



# Bedford Historical Society and Museum Newsletter

Winter 2018-19

## Vintage Santa

### Message from the President

by Betsy Lee

Season greetings. The following is an original item from Harvard University, digitized by Google. Enjoy!

What could six-year old Benny be doing? For half an hour he had been sitting quietly on an ottoman, busy with pencil and paper, only looking up now and then to ask his mamma how to spell a long word.

After a while he came to his mamma for an envelope and asked her to direct it for him. So, mamma wrote on it, at Benny's dictation, Santa Claus, Greenland, North Pole. Then Benny sealed the letter and took it to the post-office.

Two or three days after Benny had posted his letter, his papa came into the parlor, looking very much amused. A mail-agent

on the postal-car had found among the letters one directed to Santa Claus, which he had opened. Seeing the signature, and happening to know Benny's papa, the mail agent had the open letter in his hand.

*Windsor, Nov.2*

*Dear Santa Clause, - Next Christmas please bring me a drum, and a pair of rubber-boots, and some oranges, and a pensil that marks red and blue, and one that marks black, and some almonds, and a writing-desk, and a rubber-ball, and some candy, and a pistol that shoots paper caps, and a safe with a frog to swallow the pennies like the one Robbie Kendall has got, and some figs and grapes, and a new sled with Gen. Grant on it; and please bring me some writing-paper and a candy cane. I liked very much what you brought me last year; but the horses are broken off from the wagon,*

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*and the key is lost that winds it up; and Dickie broke the smoke-stack off from my little steamboat.*

*Benny Holbrook.*

Only one word spelled wrong, and all the words printed quite evenly on the lines.

Benny asked his mamma, the other day, if she supposed Santa Claus had got the letter yet. Of course, he had. Mamma sent it to him special messenger.

Happy Holidays from the Bedford Historical Society and Museum. Peace and a prosperous New Year too. Like Benny, may all your holiday wishes come true!

## BHS Welcomes Mike Thompson

The Bedford Historical Society wishes to introduce Michael Thompson who is offering his time performing much needed light maintenance and cleaning around the museum. Mike is retired and has had various jobs with Little Tykes and UPS throughout his long career. Mike is an active member of his church and is a longstanding volunteer with the Scouting program. Most recently he completed his 3-year service as the Summer Camp Director of the Manatoc Scouting Reservation in Peninsula, Ohio. Consequently, Mike brings a wealth of knowledge and experience developing programs and working with young people of all ages. Mike is a strong believer in helping young men and women reach their full potential, expanding their skills through real life situations.

Mike and his wife, Renee, has been married 30 years. They live in Akron and have two boys and

one daughter-in-law with two lovely granddaughters. Mike's parents still live in the house he grew up in. Mike's hobbies include fishing, camping, and hunting. Mike is a strong believer in family.

## Rungs from the Director's Chair

by Elmer C Schulz

Once more unto the breach!...

A well-known coach was once asked, "How much does college football contribute to the national physical-fitness picture?" "Nothing," the coach replied abruptly. "Why not?" the startled interviewer asked. "Well," said the coach, "the way I see it, you have twenty-two men down on the field desperately needing a rest and 40,000 people in the stands desperately needing some exercise."

A similar situation exists in many volunteer organizations... When you compare the members who merely attend events with those who actively execute, you often find... a small lineup of diligent individuals struggling "down on the field" while others in the group participate as spectators.

Each newsletter I try to rouse our audience to action. It is my intention to provide entertaining and educational programming for a full range of age levels and audiences for the Bedford community. However, to do that I need an involved, committed, and steadfast group of volunteers willing to step up and give some of their time. Otherwise our offerings to the public will be scanty at best.

But volunteering at a museum is more than a civic interest or sideline. According to Sarah Siddons there are benefits of being a museum volunteer. According to Ms. Siddons, "When it comes to finding a job, it's all about who you know and what you can do. And a museum can be the perfect training ground for launching your career.

Working at a museum can help sharpen professional skills like working with the public, organizing programs, raising money and working with computers.

It's not just about getting out of the house and finding something to do. Volunteering at a museum expands your network and puts you in contact with patrons, fellow volunteers and community administrators. If you're looking for regular employment beyond your volunteer work, this could lead you to the next big thing.

Job searching aside, studies have shown that volunteering leads to greater life satisfaction, lower rates of depression and better mental and physical health."

But it's not just about you. Volunteerism benefits the community. Volunteering enables people to play an active role in their neighborhoods and contribute to positive social change.

