

THE VISITOR



Max and Avery Heater, Madalyn Yeagley, and Norah Blasingame listen to the Bible story during morning session at Fall Camp 2025.



2025 Fall Camp participants enjoy a wagon ride tour of Camp Wanake.

GATHER AT THE TABLE - FALL CAMP 2026

There's just something about a table. It's where we gather, share a meal, tell stories, laugh, listen, and make room for one another. And in the Gospels, the table was often where Jesus did some of his most important work.

This year at Fall Camp, we'll be Gathering at the Table as we take a deeper look at communion and what it means to have a place at Christ's table.

Join us November 6, 7, and 8 at Camp Wanake for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun. We'll have games, snacks, s'mores, laughter, worship, and plenty of time to just be together.

Cost:

- \$60 / adult
- \$40 / child
- \$150 family max

Includes 4 delicious meals and 2 cozy nights at camp! Fall Camp is for all ages. Bring your family, bring a friend, or come by yourself. There's a place for you here. Registration is now open! We hope you'll join us! Deadline to register is October 21st.



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

10/01 Painting Through Scripture

10/03 Ladies of Light

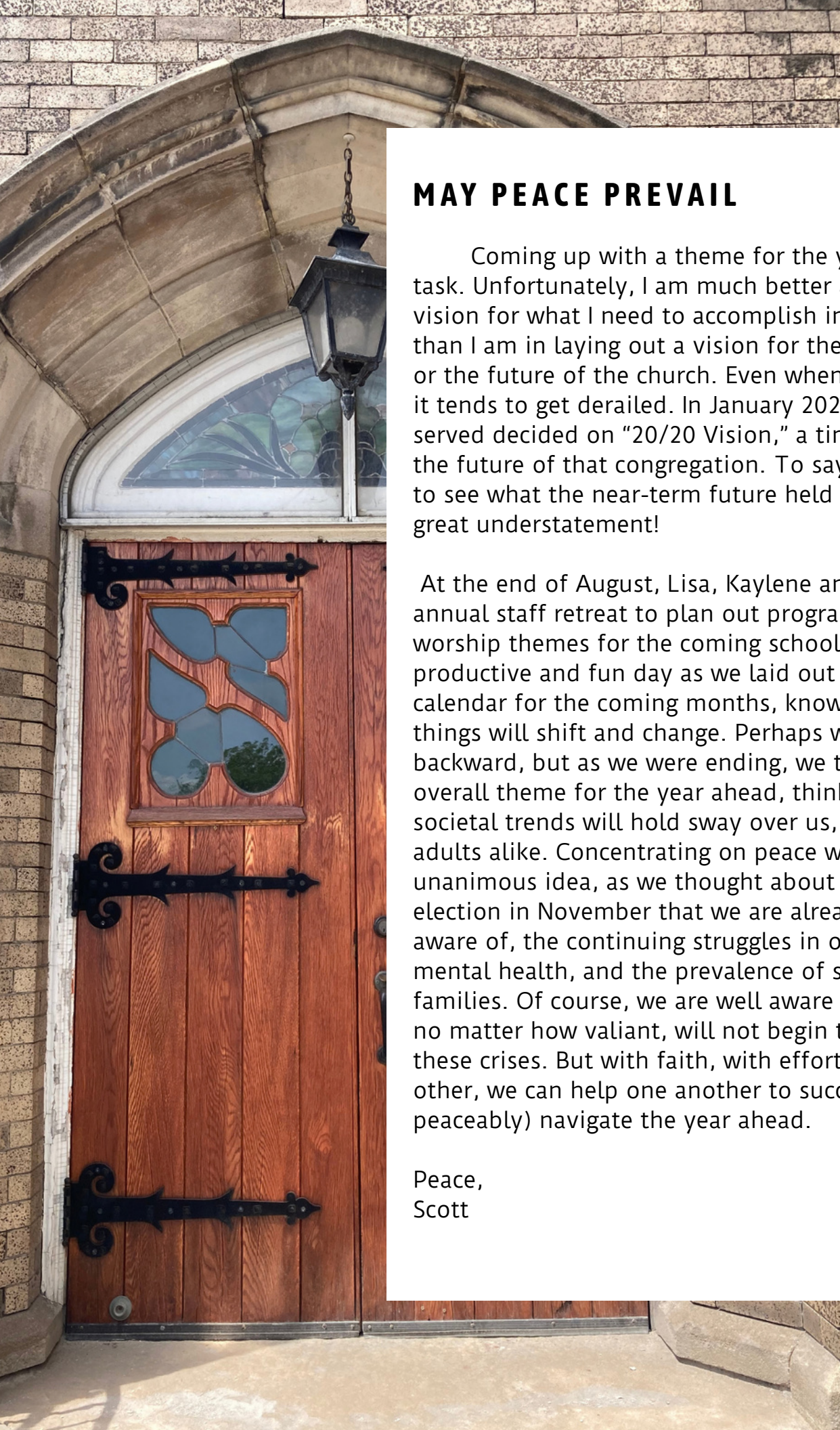
10/04 Bible Presentations

10/13 Bigs and Littles

10/18 Third Sunday Potluck

10/20 Church Council Meeting

10/25 Halloween Bingo



MAY PEACE PREVAIL

Coming up with a theme for the year is a hard task. Unfortunately, I am much better at laying out my vision for what I need to accomplish in coming day than I am in laying out a vision for the upcoming year or the future of the church. Even when I have a vision, it tends to get derailed. In January 2020, the church I served decided on "20/20 Vision," a time to look into the future of that congregation. To say that we failed to see what the near-term future held that year is a great understatement!

At the end of August, Lisa, Kaylene and I held our annual staff retreat to plan out programming and worship themes for the coming school year. It was a productive and fun day as we laid out all the things on calendar for the coming months, knowing full well that things will shift and change. Perhaps we worked backward, but as we were ending, we talked about an overall theme for the year ahead, thinking about what societal trends will hold sway over us, youth and adults alike. Concentrating on peace was the unanimous idea, as we thought about the contentious election in