anchor or flag or mermaid or whatever. But what really caught his attention were three words that could be tattooed on one's flesh... "Born to lose." His curiosity was just too great so he entered the shop and pointed to those words, asking the Chinese tattoo artist, "Does anyone really have that tattooed on their body?" He replied, "Yes, sometimes." The bewildered traveler said, "I just can't believe that anyone in his right mind would do that." The Chinese man simply tapped his forehead and said, "Before tattoo on body, tattoo on mind."

Isn't that so true? Too often we discover that we are inadvertently living out something about ourselves that's already in our minds. May we live the words of Psalm 19:14 that reminds us, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer."

*Encouraging you in Christ,  
Pastor Dan*

# CHURCH COUNCIL

October 11, 2023 - 6:00pm

Members Present: Pastor Dan Seibert, Jeff Orton, Todd Davison, Mark Mosbarger, Mark Lohman, Karen Doy, Gayle Barnes, Lynne Haars, George Farley

The Church Council met on Tuesday, October 11 to discuss and approve the 2024 Budget and the latest audit. The budget of \$363,530 is a decrease of 2.44% from 2023. A copy of the budget is available from Coral in the church office. We pray that this money helps to advance God's kingdom.

Jeff Orton, Council Chair



Geneseo Ministerial Association  
invites you to their  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday, November 19 ~ 4:00pm  
Geneseo High School

# Baptism

*Cora Grace Sheffler,*  
Daughter of Cody & Rachel Sheffler,  
was baptized into Christ on  
Sunday, October 22  
Granddaughter of Jeff & Mary Orton

*"You are a child of God. You are  
wonderfully made, dearly loved and  
precious in His sight"*  
Psalm 139



Our Angel Tree is now up & filled with lots of angels! Grab one, two or more, and help make this a joyful Christmas for these special children & senior citizens.

Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree (attach the angel tag to the correct gift).



**Gifts must be turned in by  
Sunday, December 3**





Pearl Circle has identified a need for rides to appointments such as physical therapy, especially when driving is restricted. First, we would like to see if there is interest and willingness to be drivers for these church members who might need this service. Also, Pearl Circle would like to know if there are church members who would be interested in using this service. If you are interested in being a driver or passenger, please contact Paula Venema at 309-714-5554 or email [wally.pv@gmail.com](mailto:wally.pv@gmail.com).



## VIOLET CIRCLE BAZAAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Open from 7:45am - 8:45am & Following Worship

Baked Goods, Crafts & Final Sale of Items from the  
Reorganization Committee's Church Clean-up Project

All proceeds will be donated to local charities.





## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 - Dave Swanson
- 05 - Hannah DeJohn, Mark Shoemaker
- 06 - Steve Depies
- 07 - Susan Coleman, Bodey Mickley, Sue TeStrake
- 08 - Evan Hill
- 10 - Mark Koster, Bev Radue
- 12 - Jerry Hahn
- 15 - Kylie DeJohn
- 16 - Duane Haars, Margaret Hitzhusen,  
Tony Simon
- 20 - Dave Johnson, Hilary Lohman
- 21 - Julie Blank, Dick Gradert,  
Randy Rutherford
- 22 - Barry Snodgrass
- 23 - Mark Lohman
- 24 - Brant Betcher, Logan Betcher,  
Mary Lou Deane
- 25 - Clarice Massengill
- 27 - Nancy Mickle
- 28 - Harrison Hill
- 30 - Libby Anderson, Jenni Lindberg,  
Ron Obrecht



**Sunday, November 12**  
 following Worship Service  
 Served by Pearl Circle.  
 If you can donate an egg  
 casserole or coffee cake,  
 please contact  
 Gayle Barnes 309-944-3674



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 - **Dathan & Betty Kerber (5)**
- 05 - **Mike & Ellen Rubino (35)**
- 08 - Wendell & Helen Akers (59)
- 18 - Jerry & Jean Hahn (56)  
Shannon & Carly Verbeck (6)
- 19 - Dean & Sharon Yoder (63)  
Steve & Christina Zobrist (6)
- 26 - Tom & Margaret Hitzhusen (58)



**November 4 before you  
go to bed!!**

## OWLS LUNCH

**Thursday,  
November 16  
at 11:30am**



We are looking forward to a presentation by Claire Crawford from our own Geneseo Library. She will share all the wonderful programs that the Library offers besides a vast collection of books that are available to us.



**Coral will be out of the office  
November 20-22**



**Pastor Dan Seibert**  
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318 N Center Street  
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**Worship Sunday at 9:00am**  
**Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)**  
**Sunday at 9:00am**

**Sunday School:**  
**Adult Classes at 8:00am**

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## Prayer Requests

- |                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ashley                             | Brant Betcher     |
| Mathew Bodeen                      | Betty Bowman      |
| Cara & Zane                        | Joey Eaker        |
| Ben Endress                        | Jon Espenses      |
| Evelyn                             | Family Member     |
| Revs. Mike & Beth Fender           | Wayne Goodwin     |
| Nikki Haars                        | Cameron Hodgson   |
| Brenna Betcher Holke               | Jeanette Klavine  |
| Tari Kneen                         | John & JoAnn Knox |
| Andrew Lord & Wife                 | Niece, Mary       |
| Bev Radue                          | Tony simon        |
| Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother |                   |
| Sally Swanson                      | Carolyn Werner    |

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

- |              |               |                |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Greta Baugh  | Joyce Criddle | Mary Lou Deane |
| Phyllis Keag | John Riggs    | Connie Ryner   |
| Sarah Stees  | Rita Webb     |                |

**Please contact Julie Dahlquist**  
**with prayer updates.**



**YOUTH GROUP PLANS TO DO A**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE YARD**  
**WORK PROJECT**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**DETAILS COMING SOON...**

We will meet on  
November 7 at 1:00pm.  
If you enjoy reading,  
come join our friendly  
group.



**2023 Offering Needed to**  
**meet Monthly Budget**

**\$31,000.00**

**Received in OCTOBER**

**\$32,115.32**

**General Fund**



**Food needs:** tomato juice, low sodium chunky style soups, low sodium pasta sauce, crackers, coffee

**Non-food needs:** denture adhesive and cleaner, mouthwash, toilet cleaner, pain relievers, diapers size 4-6

# TRUNK OR TREAT 2023



BOO



# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship</p>			<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal, Chapel</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>Youth Service Project</p> <p>6:00pm - Confirmation Class, Albright</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00pm - Book Club, Library</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>12:30pm - Violet Circle, Albright</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal, Chapel</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>Breakfast following Worship</p> <p>6:00pm - Confirmation Class, Albright</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel 9:00am - Library Committee, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Opal Circle, Chapel 6:00pm - Church Council Meeting, Albright</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Otterbein</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal, Chapel</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>Violet Circle Bazaar 7:45am - 8:45am &amp; after Worship</p> <p>5:30pm - 7:00pm - Youth Meal Prep, Dinner &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> <p>Coral out of Office</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Coral out of Office</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal, Chapel</p> <p>Coral out of Office</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Office &amp; Building Closed</b></p> 	<p>24</p> <p><b>Office &amp; Building Closed</b></p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>6:00pm - Confirmation Class, Albright</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal, Chapel</p>	<p>30</p>		