

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	40
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,607
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$796>
Offering YTD	\$95,498
Difference to Offering YTD	\$1,742

* **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex

* **Listening devices are available upon request**

- * **Church Directory** - The church directory is available by request from the church office.
 - * **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.
 - * **No Kids Own Worship today. Children will return to their families following the children's message.**
 - * Join us for **CoFFee Hour** in the Parlor today after worship service. Sign up to host future Sundays in the Narthex.
- Study Ahead! - Next week's Scripture will be: 1 John 5:13-21**

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)
Phone: 419-756-7066 **Email:** office@mansfield1st.com

Elders

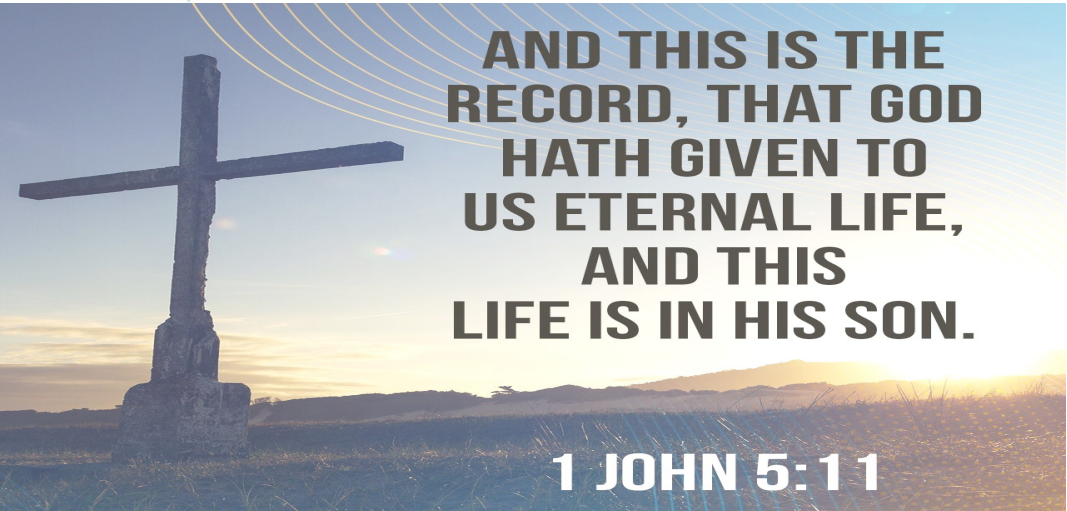
Dana Constance, Diana Hammer, Ben Troyer,
 Judy Swartzmiller, Sally Wyatt

Deacons

Margaret Baker, Dee Engle,
 Pat McGinty, Vivian Stevens,
 Leslie Lancy, Nancy Dingess



Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 1, 2023

Believe the Testimony

1 John 4:19-5:12

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship
A School of Religious Education
A Church Home with Open Doors



Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC!

Order of Worship – October 1st, 2023

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads



Call To Worship: (Psalm 69:1-4)

Pastor Joseph

***Hymn of Praise:**

#33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Prayer of Adoration:**

Pastor Joseph

Call to Confession: (Psalm 69:5-12)

Pastor Joseph

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(ALL)

O LORD, God of mercy and justice, have pity on us wretched sinners. Forgive us we pray. You have called us by name, so we always seek Your face. We try to lead others to have hope and to trust in You, but we often fail. We fail because we forget and rest in our own strength, relying on our own power and understanding. Let us not dishonor You by our failures to love as You love. We seek to live in Your ways, obedient to Your commands, conformed to the image of Your Son, Jesus, and we suffer reproach from the world because of His Name. Jesus has divided us, separated us from the things of this world which we once held as important. Jesus has separated us from our former, worldly families and friends and given us a new family, new friends in the Body of Christ. Teach us to be zealous for what You are zealous for. Help us to ignore the slings and arrows of the world. Remove the barbs of sin which convict us and deny our faith and our salvation by the Grace of Christ. Turn the reproach that we suffer for Your Name's sake, into glory and honor for You, in Jesus' Name we pray. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Pastor Joseph