November that we are already painfully aware of, the continuing struggles in our country with mental health, and the prevalence of struggles in families. Of course, we are well aware that our efforts, no matter how valiant, will not begin to solve any of these crises. But with faith, with effort, and with each other, we can help one another to successfully (and peaceably) navigate the year ahead.

Peace,
Scott



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Minutes from August 19, 2026, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report is filed for audit.

Staff reports are on file. Pastor Scott will be on vacation Oct 12-19. The confirmation class members will be selecting mentors to help guide them through the confirmation process.

Letter from Michael, on behalf of the Nursery School Board, asking to delay the decision around supporting the school an additional year.

Adam M. will be meeting with certified CPR/AED personnel and will develop an action plan.

The cereal box goal was met and exceeded. The sheet goal was very close to being met as of the council meeting.

Work on the stained-glass window in the Sensory Sanctuary has been completed. The boiler work is anticipated. Cabinets in the workroom are due soon. After they have been installed, the countertops will soon be installed. New lights and air conditioning have been installed in the offices. The carpet edging in the sensory room will be addressed.

Vicki and Sharon will remain on council for second terms. A replacement will be found for Les – a new vice-moderator.

The stewardship committee has met and have developed a strategy for the Stewardship Campaign (Mike F., chair, Nick Y., vice chair, Nancy H. member). Council will approve a budget to be presented by Nancy H. at the next meeting.

Next meeting October 20, 7 PM

TREASURER'S REPORT

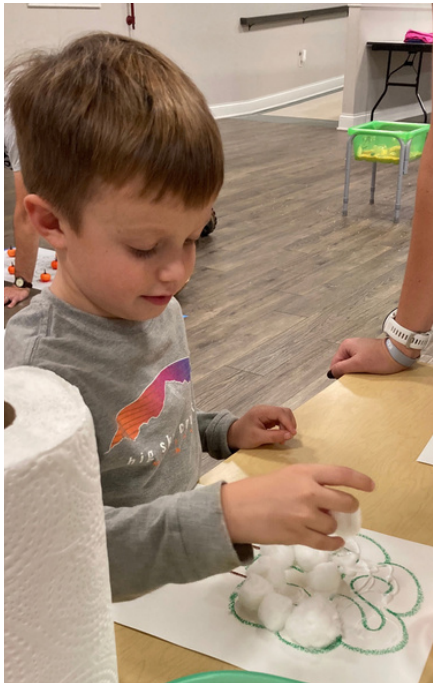
Current Fund	Month of Aug 2026	Year to Date	Last Year
Sunday Offerings	\$ 23,749	\$ 171,833	\$ 169,040
Other Income	\$ 76	\$ 13,526	\$ 7,513
Expenses	\$ 21,906	\$ 195,253	\$ 156,908
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,919	\$ (9,893)	\$ 19,645
Benevolent Fund Donations	\$ 2,781	\$ 29,298	\$ 23,706
Samaritan Fund Donations	\$ 578	\$ 3,045	\$ 4,815
CUCC Preschool	\$ 1,780	\$ 1,810	
Samaritan Fund Balance is \$2,544.			
Brian Amstutz, Treasurer			

MEMORIAL GIFTS

**IN MEMORY OF
PASTOR MARK STEINER**
Jim and Sharon Nelson



YOUTH NEWS



Casey Maag creates a fall tree at last year's Bigs and Little's Fall Festival.

