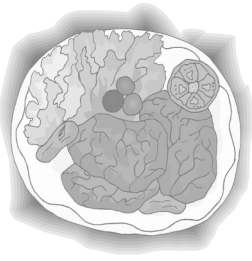




Our Mission: Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

January, 2025 Rev. Steve Anderson, Pastor



Join Us For Supper!

**CHURCH  
DINNER**

JANUARY 18, 2025  
4-6 PM

Swiss Steak  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Green Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Pie or Cake  
Beverage

\$12.00 Adult  
\$5.00 Children  
Under 4 free

Take-out available -  
Call 330-637-2266  
Between 3:30-6 PM

**Cakes/Pies Needed  
For Swiss Steak  
Dinner  
Saturday, January 18**

**Pastor's Message**

*Philippians 3:13-14 "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting that is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

As we find ourselves already entering into a new year, it will be interesting to see what lies ahead with the changes that are coming. One thing we can be assured of is that no matter how much the world changes and continues to change rapidly, or how much our lives may be changed or impacted individually, we can rest secure in the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. Though changes may come that are beyond our control, whether they be for better or for worse, God is still in control and if we are grounded in Jesus we can remain securely rooted in spite of what is or of what may be, because we belong to the One who is in control. We can choose what kind of year we will have in spite of what happens. As we move into 2025, let go of what was according to Philippians 3:13. Let go of the way you lived before you came to know Jesus, let go of hurt, bitterness, and unforgiveness from the past. Let go of pride and selfish ambition. Let go of failures and disappointments from the past. Don't fall into the trap of thinking how much better the past was than the present as you reminisce of good times that have gone by. Look to Jesus Christ in the midst of what is and keep the eternal glory that awaits you in mind. Continue to grow and move forward in your love and relationship with Him, as He will be your eyes to see, ears to hear, and will direct your steps down the path of His will for you. Look away from what was so that it does not blind you to the Lord's vision that lies ahead. Keeping our eyes on Jesus in the midst of what is will be what leads us to growing deeper in our love of Him and perfect our faith. He will give us all that we need to keep straining ahead in His will. We can be grounded in spite of what was and what is, because when we trust in Jesus the unknown will lead you into His plan for you, and you need not fear what tomorrow may bring. Only Jesus can make the unknown become known and we can choose what kind of year we have by deciding whether to choose or not to choose Him. Choose wisely, choose Jesus, and keep your eyes on Him in the year that lies ahead.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Steve



Jr Church Ages 10 and up  
Meet upstairs of the church after being  
dismissed from children's message.

**Children's/Youth Fellowship -**  
SPARKS group for ages 10-14 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
and Ignite Youth Fellowship for ages 15-18 from  
2:30-4:30 p.m. every Sunday.  
Contact Barb for more information  
at wildarebw@gmail.com

### Youth Help

We need a couple of adult volunteers to assist our  
youth director. If a few step up, you would not have  
to be here every Sunday. Please let Barb know if you  
are able to serve in this way!

**Sunday School - Ages 4-11**  
Sunday mornings in the connector @  
10:10-10:50

**Children's Message -** Children of all ages  
Sunday morning during the 11:00 service.  
(The children will be dismissed to Jr Church  
following the singing.)

### Thank You from Barb!!

A big thank you to Linda Knepp for providing ginger-  
bread men for our youth lock-in. We had so much  
fun!!!

A big thank you to Dave Rankin for providing a  
campfire, hot dogs & hot cocoa for the youth lock-in.  
It was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Jacob, John, Andrew & Kariyae for your  
help with the lock-in. I couldn't have done it without  
you!

### Thank You!!

Thank you Trish Shafer for leading and directing the  
Children's Christmas Program! It was wonderful!

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies for the  
Children's Christmas Program

### Thank You

Emily Shaffer would like to thank the Nurture and  
Care Team for her Friendship basket that she  
received for Christmas!

### Jr Church Schedule 4 - 9 years— for January:

1/5 - Shana  
1/12 - Trish  
1/19 - Abby  
1/26 - Beth



Confirmation classes are starting January 12th during  
regular youth time. Good attendance is imperative!  
Parents please encourage your child to attend every  
Sunday. (Make up classes will be available if arrange-  
ments are made with Barb).