We hope that's enough to entice you or someone you know to start volunteering today. Very soon we hope to have a venue to put on a variety of programming for all ages. But we cannot develop and carry out these events without you. Consider joining our Volunteer Corp today. We offer a friendly and flexible work

environment. For more information call 440-232-0796.

## Upcoming Events

### A Dunham House: Centennial Christmas

On **Saturday December 8**, during Christmas in Bedford Falls, as you come out to enjoy the holiday festivities along Bedford's Historic Business District, be sure to stop by the historic Dunham House to experience "A Centennial Christmas."

Visit the Tucker family as they get ready to celebrate the 1876 Holidays with family and friends. Mrs. Tucker will be making a Christmas craft for visiting children from 1:00 - 2:00 PM and a 19th century Children's Christmas story will be read at 3:00 PM. The house will be trimmed for Christmas and in celebration of 1876 as the "year of the century!" Experience a Victorian Christmas in Bedford - come for the entertainment; leave with an education!

Afterward, stop by the Town Hall Museum to see the 1876 Centennial Exhibit featuring the works of Archibald Willard. While you're here, browse the Museum Shop to purchase books on local history and vintage Christmas ornaments.

### BHS Lyceum

The Bedford Historical Society Lyceum series will resume in January after a protracted hiatus. As was our institutional practice, the first three lectures are planned for the first Thursday of each month beginning in January. As of this writing, these lively and informative gatherings will take place at the **Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library**

**Lane, Maple Heights, at 7:00PM.** See the listing below for more information.

#### January 3

Karen Lakus is a historic interpreter and naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks. She is familiar with the Bedford Reservation and Tinkers Creek area. Karen's presentation will focus on the natural, historical, and cultural importance of this vital area.

#### March 7

Dr Dan Rager is an author, historian, and professor at Cleveland State University. Dr. Rager will present information on the Cleveland & Eastern traction company better known as the Maple Leaf Route that ran from Public Square to Chardon and Middlefield from 1899-1925.

#### April 4

Mike Olszewski along with his wife and co-author Janice, are former longtime residents of Bedford and are the authors of several bestselling books. Mike is an award-winning radio, television, print journalist best known for his time at WMMS-FM. He will present stories regarding his long career interviewing several newsmakers including, politicians, entertainers, and infamous figures from the underworld.

### Reverse Raffle It's Out of This World

Join us for an out of this world experience, benefiting the Bedford Historical Society. The much-anticipated Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16** at the **La Casa Bella Party Center in Oakwood Village, 26383 Broadway Avenue.** This year's

theme is "Fly Me to the Moon." So, dust off your best dinner jack or rocket jet pack.

A \$1500 cash grand prize will be offered! \$5, \$3, \$2 Sideboards will be available. Silent Auction items will be donated by society members and local businesses.

Doors will open at **6:00 PM.** A cash bar serving wine and Irish beer will begin at that time. Dinner will be served begins at **7:00 PM.**

A \$60 donation includes 1 dinner and 1 raffle ticket. A \$90 donation includes 2 dinners sharing 1 raffle ticket. A \$35 donation includes 1 dinner.

The menu will include chicken marsala and pork loin w/bourbon sauce, roasted redskin potatoes, mixed vegetables, garden or California salad, roll and butter, cookies and brownies.

Tickets, courtesy of Johnson-Romito Funeral Homes, are now on sale in the Town Hall Museum. For more information contact [museum@BedfordOhioHistory.org](mailto:museum@BedfordOhioHistory.org)

### Join the V Corps! The 2 O'clock Gang

So-called by our own Lead Interpreter Joyce Maruna, the 2 o'clock gang refers to the regular band of dedicated volunteers that assemble on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM to help support the staff through simple projects and tasks throughout the museum.

Assignments might include setting up a display or developing an exhibit. Helping in the museum store, library or archive. Planning education activities or special event programming. General cleaning or dusting, giving tours,

or running errands. Many hands make light work, that's the maxim of the 2 O'clock Gang! There is no long-term commitment, just a desire to help and support the museum as your schedule suits. So, come join the fun and friendliness. Call **440-232-0796** for more information.

## The Guy's Club

Retired? Handy with tools or a paint brush? A DIY kind of guy that knows his way around Lowes, Home Depot, or Menards and has a deep-seated need to stay busy? Do you miss Bob Villa, Craftsman tools, and a hearty Tim the 'Tool-Man' Taylor grunt! Well, welcome to the Guy's Club.

