



The Shepherd's Voice

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. - *John 10: 27—28*
Nothing calms, nothing soothes, nothing heals, nothing leads like the voice of THE Shepherd...We are HIS sheep. We are led by HIS voice.

Shepherd of the Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

4796 Crossroads Road N.E., P. O. Box 40, Sandyville, Ohio 44671 office: 330.866.9293

Sunday Worship Time

8:30 a.m. with Junior Church

Reverend John Paul Maroni, Pastor 330.866.9293 | cell: 330.277.6445
Brandee Monroe, Secretary 330.866.4029
Jeff Beshore, Musician
Ron and Carol Richards, Custodians

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m. — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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January Birthdays

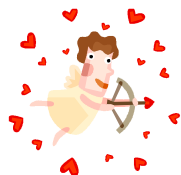


- 1 Chris Pontones, Kirsten Wallace
- 3 Amber Ward
- 10 Ben Rodgers, Dottie Scott
- 11 Grace Brown, Jeff Hunter
- 12 Fred Drotleff
- 14 Edna Hart
- 17 Barbara Lukens
- 18 Kathy Wanner
- 21 Pastor Roger Thompson
- 24 Jacob Schandel, Elizabeth Wharmby
- 25 Rosemary Tech, Randi Stephenson
- 26 Dennis McLaughlin
- 28 Gary Pontones



January Anniversaries

Brian & Susan Lux (1/12)



ATTENTION ALL WORSHIP LEADERS

If you are unavailable for the date and the duty you have been assigned, please contact the church office as soon as possible at 330-866-9293 or info@shepherd-ofthevalley.org, so that a replacement can be found for you.

JANUARY 2:

Musician: Jeff Beshore

Altar Care: Carol Richards

Ushers/Greeters: The Johnstone Family

Lay Reader: Matt Monroe

Communion Assistants: Carol Richards and Dave Zastawny

Jr. Communion Assistants: Emma Sommer and Jenson Garber

Acolytes: Elizabeth Wharmby and Jacob Schandel

Counters: Michelle Ward and Marylou Cooper

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP LEADERS

JANUARY 9:

Musician: Jeff Beshore

Altar Care: Carol Richards

Ushers/Greeters: The Hexamer Family

Lay Reader: Ron Richards

Acolytes: Luke Sommer and Darik Garber

Counters: Janine Garber and Jackie Wanner

JANUARY 16:

Musician: Jeff Beshore

Altar Care: Carol Richards

Ushers/Greeters: The Hunter Family

Lay Reader: Fred Drotleff

Communion Assistants: Carol Richards and Dave Zastawny

Jr. Communion Assistants: Emma Sommer and Jenson Garber

Acolytes: Kristin Reynolds and Emma Thurston

Counters: Ron Broadwater and Jeff Ward

JANUARY 23:

Musician: Jeff Beshore

Altar Care: Carol Richards

Ushers/Greeters: The Wanner Family

Lay Reader: Cindy Mutigli

Acolytes: Alexis Crone and Hannah Hunt

Counters: Dan Neary and Rod Sommer

JANUARY 30 (Youth Sunday)

(Congregation Meeting – Year End Report):

Musician: Jeff Beshore

Altar Care: Carol Richards

Ushers: Amber Ward and Allison Neary

Greeters: Jenson Garber and Zoe Ward

Lay Readers: Youth

Acolytes: Emma Thurston and Kristin Reynolds

Counters: Michelle Ward and Marylou Cooper

The Shepherd's Voice

January 2010

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Congregation and Shepherd's Kitchen — To all of you who fixed the good meals and bought them to me. I really appreciated them. They were so good!

Vickie Waldman (Bolivar, Ohio)

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

A very special "thank you" for filing in as leaders during the absence of Pastor Maroni, while he took a well deserved vacation.

Thank you.

Carol Worrell (St. John — Baltic)

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Thank you for paying for my G.E.D. testing. It is greatly appreciated by my children and me.

God Bless.

Darrin Backie

(The Shepherd's Kitchen Committee along with Rhonda Blair and SCCAA helped to pay for Darrin to take his G.E. D. test)

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Thank you so very much for your monthly contributions to the Helping Hands Network. Thanks also for helping us with food, school supplies and in other areas throughout the year. It is because of congregations such as yours that we are able to assist so many families in the Sandy Valley area.

