

## Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Bible Classes	9:00 A.M.
Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	5:00 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
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October 27 - **Mindy Ingram, David Schafer**  
 October 29 - **Darcy Baltzer**  
 October 30 - **Morgan Bauerbach**  
 November 2 - **Elaine Wallace**



October 28 - **Scott & Hannah Offenberger**

# Church of Christ

October 27, 2024

Sixth and Washington Sts., Marietta, Ohio 45750...Office Phone (740) 373-3240



### MINISTER

Bill Deem

### ELDERS

Tom Eddy    Kurt Harrison  
 Todd Hague    Lloyd Westbrook

### DEACONS

Michael Morgan    Alan Ralston  
 Paul Jacoby    TJ Wells

## Bill's Bytes

When I was a little tyke, I remember going trick or treating one time. It was not because we were against people celebrating this holiday, or anything like that. It was likely to do with a lack of trust in others we did not know to give us candy. Or maybe we stayed in because it was kind of chilly and dark during the hours of trick or treating. Perhaps we didn't go because the one time that I did loot my neighbors for their sweets I couldn't see out of my spider-man mask, fell and scraped my knee, and never wanted to do it again. I really have no idea.

It was not until I was an adult that the realization dawned upon me that there were those who had a tough time with this holiday. So, for a few moments, whatever side you fall on in this debate, let us consider ways that we, as God's people can engage with the subject with grace and wisdom.

Originally rooted in the ancient Celtic festival of Shamhain, Halloween has evolved through the centuries, blending with various cultural and religious practices, including the observance of what is known as All Saints' Day (something that most of us have never heard of let alone observed and celebrated!).

While modern Halloween can seem saturated with commercialization and

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### SCHEDULE November 3, 2024

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** John Forshey

**PM:** John Forshey

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Mark Harris

**PM:** Paul Jacoby

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Christian Bettinger

George Goddard

**PM:** Kurt Harrison

Adam Burkhart

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Nathan Deem

**PM:** Carter Brown

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** Eric Brown

#### Wednesday—November 6, 2024

**SONG LEADER:** T.J. Wells

**PRAYER:** Paul Jacoby/Dennis Dye

**Devo:** John Forshey

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tom Eddy

#### **STATISTICS—October 20, 2024**

Sunday Bible Class	73
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Morning Worship	165
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Evening Worship	74
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Wednesday Classes	67
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Contribution	\$4,576
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**OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909**

**BIBLECALL (740) 651-2400 or (304) 420-2416**

**WEBSITE [www.sawcoc.org](http://www.sawcoc.org) (Please note that videos from our sermons are now available on our website)**

**PANTRY ITEMS OF THE WEEK—Peanut Butter**

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Portraits of the Church: The Priesthood

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: I Peter 2:5-9

**PM:** Learn to Discern

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: I John 4:1-64

## PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.

WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 10:00 a.m.

SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

## SICK

Selby: **Janet Thompson** (Karen's mother) had surgery Wednesday for fractured hip.

**Jen Goddard** had surgery Monday and is now at home.

**Brett Legleitner** would like to thank everyone for the cards. Please keep him in your prayers as he had a set back following his knee replacement.

**Shirley Lemasters** fell Monday, October 14th, and suffered a concussion.

Please keep **Ray Anderson** in your prayers. He was in the ER Sunday and is now at home.

## PRAYER LIST

**Fairley Bowens** (Elsie's husband)

**Shawn Carshall** (friend of Karen Thompson)

**Jessie Dailey**

Added to prayer list: **Sarah Mayer** (friend of **Jim & Judy Zetterberg**) has a 4-year-old son who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Stephanie Coil**. A private memorial service will be held at the family's convenience.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for volunteers to open & close the building, bake communion bread, prepare communion, and for door greeters for 2025. Volunteers are still needed to be Sunday Greeters for 2024 (the sign up sheets look like calendars on the bulletin board in the foyer). If you have any questions, please see one of the deacons.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOS 2025

Men of the congregation, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for Wednesday Night Devos for January-May 2025.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the **Holdren** family at the birth of **Cooper David Allen Holdren** Monday, October 21st, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces, and 21" long. All are doing well. Proud grandfather is **Robby Holdren**.

## THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Mark & Julie Harris**.

## ANNUAL COAT DRIVE FOR MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS

If you would like to donate a **NEW** winter coat or make a monetary donation to help purchase winter coats for children in Marietta City Schools, please turn donations into the office by November 3rd. Please make checks payable to "Church of Christ" with "MCS Coats" in the memo.

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eerie imagery, it also presents an opportunity for disciples of Jesus to reflect on the spiritual realities that underscore our faith.

Ephesians 5:11 advises, *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."* This verse reminds us to approach anything thoughtfully, ensuring our actions and attitudes align with biblical values.

We can use this time to foster community and hospitality. Romans 12:13 encourages us to *"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."* Opening our homes to neighbors, hosting events that celebrate God's love, or taking part in church sponsored activities can transform this season into a time of connection and outreach to our neighbors.

We should be mindful of the content we engage with. Philippians 4:8 urges, *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is praiseworthy think about such things."* Avoiding practices that glorify fear, darkness, or even death allows us to maintain a spirit of joy and light.

Lastly, Halloween can be an opportunity to teach our children and others about the victory of Christ over darkness. Colossians 1:13-14 states, *"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."* By focusing on this triumph, we can celebrate the true light that dispels all fear.

In all we do this season (and every season) let us remember to act with discernment, love, and a spirit that reflects Christ's teachings. May we be blessed with opportunities to shine His light always!

-Bill

## PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Peanut Butter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2nd 8:00 a.m. - 3rd Annual Men's Day - "Men of Faithfulness" - Steelton church of Christ - Guest Speakers: **Steve Stevens, Rod Goddard, Cedric Goddard**

November 3rd-7th - Gospel Meeting - church of Christ, Chester, WV - Guest Speaker: **Hiram Kemp**

November 3rd - 7th - Fall Gospel Meeting - Steelton church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Terry Jones**

November 10th-14th - Fall Gospel Meeting - Harmar Hill church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Roger Rush**

November 17th 10:00 a.m., lunch - noon, song service and evening worship 2:00 p.m. - Friends & Family Day - Lower Paw Paw church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Roger Rush**

January 24, 2025 - January 25th, 2025 - Ohio Winter Lectures - Fishinger church of Christ - "Navigating Today's Crossroads: Culture, Faith, and Society in Harmony"

## YOUTH

November 16th 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Lubeck Youth Rally—Lubeck church of Christ—Washington, WV

\*Flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



## CHURCH OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT

As a congregation, we donate quarterly to Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville, Tennessee. In light of the recent storms, if you would like to give an individual donation to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, there is a link on our church website, [www.sawcoc.org](http://www.sawcoc.org), click "Featured Links".