Join the BHS Director and 'Big Mike' Thompson during the week for a hot swill of joe and manly comradery while engaging in some simple but challenging "fixer upper" tasks and job-jar projects on our historic buildings and large-scale exhibits. We need framers, carpenters, painters, plasterers, electricians, and plumbers. All trades are welcome! Simply call **440-232-0796** for more information.

## Participant Patrons

The Bedford Historical Society is offering up a new hands-on opportunity to work directly with the collection and gain a greater appreciation of Bedford history.

We offer individuals, families, social clubs, school classes, local businesses and corporate entities an intimate experience with our artifacts and exhibit spaces.

Supporters of the museum are invited to select an exhibit space, or room to sponsor. For example, the Elmer Flick display

case, or the Lincoln Room, or maybe one of several exhibit vignettes located on the second floor.

Each backer will volunteer their time to care for their space and the artifacts within it, regularly cleaning and maintaining their portion of the museum under the supervision and direction of our Curator. Supporters will be provided with cleaning materials and collection care instructions on how to properly care for items under their attention. If interested, please call **440-232-0796**.

## Wanted: Program Volunteers, Graphic Artists, Webmaster, & Receptionists

We're growing! If you are looking for some volunteer community engagement what better place to start than the Bedford Historical Society. Currently we need a lobby receptionist on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday to answer the telephone, take messages, and greet patrons. Involvement is flexible to meet your schedule. Mornings or afternoons, one day or three, 2, 4, or 6-hour arrangements are available. If you enjoy meeting people and have a few hours to spare this is the place for you

We are also looking for someone to administer our webpage and a graphic artist or someone familiar with Word Publisher to help create flyers, posters and other promotional material.

Finally, we need volunteers to help support the staff in running programs and daily department work assignments. This involves assisting the curator, archivist, librarian, and museum store

manager. Tasks would include, stacking, filing, organizing, light cleaning, and giving tours. Call **440-232-0796** for more information.

## New Membership Levels! Join or Renew Today

To keep pace with the rising expense of maintaining three historic structures and presenting new education programming, the historical society has restructured its membership levels. The museum has added a **Senior/Student Membership** at **\$10**. The **Individual Membership** rate has increased to **\$15**. Likewise, the **Family Membership** amount has increased to **\$25**. In addition, two new values have been added for members that wish to make more than a nominal gift, a **Contributing Membership** for **\$50** and a **Friends of the Museum** price for **\$150**. All membership levels are annual and include a membership card and the quarterly newsletter. Levels over \$50 include discounts at the museum store and reduced admission to museum events and programming.

Business, corporate, and institutional levels have also been adopted. Local establishments can help support the museum by purchasing a **Bronze \$100**, **Silver \$250**, **Gold \$500**, **Platinum \$1000**, or **Titanium \$5000** level charitable gift. These commercial memberships are annual and include a certificate, the quarterly newsletter, and their business logo proudly displayed on museum promotional material.

## Charitable Giving AmazonSmile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, consider shopping through Amazon Smile and designating the Bedford Historical Society as your charity of choice. We will receive a small percentage of your purchases!

## HELP! Window Restoration Crucial!

Add the Town Hall Museum to the Old Church on the Square on your preservation list. We are in desperate need of corporate and community support to save both these iconic structures along Bedford's downtown historic district. Over 20-years of harsh Northeastern Ohio weather has finally taken its toll!

Recently it was discovered that four windows on the third floor of the Town Hall Museum need immediate attention. Restoration costs will amount to over \$11,000. And that only covers the windows on the western side of the building. Currently the third floor houses the special exhibits, and artifacts of the Taylor and Marble chair companies as well as the Bedford Fire Department. All are in jeopardy unless private donators, friends of the museum, and corporate supporters step forward to preserve Bedford's history.

This is in addition to the work that continues with the Old Baptist Church. Recently a second \$100,000 OFCC grant enabled the historical society to inspect the roof, tuck-point and seal the masonry, and water seal the exterior of the building. It is the goal that both stately structures will continue to be a part of the Bedford landscape for

years to come, but we need your help. The OFCC grant did not cover the exterior repairs. The Society needs to recoup \$12,000 to pay for these expenditures.

If this were not enough, we are still looking for individual supporters and corporate sponsors to help repair the stained-glass windows on the north of the church. But much work needs to be completed to preserve all the stained-glass windows of the church. Please consider a legacy gift or make a memorial gift to our endowment fund. All donations are tax deductible and can be made anytime during the year by mailing it to us at **Bedford Historical Society, PO Box 46282, Bedford, OH 44146** or by going online to the Cleveland Foundation website at [www.Clevelandfoundation.org](http://www.Clevelandfoundation.org).