May you be richly blessed with a great Christmas!

Cheryl Larson Eibel, Director



This month, I'm going to let one of our visitors to Shepherd's Kitchen be "The Shepherd's Voice" in the newsletter. Her name is Kathryn Sundance, and her letter to our church was heart felt!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

— Pastor John

Dear Shepherd of the Valley,

This is a thank you that's long overdue. Thank you for your Shepherd's Kitchen once a month, the food is always great. There's bingo to play and it's for free. The bingo prizes are great and you can have dinner if you stay. Thank you for the Spring Rummage Sale; it's my way of knowing there is an end to the cold weather. Angel Food Ministries is a God send for some; you can even buy gift cards to give food to someone else. There's a Children's Christmas Play coming soon and the baseball-diamond will be used before long. Pastor Maroni is wonderful and his dogs are too; they ride around with him and have been to Shepherd's Kitchen to get attention and whatever they feel they are due. Brandee Monroe is such a wonderful secretary; if you need anything at all, Brandee is there and she is right on the ball. The desserts are always great! Mrs. Nixon, Marylou Cooper and the rest of the ladies are amazing. There's lots of stuff going on at Shepherd of the Valley. There's people who come there to help. So Shepherd of the Valley from us to you, Thank you for all your help and everything you do. Some in our area are able to make it all through the month, because of your ministries.

Thank you again for all you do.

Kathryn Sundance Philips and Ron Rankin

CONGREGATION MEETING There will be a congregation meeting Sunday, January 30th following our worship service to review the 2010 Year End Report.



Anyone may submit the name of a friend or loved one. All names will remain on the list for four weeks unless other notification is given to the Church Office.

Please remember the following in your daily prayers: Helen Bush, Chris Palmer, Jordynn Skipper, The Family of David Spiker, Kimberly Steinmetz and all the men and women serving in the Armed Forces, especially in dangerous places.

James Crowe - Army Reserves

Michael Hitchcock - Navy, friend of Renee Blair

Donna Hunt - Mother of John, Alex and Hannah Hunt

Evan Hunter - Marines, nephew of Jim & Scarlett Hunter

Garrett Hunter - West Point, nephew of Jim & Scarlett Hunter

Matt Paulin - Marines, grandson of Fred and Mary Drotleff

Dean Parsons - Melissa Rodger's brother-in-law

Myles Patterson - Grandson of Renny & Kathy Patterson, Navy

Dwayne Rohrer - Navy, son-in-law of Brian and Susan Lux

Joe Severs - Army, Matt & Brandee Monroe's friend

Matt Seward - Marines, nephew of Thelma Nixon

Carolyn Waltz - Army, sister of Marilyn Mason (non active)

Adam Worthing - Kathy Mutigli's nephew

HARMONY HANDBELLS COMING TO SOV!!! The Harmony Handbells from Minerva UMC will be at Shepherd of the Valley, Sunday January 2, 2011 for our morning worship service. They will be sharing their music with Christmas pieces prepared this year. Please plan to attend!

From the Angel Food Ministries Corner

The next Distribution Day is **JANUARY 22nd**, please contact Janine Garber if you have any questions about AFM (phone 330-874-4183 or e-mail: thegarbers@verizon.net)



Orders for the month of **JANUARY** can be placed:

January 9th through January 16th
(See monthly calendar for specific days and times.)

Distribution Day is Saturday, January 22nd
from 11:00 a.n. — Noon (NEW TIME)

As of March 1, 2011, Shepherd of the Valley will no longer be serving as a host site for Angel Food Ministries.

February 19th will be the final distribution at our site. Below is a list of other host sites where your order can be placed. Additional information on these sites can be found at www.angelfoodministries.com

City	Host Site	Phone Number	Miles
CANTON	All Saints Catholic Church 1386 HENRY AVE Canton, OH 44706	330-477-2763	10.0 mi
	North Industry Christian Church 425 45th Street Canton, OH 44706	330-484-2061	10.0 mi
DOVER	DOVER FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 3029 N WOOSTER AVE DOVER, OH 44622	330-364-3520	11.1 mi
MINERVA	St. Pauls Lutheran 515 E Line St Minerva, OH 44657	330-868-4918 330-205-0235	12.5 mi
NEW PHILADELPHIA	First Church of God 824 Tuscarawas Ave New Philadelphia, OH 44663	330-343-3501	15.7 mi

Please Continue to Remember our Shut-Ins

We have a number of our flock who are not able to attend our Worship Services on a regular basis. Please remember these members in your prayers and with your cards. Additions or changes are in **dark type**.

