

CHUM NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

...TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Pastor: Samuel Mohn

Worship Director: Jane Page

Accompanist: Carla Jenkins

Worship With Us

Sunday's

9:30 Bible Brew

10:00 Worship

Bible Study

Thursdays 10:30

(Youth Hall)

Keep Turning Toward the Son

Dear Church Family,

As summer gives way to autumn, sunflowers offer us one final burst of golden beauty. Their tall stalks and bright faces seem to stand as reminders of hope, even as the days grow shorter and the seasons begin to change.

Young sunflowers have a remarkable habit: throughout the day, they turn toward the sunlight. In the morning, they face east to greet the rising sun. As the sun moves across the sky, they follow its light. What a beautiful picture of the Christian life.

Like sunflowers, we are called to keep turning toward the light—not simply the light of the sun, but the light of the Son, Jesus Christ.

October is a month of change. The air becomes cooler, the daylight fades earlier, and the leaves begin to release their grip on the branches. Change is also a part of our lives and the life of the church. Some changes are beautiful and welcome, while others are difficult, uncertain, or painful. Yet through every season, Christ remains our steady source of light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

When we face disappointment, we turn toward the Son.

When we are uncertain about the future, we turn toward the Son.

When grief or loneliness surrounds us, we turn toward the Son.

When our church is discerning where God is leading us next, we turn toward the Son.

A sunflower does not create the light it needs. It simply positions itself to receive it. The same is true for us. We do not have to manufacture hope, carry every burden alone, or know every answer. Our calling is to remain rooted in God's grace and open ourselves to the light Christ provides.

Note
from the
pastor



We do this through prayer, worship, Scripture, Holy Communion, service, and Christian fellowship. Each time we gather for worship, feed a neighbor, welcome a stranger, visit someone who is lonely, encourage a child, or offer forgiveness, we turn toward Christ and reflect his light into the world.

Even after a sunflower has finished blooming, it continues to serve a purpose. Its seeds provide nourishment and make new growth possible. Our faith should do the same. The blessings God has planted within us are not meant to be kept to ourselves. They are seeds of compassion, generosity, faith, and hope that we are called to share with others.

This October, as you notice the changing leaves and the last sunflowers of the season, ask yourself: "Which direction is my life facing?"

There will always be distractions competing for our attention. Fear, division, busyness, and uncertainty can cause us to look away from Christ. But God's invitation remains: turn again toward the light.

May we be a sunflower people—firmly rooted in faith, growing in grace, sharing seeds of hope, and always turning our hearts toward the Son.

In Christ's light,

Pastor Sam


AMAZING LOVE!
Songs of Praise with Reflections
An Ecumenical Evening of Beloved Hymns


Music Builds Brighter Tomorrows



Sunday, October 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
30 W. Front Street • Downtown Youngstown

FREE PARKING

Just Praise!

Presented by
Simple Gifts Choir

Sunday, October 25th, 2026
4:00 PM

Hubbard First Presbyterian Church
22 Westview Avenue

Audience participation welcome!

Sing along with the 50-voice choir's performance of classic, gospel and contemporary hymn favorites. The program includes choral selections comprising revered hymns set in contemporary arrangements. Guest musicians will accompany the choir and soloists.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Hubbard Community Supply Pantry.

Admission is free and open to the public. All are invited for fellowship and light refreshments in the church hall following the program.



Hymn History: “Nothing Between”

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 373

“Nothing Between” was written around 1905–1906 by the Reverend Charles Albert Tindley (1851–1933), an African American Methodist minister often called one of the fathers of American gospel music. Born into poverty, Tindley taught himself to read and later studied for the ministry. Remarkably, he eventually became the pastor of the Philadelphia congregation where he had once worked as a church custodian.

Tindley wrote “Nothing Between” during a difficult period when his congregation was attempting to purchase a larger church building. He faced criticism and resistance, but he refused to allow disappointment, conflict, or personal ambition to interfere with his relationship with Christ.

Each stanza names something that can come between the believer and the Savior: worldly pleasures, earthly habits, pride, popularity, hardship, and persecution. The recurring refrain offers a prayerful commitment:

“Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.”

The hymn reflects the Methodist emphasis on sanctification—the lifelong work of God’s grace that helps us surrender everything that separates us from Christ. It calls believers to examine their lives honestly and to place loyalty to Jesus above comfort, recognition, possessions, and even personal desires.

More than a hymn of personal devotion, “Nothing Between” is an invitation to undivided discipleship. It asks each of us: *Is there anything standing between my soul and my Savior?*

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a wonderful opportunity to thank Pastor Sam for his faithful leadership, care, and service. We are grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and many ways he helps our church share God’s love. Please take a moment this month to offer a kind word, a note, or a prayer of thanks. Your appreciation means a great deal!