### Thank you for all the donations to our Mitten/Hat/Scarf/Sock Tree

Because of your generosity, we were able to donate  
the following to the Warren Family Mission:  
Socks—52 pair  
Mittens/gloves—79  
Hats—54  
Miscellaneous Items—10



*Please let Barb know if you are  
interested in being a prayer  
partner for one of our youth. We  
will begin this in January. Thank  
you to those who have already  
signed up.*

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The next prayer breakfast will be on Sunday,  
January 19 at 7:00am.

We still have We Are Wildare T-shirts in blue and  
black. If interested, see Dean Kappas

### **If you are in need of prayer**

Please notify Pastor Steve 330-727-8773 or Hope  
330-637-5000. We can pray with you or start the  
prayer chain. Whatever you need us to do!

### **Please Pray For:**

Shirley M, Missy, Casey, Jennifer, Jackie M, Eryn - 2  
yr old, Jill, Rose Ann, Lee, Karen, Tim, Pat R, Niki,  
Jim B, Joan, Dixie, Rick P, Jim, Dave & Linda,  
Karen's cousin, Pastor Renee, Ukraine, Israel,  
Sandi K, Gail, Art E, Jay H, Jim W, Lynn,  
Sharon D, David, Dawn-liver transplant, Alan, Barb  
W, Ed, Cathy, Donna, Roberta, Dave D, Sharon,  
Marvin S, Debbie, Trudi, Tony V, Becky B, David R,  
Carrie, Garrett, Christy, Dotty (not a member), Brian,  
Hugh & Dave S, Emily S, Sydnee V, Linda J, Kolton,  
Chase, Bridget R, Jack, Dorothy L, Cathy S's bother &  
sister, Brigitta O, Marilyn M, Marie L, Richard G,  
Shelly S, Betty M, Lelah W, Bruce R, Brian R, Bob R,  
Jerry W, Lois, Lila, Rick B, Terry P, Pastor Tal,  
Denise, Maxine, John W., Heidi J.

**Please let Hope know if any of the above names  
should be removed from the list**

### **Pastors**

Steve Anderson, Darlene Robinson, Jody Baker,  
Maggi Armstrong, Rick Oaks, Tal Lewis

### **Missionaries**

Jeannine Brabon, Cox Family, Scott & Jessie Downey,  
Clifford & Sunny Grant, Frank & Beth Kuligowski,  
Joann Glad, John Schmidt Family, Jamie Torrico Jr.,  
Bella Women's Center, HOWW Ministries, Kairos  
Prison Ministries, Operation Christmas Child, Red  
Bird Mission, Maplewood Rocket Fuel, Warren Fami-  
ly Mission, Wildare Food Pantry, Wildare Church,  
Pastor Julia Wike/Basement Ministries



### **Men's Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center

### **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 8:00 a.m. in the connector

### **Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study**

6:30 p.m. in the connector

### **Thursday Night Bible Study**

Thursdays, @ 7:00 p.m. lead by  
Pastor Steve Anderson

### **Wings/Newsletter**

If you know of NEW families that are attending our  
church and would like to receive the Wings, please  
have them contact Hope to find out if they would like  
a hard copy or if they are fine with getting it emailed.  
Either way, she will need an address or an email.

### **Blood Drive**

We collected 45 units of blood at our December blood  
drive, with 12 of them from Wildare members. In our 7  
years of hosting blood drives we have held 35 drives and  
collected 1.4K units of blood. Not only do we provide  
our facility to the Red Cross, we make our drives special  
by providing a buffet of food and desserts for our donors.

I would encourage you to be a part of this mis-  
sion. It's a great way to get to know the very best people  
in our community... Those who are willing to donate  
their time and blood for complete strangers in need.

I would like to give special thanks to John and Marcy  
Chizmar who supply a majority of the food for the drive,  
are there from set up to clean up, and please ask them  
how many GALLONS of blood they have donat-  
ed. Without them none of this would be possible.

Our 2025 drives are scheduled for: Feb. 20, May 8,  
July 10, Sept. 18, and Dec 4. Please consider helping,  
donating food, and donating blood.

