

# THE CHURCH CANDLE

## AUGUST 2023

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

### **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY — August 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 July, our church provided 107 food items to the pantry. *Thank you* to Benjamin Fiske for delivering the food. The Athens United Methodist Church sends us this note.

*Most of all, let love guide your life.  
Colossians 3:14*

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### **SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2023**



**ELDER:** To be determined  
**STEWARDS:** Gloria and Francis Lincoln

### ***Thank You's Received ...***

“We want to thank you all for all the prayers, cards, thoughts and kind words.

It was wonderful knowing you were thinking of us and praying for us. It is so very much appreciated.”

Love and God Bless — Joan Nolan, Bobbe Besecker and Nancy Swartwood.

***THANK YOU ...*** Allan and I would like to thank all those who attended the retirement dinner for Allan and me and Wendy. We were honored by your presence, your well wishes, your cards and your gifts.

May God bless you all and the church as we go from our experiences in the church to our next step or stage in our church life.

*Blessings, Allan and Janet Frisk*



### **LET US PRAY**

Ric Rava  
MaryAnn Musto  
Jim Allen  
Don Johnson



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### **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!***

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### ***COINS FOR A CAUSE ...***

*A Coin can make a difference!* Beginning in July, and continuing through October. “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!



Dear Church,

August truly is the “heat” of the summer and to cool things down, we plan less and do less. This is a time for vacations and “back to school” planning, or for planning what to do for the next liturgical season. As you are reading this newsletter, I am at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Louisville, KY. At that gathering, I hope to learn some things that I can use with you, and I hope to learn some things that help me grow as your pastor and leader.

By now the Wednesday Bible Study Group is taking a break for a few weeks, we will return to bible study by September. Maybe you can make plans to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. It is always an engaging conversation and the lessons are interesting. Sunday School will resume in September as well with our usual lectionary study.

I hope you are having a relaxing summer – it is good to rest for a while and gather strength for another season. I will be doing that too, a little bit of sabbath does everyone some good!

Blessings, Pastor Paula

### *CALLING ALL COOKS AND THEIR FAVORITE RECIPES ...*

The East Central District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is putting together a cookbook. We hope to have it ready before our Fall Festival of Music and Christmas. It will be in a three-ring binder format and the cost is yet to be determined (depends on how many recipes we collect). I am calling for all of you to send me (Pastor Paula — [pkrauscb@gmail.com](mailto:pkrauscb@gmail.com)) your favorite recipes to add to this cookbook, each submitter will be given credit along with the congregation. The deadline is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> so ... start cooking folks! (Preferably one page typed or neatly written recipes, to lessen the burden of those who are putting this together. An FYI, Margo is willing to type your recipe in the format needed.)



### **Bluegrass Gospel Great Daryl Mosley in Concert ...**

The community is invited to attend a concert by singer/songwriter and Grand Ole Opry veteran Daryl Mosley on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Sayre Christian Church in Sayre.

From countless appearances on “The Grand Ole Opry” to classic shows at the Bluebird Café to a touring schedule of over 150 concerts per year, singer/songwriter Daryl Mosley has been sharing his songs and his stories with America for over 30 years. Daryl has written three **Song of the Year** award winners, six of his songs have made it to number one, and he has twice been named **Songwriter of the Year!** His songs have been recorded by dozens of artists ranging from bluegrass legend Bobby Osborne to country star Lynn Anderson to Southern Gospel’s The Booth Brothers, and have been featured on television shows ranging from “American Idol” to “The View.” One of his best-known songs, “(Ask the Blind Man) He Saw It All,” was named one of the top Southern Gospel songs of all time!

Gospel music legend Bill Gaither calls Daryl “a poet-and we don’t have many poets left!” Daryl says he just writes and sings songs about real life and real people; songs about faith and home and community are the foundation of his music because those are the things that are most precious to him. He says, “I love songs about how it used to be, or could be still, or might have been.” Daryl is also a gifted storyteller, and he shares entertaining tales of inspiration behind his songs, his years at the Grand Ole Opry, and his faith.

The concert is free to the public, but a love offering will be taken.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 — Kelly Robert Preiser
- 8 — Louise Woodruff
- 8 — Joel Rymell, Jr.
- 10 — Harper Pheonix Valentine
- 15 — Jamie Sue Whitmer
- 17 — William Sjostrom
- 17 — Gloria Lincoln
- 18 — Bobbe Besecker
- 22 — Sandra Sefcik
- 28 — Melanie Setzer
- 28 — Anthony Stella
- 30 — Mary Kohler
- 30 — Austin Schultz
- 31 — Marty Johnston

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 — Christopher and Karen Bennett
- 10 — Don and Krystle Valentine
- 17 — Leslie and Toni Shaw
- 21 — Jim and Jane Donahoo
- 27 — Mike and Melanie Setzer
- 28 — Gregg and Pam Hayton
- 29 — John and Terry Hunsinger

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY!** will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...**

The Seed Faith Circle will not meet in August, but will resume on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Wendy McKeithan  
Seed Faith Circle Coordinator

**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.

### **NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

### **GIVING REPORT FOR JULY**

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

For General Expenses .....	\$4,612.00
Designated Giving .....	\$2,424.85
World Outreach .....	\$ 209.00
Local Outreach .....	\$ 229.00
Building Fund .....	\$1,199.00

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

**CONGRATULATIONS ...** On the birth of *Jacayla Leylani* on July 14<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Holly (Les and Toni's daughter); granddaughter of Les and Toni Shaw and great-granddaughter of Anthony and Jean Stella. Jacayla was born at 9:19 p.m., is 7 lbs. 7 oz., and 19" long. She and her mom are doing great.

**CONGRATULATIONS ... Zachary Anderson,** who has completed his studies at Nossi College of Art in Nashville, TN this past year. The graduation ceremony will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Zach is the son of Lorie Anderson and the grandson of Dolores Smith. May God bless Zach in all his future endeavors.

**CONGRATULATIONS ... Oliver McKeithan** who won the "Best of Show" in the photography division at the Troy Fair. Oliver exhibited a photo taken on his last trip to Ireland.



## THE “CHURCH CANDLE” AUGUST 2023

### UPCOMING DATES FOR AUGUST 2023

- 06 — Food Pantry Sunday
- 08 — Church Board Meeting —6:00 p.m.
- 11 — Deadline for reservations at the  
Disciples Christian Fellowship Dinner/  
Meeting
- 15 — Disciples Christian Fellowship Dinner/  
Meeting in Covington, PA
- 20 — Daryl Mosley Concert — 6:00 p.m.
- 27 — Celebration Sunday — after Worship
- 27 — Worship Service at Athens Healthcare  
and Rehab—1:00 p.m.
- 31 — Deadline for Recipes for Cookbook

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**— Disciples Christian Fellowship Dinner/Meeting to be held at the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) in Covington, PA, at 6:30 p.m. All men and women are invited to this dinner meeting. The menu includes:

Meatloaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, broccoli salad, rolls/butter and blueberry torte. The cost of the meal is \$10 plus an offering.

The program has not been determined at this time. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mark Allis or Pastor Paula. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 11th. (Those attending will carpool.)

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**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**— Grand Ole Opry veteran Daryl Mosley in Concert at 6:00 p.m.

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