Hannah-Belle Bethel
Canton Christian Home
2550 Cleveland Ave. N.W.
Canton, OH 44709
330-456-2444

Alexa Dazey
Northview Adult Group
Home
519 Fuhr Street
Dennison, OH 44621
740-922-1042

Evelyn Duerr
5614 State Route 183 N
Magnolia, OH 44643
330-866-2343

Rosemary Tech
181 Roosevelt Avenue
Waynesburg, OH 44688
330-866-2573

Wilbur Ramage
Room 320, Hennis
Care Center
300 Yant Street
Bolivar, OH 44612
330-874-9999

George Long
c/o Susan Litt
1173 Edgewood Cir NW
Carrollton, OH 44615
330-627-2628

Mary Wirkner
1512 Cambridge Ave S.W.
Canton, OH 44709
330-526-6414

Barbara Lukens
St. Joseph Assisted
Residence
Memory Care A-15
1882 Knob Street
Louisville, OH 44641
330-875-5562

Frances Lee Muckley
Wynwood of Manlius
100 Flume Road
Box 116
Manlius, NY 13104
315-682-9261

Blanche Faigley
Room 113, Hennis
Care Center
300 Yant Street
Bolivar, OH 44612
330-874-9999

Betty Rauschenbach
c/o Ray Schmidt
2285 Heather Ridge Road
Crittendon, KY 41030
859-428-1757

Maebelle Robertson
355 West Lisbon Street
P. O. Box 114
Waynesburg, OH 44688
330-866-2143

Ruth Smitley
P. O. Box 144
4086 Pioneer Drive N.E.
Sandyville, OH 44671
330-866-9467

Gene Waltz
c/o Sherryn Moore
2944 Shelia Street N.W.
Massillon, OH 44646
330-830-9398

Dorothy Schwartz
Room 380
Canton Christian Home
2550 Cleveland Ave. N.W.
Canton, OH 44709
330-438-1527

Roberto Tech
St. Luke Lutheran
Community
200 Applegrove St. N.E.
N. Canton, OH 44720
330-499-8341

Edna Hart
Sterling House
1119 Perry Dr. N.W.
Apt. #123
Canton, OH 44708
330-479-1121

PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

By Gaye Wohlin

Combine:

- 1 Box of Confectioner's Sugar (25 ounce package)
- 1 stick of margarine, melted
- 1 cup of creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups of Rice Krispies

Combine the confectioners sugar, peanut butter and margarine well before the Rice Krispies are added. It will be easier to make the balls.

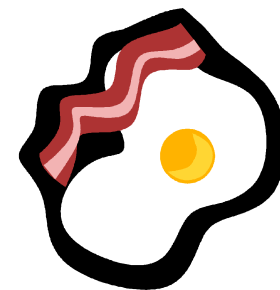
Form the balls and refrigerate for a couple of hours.

Melt 8 ounces of chocolate chips and 1/3 bar of paraffin wax. Dip balls into chocolate and place on wax paper covered cookie sheet. Freeze until chocolate hardens.

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

The Ladies of Baltic St. John made this for the group that traveled down to their church on Wednesday, December 8th for the prayer breakfast. It was fabulous!

- 16 slices of bread, cut into small pieces
- 2-8 ounce packages of cream cheese
- 1 dozen eggs
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 cup of maple or pancake syrup



Put 1/2 of the bread pieces in a greased 10" x 14" pan. Cut the cream cheese into small pieces and lay on top of the bread. Layer the remaining bread over the cream cheese. Mix eggs, milk and syrup together. Pour all of those ingredients over the bread mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. The next morning, place your topping on: 2 medium apples sliced layered across, then sprinkle 2 tablespoons of white sugar and 2 teaspoons of cinnamon over the apples. Bake uncovered at 350^o-375^o for 45-60 minutes or until center is set. (If top turns too dark during baking, cover loosely with foil the last 15-20 minutes). Serve with maple syrup or pancake syrup.

