

A **Publication** of the Trumbull Church of Christ, 2 Drew Circle, Trumbull, CT. 06611 203-261-5201 Volume CXLIX 149 Issue 3, Nov.27, 2022

## **GOD DOESN'T WANT OUR LEFTOVERS**

A woman took her two small sons and one daughter to see a matinee movie at the theater one Saturday afternoon. The tickets were five dollars each. The young daughter watched as the mother handed the gentleman at the window four five dollar bills and received four tickets. That same mother and three children went to church the next day. When the collection was taken that morning, the daughter saw her mother place one five dollar bill in the plate as it was passed by them. The little girl looked up at her mother and whispered, "Mommy, church is a lot cheaper than a movie, isn't it?"

Well, this story is not saying that we need to give more money at church than we do at the movie theater, but it does cause us to put some things in perspective. This is the time of year when "giving" seems to be on people's minds. We go through great lengths to shop, search, and buy our family, friends, and co-workers just the right gifts. As Christians, each day of the year should be a time of giving, not only to others, but most importantly to God. And maybe the question should not be, "how much do I give God," but rather, "am I giving God the best I have to offer?"

When we invite special guests to our home, do we warm up the leftovers in the refrigerator from two nights ago, serve it up on paper plates, and sit in front of the television? Probably not. Most people would prepare a special meal, use their best dishes, and sit in a place where they could give the guests there full attention. In other words, we give them our very best. Do we give God our very best? Do we sometimes serve our Lord Jesus the "leftovers" from our life? We give Him our time that is "leftover" after we are done with our work, our recreation, and our hobbies. We sometimes give Him money "leftover" after we pay our bills, our taxes, and buy our brand new "whatever." God deserves the top of the line, our best, and our all. We can give our best to the Lord in many ways. We can do it by sacrificing our time to help a person in need. We can give our best by replacing some time in front of the television with some much needed quality time without children. We can give our best by going to visit a lonely person instead of going to a place we have no business going. We can give our best by spending more time reading His word, than reading the comics. There are so many ways we can give God our best. Jesus tells us on the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 5:41, to go the extra mile. Do more than just what is required of you to do. Give God your best! In Numbers 18:29, God told Moses to tell the Levite Priests, "You must present as the LORD's portion the best and holiest part of everything given to you." In this season of giving, let us ask ourselves, "Have I given the Lord who died for me, the choicest, or have I given Him the "leftovers"

~ ~ Ron Saracino

## **NEWS & NOTES**

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm

Tues.Ladies Bible Study-Nov. 22nd @9:30 am via zoom

Fri. Night Ladies Bible Study-Dec 9th @ 7pm.

Dan Cooper is heading up a 12 day inspirational tript to Israel and Greece May 23-June 3,2023. Fliers will be on the table in the auditorium. See Nadine if you have interest in going.

**Spooner House** has specific needs for towels, washcloths, pillow cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Toiletries for 4 women without families. If you would like to bring a meal or sandwiches Contact Liz Holcomb at (203)2250455X105

To Our visitors: We welcome you to the worship service of the church of Christ that meets in Trumbull. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed so that we may have a record of your attendance. If you have any questions concerning why we worship the way we do or what we believe, please feel free to ask. We would be happy to set aside time to study the Bible with you. Please let us know if we can be of service

## **Prayer Requests**

- \*Pray for Nadine's mother, who is recovering from the flu.
- \*Pray for Nancy (Roldan) Johnston and family, her husband passed away Wednesday a few weeks after she lost her son.
- \*Prayers for **Karen Ohrenberger's parents** who are going through a difficult time, and for the family as they care for them.
- \*Prayers for **Callie Eddy** who has been sick with a fever these past 5 days.
- \*Prayers for Laney who is sick and has a fever.
- \*Prayers for **Mike Ross** that his pain will subside.
- \*Prayers for **Kevin Early** who continues to have a-fib symptoms after having a procedure to treat the a-fib.
- \*Prayers for Marie Preteska, JoAnne, Toni and Greg's sister.
- \*Prayers for **Brian Keller**, , his company is experiencing layoffs, May his job not be affected.
- \*Prayers for **Kristin Hubbell** who is starting a new teaching program which has some challenges.
- \*Prayers for **Darwin**'s job search. She recently interviewed at Yale and is waiting to hear from them.
- \*Prayers for Gus & Nancy Roldan, and Mike & Ginny Lichac (former members), lost their son, Christopher Roldan.
- \*Randy Springer is at home recovering from a spinal infection,
- \*Pray for **Toni Bonadio**, she had an angiogram this week which discovered a 50% blockage.
- \*Pray for **Maria Walsh** (a friend of Toni & Joann) who recently suffered a stroke.
- \* Continued prayers for **Flo** who is recovering at home and her daughter **Lauren** who is having many health issues and awaiting medical test results.
- \*Pray for **Anthony Yanis**, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

- \*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Sarah** (Angela's niece), **Teri** (Ray's S-I-L)
- \*Pray for our country & our leaders in government, first responders and health care workers.
- \*Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord.

Special prayers for our church leaders.

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones:Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,

\*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:Jeremy Sazone,Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez,, Mel, Mildred,Gladys Howley, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti,Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

Mel's new address: 228 Wesley Heights Rd. Shelton, Ct. 06484

- \*Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School-** contact Ron
- \*Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Sunday Bible Class 10 am @ church building Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom

Worship Service @ 11 am

Elders: Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426 Ron Saracino 203-913-8345 Minister: Ron Saracino 203-913-8345 Spanish Ministry: Elmer Sandavol

914-914-486-9146

**Deacons: Ray Fernandes** 203-459- 0284 **Luis Ruiz** 203-610-2396 Week of Nov.27,2022
Online Bible study and service
Go to Trumbull Church of Christ website:
trumbull churchofchrist.org
Song Leader: Greg Payne
Lord's Table:Ray Fernandes
Closing Prayer:Jay Repecko

Week of 11/20-11/26

Donations: \$2264 Expenses: \$2821