## Museum News New Hours of Operation

To be more family friendly and student focused, the Bedford Historical Society will change its hours of operation. Starting February 1, the museum will be open **Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** and **Wednesday 2:00 to 8:00 PM**. Wednesday hours will expand to 9:00 PM during the months of June, July and August for Parties in the Park. In addition, the museum will be open the second **Saturday** of each month from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. The museum will be open the fourth Saturday of each month during the summer months of June, July, and August, also from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.

During special event weekends the museum will be open on Sundays to accommodate such

events as the Strawberry Festival and Weekend of the Pooka.

As always, the museum will accommodate special group tours for a nominal contribution. Simply make reservations by calling **440-232-0796** to speak to a staff member.

## Community Hall: Renovation Update

Recently a second \$100,000 OFCC grant has enabled the historical society to renovate part of the lower church hall. Improvements include removing the dated paneling and the installation of drywall, carpeting, and the makeover of two bathrooms.

Much work remains to be done however, including updating and remodeling the warming kitchen, installing new interior and exterior doors, building a retractable wall, installing new lighting and a new heating system. Also, on the agenda is an elevator to make the sanctuary and lower church hall ADA accessible. This work will help provide a useable venue for public meetings and learning spaces for the historical society.

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## Education Primer

We could use your help. While the Town Hall Museum is shut down for the month of January, the Education Department will be

busy developing special events and programs for school age students. If you are a stay at home mom or dad with a creative bent in reading, crafts, play or STEM, please consider volunteering with the BHS education department. An Elmer Flick Day, Comic Book Hero Event, and monthly events are being planned. Call 440-232-0796 to speak to a staff member for more details.

## Spirit Nigh by Lantern Light

For a second year in a row, the cemetery tour or *Spirit Night by Lantern Light* was a haunting success. Visitors braved the chilly night air and damp conditions to move through the Bedford Cemetery to hear 8 unforgettable tales from notable Bedford residents buried in our local boneyard.

Performed by the interpretive department's education staff, characters including Fire Chief CB Marble, Mary Godson an RMS Titanic survivor, and Orlo Mathews a toughie of the Civil War. Period mourning cookies were handed out at the end of the tour.

Special thanks to Amy Schulz and Paula St. John for renewing the program, researching character biographies, creating a mobile exhibit, and improving interpreter costuming. The program was well received by everyone.

## All Hallows Eve at the Museum

Trick or Treat was damp and cold, but dry and warm at the

Town Hall Museum as the staff celebrated All Hallows Eve on Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Eight treat station were manned by witches, an Egyptian princess, and even a late 19<sup>th</sup> century fireman who haunted the floors of the museum handing out candy and gifts to children and adults during this annual Spooktacular FREE event.

A special chilling thank you to the Lion's Club for joining us this year, providing our visitors with popcorn balls.

## Domestic Sideboard

*A Red, White and Blue Christmas, or Are you going to the Centennial?*

by Amy Schulz

Let's time travel back 42 years to the Bicentennial year of 1976. 200 years of National history celebrated for an entire year. Parades, festivals, and red, white and blue decorations were on display everywhere. Seemed like everyone had patriotic clothing and flew the flag - maybe even a Bicentennial flag - that year. The 1776 Room at the Historical Society reminds us of these big national birthdays with colorful artifact displays.

Now let's travel back a little further to the Centennial year of 1876. The celebration of the first 100 years of the United States of America was unlike anything that had happened before or after. The entire country caught the Centennial fever in towns large and small, but the biggest celebration took place from May 11 to November 10, 1876 in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park.

"The 1876 International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures, and Products of the Soil and Mine" was its formal name but it became known far and wide simply as "The Centennial." In scope it was a true international exposition - a World's Fair - with exhibits from 37 countries. Each of the 37 U.S. states was represented as well with a separate building and exhibits pertaining to the accomplishments unique to them. That's what the Exposition was all about - the achievements of the United States in its first 100 years of existing as an independent country. National pride was on display at every corner. Bustling railroad companies added more tracks, runs and schedules to accommodate the massive traffic. Visitor accommodations, comfort stations, hotels, restaurants and information desks were in great demand and had been wisely anticipated by the Centennial Planning Commission. Philadelphia was the place to be during "The Year of the Century."

