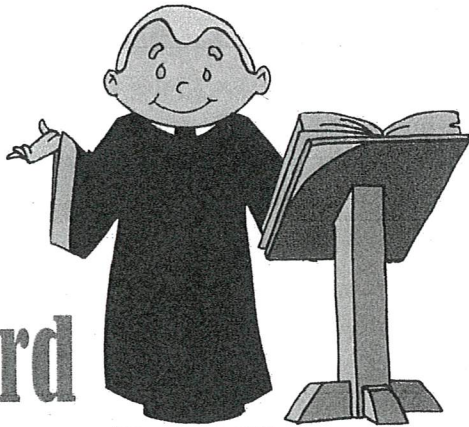


Sandpiper

November Worship Schedule

9:00am Sunday School
Worship at 10:30am



Word From the Pastor

Have you ever witnessed something **INCREDIBLE**? I'll bet the first thing you did was tell someone about it. Maybe it was a life-changing event, a fantastic finish in a football game or a motivational movie, the point is that you couldn't help but **SHARE** what you'd experienced with someone else.

Well this tendency of ours to want others to know about the awesome stuff we go through is the whole reason we have the Bible. Two thousand years ago twelve **ORDINARY** guys (and a bunch of other men, women and children) experienced something literally incredible and they were

COMPELLED beyond themselves to tell others about it.

I'm sure you've heard about Jesus right? I guess that's a dumb question. Well stop for a minute and think about "why." You've heard about him because others witnessed his glory. They witnessed his miracles. They witnessed his brutal execution, resurrection from death and ascension to God's right hand. That's why Jesus said to them, "You will be my **WITNESSES!**" Well friends, this may be news to you but we will too because of what he's done for us! Join me in November for my new series "Witness!" to discover God's amazing story – the Gospel – and what it means for you!

Pastor AJ

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME
ENDS**



November 5

(Don't forget to set your clocks
back 1 hour)

Sands Through the Hourglass...

The sands easing down in the
Thanksgiving Hourglass say,
"Happiness isn't about getting what
you want all the time,
it is about loving what you have,
and thanking God for it."

Thanks be to God as we say "Happy 202nd
Birthday, Middle Sandy." Our green history
book tells us that the first Presbyterian sermon
was preached in the wilderness on October
1816, along the hollow behind where the
present museum building is located. However,
"on November 10, 1821, the church was
regularly organized with six families and nine
members enrolled." With God's guidance, we
will continue to be a worshipping Middle Sandy
Evangelical Presbyterian congregation, praising
and thanking God for His blessings for us.

For many months MS members prayed for
Carter Schopfer, Joe and Susie's grandson. In
September first grader Carter and his four year
old sister Kelsea joined us in worship along
with their grandparents. Thanks be to God for
His healing hand, Carter's last CAT scan was
clear.

Cindy and Bill Smythe shared that Joseph is
now Sgt. Joseph Smythe. Congratulations are in
order.

Also, as I perused the latest University of
Mount Union history book, compiled by Harry
Padis, I discovered that Doctor Scott Mason
was chosen for the university's "Teacher of the
Year Award" in 2014. Belated and sincere
congratulations to you, Scott.

Recently Carole Mathey saw former MS
members Rich and Samantha Rinehart. In a
conversation with Samantha, she said that she
has completed training for Christian Counseling
Associates of Eastern Ohio. The group is

funded by donations, but is available for any
who seek counseling. Most are in the
Canton/Stark County area. Samantha said the
group pays churches to use their facilities, and
hope and pray that they can filter into church
families. By February 2024, Samantha hopes to
become an independent counselor.

Rich and Samantha attend the Open Door
Baptist Church. I recall and miss their three
pretty and friendly granddaughters who now
live with their mothers, but see their
grandparents often. Emily is 15 and lives in
Salem. Zoey is also 15 and her sister Kali is 14.
They live in Alliance. What a joy it was to have
their family study and worship at MS for
several years !

I am thankful when I get a phone call that
begins with, "Hello, Middle Sandy. This is
Dorothy." I/We know that we are being kept "on
our toes" with an announcement about MS
affairs. Thanks, Dorothy Burbick Wilson for
keeping us enlightened.

Thanks to the Wagner sisters, President Amy
and Secretary/Treasurer Pam, for agreeing to
lead the Presbyterian Women's Association
again. Both are so conscientious in fulfilling
their tasks. Ever since I can remember, the PW
has been a vital, working group of women,
assisting and achieving much for the
congregation, with the help of many others, of
course. Hard tack candy making needed
everyone, remember those years and the
church-filled aromas..

If you want to give a donation for the
Blessing Box, and aren't sure what to buy, or
you don't like to grocery shop, Lynne and Rob
Kidd will accept monetary donations and shop
for you. Thanks for their caring service to the
Homeworth community.

When we walk through a door into Middle
Sandy,
do we knowingly say,
"This is the place where love abounds."

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS



We encourage you to send a card or letter to one or two each month. Addresses are available in the church directory or in the church office.

