

THE CHURCH CANDLE

JULY 2023

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

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY— JULY 2, 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 June, our church provided 58 food items to the pantry. *Thank you* to Oliver McKeithan for delivering the food. The Athens United Methodist Church sends us this note.

*I Always Thank GOD For You—
1 Corinthians 1:4*

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR July 2023



ELDER: Eva Kretsch
STEWARDS: Jerry and Nancy Cain

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...

The Seed Faith Circle does not meet in July and August, but will resume on Tuesday, September 19th. Look for information about this gathering in the September 2023 Newsletter. Thank you to all who have joined our group this year. It has been a great year for fellowship. I hope everyone will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Wendy McKeithan
Seed Faith Circle Coordinator

**Happy Fourth
of July
Tuesday,
July 4th**



SCC PRAYER CHAIN ...

Our church does have a prayer chain available if you, someone in your family, or a friend needs additional prayer. There are currently eleven individuals who participate in this ministry. Several participate through the phone and others receive the prayer request through e-mail. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Wendy McKeithan at home—570-596-4008. If you are part of the chain and would like your name removed please let Wendy know. Thank you to all who have been a part of this vital ministry.

Prayer if Powerful!

COINS FOR A CAUSE ...

A Coin can make a difference! Beginning on July 2nd, “Coins for a Cause” will be collecting donations for the Disciples Mission Fund of the General Church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Disciples Mission Fund supports:

- * Our PA Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- * Ten divisions of the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- * Colleges and Seminaries related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Outreach Team invites you to bring your loose change to church to support the Disciples Mission Fund. A jar for your coins (and dollar bills) is in the Sanctuary by the front door. Thank you to all who have contributed to this mission!

“Pulling For Jesus”

July 8 / 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Waverly Glen Pavilion

Live music, free food, Prayer Tent
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the festivities!

Sponsored by:

The Motorcycle Ministry Disciples of Christ
President—Marcus Allis



Dear Church,

Changes, turning the page – there are some changes in our church. Maybe you noticed them, maybe not. In recent weeks we have welcomed a part-time pianist to our congregation and a part-time secretary bookkeeper. Derek Young is the young man playing piano (and hopefully organ on occasion) for the first two Sundays of each month. We continue to actively seek a full-time accompanist but that is God's time. Margo Eike is the person working as part-time secretary bookkeeper. She brings to us many years experience as a church secretary as well as working for Rotary and Sayre Historical Society. When you are in the church, stop in the office and say hello.

If you've been to worship during the month of June you have heard parts of the summer sermon series, "Imagine A World With More . . ." These have been interesting to put together and I hope the message sparks your imaginations to consider what changes we would see in our world with more – compassion, community, hope, justice, beauty, etc. The series will continue through July 9, so join us to imagine a world with more.

Finally, I hope you can join us for the events scheduled in July. The Needhams will visit us again on the first Thursday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. for a concert that is always enjoyable. Saturday, July 15, 2023 is the day we have selected to celebrate the years of service we have enjoyed with Allan and Janet Frisk as well as with Wendy McKeithan. There will be a time of fellowship, followed by a meal and then time to share stories and present them with our appreciation. I hope you all can join us for this time of fellowship. I pray you are having a good summer – even when the weather won't cooperate with our plans! God bless. Pastor Paula

THE NEEDHAMS IN CONCERT

Thursday, July 6 — 7:00 p.m. — At the Sayre Christian Church

The Needhams are comprised of Dave Needham, his sister Diane, and her husband, Steve Mummert. The story begins a generation earlier with Dave and Diane's parents, David and Eileen Needham. Patriarch David Needham spent his early music career in New England playing with the likes of Lefty Frizzell and Marty Robbins before marrying his wife Eileen and moving to Genesee County in New York. God called them to Christian music, and once their children Dave and Diane were able to stand in front of a microphone and learned their instruments, the family began touring throughout the Northeast. David and Eileen moved to Tennessee in 1994, rejoining Dave as a trio in 1997. Today, David and Eileen reside in Tennessee and are currently touring with the family.