Exhibits included many of the most modern inventions, methods and even foods for the visitors to view. Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated his telephone to the astonishment of the Emperor of Brazil. The Remington typographic machine - the "typewriter" - complete with a QWERTY keyboard was demonstrated. The largest soda fountain in the world served Hires Root Beer to thousands. Visitors saw bananas hanging from trees and could purchase a foil wrapped banana for ten cents. Fleischmann's yeast was available for the first time and meant that woman could purchase yeast to use any time it was needed. Kettle corn and Heinz ketchup were introduced

and quickly became widely popular. A double-decker monorail transported visitors around the massive Park. Opening day saw President Grant and Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil turn on the massive Corliss Steam Engine in Machinery Hall which would power the other machinery at the Exposition.

9 million people - one-fifth of the US population - attended the Fair during its 7-month run. For many, the trip to Philadelphia was the trip of a lifetime and required them to save up the monies they would need for their expenses. They visited Independence Hall, Benjamin Franklin's grave and the home of Betsy Ross. They attended concerts in the evening and walked along the river anticipating what lay in store for the coming day. Some even anticipated how the US would celebrate in 1976.

What does all of this have to do with Bedford, Ohio history? You can find a display of memorabilia and guidebooks in the Spirit of '76 room's back corner but you can also experience the Centennial Year in a more interactive way. BHS historic interpreters Jeanne Sapir and Terry Blair, portraying Jediah and Elizabeth Tucker, will be eager to tell you about not only their trip to Philadelphia but about their lives in Bedford during the 19th century. This new interpretive program will be debuting on December 8 from 12:00-4:00 pm during Bedford's "Christmas in Bedford Falls" event. The Dunham House will be transformed into

"A Centennial Christmas." "Mr. and Mrs. Tucker" and sister "Caroline Thompson" are first person interpreters portraying composite characters rather than

actual historical individuals. Composite characters allow for a very broad array of research topics to be shared with BHS visitors and takes away the guesswork involved in the portrayal of actual individuals who left little behind to indicate their actual activities and thoughts. You will find the Tuckers at home discussing the events of 1876 as they experienced them. Talk with them about the Centennial Exhibition, the recent Presidential election and their trip to Cape May. You will see that they've been busy decorating for Christmas with a Centennial theme. Red, white and blue will greet you as you step into the hall and you will see the theme repeated in the parlor, study and dining room. The Victorian Age is in full swing and, thanks to the Industrial Revolution, the Tuckers enjoy a wonderful life in Bedford with family and friends. Interacting with a first-person interpreter is easy - just suspend the belief that the modern world exists, listen, ask questions, learn and have fun!

Because this article would be incomplete without a visit to Mrs. Tucker's kitchen, let's peek at what she may be making for her Centennial Christmas guests and family to enjoy. A "Centennial Pudding" receipt is found in "The Home Cook Book", published in 1876 as a fundraising effort in the Toledo, Ohio area to raise funds for the "home for friendless women and the orphan's home." Using vanilla as your flavoring, it's a wonderfully homey pudding (if you prepare as directed, pour the pudding into a graham cracker crust, top it with a sweetened version of the original recipe's meringue, and you will have a taste from my

childhood - my Mom's graham cracker pie!). In addition, Mrs. Tucker will be sure to prepare one of Mr. Tucker's favorites for Christmas, a Jelly Cake with layers of white cake and red strawberry jam. Her receipt for the cake is entitled "Bedford Cake" and is from the New England Economical House Wife, 1845. The "Bedford Cake" is a slightly altered version of the ever popular "cupcake," using 1,2, and 3 cup measures along with 4 eggs. Simple to remember. Peek into the Tucker's pantry and see some of the Christmas preparations in progress!

**CENTENNIAL PUDDING.** (The Home Cook Book, 1876, Mrs. Mitchell, Cincinnati) One quart of milk; put it on to boil; add a little salt to the milk, and a small piece of butter. Mix two tablespoonfuls of corn starch with a little cold milk. Beat four or more eggs, the whites and yolks separately; add sugar and flavoring to taste, and put the yolks with the milk, stirring all the time until quite thick. Drop the whites of the eggs on top of the custard when in the dish and put in the oven until a light brown. To be eaten cold.

**BEDFORD CAKE.** (The New England Economical Housewife, Mrs. E.A. Howland, 1845) One pound of flour [4 cups], one of sugar [2 cups], one quarter pound of butter [1/2 cup], four eggs, one tea-cup of sweet or sour milk [3/4 cup], one tea-spoonful of saleratus [baking soda], spice and fruit to suit your taste. [to use as a Jelly Cake, flavor with 1 tea-spoonful of vanilla, bake in layer pans, split the layers and use either current, raspberry or strawberry jelly between the layers].

