FIRELANDS PRESBITERIAN CHURCH

Weekly Update

for the week beginning November 15, 2026

Firelanders!

The change of seasons from summer to autumn changes the pace of our days. We have less time to spend outdoors as it is dark so soon, and more time with friends and family around the Thanksgiving table. Our church life moves at a different pace with planning for the 4 weeks of Advent and Christmas Eve. The 'snowbirds' have flown south, but out of town family visits! The pulse of Firelands continues to beat at a strong and steady rate.

As I look into the coming year, I see how we will build upon the workshop with Barak Strickland and the Congregational Meal that followed. In this quieter time of cooler weather and forced air heating, we will make ready to welcome returning friends and new visitors to the church as we are: **1)** wearing our name tags and greeting one another, **2)** strengthening our use of technology, **3)** engaging with Habitat for Humanity, and **4)** welcoming those moving to the area.

I am thankful for these and many other ways in which you cherish one another and build up the fellowship of Firelands. There are larger congregations, but none with more of the Holy Spirit than Firelands!

Your pastor and friend,
David

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Rob Constein • Karen Dietz • Dottie Douglas • Dottie's son, David Douglas • Remi Floro • Linda & Garrett Holcomb and Linda's sister, Carol on recent passing of their sister, Lois • Sue Holman • Kathy Jerram (back surgery) • Betty Layton's friend, Sue • Jim Layton • Janet & Dave Moore's friend, Kendra • Judy Smither's brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • Anne Trombatore • Karen Salzgeber's friend, Becky Deredick • Bill & Pat Sharp • Bill Umlauf • John Yardyon • Kay McIntosh's family on Terry Webster's recent passing • All those who are currently under a doctor's care • All those who are without adequate food • All who are traveling this week.

THIS WEEK'S Activities

MONDAY 11/16
2:00 pm - Health & Exercise

TUESDAY 11/17
2:00 pm - Dulcimer Group

WEDNESDAY 11/18
3:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 11/19
8:00 am - Cleaning Service
2:00 pm - House of David Video Series

FRIDAY 11/20
8:00 am - Men's Group at Fulton Street Cafe (Magruder Hospital)

NEXT SUNDAY 11/22
9:30 am - Adult Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship & Fellowship
Reader: Gwen Aber
Communion Servers: Janet & Dave Moore

NOTE THESE CHANGES

- **Bible Study** has completed for the season and will pick up again during Lent in February.
- **Adult Education** classes will NOT be held Dec 27 & Jan 7 but resume on Jan 10.



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Administrative Assistant
Part-Time
Call 419-734-6211





Remember...

We are collecting new toys, coats, gloves, hats and scarves for the Salvation Army in our narthex from Nov 7 - Dec 7.

Every gift, large or small, can make a difference!

Additional volunteer opportunities at Salvation Army, 1834 E Perry St, Port Clinton during the Christmas Season include:

Christmas Distribution Setup -
Dec 10 & 11 • 9:00am - 3:00pm
Set up event space, lay out toys on designated tables.

Christmas Distribution -
Dec 15 & 16 -
1st shift 8:45am - 12:15 pm
2nd shift 12:45pm - 4:30 pm

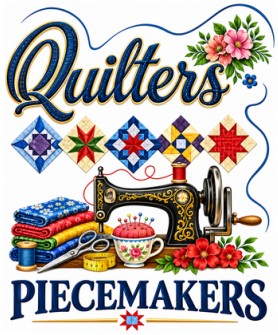
To sign up or learn more, call **Desere at 419-732-2796.**

Special thanks for your time and support of this mission ensuring all children of Ottawa County have a Merry Christmas.



Ministry Spotlight

Recently members, spouses and guests assembled at the Beach Glass Lounge to celebrate Project Linus Mission's 22nd anniversary. Pastor David & Gwen were also in attendance. Project Linus at Firelands began June 2004 with 5 members and now has 9 active quilters. It's purpose is to provide warmth, security and comfort to sick, terminally ill or emotionally disturbed children. So far in 2026, 127 quilts have been hand-pieced and sewn and will be blessed next spring before being taken to Akron Children's Hospital. Through the past 22 years, the quilters have provided over 3000+ children's hand-made quilts and all were given to Akron Children's Hospital. Thanks go to Pastor David and Firelands's members for their support in making this mission a success.



Free Thanksgiving Dinners & Food

Bistro 163
November 24, 4pm - 6pm
bistro163.org

Seed Faith Food Pantry
974 S Lake St, Gypsum
Contact Marie Berry at 419-732-2399

Salvation Army
1854 E Perry St, Port Clinton
419-732-2769

If you are blessed to have a full plate, consider donating to one of the above.

Last week's attendance = 52

Snowbird Report

LEAVING
Nancy Hurl
Leaving Mid-November

Fellowship Hosts Needed!

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