

# THE PORTFOLIO

OCTOBER 2024

Covenant United Church of Christ

## HARVEST SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us at 10:00 am on Sunday, October 13 at Cliff and Sue Grant's beautiful Toy Farm, 3251 Hosmer Road, Gasport, for a harvest themed church service.



Please bring a chair to sit on, and a canned or nonperishable item to share with the Food Pantry. Refreshments following the service will be provided by the Deacons.



**UCC Neighbors in Need  
Offering Collection  
Sunday, October 6**

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is  
a universal  
human  
Right

"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)

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OF CHRIST  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2024  
ucc.org/nin



## Halloween in Gasport

Join us as we pass out candy, cider, and hot chocolate to the trick-or-treaters outside the church on Halloween. It's so much fun! We will start at the "official" time listed by the Town of Royalton.



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"Feed my sheep" is from the Gospel of John 21:17. It comes from a conversation between Jesus and Peter after His resurrection. Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him, and each time Peter answers yes, Jesus responds with a command: "Feed my lambs," "Take care of my sheep," and finally, "Feed my sheep." The phrase is often interpreted as Jesus entrusting Peter with the responsibility of caring for His followers and continuing His mission of spiritual leadership, guidance, and service. It emphasizes love, responsibility, and the pastoral role of caring for others, particularly in the context of the Christian faith.

Our Donation Dinner feeds His sheep in every possible way. We do fill bellies, but our prayer is always about more than just a delicious turkey dinner. It is the acts of donating and the donors' commitments to continue this historical event... it is the sharing of fellowship in the weeks leading up to our dinner every time we are together... it is the love we share by putting on this event with no real expectation of a payday... it is the patience and kindness that we were shown by Jesus and that we show each other in the stress leading up to this awesome event... it is the genuine caring we show to one another....it is such a great lead into our thanksgiving season as Christians!!! We truly love every moment of our time to show God's love to our community... Please come join us as we shine as a church family to feed His sheep from the top to the bottom of our church!!

## FLY ON THE WALL



It's been a while since I have flown by, but wow have I seen a lot going on in this church! I noticed all these cute little dresses hanging around and many ladies sewing up a storm.

I am sure that so many little girls will be so happy about getting a new dress, and we have you to thank for that....I also like those Seeking Sisters as they have some goodies to eat and you know how I like crumbs! Sandy Allen, you are a real leader, and you are such a blessing to Covenant...I also see some new faces working on Bazaar items and what a job they are doing! Julie and Susan you are both a breath of fresh air, but you need more snacks for this little fly...Good Job!

Also see all the little ones back at Sunday School, always good to see them and hear the sweet voices when the Minister talks to them at the children's service, they breathe new life into these walls. Thank you Pam and Scott, you're the best. Speaking of the Minister, he is a part of the family at Covenant and we appreciate him and his sweet wife Sandy. Thank you for sticking in there with us. One last force to mention is the Deacons, they are always working to help keep Sunday a day of worship and friendship as they do the coffee hour each week. I think they do a great job as I always find something to snack on, but I really think they could use a break, so step up and take a turn at hosting the coffee hour, you may like it...I will be hanging around and watching you!



## CRAFT BAZAAR UPDATE

The Covenant Crafters are hard at work for the annual Bazaar held Friday, November 1 (10am-3pm) and Saturday, November 2, (9am-2pm). Our workshops are Tuesdays at 11 am after Seeking Sisters. If you haven't attended a workshop, please consider joining us! Bring your craft friends, your craft ideas, or consider hosting a workshop and don't forget your lunch! All are welcome.

We play good music, sing, dance, and even have a tambourine, but best of all, we have fellowship. Thank you to all who have joined us for workshops so far and donated supplies so we may continue crafting. We truly appreciate it!

As first time co-chairs, we didn't know what to expect. We appreciate everyone's confidence in us and the guidance provided to make this year's bazaar a success. Thank you!

Susan Soos and Julie Dickson



CRAFT BAZAAR  
NOV 1&2



Some of the  
projects and fun  
*we've had at*  
workshops!



## 700 Turkey Dinners

### Out the door in under 2 hours?

### WHO'S IN?!?



## DONATION DINNER

## SATURDAY NOV 2

Of course, it does not ALL happen in less than 2 hours. There are LOTS of opportunities for you to come and help prepare. Looking for ways to help at church, but don't want to be 'in charge' of anything? Come on down—we'll give you an apron and a job!