BIGS AND LITTLES FALL FESTIVAL

Children age Kindergarten and younger with an adult are invited to Join us for a full evening of fall themed stories, activities, crafts, and snacks on Tuesday, October 13th from 6-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No child is too young!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

10/4: 6-8p at the church

10/11: 6-8p at the church

10/18: 6-8p at the church

10/25: Halloween Bingo - No YF

KIDS CLUB

Our Kids Club program will meet every Wednesday in October from 5:30-6:45p. All kids in K-5th grade are welcome.

If your child is involved in a fall activity on Wednesday evenings, they can still join us whenever their season/event is over.

Kids Club meets on most Wednesdays through March.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

This year, we're changing things up! During worship on Sunday, October 4, we'll be presenting Bibles to our preschool, kindergarten, and third-grade children. These age-appropriate Bibles are a gift to encourage a lifelong habit of reading Scripture and growing in faith. Join us as we celebrate our children and this important step in their faith journey!



Andy Stocker, Max Heater, and Abby Weyrauch receiving their Bibles last fall.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BINGO

Break out your costumes and get ready for a night of spooky fun, competition, and BINGO! The Fellowship Committee is hosting their annual Halloween Bingo on Sunday, October 25, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come dressed in your best costume, grab some pizza and snacks, and settle in for a few rounds of bingo.

There will be prizes for best costumes and bingo winners, plenty of treats, and, who knows, maybe a few tricks along the way!

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun fall evening together. Whether you're coming to win big or just to enjoy the company, there's always room at the bingo table!



Tate Howell dressed as "Fantasy Football" at last year's Halloween Bingo event.

LADIES OF LIGHT

Join the Ladies of Light on Saturday October 3rd for coffee and conversation!

The group will be meeting at Sure House in Orrville beginning at 9:00 AM.

Don't miss a single meeting! Here's a look at what LOL will be doing this coming up this Fall:

- 10/3- Coffee and Convos, Sure House Orrville
- 11/7 - Period Pack Assembly, Pole Room
- 12/5 - Speed Puzzle Competition, Fellowship Hall



Cheryl Diehl, Connie Duffy, Nikki Jones, and Mark Holderman practice expressive painting during Painting Through The Psalms during Lent. Similar to what Painting Through Scripture will be exploring during the colder months.

PAINTING THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Adults of all ages are invited to join us on the first Thursday of each month for a peaceful evening of Scripture, painting, conversation, and prayer. We'll spend time with a passage of Scripture, reflect on what it might have to say to our lives, and create something inspired by it.

This is also a space to be together and share the things that are weighing on us, the things we're looking forward to, the joys we're celebrating, and everything in between. No painting experience is needed. Just come ready to slow down, create, and spend some time with one another.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

PERIOD PACKS

The Ladies of Light will once again collect hygiene supplies to put together Period Packs for their November gathering. Please help us reach our goal of 50 packs by purchasing supplies. Cards with items needed can be picked up outside the office.

BED AND BREAKFAST UPDATE: 7 SHEETS TO GO!

You read that right. As of September 22nd we have only 7 sets of sheets to left to meet our goal of 250 sheet sets for the Salvation Army. We have COMPLETED our goal of 250 boxes of Cereal!

Have you ever looked at the Angel Tree at Christmas and really noticed what people are asking for? Last year we noticed an abundance of people asking for sheets. Sheets are a necessity, not a Christmas present. The Salvation Army predicts that our gift of 250 sheet sets will give families the opportunity to snuggle up for years to come. Let's wrap up this up in October!

OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING

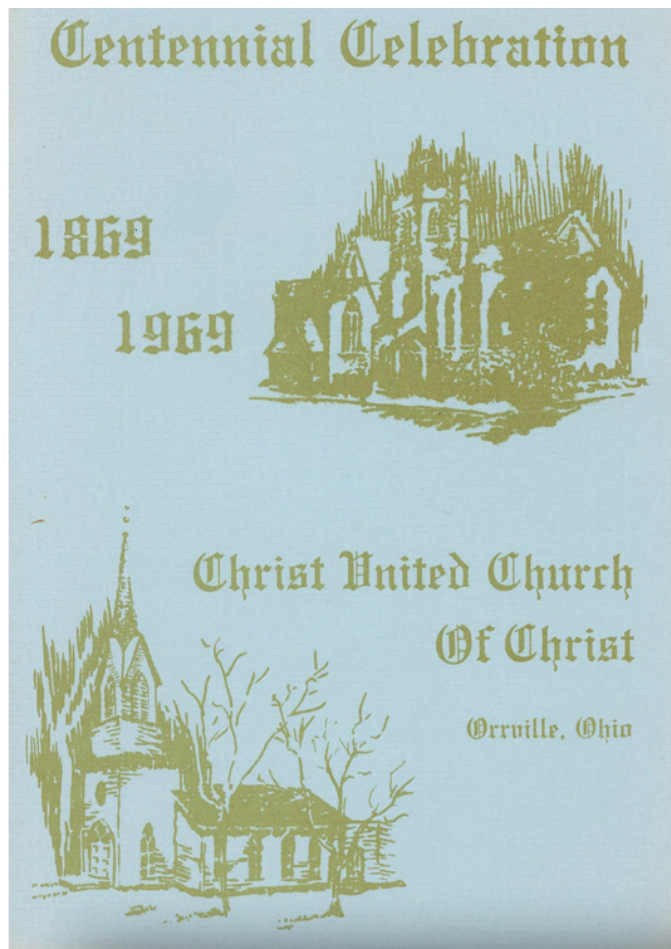
The special offering for October is the Orrville Salvation Army Maiwurm Service Center.

The Salvation Army has been serving Orrville and the surrounding community for over 70 years. Their motivation: At its heart, The Salvation Army is a church. This foundation is what motivates us to do the work that we do. We love God and serve others because of His love for all. That's where our mission comes from – to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet needs in His name without discrimination. Because, we want others to come to know God's love too. These are our marching orders.



Aidan Heater and the rest of Christ Church Youth Fellowship helped pack food for The Salvation Army last Christmas.

In October 1969, Christ Church was in the midst of celebrating its 100th anniversary! Below, you'll find the artwork featured on the front of the weekly bulletins, along with an insert from the October 19 worship service and the back cover of the bulletin outlining the special celebrations planned throughout the month.



NURSERY FACILITIES are available for pre-school children in the Educational Building; also, Infant Room is at the rear of Sanctuary.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by the Baraca Class.

TODAY 12:30 - 5:30 Horse back riding for Senior High Fellowship, Atwood.

TODAY 2:30 - 4:30 Open House at the new parsonage.

MONDAY 1:00 - 7:00 Red Cross Bloodmobile, Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY 6:30 Carol Choir Rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 8:00 Philathea Class, Church Parlor.

CENTENNIAL plates and histories will be available in The Educational Building immediately following the worship service, October 19th and 26th. They will also be available during open house and the October 26th program.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 10:30 worship service, Judge Adrian Miller, speaker. 12:00 We urge you to invite a Church member or other guest to your home for family dinner.

2:30 - Reminiscence of past - slides, stories, and an opportunity to renew friendships with former pastors and members...Old fashioned hymn sing. The conclusion of our Centennial is a Pie Social following the hymn sing...bring a pie to the afternoon program and join us in Fellowship Hall.

WE WILL REMEMBER:

Mrs. Pearl Graber, Dunlap Hospital
Robert Shank, Dunlap Hospital

CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

October 5 - "Youth and Music"

10:30 A. M. Worship Service
2:30 P. M. Informal Organ Program with Guest Organists
7:30 P. M. "Youth - Their Church - Their Music"

October 12 - "Harvest Home"

10:30 A. M. Worship Service
12:00 P. M. County Farm Tour

October 19 - "Recommitment Sunday"

10:30 A. M. Worship Service
2:00 - 4:30 P. M. Open House at new parsonage

October 26 - "Recollection Sunday"

10:30 A. M. Worship Service, Judge Adrian Miller
12:00 P. M. Invite a church family or other guests for Sunday dinner
2:30 P. M. Reminiscence and re-creation of the past
Old-fashioned hymn sing
Pie social

Pastor, Donald L. Turner
Organist, Mrs. Austin Pease
Choir Director, Mr. Carl Goudy
Church School Supt., Mr. John Duvall

PRACTICING PEACE

PRACTICE THE PAUSE

Peace sounds wonderful. But what does it actually look like?