## BHS Wish List

The BHS is seeking mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> Century items suitable for use in our interactive programming. These items include:

- 4-6 Matching Wooden Dining Chairs
- Set of China or Iron Stone
- Oil/Kerosene Lamps
- Lace Curtain White/Ecru at least 80" long
- Braided Rug any size
- 4x6 Straw Mat or larger
- Fire Place Grate
- Brass Fireplace Implements
- Wooden Children's Toys
- Cash Donations

## Obituaries

### John Robert "JR" Malone

John Robert "JR" Malone, 81, passed into his heavenly reward in the company of family and friends on September 10, 2018.

JR, as he was known to many, was born March 14, 1937 to Ervin and Nellie Malone in Smithfield, Ohio. A graduate of Bedford High School (Bedford, OH), he entered the Marine Corps, serving from 1955 to 1959, with a stint in Okinawa as a helicopter mechanic. It was there that he built a lifelong friendship with fellow Marine Alann Steen.

After leaving the Marines and returning to Ohio he met and married Linda Joyce Cooper in late January 1961 and began a career at Ford Motor Company. Together they had three sons. She preceded him in death in 1996 after John retired following thirty years at Ford. John later married Vicki Nolan Stischok and eventually relocated to Grove City, Ohio. Joining the family with Vicki were her daughter and grandchildren. Together they were active in Kiwanis (Hilltop chapter) and Orient United Methodist Church,

where John served as a lay minister.

In his retirement JR rekindled his love of racing. With several friends, especially Smokey Carroll, he rebuilt a vintage sprint car, which he enjoyed driving and showing off to others. While serving as president of the Bedford Historical Society, he built a legacy through a historical collection on racing at Sportsman Park (now Northfield Park) that continues his interest in storytelling.

John is survived by his children: Patrick (Robin), Darin (Anne), David (Kelly), and Honey Pasco, as well as godchildren Terry Haas and Alia Steen Brown. He also leaves behind grandchildren Mandie (Jimbo Estep), Christopher Collins (Lisa Taylor), Meghan, Katie, John, Ben, and Jimmy, as well as great-grandchildren Austin, Brody, Cady, and Darby, Harper, and Naomi. He is also survived by his siblings Larry (Pat) and Sally (Don Johnson). John built many friendships and greatly valued the help of one of his newest friends, Ronn Erwin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association, Holy Cross Anglican Church (Waukesha, WI), Kiwanis (Hilltop), and Mount Carmel West Hospice.

### Olive J. Troutman

Olive J. Troutman, (nee Rorabeck), age 91, of Bedford Heights passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edwin A. Troutman; loving mother of Curtis Troutman, Diane (Bruce) Fox, Kevin (Eileen), Janice (David Sutt), Brian (Tami) and the late Karen Lynn Troutman; dear grandmother of Melissa, Nathan, Rebekah, Amelia, Evelyn and Isabella; great-grandmother of Conor, Alyssa, Zachary, Mazie and Milo; sister of the late Joyce, Mary and Don; dear aunt and great-aunt

of many. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 10501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106.

### Reverend Nelson Basil

Reverend Nelson Fielder Basil, 92, of Lebanon and formerly of Bedford, OH passed away on Friday, October 19, 2018. Born March 25, 1926 in Annapolis, MD to Bernard and Nellie (nee: Bradley) Basil, he was a US Army Air Corp member serving in WWII. A graduate to the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Nelson served on the Civil Service Commission and was active with the Cleveland Baptist Association and the Bedford Rotary. He was the camp director for many years at Camp Koinonia. He helped form the Meals on Wheels program in Bedford as well as the SE Clergy Council. He retired in 1991 from American Baptist Churches, USA after more than 40 years as a minister. After retiring, he was named Pastor Emeritus at the Baptist Bedford Church. Upon moving to Lebanon, Nelson became active at the Countryside YMCA.

Preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jane Adele Basil, one brother Bernard Basil, JR, and two sisters, Irene and Edith. Survivors include his two sons, Dr. Robert N. (Chery) Basil of Middletown, OH and Esq. Mark A. (Nancy) Basil of Cincinnati OH, one sister, Beverly Riddle of New Holland, PA, three grandsons, Christopher, Nicholas, and William Basil and two great grandchildren, Miriam and Owen Basil. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to either the American Alzheimer's Association, 225 Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or Camp Koinonia 6810 Cork Cold Springs Road, Geneva, OH 44041.