Crockpot Creamy French Onion Chicken and Orzo

- 3-4 yellow onions, thinly sliced
- 6 tbsp salted butter
- 1 ½ lb boneless chicken breasts or thighs
- 2 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh sage
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 3 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 cup dry orzo pasta
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cups shredded gruyere cheese



**What's
Cookin With
Pastor Sam**

Crockpot Pot

1. In the bowl of your slow cooker, layer the onions, 3 tablespoons butter, and then the chicken. Sprinkle the chicken with thyme, sage, garlic, and season with salt and pepper. Pour over the wine and broth. Add the mushrooms. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours or on high for 1-2 hours.
2. Preheat the broiler to high. Remove the chicken and most of the onions from the slow cooker and place on a baking sheet.
3. Crank the heat on the slow cooker to high. Stir in the orzo, and 1 cup water. Cover and cook 20-30 minutes, or until the orzo is al dente. If the orzo needs more liquid, add additional water. Stir in the cream and parmesan.
4. Arrange 3 tablespoons of butter over the onions, top the pan with gruyere. Broil 3-5 minutes, until the cheese is melty.
5. Serve the chicken and onions over the orzo. YUMMM!

KING'S KIDS FUNDRAISER

FALL SOUP SALE

Soup donations are needed!

Drop off at the church
Saturday, October 24 • Noon–2 PM

Soup on sale Saturday until 3 PM

Sale after worship Sunday, October 25



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UPCOMING

Mark your
Calendars!



TRAINING

Saturday, October 17
10:00 a.m.

Open to children from Pre-K
through high school!

Snacks will be provided!

DAILY NEWS
A World of Change
Stories that shape
our lives

Pastor Sam's Wired Word

— Small Group —

Finding Hope in the Headlines
Through Scripture



News is inevitable—whether it be good or bad—but what better way to extract hope from the headlines than to explore Bible verses as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith?



What is The Wired Word?



An interdenominational Bible study resource for adult small groups



Each lesson connects current news stories with relevant Scripture



Includes biblical reflection, discussion questions, and prayer



A meaningful way to talk about today's events through the lens of faith



2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month



5:00–6:00 p.m.



Youth Hall



Participants may receive the lesson by email or request a printed copy.



Bring your questions, your faith,
and a friend.

*All are
welcome!*



CHUM Senior Group

October 20

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Join us for worship, lunch, and activity.

See Karen Morris for more information.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Timothy and Brittany Gibsen, Jean Dutko, Bill Tomlinson, Dan Wathen, Terri West, Carla Jenkins, Bonnie Hively, Haylee (friend of the Pekalla family), Anna (Toepfer's daughter), Logan Johnston, Ray Burke (son-in-law of Clyde and Frankie Taylor), Jade Sweitzer, Robyn Bandi (friend of Linda Toepfer), Ben Washington, Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Nancy Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen and Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Lori and Kevin Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Jimmy Weller, Samuel M, Margie Ryan, Bella, Roger (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Felicia Brown, Natalie D'orzio (friend of the Ahlswede family, Roger Bartlett (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Bev Clinton, Irene O'Hara, Linda Baker (Neighbor of Catchpoles), Angelina Vince (Christian Denning), Craig Ruggles, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Linda Neal-Moore, Bill Sonnenlitter, Audrey Williams, Tom Hardgrove, David Shepard, Shirley Grimm, Henry Tregasski, Mike Moliterno, Heather (Viv Seifert's daughter), Prayers for teachers and military members and their families



Happy Birthday to...