Thank you, Patty

### **Come Visit Us Online at Our Church Website**

[www.wildarechurch.com](http://www.wildarechurch.com)

Information about upcoming ministry, download  
our church phone app, online giving, our weekly  
sermons on video and more! AND, at our

FaceBook page: Wildare Church  
Also on Twitter, YouTube & Instagram

### **Recording Our Faithfulness for the month of December (three Sundays):**

Average Sunday School Attendance: 17

Average Worship Attendance: 118

Average of Tithes & Offerings: \$7881.00

Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$5440.00

Giving YTD \$271,000.00

### Worshipping in the Connector

Just a reminder that some people want/need to watch the service (9:00 & 11:00) in the connector. Whether they need to sit on the couch or they have children, we need to remember to respect them as they are praying or watching the service. If you need to walk through the connector, please do so quietly and limit loud conversations with others. We thank you in advance for understanding and helping with this situation

Deadline to get information into Hope for February Wings/newsletter is Tuesday, January 28.

### From the Treasurer

We prefer that you put your donations directly in the weekly offering, but we realize that isn't always possible. If you can't hand your cash donation directly to someone, you may decide to drop it in the treasurer's mailbox in the connector. If you do, please indicate what the money should be used for.

### Committee Chairpersons & Gathering Leaders

If you want to change information about your meeting time, or cancel your regularly scheduled meeting, and want the information to appear correctly on the Sunday morning slides, please send the information to [wildaretreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wildaretreasurer@gmail.com), or text it (please identify yourself) to Pete at 330-442-1145 and the slides will be corrected.

### Night to Shine Special Needs Prom February 7, 2025



NIGHT to Shine  
SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**  
FOUNDATION™

*If you are interested in being a part of this amazing ministry, contact Trish Shafer!*

### Food Pantry/Give Away

Thanks so much for all who helped serve over 196 families in December

#### Stats:

Total Families Served - 196  
NEW Families Served - 8  
Families Without Children - 140  
Families with Children - 56  
Total Individuals served - 507  
Children (birth-17) -122  
Adults (18-59) -235  
Seniors (age 60+) -150

Our next giveaway will be January 4 at 10 a.m. ***Packing bags with non-perishables will be done on Friday, January 3 @ 4:00.*** We will continue to serve our community the first Saturday of the month. ***If you want to help, simply show up the morning of the giveaway a little early and we will assign you to a team.***

### January Mission of the Month - Young Life Group

Young Life provides a place for young people in the public school system to connect with other young people to share their faith and connect with one another in a Christian environment. They also equip young people or discipleship so that they may be effective in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others in the public school system.

**If you feel lead to give to a mission this month, The Young Life Group could benefit from your support.**

DON'T LET ANYONE  
LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE  
**>> YOU ARE YOUNG <<**  
BUT BE AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS  
IN SPEECH | IN CONDUCT | IN LOVE | IN FAITH | AND | IN PURITY.  
1 TIMOTHY 4:12

### Tithes and Offerings

Thanks again for your support financially to Wildare! Your stewardship helps us grow our ministries and reach more people for the Kingdom! You may mail any offerings to: Wildare Church 7211 North Park Ave. Cortland, OH 44410 or give online and in person during worship.





## ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY:

- 10 Scott and Jessica Downey
- 21 Jim and Barb Waldman
- 22 James and Nancy Raskov

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY:

- 1 Sean Miller
- 2 Pam Beish
- 5 Vernon Morrison
- 6 Emmalin Fike
- 8 Thelma Brown
- 9 Devin Starr, Lori Campbell
- 10 Sarah Brown Imhoff, Jeff List, John Chizmar
- 13 Abigail Kuligowski
- 16 Conrad (CJ) Ross
- 17 Matthew Kappas
- 21 Mark Murray, Maguire Nolan
- 23 Bonnie Muresan
- 24 Patricia Bowser, Philip Gordon, Duke Whiting
- 26 Andrew LaValliere
- 27 Sadie Mansfield, Ehren Anderson
- 29 Lori Vaccar
- 30 Ridge Shafer

Join us on Facebook to watch sermons live

(On FaceBook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/Wildare/> AND in person)

**December sermons below, see what you missed or watch them again on Facebook/YouTube/Twitter/Instagram**

*12/1/24 - "Hope" Romans 8:18-25*

*12/8/24 - "Urgent News" Luke 3:2-18*

*12/15/24 - "Believing is Receiving" Luke 1:39-45*

*12/22/24 - Children's Christmas Program*

*12/29/24 - "Why Your Salvation Is So Important" Matthew 2:1-12*



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Sunday School Class  
For Seniors at 10:10 am  
Morning Worship at  
9:00 am (Traditional - Sanctuary) &  
11:00 am (Contemporary - FLC)

### **Come as you are!!**

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