Our dinner will take place Drive Thru Style again, and there are so many ways you can help.:

- ☐ Donate money to help pay for the turkeys. See Scott or Pam Brauer
- ☐ Make or donate pie! We will be serving ONLY apple and Pumpkin Pies. Please sign up in the Fireplace room if you can help; we need 80 pies!
- ☐ Come out to help. As they say, many hands make light work. Work days are listed below. We call them "work days" but they really into fun fellowship days with church family.

Give Pam a call or text at 716-208-6306 to sign up, or just show up and bring friends! We need everyone's help to offer this dinner to our community. Let's feed His sheep!



### Sunday October 20

11:00 am right after church  
Scoop Squash

### Sunday October 27

11:00 am right after church  
Cut bread for stuffing

### Tuesday, October 29

4:30 PM  
Make Cranberry Sauce

## DONATION DINNER DAY!

### Saturday, Nov 2

9:00 AM

Carve Turkeys  
Cut Pies  
Prep Food

2:30 PM

Serve

3:00 PM

Wash Dishes/Clean Up

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Do you often wonder what to have or serve for lunch? It's always a puzzling question for me. So what's for lunch this year on the Friday of Bazaar weekend? Well, to pique your palette, we will serve stuffed pepper soup, a choice of sliders and sandwiches. No meal is complete without some delicious dessert! Beverages will be offered as well.

Sign-up sheets for specific items for the lunchroom are being eliminated this year as a means of better control of the grocery list. It will also lessen the burden placed on those that are always asked to donate. If you would like to donate a grocery item or cash, kindly contact with me. All donations will be graciously accepted.

Come join us for lunch on Friday, November 1. Your place at the table is set!

Burniece Herendeen, Lunchroom Chair

Hello all , I am so happy that Julie Dickson and Susan Soos have stepped up and helping with the Bazaar and I hear they are making some awesome things! Please support them and help in anyway you can, even if it is in a small way.

I am working on getting the raffle organized and will get tickets out soon. I am looking for 20 people to donate \$10 each for the lottery tree. If you can donate, please get it to me, Pam Bugenhagen, or Linda Boyer.

I also want to make you all aware of the very generous donations that we got at my garage sale that was for the church, several people brought stuff to sell for church.

John "Jeep" Demin was the big donor of some very nice things and when we were done with the sale we had made \$1015.00. I took \$100.00 out towards the tent and turned in \$915.00 to the church fund, not bad I say!

Thanks for all the help at the sale we always have a good time and lots of laughs. Pam, Bonnie, Donna, Patti, Barb Lindke and Barb Harrington for a great lunch and help.

Below are some sneak peek pictures of this year's raffle prizes!

