

said, "I'm sorry, but I can't seem to get my car started. If you'll go up there and give it a try, I'll stay here and blow your horn for you."

The end of the matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. (Ecclesiastes 7:8, 9)

So I will ask you again what type of fruit are you bearing?

Be Fruitful in Christ,

Rev. Walter Coy



# Joyful Noiz

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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### IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Elaine Panyi, Tim Maloney, Steve Panyi, The Loyszczyk family

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.



<u>Happy Birthday!</u>		
November	2	Rev. Dr. Carol Vaccariello
November	15	John Diekmann
November	26	Tom Bullard III
December	1	Elaine Painting
December	2	Promise Hunt



### PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**.

### LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

Council has been looking into buying a camera system for the sanctuary. The cost for camera and streaming kit is \$3,497.69 plus \$500 for installation. We are looking for help to defray the cost. If you would like to donate, please mark your offering- Camera. The camera is an ATEM Mini Pro-1 Camera PTZ Streaming Kit.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be decorating for advent **November 20**. All help welcome!!

### TICKETS FOR LIONS CLUB TAILGATING PARTY

Pastor Coy is selling tickets for the Lions Club, Ohio State- Michigan tailgating party. They are **\$60** and include **Food and Beverage for 2, game viewing, and entry into raffle for cash prizes**. If you're interested please see Pastor Coy.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

This year we will be having a Christmas Eve service at **Noon on Saturday December 24, 2022**. We will be closed on Christmas Day.



## *Pastor's Pen*

### What Type of Fruit are You Bearing?

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law”  
(Galatians 5:22-23)

We have been given access to these traits because they are the products of the Holy Spirit of Christ working in them. Every believer has access to these traits, because they are products of the Holy Spirit of Christ working in them. Believers are not able to live out each of these traits or fruits without staying connected to Christ. Our flesh will fail us. For every fruit of goodness from Christ there is also the reality of our imperfect walk with the dark side and opposite of each of these fruits. If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. We do Christ a disservice if we deny the reality of our imperfect walk with God in this life. (1John 1:8-10)

In a world where instant success and ambition often reign supreme, it is essential that we continue to live out each fruit of the Spirit with boldness and conviction. Each fruit reminds us there is another way to respond, behave, and live. Living out each fruit requires us to pause, pray to God for wisdom, and allow God to give us courage to choose differently. We have a responsibility to live out each fruit with a desire to choose a higher path and one that glorifies God and brings hope to others.

In a world of ongoing confusion and strife, living out the fruits of the spirit is necessary to continue to be men and women of strong character. Our character and how we respond to different situations as a testimony to others who are struggling with hope. Living with the fruits of the Spirit produces stronger character, endurance, and grace within us the believer. Where there is confusion, we desperately need to walk in peace. Where there is division, the overflowing love of Christ builds up and doesn't tear down. Where there is anxiety, we seek God's patience. Where there is hate, we seek to live out God's goodness and kindness. In other words our walk needs to be like our talk. We need to be the person of good character when no one is watching. To represent Christ better when we respond with each fruit.

Patience is a quality you admire in the driver behind you and scorn the one ahead.....A man's car once stalled in heavy Friday evening traffic just as the light turned green All his efforts to start the engine failed. A chorus of honking rose from the cars behind him. Feeling just as frustrated as those other driver's eager to get home or to their weekend destinations, he finally got out of his car and walked back to the first driver and