FROM THE LADIES OF BALTIC

2011 Council and Committee Members

2011 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Susan Lux, President
Jeff Ward, Vice President
Dottie Scott, Secretary
Jennifer Reynolds, Treasurer
Tim Farber, Financial Secretary
Rhonda Blair
Bill Bowman
Fred Drotleff
Wayne Kaschak
Carol Richards

Social Ministry

Chair: Shelly Monroe
Council Rep: Rhonda Blair
Marylou Cooper
Gloria English
Glen Johnstone

Stewardship and Finance

Chair: Cindy Mutigli
Council Rep: Jeff Ward
Kathy Patterson
Jennifer Reynolds
Michelle Ward
Gaye Wohlin

Worship and Music

Chair: Susan Kaschek
Council Rep: Carol Richards
Karen Broadwater
Janine Garber

Master Plan Team Sub-Committee

Chair: Dave Albery
Council Rep: Wayne Kaschak
Shannon English Hexamer
Walt Kohler
Pastor John
Matt Monroe
Renny Patterson

Christian Education

Chairs: Jennifer Crone
Council Rep: Dottie Scott
Esther Albery
Debra Campbell
Linda Neary

Youth

Co-Chairs: Emily and Nancy Wharmby
Council Rep: Pastor John
Hannah Hunt
John Hunt
Susan Lux
Carol Richards
Dottie Scott

Evangelism

Chair: Scarlett Hunter
Council Rep: Pastor John
Jack Oliver

Fellowship and Family Life

Chair: Pat Kovach
Council Rep: Susan Lux
Thelma Nixon
Art Pontones
Barb Pontones
JoAnn Reynolds
Judy Stauder
Nancy Tolfo

Property

Chair: Vacant
Council Rep: Bill Bowman
Les Kovach
Rick Monroe
Frank Reynolds
Ron Richards
Carl Wanner
Don Wohlen

JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meeting Night will be held on Monday, **January 24th** at 7:00 p.m. The Christian Ed, Evangelism, Social Ministry and Committees will meet. Committee chairs should contact committee members in advance of that evening to remind them of the meeting. Please plan to attend!!

REFLECTIONS OF FAITHFULNESS

11/28	Worship Attendance	85	- Offering	\$2,955.35
12/5	Worship Attendance	69	- Offering	\$2,790.00
12/12	Worship Attendance	78	- Offering	\$3,653.00
12/19	Worship Attendance	101	- Offering	\$3,137.00

November receipts \$10,908 November expenses \$9,127

YTD receipts \$110,911 YTD expenses \$115,981

USE OF THE CHURCH SIGN Our church is blessed with lots of "sign space." In addition to the fence, we have the yellow and white signs. With all of our activities and ministries - we have lots of people wanting to put different things on the sign. to help maintain order, Karen Broadwater has accepted the responsibility of managing the yellow and white signs. Karen enjoys doing the sign-work, and she would be happy to put your messages on the sign. It would be appropriate for you to contact Karen prior to posting something on the sign. All you need to do, is tell her what you want, and she will do the labor for you!

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to pick your envelope up today and if you have any questions, please contact Tim Farber at farbert@aol.com or 330.484.2312.

**SHEPHERD'S KITCHEN FREE
COMMUNITY MEAL**

The Shepherd's Kitchen will again host a free dinner on **Friday, January 14th** at the Church. Dinner will be served between the hours of 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. Performing that service for our neighbors demonstrates our commitment to our community in a very positive way and give you a good feeling as well. **Come out and make some new friends!**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN
FOR BINGO
STARTING AT 3:30!**

DATES FOR 2011

**ALWAYS
THE 2ND
FRIDAY
OF THE
MONTH**

- Friday, January 14th
- Friday, February 11th
- Friday, March 11th
- Friday, April 8th
- Friday, May 13th
- Friday, June 10th

The Shepherd's Kitchen is committed to providing free, nutritious meals in a safe and caring environment. We provide these services to all individuals in need, with special concern for families and senior citizens in our local community and surrounding areas.



Where: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Time: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Please come for delicious dinner and fabulous fellowship.

There is no cost for this event.

Please feel free to contact the church **330.866.9293** if you are in need of transportation.