**Please stand as you are able*

Suggested Donation List

Canned vegetables

Canned fruit

Canned soup

Boxes of pasta

Canned chili

Canned chicken

Canned or dried beans

Peanut butter

Granola bars

Cereal

Toothpaste

Hand sanitizer

Shampoo and conditioner

Canned tomatoes

Individual fruit packs

Pasta sauce

Spaghettios

Canned tuna

Rice

Rolled oats

Jelly

Crackers

Dried fruit

Toothbrushes

Antibacterial hand soap

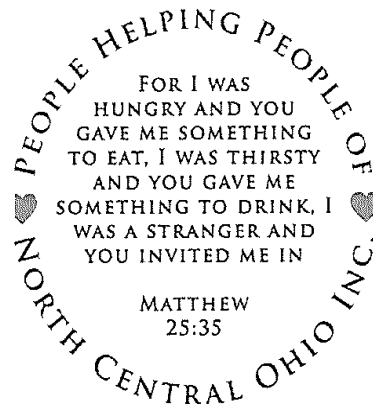
Bars of soap

Food Drive



Oct. 1st - Oct. 30th, 2023

Donations to Benefit:



Please place items from the suggested donation list
(see the back of this flier)
in the box in the narthex.

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 69:13-16)

Pastor Joseph

***Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Offertory:

Angie Hunter with De and Randy Richard

"All Creatures of Our God and King", arr. by Faye Lopez

***Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Children are released for Kid's Own Worship

Hymn of Preparation:

#316 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:19-5:12

Sermon: Believe the Testimony

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on page 991 in the red pew Bible.*

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements until everyone has been served, then we will partake together.

*** Gluten free wafers are available in the small dish on plate

***Affirmation of Faith:** (ALL)
(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

***Sending Song:** He Will Hold Me Fast
(see insert)

Benediction Pastor Joseph

**Please stand as you are able*

Angie Hunter's Upcoming Performances

"The Music Man"

put on by the local school theatre department in Greenwich

(Angie will be playing trombone in the pit orchestra.)

- November 3, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- November 4, 2023 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

more info here: <https://www.south-central.org>

"A Peppermint Twist Christmas"

Firelands Symphony Orchestra and Chorale (Angie plays trombone in the orchestra)

- December 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Sawmill Creek Convention Center, Huron

more info here: <https://www.firelandssymphony.com/events>

Firelands Symphony Orchestra and Chorale

(Angie plays trombone in the orchestra)

- March 9, 2024, 7:30 p.m., Sawmill Creek Convention Center, Huron

more info here: <https://www.firelandssymphony.com/events/>

Firelands Symphony Orchestra

(Angie plays trombone in the orchestra)

- April 13, 2024, 7:30 p.m., Sawmill Creek Convention Center, Huron

more info here: [firelandssymphony.com/events](https://www.firelandssymphony.com/events)

Sermon Notes

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Verses 1-2, Ada Habershon (1861-1918); Verse 3, Matt Merker

Music: Matt Merker

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in his
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been

would pre - vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold
ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me
Prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast.
fast.
last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Prayer & Praise Requests

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS

Our American Freedoms
Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Martha Ball
Healing for Dan Davis
Healing for Betty Albers
Healing for Beverly Urschel
Healing for Joseph James
Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourk
Healing for Martha Montague
Healing for Nik Stevens
Healing for Edda Braun
Cindy Hessin
Erna & Frank Becker
Maxine Smith
The family of Maureen Rupe, in mourning
Healing and comfort for Addie & family (7 year old with brain cancer)
The family & friends of Jackie Taylor, in

mourning
Don Harding
Sally and Bill Wyatt
Ms. Vivian Stevens
Sid & Nancy Hall
Patsey Himes
Charlene Reed
Hazel Bigner & family
Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice
Tim Park & Family
Maureen Doherty
Laura Demyan
Cindy Hessin, at Primrose Retirement Community, cards & visits welcome
Eurobrass
Edunations and its students
Families & children of the Sudan
Our Congregation
Pastor Joseph & Jodie
Shawn Wade & Our Preschool

OVER—→

Sunday School

Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in the Parlor. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We have classes for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten -2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday mornings.

Joy in the Morning - Meets every other Tuesday, at 9:30 am in Westminster. Next Meets Oct. 3rd

Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for all adults, beginning at 4pm with a dinner following. Next Meets on Oct. 11th

Spirit Seekers - at 4pm. Meets every other Sunday at 4pm with dinner afterwards. This Study for those in their 20's-40's is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. Next Meets Oct. 22nd

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers.

Upcoming Events

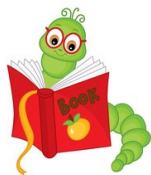
October Blest - October 8th
Marcos Pizza Preschool Fundraiser - Oct. 12th
OCC Shoebox Packing Party - October 15th
Rummage Sale - October 27th & 28th
Kirkin O' the Tartan—October 29th

Announcements

This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, October 1st	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, October 3rd	9:30 am	Joy in the Morning
	4:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
Wednesday, October 5th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, October 6th	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
Sunday, October 8th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
	1 pm	October Blest Set Up
	2 pm	October Blest & Trunk or Treat



We have 4 different classes in our Preschool that would LOVE to have you come read to them! Their circle time is usually at 9:30am. If interested please contact the office or Shawn Wade.



