



Greetings Beloved – I am so grateful for our Beloved Church family! God is beautifully at work in our curious, compassionate, inclusive, Jesus centered growing group – and I am so grateful. Please join us this coming Sunday for worship – we will be in the YMCA Gym. I will be preaching about gratitude around the Gospel Lesson from Luke 17:11-19.

Important Announcements:

Beloved UMC's first Annual Church Conference (Charge Conference): On December 3 our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson, will be with us to preach and lead us through our first annual Church Conference. The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church. The UMC charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

Thank you to all who submitted their commitment cards for 2024! If you haven't yet made your estimate of giving / pledge for 2024 there is still time – your commitment matters. You can make your commitment online here: <https://belovedumc.breezechms.com/form/e9fcfb>

A Word from your Beloved finance team: Coming Soon! Beloved UMC will be handing all giving activities in 2024, transitioning this from Linworth UMC. We will be utilizing a tool called Breeze, which will allow us to track donations and generate giving statements and allow you to donate in a way that works best for you - online, via the mail, or during weekly services. Stay tuned for more information in early December.



Advent is just around the corner and there are lots of opportunities to serve and share. We do not have a Church Nativity Set (and our storage area is full) – so I thought it would be fun to have a show & tell time with your special Nativity Sets. Do you have a special Nativity set that you could bring for one Advent Sunday? Please see the sign-up link below and let Pastor Sara know if you have any question. You can also sign up to lead the church in our advent lighting, or to be one of our scripture readers on Christmas Eve. The liturgist sign up below (in the hospitality link) will still be utilized for scripture and our call to worship throughout Advent.

Advent Sign-ups for Candle Lighting Reading, Nativity Sets, Christmas Eve Readers

: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADA72DA7F9C70-46180411-advent>

Christmas Cards For Christ Prison Ministry: This Sunday, 11/19 and next Sunday 11/26 – we will be gathering Christmas Cards to provide for the Christmas Card Prison ministry. We want to help make sure that every incarcerated individual on Ohio receives at least one Christmas Card this year! I will have cards for everyone to take and sign – but you can bring as many cards as you want as well. Here are some guidelines for this ministry.

Absolutely Do NOT's: No Envelopes, just cards, No trifolds, No pockets, No pop ups, No loose pictures or messages, No trinkets, keepsakes or gifts, No Full names, just sign first name, No addresses, No phone numbers

Absolute Do's: Write encouraging messages, Address it to Brother or Friend Be kind and share Jesus, Be the Church

Sign it as Your Brother or Sister in Christ, your first name only, or just your friend. Remembering not all recipients will be Christian but all will respond to kindness!

This is an awesome opportunity for service to many who could use some encouragement during a rough time of year for many. One card can help in ways you can't imagine. Let's not doubt what God can do with an act of kindness!

More Beloved Information:

- **Join us for Beloved Choir** Practice, Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the National Guard Classroom!
<https://belovedumc.breezechms.com/form/a6e4a8>
- **There will not be a Beloved Connections tonight. Stay tuned for new Bible & Book Study opportunities.**
- **Beloved Youth Friendsgiving Invitation – this Sunday!!** - Trinity Lutheran invites all Beloved UMC Youth in grades 7-12 to their Friendsgiving event this Sunday, 11/19 at Trinity Lutheran from 6-7:30 p.m. Please tell Pastor Sara if you plan to attend.
- **Save the Date – * 12/3 – Beloved Trinity Youth Group Mixer – all students grades 7-12 are invited to join us at Trinity Lutheran for open gym, crafts, a service project & fun from 6-730!**
- **Save the Date - 12/9 – 9 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast event with the YMCA**

New Team Opportunities – We are looking to assemble a few new teams to lead and participate in our Beloved ministries – are you interested in serving on our missions team, our hospitality team, worship team, Christmas Eve Team or our nominations team? Please reach out to me – at pastorsara@belovedumc.org to get connected!

Beloved - Where is the Holy Spirit nudging you to offer your gifts, time and talents. As Always - If I can serve or support you in any way please let me know. Grace and Peace in Christ Jesus - *Pastor Sara*

Additional Ways to engage / serve:

***** Meal Train for a Beloved Family** – one of our members, Laurie Smith – will be undergoing a significant surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in November. We have the opportunity to show the family some love with meals – please sign up and serve as you are able: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gkdz5o>

- **Beloved Prayer Team:** If you are not receiving our weekly prayer email please sign up to join our beloved prayer team. Please sign up here at <https://belovedumc.breezechms.com/form/a5e7b6> Or email Jen Rupert at prayer@belovedumc.org

Beloved - Your gifts of administration, hospitality, service or mercy are needed weekly so that we can be the Beloved Church!

- **Be a greeter;** welcome worshipers at entry doors and pass out bulletins, work the hospitality tables welcoming guests and refilling coffee/snacks
- **Be an usher;** collect prayer cards, pass communion plates and dismiss rows for communion during the service
- **Be on setup crew;** set up chairs, tables, banners and signage before service
- **Be on teardown crew;** put away tables, boxes, chairs, banners and signs after service
- **Be on hospitality crew;** set up welcome tables, make coffee, set up snacks before service; clean coffee pot and put away food and welcome area after service
- **Be on our tech crew;** setup and tear down our audio/visual equipment and monitor during service, including online worship
- **Be a liturgist;** read the scripture and call to worship during service
- **Be in the choir;** meet weekly on Wednesday nights and sing once a month
- **Be a part of the worship team,** meet regularly and lead singing during service weekly

Sign up

here: https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=11913437500100#choose_event_page