October

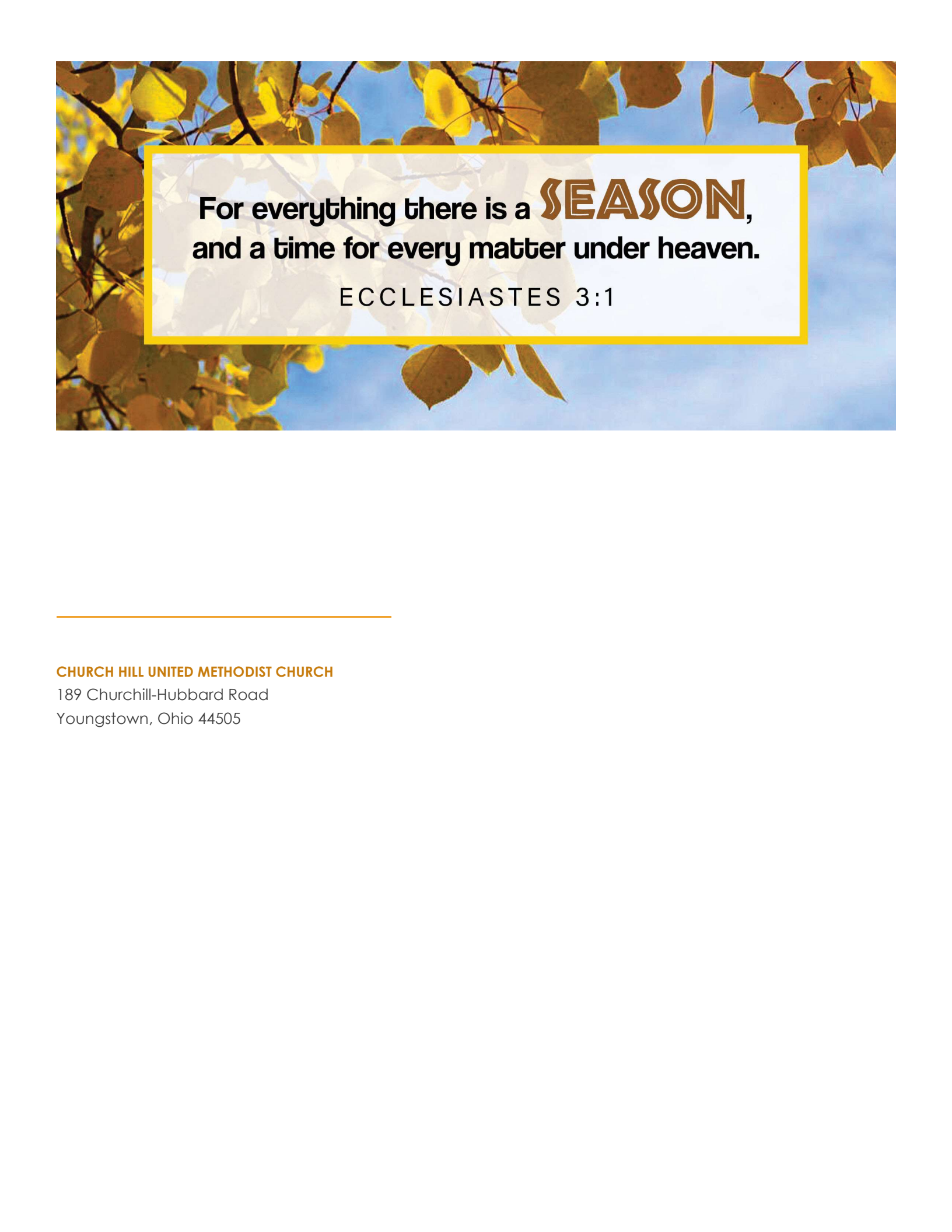
10/3 Larry Asay
10/7 Amelia Seifert
10/11 Eliana Slifka, Jade Sweitzer
10/13 Priscilla Hecker
10/18 Nikolai Ptichkin

10/20 Ethan Murphy
10/24 William Kepko
10/27 Valerie Harvey
10/29 George Marsh
10/30 Thayne Albrecht
Charity Washington
10/31 Dorothy Shea

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30/6:30 Pantry Set Up 10:30 Bible Study YH 6-7p.m. Grief Share	2 10:00 a.m.-Noon Liberty Community Food Pantry	3 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets (Churchill Parking Lot)
4 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship- CHUM 11:15 Worship- Trinity <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	5 6-7:30 p.m. Stand with Pride (Parlor)	6	7 4:45-7 p.m. KK/YG 7:30 Choir	8 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-7p.m. Grief Share	9	10
11 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship- CHUM <i>Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday</i>	12 Pawstive Minds 5-7:30 p.m. (Parlor) <i>Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	13	14 4:45-7 p.m. KK/YG 5:00-6:00 p.m. Wired Word Small Grp 7:30 Choir – Sanctuary	15 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-7p.m. Grief Share	16 10:00 a.m. Acolyte Training	17
18 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship- CHUM	19	20	21 4:45-7 p.m. KK/YG 7:30 Choir	22 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-7p.m. Grief Share	23 Soup Sale Drop Off Noon - 2pm (DH) Soup Sale 2pm-3pm (DH)	24
25 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship- CHUM Soup Sale after Worship <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	26	27	28 4:45-7 p.m. KK/YG 5:00-6:00 p.m. Wired Word Small Grp (Youth Hall) 7:30 Choir – Sanctuary	29 10:30 Bible Study (YH) 6-7p.m. Grief Share	30	31 <i>Reformation Day</i>



For everything there is a **SEASON,
and a time for every matter under heaven.**

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