More Than Conquerors - A 6 week prayer devotional for Ohio, the Unborn, and Women is available in the Narthex

For Our City, Our Nation & Civic Leaders
(for wisdom, grace, peace)

Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City
Councilman, 3rd Ward

Mayor Theaker

First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)

All Christians being persecuted around
the globe

For Revival in our city, state & county

Palestinian Christians

For everyone not listed, but in need of
Prayer

Stronger Through Prayer:

9/11

YMCA

The Family of Keeli Berry

Angela & her twins Ava & Colton

The Cobb Family

Jill

Rhonda's right arm

The Youth of Mansfield, for the
reduction of violence

Courage for the Gospel

Peace of Israel

USA and the World—Revival

Preservation of the faith

That God's will be done and the best
candidates be elected in Mansfield and
Richland County

Mansfield as a whole - unity and peace
for our community

9/21

Healing for Brent Rasterrer

Strength for Rey

Don Kosa, in mourning

Keelie & family

Dave

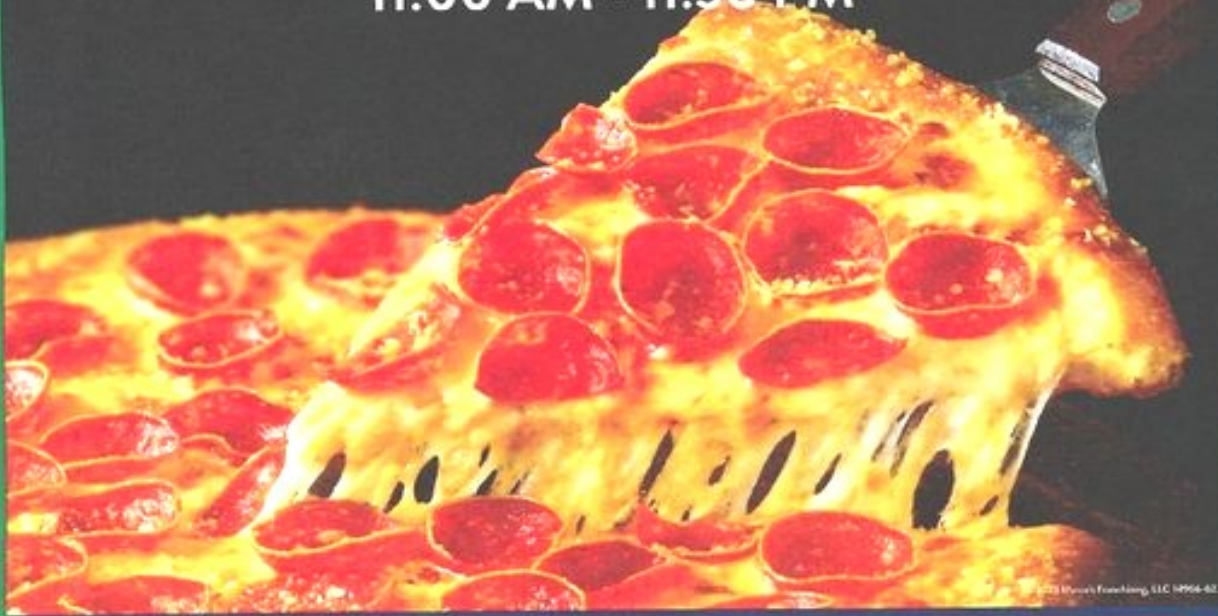
Roberts Stepleton, safe travels

The Walsh/Hall Family

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

MANSFIELD 1ST EPC PRESCHOOL flavorful fundraiser

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
11:00 AM - 11:30 PM



A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
MANSFIELD FIRST EPC PRESCHOOL

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Join us for Mansfield 1st EPC's
**Family Fall Festival
& Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 8th 2-4pm
399 S Trimble Rd, Mansfield, OH



Donut Holes

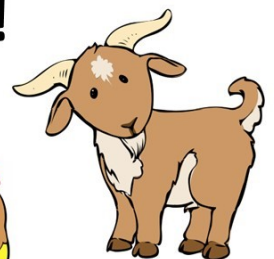
& Cider



Prizes



Games!



Petting Zoo!