

THE CHURCH CANDLE

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 1ST ...

“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. They responded - “Thank you for your recent donation of 71 food items to our *Feed My Sheep Food Pantry*. Our last pantry served over 105 families with 254 people! We so appreciate your faithful support.” You’re a blessing!”



The SPECIAL OFFERING for RECONCILIATION MINISTRY ...

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be received on Sunday, September 29th, and Sunday, October 6th. Envelopes for this offering and inserts will be available in the pews these two Sundays. Through generous giving, the Reconciliation Ministry supports the Church’s effort to share the liberating love of Jesus Christ, partnering with each expression of the Church to strengthen congregations for mission and to restore wholeness in a fragmented world. Your financial gift to Reconciliation Ministry repairs the breaches that keep us apart, and provides financial, educational, and experiential opportunities to combat the sin of racism and oppression toward restoring God’s limitless love.

You shall all be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets to live in.
Isaiah 58:12



ECD Cookbooks are available. “Makes a great Christmas Gift.”

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?



September God Sightings ...

- What a great feeling, knowing this church really cares. Recently we needed many prayers and the members were here for us.
- At the Healing Prayer Service
- I saw God as family gathered—generations pausing to give thanks and enjoy time together even if only once a year.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ...

For another year, our church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child organized by Samaritan’s Purse. Individuals are asked to fill a shoebox with various items (school supplies, hygiene items, toys, etc.) for a boy or girl, 2 years to 14 years of age. These boxes are sent to children in third world countries all year around. The National Collection Week is November 18th through the 25th. More information will be available in the October newsletter. For those who have put together boxes in the past, it is helpful to gather the school supplies for their box in September when these items are on sale. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy McKeithan.



PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

September is upon us – wow!! Soon we will plan Thanksgiving and Advent services. I want to share with you a few things going on in the administration of the church. Margo and I are gone in September from the 20th through the 27th so the church office is closed that week. I will be at school in Lexington and only checking e-mails in the evenings. If there is an emergency – before that time comes, I will have a clergy member in place to cover for me.

I will not preach on September 29th, and I asked Pastor Gloria Kremer to fill in.

Gloria received a commission as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Her past posts are with the Christian Churches in both Plymouth and Benton in Central PA. Gloria is a friend of mine for many years now, attending Lexington Theological Seminary and meeting at the various district and regional church functions. You will love her sparkling contagious attitude and she is excited to meet all of you.

You know, September makes me think of transitions, it represents back to school for many, and an end to vacation times. We resume our Sunday School on September 8th, and September 15th is "Back to Church Sunday." I also look back on the year past – reflection is good for the soul, I think. I wonder if there are things we are doing that haven't worked out so well that we can rethink? And are there things we could be doing and are not because we fear change? Folks, that's where you come in; our church is not solely governed by your pastor, I like to think you all have input into mission. In fact, that is the only way this church will survive – with your input. September can become a time for us to bring clarity to our mission and find ways to engage others in living out faith by doing God's work.

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus

BI-REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ...

In October your Regional Church will hold an assembly with churches from West Virginia in a combined community that is "Better Together." This assembly will be held in Washington, PA. I will be attending but, our assembly is a gathering of the whole church in PA and WV so it is an opportunity for more than just the clergy to gather. The Speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Lee Hull Moses, executive director of the Proclamation Project. This is a two day event beginning Thursday, October 17th and ending Friday, October 18th. There will be workshops, worship, and communion fellowship. There will not be a business meeting, the board will meet for business on a separate occasion via zoom and we will bring the resolution of that business to the assembly. Let Pastor Paula know if you would like to attend this assembly – we will make arrangements.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

Fall Retreats at Camp Laurelview – the Youth Commission of our Regional Church is planning fall retreats for the youth during the month of November. Currently we are planning one weekend for middle schoolers and high schoolers in a combined retreat experience. The tentative date for that is November 15th thru November 17th. Please keep the youth of our region in your prayers that they stay faithful to each other and to the church community.

Answer to Trivia Question:
Amos 2:6b "... They sell the innocent for
silver, and the needy for a pair of san-
dals."

GIVING REPORT FOR

July 2024:

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

July — 2024	
For Current Expenses	\$5,915.00
Designated	\$1,298.00
World Outreach	\$204.00
Local Outreach	\$179.00
Building Fund	\$1,044.00

A LITTLE



Question: “How does the prophet Amos describe the oppressions of the rich?”

(Find the Answer on another page in Newsletter)

“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).

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...

The women of the Seed Faith Circle will gather for dinner on Wednesday, September 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Restaurant on Lockhart Street in Sayre. Our usual meeting day is the third Tuesday of the month, the date has been changed for September due to vacation schedules. All women of the church are welcome to join us for dinner and fellowship. Each person orders from the menu and pays for their dinner. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008, if you plan to attend.

07 ~ Amy Whyte
21 ~ Roman Rosh
23 ~ Roger MacDowall
28 ~ Krystle Valentine
30 ~ Grace Rava



05 ~ Bill and Amy Whyte
06 ~ Bill and Mary Flottesch
14 ~ Roman and Carol Rosh
28 ~ Brian and Tiffany Wendela
28 ~ Kevin and Shannon Arensman

LET US PRAY

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Mike Spencer
Jane Hibbard
Brett Lattimer



CELEBRATION SUNDAY ...

will be held on **September 29th**

following the Worship Service.

Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in September will be honored.

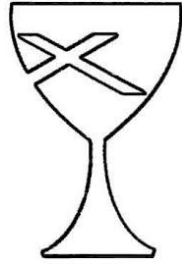
Please bring a dish-to-pass.



Congratulations!

Logan Fitzgerald, son of Ryan and Rebecca Fitzgerald, and grandson of Jerry and Juanita Cron. Logan graduated from the University of Central Florida (UCF) and received his degree in Visual Communications.





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UPCOMING DATES FOR SEPTEMBER ...

- 1st - Food Pantry Sunday
- 2nd - Church Office closed for Labor Day
- 3rd - Elder/Deacon Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- 7th - Pastor's Breakfast / Canoe Camp at 9:00 a.m.
- 8th - Sunday School resumes at 9:15 a.m.
- 9th - Church Office closed
- 15th - "Back To Church" Sunday
- 17th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 18th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out at 6:00 p.m.
- 20th to 27th - Office Closed (Paula/Margo out of town)
- 29th - Worship Leader today is Pastor Gloria Kremer
- 29th - Celebration Sunday / bring a dish-to-pass to share
- 29th - Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare & Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.

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Sunday,
September 22nd



Monday, September 2nd