

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	45
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,946
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$542
Offering YTD	\$100,202
Difference to Offering YTD	\$1,638

- \* **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.
- \* **Kids Own Worship** - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children’s Message  
**Lesson: Be Pure in Mind and Heart; Phil. 4 & Genesis 39**
- \* **Join us in Kirk Hall after worship for lunch and packing Operation Christmas Child Show Boxes.**
- \* Consider signing up to host future Coffee Hour’s. Sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

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**Elders**

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

**Deacons**

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



Sunday, October 15, 2023  
**John Rejoiced Greatly**  
2 John 1:1-6

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 15th, 2023

*Please take a moment to fill out pew pads*



**Call To Worship:** (Psalm 70:1)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**\*Hymn Sing:**

Two Songs, 1-2 verses each

**\*Prayer of Adoration:**

Dana Constance

**Call to Confession:** (Psalm 70:2-3)

Dana Constance

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**(All)**

God of Mercy and Grace. Return our hearts to You and Your will. We have all wandered from Your presence and all have fallen short in our duty to You, as our God and Creator. Help us to turn back in every way that we need to. Cause our hearts to become more repentant, humble, and contrite. Let our words and our deeds bring glory and honor to You, let them all be acceptable in Your sight. You are our deliverer, help us to rest in Your loving arms. Forgive us and grant us Your peace, the peace which only comes through knowing and being in relationship with You and Your Son, Jesus, in whose Name we pray, **AMEN**

**Silent Prayers & Confessions:**

Dana Constance

**Assurance of Pardon:** ( Psalm 70:4-5)

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**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Sermon Notes

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**Hymn Sing:** Four Songs. 1-2 verses each

**Offering:** During the 1st song

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Pastor Joseph

**Children's Message:** *Kids come down to the left-side steps*

**Children are released for Kid's Own Worship**

**The Word of God\*\***

**The Scripture Reading:** 2 John 1:1-6

**Sermon:** John Rejoiced Greatly

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (The Apostles Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

**\*Hymn Sing:** Two Songs, 1-2 verses each

**Benediction:** Pastor Joseph Yerger

*\*Please stand as you are able*

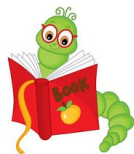
*\*\* Found on page **993** in the red pew Bible.*



**This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC**

*Office hours are M-F 8am-noon*

Sunday, October 15th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Shoe Box Packing Party & Lunch in Kirk Hall
Wednesday, October 18th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, October 19th	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
Sunday, October 22nd	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour



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.



Sign up to ring Bells for the Salvation Army this Christmas Season!  
We will be at Hobby Lobby on Dec. 9th & 16th from 10a-6p. Please sign in the Narthex



Heading to Kingwood soon? Make sure you stop by “Scarecrow Row” and find our church’s Straw Shepherd.



Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City Councilman, 3rd Ward	Jodanna & family
Mayor Theaker	Healing for Elyse
First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)	Safe home for Valena & her family
All Christians being persecuted around the globe	Ashlynn Bishop & her mom
For Revival in our city, state & county	
Palestinian Christians	
For everyone not listed, but in need of Prayer	
“My” Brother	
Peace for Jessica & her family	
Zakhari Griffith	

**YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:**

<b>10/2</b>	Healing for Barb
Elizabeth Snow, to find a home	<b>10/6</b>
Healing for Dean	Healing for Christina
Marilyn	
Dave Alive & his wife	
Healing for Brent	
Healing for Moenell	





### 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'Rourke

Healing for Martha Montague

Healing for Nik Stevens

Healing for Edda Braun

Healing for Brett Slater

Healing for classmate of Sonyas

Erna & Frank Becker

Maxine Smith

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Sid & Nancy Hall

Stefen Francis

Patsey Himes

Charlene Reed

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice

Tim Park & Family

Maureen Doherty

Brett & Rachel Lloyd

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

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

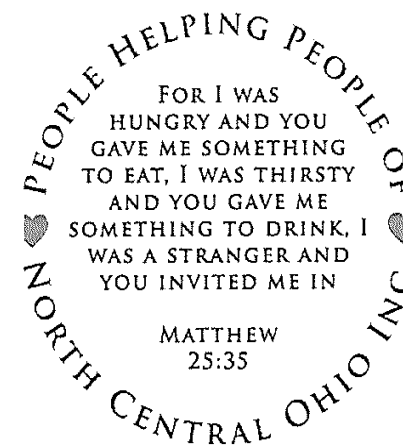
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## Food Drive



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.

## Suggested Donation List

Canned vegetables	Canned tomatoes
Canned fruit	Individual fruit packs
Canned soup	Pasta sauce
Boxes of pasta	Spaghetios
Canned chili	Canned tuna
Canned chicken	Rice
Canned or dried beans	Rolled oats
Peanut butter	Jelly
Granola bars	Crackers
Cereal	Dried fruit
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Hand sanitizer	Antibacterial hand soap
Shampoo and conditioner	Bars of soap

### 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 on October 31st

**Prime Time** - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for all adults, beginning at 4pm. Next Meets on October 25th

**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 TODAY, October 22nd

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

### Upcoming Events

**Rummage Sale** - October 27th & 28th

**Kirkin O' the Tartan**—October 29th

**Come help us decorate our church for the Christmas Season!** - Nov 19th after Worship.

**Ye Young Gift Shop** - Dec. 2nd

**Carols Around the Table**—Dec. 3rd



This year's Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 27th from 9am-4pm & Saturday, October 28th from 9am-12pm.

We are still in need of your donations!

Set up will begin on Monday, October 23rd at 6pm. Pizza will be served. We will need some who can lift and carry heavy boxes. We will continue setting up on Tuesday at 9am. Help will be also be needed after the sale closes at noon on Saturday. Sign up sheets for these times will be in the Narthex.

\*Please note: If you have any extra aprons at home, please return them!

**All help will be Greatly Appreciated.**

Please call Diann Barnette at 419-756-8720 with any questions



# Kirkin O' the Tartans at Mansfield 1st EPC

**Sunday, October 29th  
at 10 am**

**Featuring the Celtic Eagle Pipe Band**



**Join us for a Shortbread Social &  
Irish Dancers after the worship service.**

**Opportunity for kids to  
participate in kid friendly version of  
traditional "Highland Games".**







# Join us for a Shoe Box Packing Party Today after worship in Kirk Hall

Come to help us pack the shoe boxes we have been collecting for all year, from the church full of Fun Quality items & Prayer

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

*"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." - Mark 10:14*



## How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

**1**

**SHOEBOX**

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



**2**

**"WOW" ITEM**

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



**3**

**OTHER GIFTS**

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



**4**

**PRAY**

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



**5**

**DONATE \$10 PER BOX**

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



**6**

**DROP OFF**

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



[SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC)

Pick up shoe boxes in the Narthex Oct. 15 - Nov. 12. Fill your box with toys and other great items to delight the heart of a child. Return filled shoe boxes and \$10 per box for shipping, by November 19.