Son, Dave, owns and manages the group, playing bass guitar, singing and acting as emcee. He continues to write and produce for The Needhams as well as other artists in Nashville.

Daughter, Diane, a prolific writer, pens songs for The Needhams and other artists. She adds her mandolin and vocal to the pristine family harmony.

Steve Mummert is a Pennsylvania native who began drumming for his family's group at the age of 12. He added his voice to their group when he turned 18, and their band toured the Mid-Atlantic region extensively. He met Diane at a music conference in 1992 and they were married in 1993. In 1999, Steve approached Dave about joining The Needhams. Steve is now the road manager for the band as well as drummer and vocalist.

A rich history of family harmony and their personal faith in Jesus Christ have brought The Needhams to where they are today. Their performance is always fresh, entertaining and inspirational. Admission is free, a love offering will be received for The Needhams. Visit theneedhams.com for more information.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Margo Eike
- 7 — John Hunsinger
- 8 — Karen Bennett
- 11 — Nikki Greeno
- 14 — Jerry Cain
- 14 — Denise Hurd
- 15 — Donna Johnson
- 15 — Corey Hurd
- 16 — Rachel Rava Aguilar
- 16 — Bill Flottesmesch
- 16 — Gary Taubar
- 18 — Janet Frisk
- 19 — Zachary Anderson
- 23 — Susan Hurd
- 29 — Margaret Crowley
- 30 — Pam Hayton

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 — Jim Barber and Bev Anderson
- 10 — Jerry and Juanita Cron
- 23 — Albert and Gilberta Corneby
- 26 — Francis III and Gloria Lincoln

CELEBRATION SUNDAY! will be held on July 30th, 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 dish to pass and share. Beverages will be provided.

GIVING REPORT FOR MAY

The following monies is received through the weekly offering and the groups that use the church regularly:

For General Expenses	\$4,821.00
Designated Giving	\$1,631.00
World Outreach	\$ 104.00
Local Outreach	\$ 104.00
Building Fund	\$1,099.00

Thank you to our church family who generously gives to serve others.

EYEGGLASS RECYCLING

(Lions Clubs International Recycle for Sight)
Lions Clubs International collects used eyeglasses (prescription and non-prescription) to help improve the impaired vision of millions of adults and children in developing nations who have little or no access to basic eye care. The eyeglasses are distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries. You can participate in the recycling program by bringing your used eyeglasses to the church. There is a box located at the back of the sanctuary to place the glasses in. Thank you to Eva Kretsch who delivers the eyeglasses to her own Lions Club.

THIS N’ THAT

Our church **continues to collect bottles and cans for deposit.** The money collected from these recyclables will be deposited in the Legacy Fund. You may leave the bags in the entrance by Lincoln Street. Thank you to Jerry Cain who has been taking the bottles/cans to the recycling center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Micheala Spencer who graduated from Waverly High School June 2023. Micheala will be attending SUNY Oneonta University and studying Business Administration.

Matthew Spencer who graduated from SUNY at Fredonia in May 2023 with a degree in Theater Arts (Entertainment).

Micheala and Matthew are the children of Michael and Jennifer Spencer and Grandchildren of Gloria and Francis Lincoln.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Margo Eike / Church Office Secretary



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UPCOMING DATES FOR JULY 2023

- JULY 02 — Food Pantry Sunday
04 — Have a Safe Independence Day
05 — Bible Study —10:00 a.m.
06 — The Needhams — 7:00 p.m.
11 — Church Board Meeting —6:00 p.m.
12 — Bible Study —10:00 a.m.
15 — Retirement Dinner —5:30 p.m.
19 — Bible Study —10:00 a.m.
22 — Chicken BBQ — 11:00 a.m. / Lowe's
26 — Bible Study —10:00 a.m.
27 — Music Club — 6:00 p.m.
30 — Celebration Sunday —after Worship
30 — Worship Service at Athens Healthcare
and Rehab—1:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

**The Needhams American Gospel —
July 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Retirement Dinner —
July 15 at 5:30 p.m.**
To celebrate Allan, Janet and Wendy
(Fellowship Area)