If we are going to be a beacon of peace this year, peace has to become more than something we hope for. Peace needs to become something we practice in our homes, in our church, in our community, and in the way we exist in a world that can often feel anything but peaceful.

Each month for the next year, we'll introduce a "new" peace practice for you to try in your everyday life.

This month we invite you to practice the pause.

When a conversation gets difficult, you read something that makes you angry, or when you're tempted to respond quickly, pause before you speak or hit send.

Take a deep breath and ask yourself:

Am I listening?

Am I making room for another person's perspective?

Will my words bring more peace into this moment?

Practicing peace doesn't mean we will always agree and it doesn't mean we stop caring about the things that matter to us. It means we actively make a choice to be people who make room for grace, curiosity, compassion, and connection when it would be easier not to.

Our peace pole stands in the church garden as a reminder of our hope:

May peace prevail.

And may we help make it so.



May Peace Prevail On Earth

LAST MONTH IN PICTURES



(Left) Pastor Scott gives the children's message on the playground during outdoor worship.



Jaxon Curie and Andy Stocker smile for the camera on Rally Day.



The Ladies of Light gathered at Sure House for coffee and conversation on the first Saturday of September.



Savannah Jones and Pastor Scott look on as Samantha Jones squirts all the toothpaste out of the tube during a Children's sermon.

(Right) Outdoor worship concluded with a church wide picnic put on by Worship Committee.



Madalyn Yeagely, Jack Wallace, Andy Stocker, Avery Heater, and CJ Ensor enjoy some fellowship after outdoor worship.



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW CAROL CHOIR DIRECTOR!

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Finney as she will be stepping into the role of Carol Choir Director! Perhaps you've seen her directing the Bell Choir, teaching 3rd -5th grade Sunday School, or even carving a pumpkin at Bigs and Littles (pictured left)! Sarah is looking forward to adding Carol Choir Director to her list of talents and bringing all the musical fun to the kids of Christ Church! Carol Choir will practice weekly following Kids Club.



ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/03 James & Linda Bates
John & Judy Kropf
- 10/04 Bill & Patricia Lytle
- 10/11 Nikki & Jon Jones
- 10/12 Dwaine & Joi Hemphill
Sith & Susan Luangraj
Curt & Valeria Shumaker
- 10/13 Irv & Karen Gresser
- 10/15 Robert & Jennifer Howell
- 10/19 Lester Jay & Ashley Lefever
- 10/21 Richard & Carol Jones
- 10/24 Michael & Suzanne Birkbeck
Nathan & Angela Craft
- 10/25 Daniel & Thalia Wisard
- 10/28 Nevin & Kathy Nussbaum
- 10/31 Lora & Ron Nolt
Thong & Na Phaphouvaninh



BIRTHDAYS

10/01	Jon Gresser	10/17	Thomas Fletcher John Weyrauch	10/28	Kaitlyn Boggs Judy Browne Alex Huffman Caleb Orosz Ted Schantz
10/02	Michael Singer	10/18	Lori Arnold Kyler Graber Eleanor Roth Beth Schieber	10/29	Deb Fetzer
10/03	Linda Combs	10/19	David Edwards Kaylene Holderman Bethany Weeman	10/30	Amy Walter
10/04	Donovan McGrew Arthur Shupp	10/21	Paige Baer Payton Baer Joey Yungen	10/31	Larry Singer Jayne Wagner
10/05	Barbara Wyant	10/22	Ron Ballentine Amanda Lefever Matthew Schantz		
10/07	Camryn Crall Doug Diehl	10/24	Ethan Keirstead Andrew Marr Carol Yeagley		
10/08	Robert Graber Lynette Marr Lisa Nussbaum	10/25	Charles Finney Sack Luangraj		
10/09	Morgan Wyss	10/26	Nancy Hranko		
10/10	James Huntsberger	10/27	Mackenzie Donley Cooper Haley Aarica Kirtley		
10/11	Joanne Burkey Tammy Erb Henry Fletcher Adam Weyrauch V				
10/12	Marie Boss Alisha Musser				
10/13	Vongseng Luangraj				
10/14	Frank Duffy Lana Findley Kayla Luangraj Larry Yates				
10/16	Beth Lammrish				



Mary Legan and Beth Schieber plant flowers at Ladies of Light in May. Beth celebrates a birthday this month!