

October 15, 4-6pm

Dine in or carry out—\$12 a meal
We need lots of volunteers for pie cutting, serving and clean up. Unable to help on the day of? We're also in need of 28 donated pies by 1p on October 15 so they can be cut.
Also, come join us for the decorating party on Friday, October 14 at 9a.

We have jobs for all, big and small.
Sign up forms will be available in the Narthex after the Sunday worship services.



Saturday October 29, 3-5p Saybrook UMC Parking Lot

We are looking for Church families to decorate the back of their vehicles in some Biblical or Christian theme. (Example: One family used the song from "Frozen", "Let it Go" and added "Let God" to the end. Let your imagination run wild and enjoy. Please see the sign up in the church Narthex along with pictures from Rev. Palo's former church.



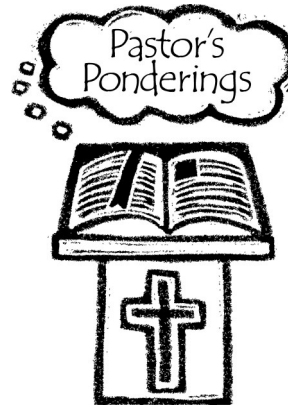
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Dear friends, as we enter the month of October we will see and hear a lot about costumes and masks, and when we think about it there are a lot of colorful characters in the scriptures. "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" you know all about Abraham the towering figure of faith Jacob the trickster, is one of the most colorful characters of the Bible. However, Isaac is a relatively obscure individual to most of us. Yet he is, in many ways, more like us than the other two. Abraham is a quarterback, Jacob a pass receiver, but Isaac is a linebacker who holds tight while the heroes do the work. Like most of us, Isaac could easily go unnoticed. The

Bible moves from stories of Abraham with Isaac simply as the son, the stories of Jacob with Isaac simply as the father. Even his wife Rebecca is a more notable character than he was. Isaac was almost sacrificed alive by his father. He was caught in the crossfire of jealousy between his mother, Sarah and his father's concubine, Hagar, which resulted in his half-brother being banished. His own children quarreled and were alienated from one another and from him. In his old age he was deceived by his wife and son and he gave away all he had to the wrong child. Still he kept faith. Isaac is not so much a man of faith as he is a man of faithfulness. Jesus understood people like Isaac. He spoke a lot about holding on." if you continue in my word you are my disciples and you will know the truth... By your endurance you will gain your lives." All echo him, " Be Ye steadfast, enduring." Few would deny the need for endurance in human accomplishment. You've got to be able to "hang in." Hosea described failure in vivid terms, " your love is like the morning cloud— like the dew that goes early away." That could make us wince! Endurance is not very exciting. One might prefer Insight, intelligence, gallantry or charm. The disciples' capacity for endurance was not too impressive. What is one of the most haunting lines in the

New Testament is “ Could you not watch with me one hour?” Before they were through, however, the disciples had learned some important lessons about endurance, about continuing.

They had learned that God accepted them despite their limitations. For those first followers the commitment to Faith was a costly one. Like Christians in East Bloc countries today, it meant forfeiting advancement. Christians in North America Today may experience a little scorn or condescension, the odd invitation withheld, but not much more. Still, the daily drudgery of doing good can overwhelm us on occasion. The faith journey is no super-sonic flight to the kingdom of God, but a slow march Over long years with poor equipment.

Our faith is fractional oh, our vision blurred, our victories always incomplete. God knows. But that is precisely the point. God knows, God understands. We are not Gods, but we are children of God, and well-loved children. It is this assurance that allows us to listen to the poet Rilke , “Be patient towards all that is unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves.”

The disciples also learned that they could push themselves more than they had known.

Church member because her mother's teaching,” Always how to the end of the row.” Hoeing in the hot sun is a tough job. Some works of love and compassion are just as hard, and tiring, and with no visible reward.

As many of you are learning I do not know a great deal about sports but I do read and there are a great many analogies to from sports. Such as when, when the Canadian hockey team brought home the Canadian Cup in 1987, Mike Keenan, the coach pointed to the importance of the support cast who worked behind the stars.

“ It was the muckers & grinders who came through.” Most of us feel that way about ourselves. We can trust that God is at least as appreciative as a hockey coach.

Muckers and grinders are those who stayed with it. A healthy soul is one that is on the grow. A healthy congregation is one that is always under construction.

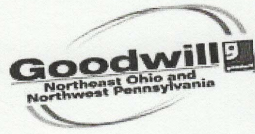
James J Braddock, heavyweight champion of many years ago, said, “When your nose is bleeding and your eyes are black and you are so tired you wish your opponent would crack you one on the jaw and put you to sleep, Fight one more round– remember, the person who fights one more round is never whipped.”

