



THE CHURCH CANDLE

JUNE 2023



A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY—JUNE 4, 2023

The first Sunday of the month, each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to church. These food items are delivered to the “Feed My Sheep” Food Pantry at the Athens United Methodist Church. In May, our church provided 79 food items to the pantry. Thank you to Benjamin Clark Fiske for delivering the food. The Athens United Methodist Church sent us this note.

Thank you for your recent donation of food items for our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. We appreciate your willingness to share your blessings with others in our community who are in need.

*Whoever is kind to the needy, honors God.
Proverbs 14:31b*

SEED FAITH CIRCLE

Different day this month

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

at the Barstow House, Nichols NY

The women of the Seed Faith Circle will gather for dinner on Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday as the Barstow House was already booked with a party on June 20. Plan to meet in the parking lot of the church at 5:30 pm in order to arrive at the restaurant by 6 pm. This will be the last gathering for the season until September. Join us for good food and fellowship. Please contact Wendy if you plan to attend, 570-596-4008.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Shawn and Kirsten Shaw. Shawn officially adopted Kirsten’s daughter, **Lydia Rose**, during a ceremony on May 22, 2023, attended by family.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER JUNE 29, 2023

In June, our church sponsors the Free Community Dinner at the Church of Redeemer on the last Thursday of the month, June 29, 2023. The Local Outreach Fund provides \$100 to pay for the food for the dinner. Two or three volunteers are needed to help serve the meal from 4-6 pm. Desserts are needed. If you would like to serve or provide a dessert, contact Wendy, 570-596-4008.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Kelly Seeley** as she was baptized in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

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CONDOLENCES

Our church family would like to express their sympathy to the families and friends of:

- **Kathleen Teel**, sister of Susie Kasson, who passed away on April 27, 2023 from cancer.
- **Sharon Youngblood**, sister of Bev Anderson (Jim Barber) who died on May 6, 2023.
- **Rose Crawford** who passed away on May 12, 2023. She was the sister of Laura Stephenson.
- **Tony Buchta**, son-in-law of Eva Kretsch who died in Florida on May 26, 2023.

May God provide comfort and strength to all those who mourn their loved ones.

*Heaven is a promise of peace, love,
and eternal life for each one who believes.
To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43*



Dear Church,

June is already here – the year is about half over. Some “things” are happening in the church these past few weeks. As I sit here, in the middle of May, I have a heater on in my office because although we picked ‘warmer’ weather to install the new heating system, it hasn’t been warm. Mother Nature is certainly testing our patience! The work on the heating system should however be completed before the warmer weather does set in.

Things will slow down a little bit over the next few months as we try to enjoy the out-of-doors. I think our Sunday School class will take some time off and not meet during June and July. You know, our Sunday School class is open to anyone, any age. We begin at 9:15 am and meet for 30 minutes. We discuss that week’s Lectionary theme and relate that topic to our world today. The discussions are interesting and you will get a preview and a deeper look into that week’s message from scripture.

The Wednesday Bible Study will continue to meet through June. We are finishing up our study on the Lord’s Prayer and will begin a study on “The Twelve Disciples.” The cost of the book is \$9.00.

I have planned a summer sermon series that will fall in line with the theme of this year’s General Assembly “Kingdom of God Within Us Among Us.” I received a six-week series from the Disciples Mission Fund titled “Imagine a World With More,” each week will cover a different subject. It is an intriguing way to conduct our worship services this summer, straying a little from the lectionary studies. The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet in Louisville, KY July 29 – August 1. Since Louisville is my old hometown, I plan to attend and will drive down with another minister from the East Central District church in Williamsport.

God Bless, Pastor Paula

INFORMATION from THE BRIDGE

Did you know The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches is an ALL VOLUNTEER organization?

Volunteers coordinate and serve all ministries which include:

Valley Food Pantry in Waverly, NY.

Mobile Food Pantry which is held once a month at the North Waverly Chapel.

Helping Hands Furniture Ministry.

The Clearinghouse and Voucher Writers.

Kids at Risk.

Eldercare.

Clothes Closet at the North Waverly Chapel.

Interim & Catastrophic Assistance.

Currently, volunteers are needed at the Clothes Closet, Helping Hands Ministry, and the Clearinghouse. Contact Pastor Paula, or Wendy and Oliver McKeithan who are representatives of The Bridge and voucher writers if you are interested to volunteer. Please see them if you have any questions concerning the ministries of The Bridge.

Item needs are:

- Hygiene items for Eldercare such as body wash, shampoo, and hair conditioner. There is a basket in the sanctuary by the front door for these items.
- Twin/double/queen beds and box springs for the Helping Hands Furniture Ministry. Call 570-886-1057, Wed or Sat, 10 am-noon.



Servers for June 2023 . . .
Elder: To Be Announced
Stewards: Dolores Smith
Candace Carlson



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 8—Donald Johnson
- 17—Beth Mattison
- 22—Reed Hurd
- 24—Toni Shaw
- 29—Laurence Kingsley

ANNIVERSARIES

- June 29—Allan & Janet Frisk

CELEBRATION SUNDAY! will be held on June 25, 2023 after the worship service in Matthew’s Place (side vestry.) Members of our church family who observe a birthday or anniversary this month will be recognized. Bring a favorite snack or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

GIVING REPORT FOR APRIL

The following monies are received through the weekly offering and the groups that use the church regularly.

For General Expenses	\$ 8,725.50
Designated Giving	\$14,974.50*
World Outreach	\$ 191.00
Local Outreach	\$ 291.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,938.00

*This month showed increased giving to assist with the cost of renovating our heating system. In May, treasurer, Oliver McKeithan, reported \$17,000 has been raised from January 1 through April 30, 2023, which was sent to the Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund has provided \$152,000 for the renovations of our stained glass windows and the heating system. As of April 30, 2023, \$46,000 has been returned to the Legacy Fund through donations and fundraisers.

Thank you to our church family who generously give to the church!

FUNDRAISERS

The leaders of the church are committed to raising funds in order to return the money used from the Legacy Fund.

- ◆ On June 11, 2023, a **Chicken BBQ** was held in the church parking lot. Mark Allis coordinated the preparation of the chicken. Sue Hurd coordinated the preparation and service of two sides in order to provide a dinner. Thank you to all who assisted Mark and Sue with this event.
- ◆ **Cans and bottles for recycling** are still being collected. Five cents can add up! You may place your bags of recyclables at the entrance of Lincoln Street. Thank you to Jerry Cain who continues to take the bottles and cans to the recycling center.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

THE NEEDHAMS in CONCERT

at the Sayre Christian Church

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Please join us for an evening of inspirational music performed by the Needham family, a southern gospel group specializing in family harmony.

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER WEDNESDAY—JUNE 21, 2023





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UPCOMING DATES FOR JUNE 2023

- JUNE 4 Food Pantry Sunday
- 13 Church Board Meeting at 6 pm
- 9-11 ECD Camping Weekend
Sheshequin Campground
- 10 ECD Picnic at 1 pm
Sheshequin Campground
- 18 Happy Father's Day!
- 21 Seed Faith Circle Dinner
Meet at 5:30 pm in Church Parking Lot
to be at Barstow House at 6:00 pm
- 25 Celebration Sunday! after worship
- 25 Worship Service at Athens Health Care
& Rehab Center at 1:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

**Thursday
July 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

THE NEEDHAMS in CONCERT
at the
Sayre Christian Church
427 S. Keystone Ave, Sayre PA

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