Continuing health needs:

Staff Sgt. Ryan Lee (major orthopedic surgery October 11)
Diane Sanor (auto immune disorder)
Carter Schopfer (Joe & Susie's grandson)

Military Service:

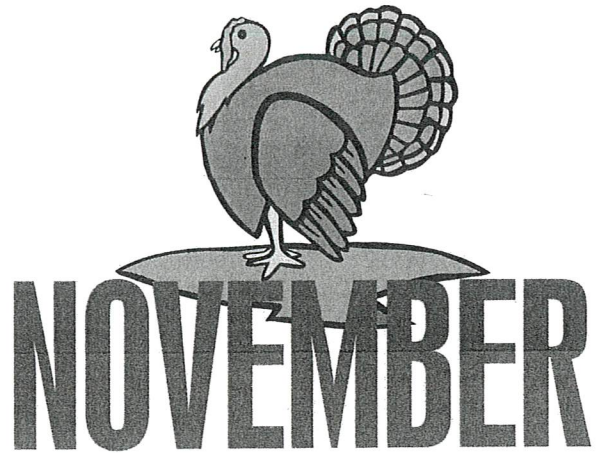
Brian Burbick (Navy Out in deployment till the end of January.)
Garrett Floyd (A specialist in the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg in NC)
Staff Sgt. Ryan P. Lee (Ohio National Guard)
SPC Joe Smythe (Ft. Bragg, NC)
Jason Snyder (Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.) (Carole Mathey's grandson)
Jon Pagnucco (Jane Stryffeler's grandson) – Navy (Alexandria, VA)

Our Missionaries - for Holy Spirit protection and great perseverance in their work.

Jeff & Natasha Bain (EPC missionaries in Asia)
Abe & Diane Bible (Missionaries to the Ukraine)
Lisa Smith (at home)
Paul & Reinhold Sydnor (ministry to refugees in Lille, France and Malta)

Article Deadline Note:

Please turn in any articles or announcements for the Sandpiper to Carolyn Slingerland by the 22nd of each month. You can e-mail them to middlesandy@frontier.com.



Birthdays

Name - Date

Ron Wagner – 5
Linda Wallace – 10
Amy Wagner – 11
Barbara Bansbert-Schied - 13
Jacob Rice – 19
Linda McQuilkin – 22
Pat Tuel – 22
Tom Sawyer - 24
Gary Davies – 25
Rachael Emmons – 26

Anniversaries

Couple – Date

Phil & Linda McQuilkin – 14
Dan & Sandy Matz - 20
Donald & Bonnie Riddle – 22
Gary & Sharon Davies – 29



Preaching in November

November 5	Pastor AJ Platt
November 12	Pastor AJ Platt
November 19	Thankoffering Service
November 26	Pastor AJ Platt

Thankoffering Service

The speaker for the **Thankoffering service** on November 19th will be from the Alliance Pregnancy Center. We will collect toiletries for babies and adults. There is a box in the narthex to put them in. Some suggestions are baby wash, baby shampoo, sensitive wipes, baby lotion, baby washcloths and for adults: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash, soap and deodorant. They are also having a toy drive for Christmas. They will collect new or like new toys for all ages. Would you consider an item or two and a toy for donation? If you don't like to shop, we will take up a donation that Sunday also. Thank you from the Pastoral Concerns Committee.

PW Happenings

Presbyterian Woman have hit the ground running after resuming our meetings this fall. There are a lot of plans in the coming months that we are excited about for us and our church family.

Thank Offering will be on Sunday, November 19th with the Alliance Pregnancy Center speaking during the service. MSEPC have been supporting them for many years and they have a lot of new services that they want to share with us. PW will be collecting donations during the offering for them so they can continue their ministry. The Pregnancy Center is also collecting toys for the Christmas season to donate to their patrons. After the service, PW will be serving soup lunch so please come and show your support and enjoy some fellowship following church.

The night out with Mark Lowry was a night to remember. We had 12 people enjoy the evening of delicious food which everyone ate too much of and an entertaining show with Mark Lowry and friends. Two family musical groups who were so talented and inspirational performed between Mark's "conversations" with us. There isn't a bad seat at The Star Theater which made the show even more intimate and enjoyable.

Great news.... The new nativity set is on its way.

PW wants to thank everyone who donated towards this new addition to our Christmas decorations. Once again, our small but mighty congregation was very generous to make this wish a reality. It won't be long until it will be displayed for everyone to see.

It's dinner season for PW and that is what we do best. The Senior Citizens will have their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, November 15 at noon and Lady Ruritans will be served on Monday, December 11th at 6:00. Beware of the ladies with their clip board for donations and help... lol!! These dinners are our main fund raiser for our organization and we truly appreciate everyone's help.

Until next time.....spread God's love and blessings everywhere you go!!

Operation Christmas Child

The annual Operation Christmas Child project is upon us. There are many boxes to fill in the Narthex with information sheets to give everyone ideas and suggestions for filling your box. The children who receive these are truly grateful for this treasure box. After the box is filled, please place \$10 inside for shipping and return it to the church. All the boxes will be delivered to Damascus Methodist Church as it is a drop off site. Please have your box back to Middle Sandy by Sunday, November 19.

Ron's Birthday Celebration

Ron Wagner is turning 90 on November 5th and there is no better way to celebrate that to have a birthday party. You only turn 90 once!! There is an open house for everyone to come and wish Ron a very Happy 90th Birthday from 2:00-4:00pm at Middle Sandy. He's such a special man and knows no stranger and hope there are a lot of old and new friends there to visit. If you are unable to attend but want to send a card, here is his address: 800 S. 15th St., #8316, Sebring, OH 44672.