If you are ready to fight one more round... if you are looking for a new dimension... a new purpose for living... with family and church... you are invited to join us at Plymouth or Saybrook United Methodist Church this week. We don't have all the answers, but we are trying to make good use of the new possibilities always before us, never forgetting in our weariness and discouragement that God is our strength and our stay.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Meetings Sunday @ 7pm						1 8:30am Men's Group 10:15am Worship & Music Committee
2 945a—Modern Service 1045a—Traditional Service	3 10:00am Missions Produce Giveaway @ Plymouth 3-5pm	4 6pm Trustees	5 6pm WOW 7pm Choir	6	7	8 10a UM Women
9 945a—Modern Service 1045a—Traditional Service	10 7pm Plymouth AD Council	11 6pm Member-ship 6pm Education	12 6pm WOW	13	14	15 8:30am Men's Group 4-6pm Swiss Steak Dinner
16 945a—Modern Service 1045a—Traditional Service	17 Produce Giveaway @ Plymouth 3-5pm	18 6p AD Council	19 6pm WOW 7pm Choir	20	21	22 10:00 am UMW 10a-4pm Girl Scouts Goodwill Donation Drive
23 945a—Modern Service 1045a—Traditional Service Following worship, Mission Meeting Packing Par-tisnity for Operation Christmas Child	24 3-5pm Plymouth Food Pantry	25	26 6pm WOW	27 5pm Community Dinner	28	29 3-5p Trunk or Treat 5-7p Trick or Treat for Saybrook community
30 945a—Modern Service 1045a—Traditional Service	31					

SCOUTS



DONATION DRIVE

& MEATBALL SUB SALE

MEATBALL SUBS \$8.00 or COMBO w/chips, cookie & drink \$10.00
Items also sold individually
lunch starting at 11am

*Saturday, October 22nd
10am to 4pm*

*Saybrook Methodist Church
7900 Depot Rd -Ashtabula*

**Clean out the
CLUTTER, PICK UP LUNCH & RAISE FUNDS**

Join Cub Scout Pack 52, Troop 52 B & G, and Venture Crew 223 by simply donating the stuff you no longer want. You will raise money for the Scouts and your unwanted items will be repurposed by Goodwill.

GOOD for SCOUTING / GOOD for the PLANET!

Accepting: clothing, linens, shoes, boots, purses, jewelry, household items, books, CDs, videos, DVDs, games, sporting goods, electronics (no tube TVs), & toys.

NO BROKEN, DAMAGED, OR UNWORKING ITEMS

NO: mattresses, pillows, cribs, car seats, auto parts, hazardous materials, tires, or large furniture.

To coordinate early drop offs, call or text Nancy @440 344-3980 starting on 10/10/22

 **OCTOBER**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

May God's blessings fall upon you.

- 2 JoAnn Dennis
- 2 Hannah McKee
- 2 **Dennis & Bobbi Heil**
- 2 **Gregory & Christine Lipscomb**
- 3 Madison Schaade
- 4 Judy Hakundy
- 5 Mike Parks
- 6 **Lenny & Diana Peterson**
- 7 Brent Osten
- 8 Mary Clugh
- 10 Bobbi Heil
- 10 Violet Bogush
- 12 Jillian Fox
- 12 **Paul & Sue Miklos**
- 12 Abbie Shaffer
- 13 Richard Arnold
- 13 Bobbi Brindley
- 13 Bridgett Stiltner
- 13 **Rick & Sheri Leavitt**
- 13 Lily Rapp
- 16 Jace Parks
- 17 Dennis Heil
- 17 Ron Smith
- 19 Cameron Leavitt
- 21 Monna O'Connor
- 22 Joyce Thompson
- 24 Cheryl Josson
- 24 Donna Shiflet
- 27 Richard Clugh
- 29 Michelle Grim
- 31 Mary Ann Gage



Dear Friends in Mission,

THANK YOU!!!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you but if they did, I am certain their response would be - *Thank you!*

Through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Supporting	Gift Amount
UMCOR - Where most needed	\$655.00
UMCOR International disaster response and recovery	\$2276.00
Total Gift Amount	\$2931.00

National Collection Week is November 14-21, 2022.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.



How to pack a shoebox:

1. Find a shoebox.
2. Grab a label - boy or girl, age
3. Fill with gifts - Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!
4. Most importantly, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Fundraiser for 2023 Shoebox Ministry in cooperation with nonprofit group Savers. Collecting Clothing and household fabric items, (bedding, throw rugs, towels, curtains) shoes, and purses. We will also be taking books.

The Collection will continue until November 16th. At the Plymouth UMC

See Pastor Palo or Karen for additional information.



Our Sunday morning service can be viewed via YouTube.
You can find the link on our Facebook page
or our website.

www.saybrookumc.com

“Whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” **Proverbs 11:25**



“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayers. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” **Romans 12:9-13**

“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” **1 John 3:18**

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here I am. Send me.” **Isaiah 6:8**

“And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” **Mark 9:35**

“When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.” **John 13:12-13**

“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Matthew 20:28**

“Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.” **1 Thessalonians 5:15**



Charge Conference
Sunday, October 23, 2:00p
All Ashtabula County UM Churches meet at
Jefferson United Methodist Church