Carol Genet



Confer Plastics  
Bistro Set



Bills Themed  
Bench with  
Storage



Buffalo Bills  
Kan Jam Set

Framed Buffalo  
Bills Diamond Art



24 inch Dragon  
Squishmallow



## SEEKING (AND SEWING!) SISTERS

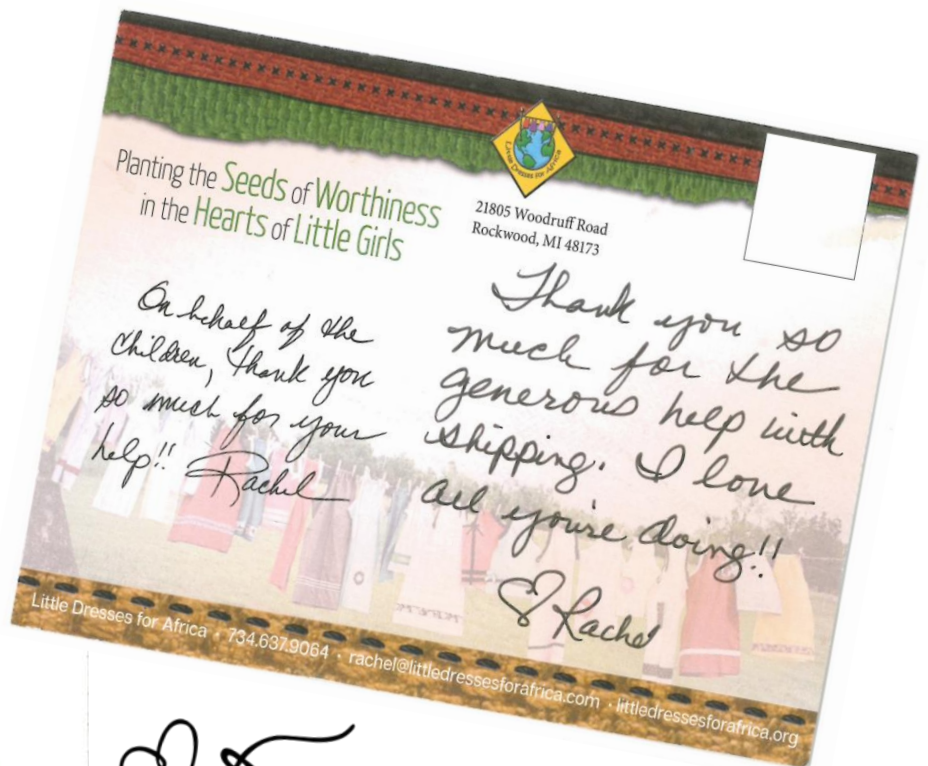
Sandy Allen

Our fall session of Seeking Sisters started on September 10th with 26 ladies committing to the study of "The Gospel of John". This is a great study after our busy summer as John tells us to take time for God!! We are also collecting for the Food Pantry each week and will be making "Thinking of You" cards for fall for the Nursing Home. All ladies are welcome to attend! It is on Tuesday's at 9:45am in the Fireplace Room.

Little Dresses for Girls -- Our dress project was completed in late August. We were blessed to have been able to ship 200 dresses for distribution along with money collected for further shipping. Our supplies have been stored and when we have free time from other projects and events, we will be having another sewing bee. Thank you to everyone!!!

Planting in the  
**Hearts of  
Little Girls**  
that they are  
**Worthy**

[www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org)



*Dear Church Family, Thank you for your love and support though this difficult time.*

*The cards, the prayers, the visits, the love, and a wonderful luncheon.*

*Family of Ransom Hatch*

### CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

#### August 2024

Sunday Collection	4,702.00	envelopes/loose
Expenses	- 2,563.05	
Carry Over	\$ 2,138.95	

Checkbook Balance 9/1/24 \$1,500.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Burniece Herendeen  
Church Treasurer

## NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

Noah Bartholomew, 17 years old, earned Eagle Scout on March 21. His parents are Dave and Rhonda Bartholomew. Noah just started at Fredonia University. His Eagle Scout project was the Hartland Firehall memorial surrounding the flag pole.



## CHOWDER TIME!

Troop 18 will be holding its annual chowder sale Saturday, October 26 here at Covenant. Pick up at 9am. Presale price is \$25 per gallon, at door \$30.



## OUR OWN COMPLETES TRIATHLON

This summer Scott Brauer alongside his friend and co-worker Matt Anastasi completed the "Summer Sizzler Triathlon" at Beaver Island State Park. Here is an excerpt from the Union Sun and Journal article:

The two teachers have developed a very strong friendship over the years, sharing the joys and challenges in their lives. Matt *talked to Scott about an uncle's battle with Parkinson's disease*, a brain disorder that causes movement problems, among other health issues. Scott shared with Matt when he was diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis, a type of arthritis, which was devastating news for the avid sportsman.

*At Matt's 50th birthday party, his gift from Scott was a card stating that he had entered them both into the Summer Sizzler Triathlon at Beaver Island State Park in August. The event included a 400-meter swim, an 11-mile bike ride, and a 1.8-mile run. "Well, it wasn't exactly the birthday gift I was hoping for," laughs Matt. "But I thought it would be a great challenge and I thought it would be fun to motivate each other over the course of the summer to get in shape." Scott explains, "I was getting ready to turn 60 and I told him we were going to do this for the people who can't do this anymore. I wanted to become the best version of me I could for my family, students and church congregation." Scott is a pastor at his church and very active in his community. "My arthritis can be very debilitating and it affects my entire body. I have been lucky to have the support of several people on social media that have helped me cope with my diagnosis and offered advice. I wanted to do this for them as well. My mantra was "Not today Ankylosing Spondylitis!"*

Great Job Scott and Matt!



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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

**Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 am**

Covenant UCC Annual Holiday Event

# Craft Bazaar

**Friday, November 1**  
10am - 3 pm

**Saturday, November 2**  
9am - 2pm

Great variety of hand-crafted items for gifts or home decor, homemade candy, fudge, baked goods, jams, and pies.

Raffle Tickets for Sale, Need not be present to win.



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