



The TrumBulletin



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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 their 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

Nov. 23 Young Adult community service event right after church service. Nov. 25 Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Dec. 13- 10-12 pm Saturday Ladies Bible Study	Dec. 13- Holiday Progressive Dinner-sign up sheet is posted Dec. 27 10am- 12:30 pm Families with Young Children Christmas Breakfast	Young adults will be collecting items through November for those affected by the hurricane in Jamaica. Today is the last Sunday for collection.	<i>Welcome visitors-please share a record of you visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,</i>
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Prayer Requests

*Pray for **Greg Cerminara** who will have knee surgery Dec. 5th

*Pray for positive results from **Mike Ross's** endoscopy.

*Pray for **Anthony Katz** who is recovering from eye surgery

*Pray for **Audrey Parks** (Nadine's mother) who is dealing with intense back pain. Also for her cousin, **Oliver**, whose wife passed away and for his 3 children and family. Also for Kimberly's friend **Tia**, who had a seizure.

*Pray for **Nuris** who is in a lot of pain.

*Pray for those in Jamaica and all affected by the recent hurricane.

*Pray for **Bob Rieger** (Nancy Melson's friend) who's father recently passed away.

*Pray for **Randy Springer** recovering from surgery.

*Pray for **Rod Stanley and family**, his son, Julius passed away.

Pray for **Raymond's mother** who recently had foot surgery.

*Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, **Kia Marsha** recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

*Pray for **Pamela Pimpton** who has been dizzy and not feeling well.

*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo**, post bone marrow transplant.. Prayers for the whole family also,

*Pray for **Mary Lou** as she is dealing with back problems and for **Ron Sr.** for his procedure

*Pray for **Michael DiRienzo** (friend of John & Tracy Robertson), being treated for stage 4 bladder cancer.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Tom Byer**

***Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**

*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, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto

***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yagowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

***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,

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of 11/23/25

Song Leader: Patrick Keler

Lord's Table: Derin Wilson

Closing Prayer/Announcements: Ray Fernandes

Usher: Bruce Post

Week of 11/16-11/22/25

Donations :\$3371 Expenses:\$3049

