

THE CHURCH CANDLE

JULY 2024



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

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – July 7th ...



“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be delivered to the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. For June, sixty-eight (68) items were collected and delivered. They responded: May the Lord reward you for your kindness (Ruth 1:8) “Thank you for your recent donation of lots of food for our Feed My Sheep food pantry. Summer months are always busy, so your

generosity is greatly appreciated!”

THE NEEDHAMS IN CONCERT ...



Please welcome back The Needhams. They will be here in concert on Thursday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. Their performance is always fresh, entertaining and inspirational. Admission is free. A love offering will be received for them. Visit theneedhams.com for more information.

“Coins for a Cause” – The Outreach Team invites you to bring your loose change to church. A jar is available for your change on the table by the front door of the Sanctuary. A collection for the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be taken on Sunday, July 7th.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER ... Thursday, July 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Church of the Redeemer on South Wilbur Avenue in Sayre, sponsored by our church. The Local Outreach Fund provides \$150 for the food. If you would like to serve, three or four volunteers are needed, or provide a dessert (cookies or brownies preferred) please contact Wendy McKeithan. (If you plan to volunteer, please be there by 3:45 p.m.)

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?

July God Sightings ...

- I saw God in the eyes of a 13 yo boy who whispered to me “God Loves you.”
- When neighbors help with work and chores without being asked.



- I saw God in grace offered to outsiders and new friendships formed.
- In the cries of those in distress.
- Waking up each morning and being able to walk my dog.



PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,

We are in the heat of summertime – many of you I am sure are not enjoying the warmth. I am happy the church can provide air conditioning in the sanctuary for those who do not like the warm humid weather mother nature provides in this area of the country.



We have another in our summer concert series coming up on July 11th – the Needhams will entertain us with their awesome gospel music. It is a privilege for us to have them every year on the first Thursday. I hope you can join us – I would like to see this church attend more of our summer activities! There is also an ecumenical Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 8th – 11th at the Church of the Redeemer, I will be helping for that. If you have school age kids or grandkids, I will have registration information available for you.

I want to give you a summary of my Camp Laurelview experience. It was an amazing time with the middle school aged boys and girls. There of course was drama, but you expect that, especially among girls of that age. There were thirty-three children and seven counselors, two adult directors and the kitchen staff. We went to the lake swimming, we fished, we had a color run, a slip and slide, campfires every night, and we worshiped and studied the bible every day. It was the most awesome experience to walk the labyrinth in meditation. I got goose bumps the time a thirteen-year-old boy whispered to me “God loves you.” I danced and sang with them, and I was able to even have some alone time – but only if I got up and showered at around 5:30 a.m. each morning. I will probably do this again next year – if this old body holds up!

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus

INFORMATION FROM THE BRIDGE ... The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches serves the community all year round. This ministry is available due to the generosity of donations and the work of volunteers.

The Clothes Closet needs in-season clothing (infant thru teen) men's and boy's casual clothing, towels and sheets. Please take the donations to the building in back of North Waverly Chapel (not the shed). Hours of operation are Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. There is a closed chute to accommodate bagged clothing donations.

The Helping Hands Furniture Ministry is in need of beds — twin, full and queen, other donations are not being accepted at this time.

Volunteer Positions are also available for:

- A person to answer the phone for the Clearinghouse
- Individuals who can work the Mobile Food Pantry on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please call Kim Paul at 570-867-2628, if you would like to volunteer.
- An Interim Assistant Coordinator and a Catastrophic Assistant Coordinator.

If you have any questions, about The Bridge, please see Wendy or Oliver McKeithan.

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ... will not meet in July and August, but will resume in September. Look for details in the September Newsletter. May everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Answer to Trivia Question:
Nowhere, ha ha. Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:10a "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." We have twisted that verse to suit our own purposes.

GIVING REPORT FOR May 2024:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

May — 2024	
For Current Expenses	\$6,722.00
Designated	\$1,135.00
World Outreach	\$274.00
Local Outreach	\$254.00
Building Fund	\$3,474.00

The Special Pentecost Offering was received on May 12th and May 19th. This offering supports new ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A total of \$225 was received. Thank you for your generosity.

A LITTLE

Question: Where in the Bible does Jesus say, "Money is the root of evil?"

(Answer on another page in Newsletter)



Will be held Monday, July 8th through Thursday, July 11th; from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer. Kids of all ages are welcome. **"Campfire Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God."**

Congratulations

Nicole Mastrogiovanni, Eva Kretsch's granddaughter, as she received her Doctorate of Public

Health at Downstate Medical University on May 8th, 2024. Her dissertation was Brain Injury and Trauma in youth sports.

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



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- 06 ~ Jim Barber and Bev Anderson
 - 10 ~ Jerry and Juanita Cron
 - 23 ~ Albert and Gilberta Corneby
 - 26 ~ Francis II and Gloria Lincoln

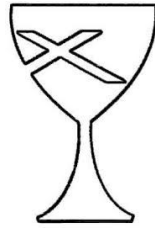
LET US PRAY ...

- Ric Rava
- Bonnie Beley
- Mike Spencer
- Hazel Bradley
- Tina Bradley
- Laurence Kingsley
- Brett Lattimer
- Jane Hibbard



Celebration Sunday will be held on **July 28th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in July will be honored. Please bring a snack, to share.

Congratulations Zakkary Mingos of Troop 4018, who has attained Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held on Sunday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the New Albany Fire Department Social Hall.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR JULY ...

- 2nd - Elder/Deacon Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
 - 3rd - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
 - 4th - ***Fourth of July (Independence Day)***
 - 7th - Food Pantry Sunday
 - 8th thru 11th (Monday to Thursday) - Vacation Bible School / at the Church of the Redeemer from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - 9th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
 - 10th - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
 - 11th - The Needhams in Concert at 7:00 p.m.
 - 25th - Free Community Meal / Church of the Redeemer from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 28th - Celebration Sunday / bring a dish-to-pass.
 - 28th - Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare & Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.
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