

# THE CHURCH CANDLE

## AUGUST 2024



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

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### **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY — AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> ...**

“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 July, 86 items were collected and delivered to the “Feed My Sheep” food pantry. Many thanks for the contributions.



### **DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN**

The East Central District Disciples Christian Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Canoe Camp Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

The menu will include lasagna, tossed salad, fruit salad, carrots, garlic bread and Marcie’s pies. Rev. Calvin Yoder will present the program “Wondering and Wandering: My Spiritual Journey from Plain Mennonite to DOC Inclusive Universalist.”

The group who attends will carpool to the dinner meeting, please contact Pastor Paula Kraus or Mark Allis if you plan to attend.



### **WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?**

#### **August God Sightings ...**

- ◆ *It’s a great feeling to be among other Christians, people who always greet, speak and care about others.*
- ◆ *Proud to be a member of the church with the ability to hear a great sermon about faith and hope. I encourage others to come.*
- ◆ *I saw God in the faces of those who attended the Needhams’ concert. Joy and praise.*
- ◆ *I see God when I get together with friends and family, working with and learning new information from surrounding influences, on a daily basis.*



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### **INFORMATION FROM “THE BRIDGE ...**

The Bridge’s Helping Hands Furniture Ministry is relocating from 515 East Chemung Street, Waverly, NY to the Christian Life Church at 207 Broad Street, Waverly. Individuals who need furniture should call the Clearinghouse of The Bridge for an appointment, at 570-888-8826. Helping Hands will continue to accept donations of basic furniture as well as medical equipment. They will no longer be able to accept and offer non-essential items for sale. If you have furniture to donate, please call 570-886-1057. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy or Oliver McKeithan.



## PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

It's August already and it seems to be a slow month for the church. July was busy with Vacation Bible School – we teamed up with St. John Lutheran and the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and had over 20 children at the Vacation Bible School the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>. That week's activities



Our group studying the story of Jacob in the wilderness.

culminated with our annual Needhams' concert. Then things quieted down. It's easy to fall into routines when the weather is hot and humid, but it wasn't a time for "lazy days."

In August we have a couple things planned, first Daryl Mosley will visit us again on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> for a concert. Daryl is a talented musician, songwriter, and storyteller – I am looking forward to hearing him again. Then, we will have a healing prayer service on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. This service is one of worship and praise with prayer and turning ourselves over to God's healing in our lives. There will be communion, laying on of hands, and anointing those who wish it. Finally in August is our Disciples Christian Fellowship dinner at Canoe Camp Church in Mansfield, that will be Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This dinner is a great time to enjoy the fellowship of other members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in our area of Northeastern PA – usual attendance is about forty or fifty. It is hosted by a different church in our district once a quarter.

I hope you can find time in your summer plans to join your church in some of these activities.

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus

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Join with the Sayre Christian Church on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as we enjoy the music and storytelling of singer/songwriter Daryl Mosley. A three-time Songwriter of the Year with twelve #1 songs and three Song of the Year awards to his credit. Among them is the gospel classic "(Ask the Blind Man) He Saw It All." This performance is free to the public, we will collect a love offering to help the musician with travel expenses. For more information go to: [www.darylmosley.com](http://www.darylmosley.com).

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The Sayre Christian Church will hold a prayer service for healing on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., the public is invited. Scripture invites us with this call from James 5, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." God promises each of us comfort, compassion, and mercy when we gather to pray.

We know that healing comes to each of us according to God's will, however just the knowledge that others are praying gives comfort. Our service on August 6<sup>th</sup>, includes songs of praise, prayers of thanksgiving, and prayers of intercession for others. Our service includes communion, and ends with a time for laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and individual prayer for those seeking healing.

Answer to Trivia Question:  
Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken into your lap, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

## GIVING REPORT FOR

### June 2024:

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

June — 2024	
For Current Expenses	\$5,744.00
Designated	\$895.00
World Outreach	\$204.00
Local Outreach	\$254.00
Building Fund	\$1,379.00

## A LITTLE .....

Question: “How did Christ describe the reward of generous givers?”

(Find the Answer on another page in Newsletter)

## SAYRE CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN ...

Our church has a Prayer Chain available, if you, someone in your family, or a friend needs prayer. There are currently thirteen individuals who participate in this ministry, some through the phone and others through e-mail. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Wendy McKeithan at 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 part of this vital ministry.

**“Prayer is Powerful!”**

**“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. The collection is for the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

03 ~ Kelly Priestler  
08 ~ Louise Woodruff  
08 ~ Joel Rymell, Jr.  
10 ~ Harper Valentine  
15 ~ Jamie 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  
30 ~ Marty Johnson



06 ~ 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

## LET US PRAY ...

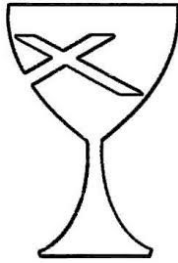
Ric Rava  
Bonnie Beley  
Mike Spencer  
Randy Greeno  
Brett Lattimer  
Jane Hibbard



... will be held on **August 25<sup>th</sup>** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in August will be honored. Please bring a snack, to share.

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

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# ***AUGUST 2024***

## ***UPCOMING DATES FOR AUGUST ...***

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Food Pantry Sunday
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Daryl Mosley in Concert at 6:00 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Healing and Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> - DCF Dinner Meeting / at the Canoe Camp at 6:30 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Celebration Sunday / bring a snack to share
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare & Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.



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***Canton Church of Christ (DOC)***  
***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***  
***Ice Cream Social***  
*will be held on*  
***Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.***  
*All are invited*

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