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JENNIFER HOPPEN
Women of Faith Spiritual Leader

"No matter what you're facing right now, God's promises will NEVER fail you!"
- Sheila Walsh

REGISTER NOW April 1 or 2, 2011

Date: _____
Time: **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Location: **First Christian Church, 300 W. Lincoln Way, Minerva, Ohio**

Contact Information: **Event Open to MEN & WOMEN!**
Sabra Lucas - 330-868-2773

**TICKET ONLY: \$20
With BOX LUNCH: \$27**

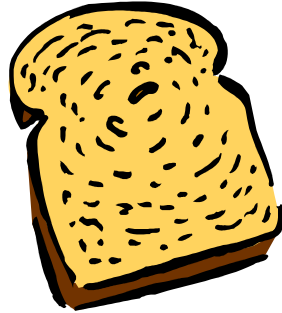
DUPLICATE EVENT
You choose the day you want to come!

Master Plan Team The Master Plan Team (MPT) met on December 14th with Ken Hoopes from Caplea Architects to further discuss the design of the proposed expansion. Ken is helping us optimize the current and future spaces to accommodate the first phase of our project – increase fellowship hall & kitchen area, redesigned office space, and redesigned classroom space. Ken will be working to create several different options for the MPT to review in early January.



OVERNIGHT FRENCH TOAST by Cindy Schandel

- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 12 slices of white bread (crusts trimmed)
- 1½ cup half & half
- 6 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt



Combine corn syrup, butter, & brown sugar in a saucepan & simmer gently until the sugar melts. Pour this mixture into the bottom of a greased 9x12 inch casserole dish. Place the bread slices over the sugar mixture. In a separate bowl beat together eggs, half & half, vanilla, & salt. Pour egg mixture over bread. Cover the dish and let stand overnight in refrigerator. The following morning, preheat oven to 350F. Uncover the casserole dish and bake for approximately 45 minutes.

COOKIE WALK WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We would like to thank Janine and Darik Garber, all the cookie bakers and the volunteers for a great Cookie Walk this past Saturday, supporting our Million Dollar Mission. Together, we made \$740.00!

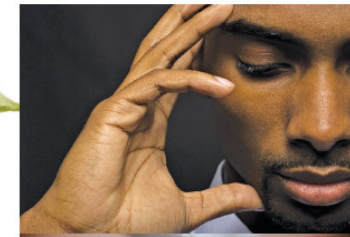


LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER will host 3 retreats this year:

- **March 11-13 in Port Clinton, Ohio**
- **April 29—May 1 in Solon, Ohio**
- **November 11-13 in Hudson, Ohio**

There is a packet of information on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like more information, or you can visit

www.godlovesmarriage.org or call 800.235.1010



Mercy Grief Support Services 2011 Schedule

Day Sessions:

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- I. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19
- II. September 6, 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25

Evening Sessions:

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- I. January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22
- II. April 5, 12, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24
- III. July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9 (six-week group)
- IV. October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22



ALL PROGRAMS FREE OF CHARGE
ALL GROUPS HELD AT MERCY MEDICAL CENTER


330-489-1143 to RSVP
OR FOR INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY A HUGE thank you to Jennifer Crone for organizing the Children's Christmas Program this year. We truly appreciate all of your dedication to Shepherd of the Valley!



JANUARY 2011 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion	3	4 HARCATUS Father-Time Program 5:30—8:00 p.m.	5 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	6 NO Choir Practice	7	8
9 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  8:30-10 a.m. AFM Ordering	10  9-11 a.m. AFM Ordering Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11  9-11 a.m. AFM Ordering HARCATUS Father-Time Program 5:30—8:00 p.m.	12 HeadStart Parent's Club 5:30—8 p.m.  6-7 p.m. AFM Ordering Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	13  NO Choir Practice	14  BINGO @ 3:30 p.m. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Shepherd's Kitchen	15 
16 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  8:30-10 a.m. AFM Ordering DEADLINE	17	18 HARCATUS Father-Time Program 5:30—8:00 p.m.	19 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	20 Assembly Angels 9:30 a.m.  Choir 7:00 p.m.	21	22 11:00 a.m.—Noon Angel Food Ministries Distribution Day 
23 8:30 a.m. Worship Service	24 7:00 p.m. <u>Committee Meetings</u> Christian Ed Evangelism Social Ministry	25 HARCATUS Father-Time Program 5:30—8:00 p.m.	26 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	27 Choir 7:00 p.m.	29	29 Million Dollar Mission Schwan's Truckload Sale 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
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Helping Hands
Sunday

YOUTH Event—TBA