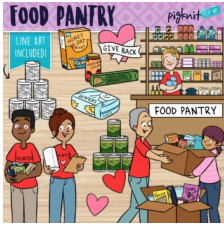




THE CHURCH CANDLE

OCTOBER 2024

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



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY — OCTOBER 6TH ...

“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item. They responded: “Thank you for your recent donation of seventy-eight (78) food items to our *Feed My Sheep Food Pantry*. Our summer months have been busy so the donation is so appreciated! Thank you for your faithfulness. In His Service, Athens United Methodist Church”

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ...



For over twenty years, Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization, has coordinated Operation Christmas Child. Individuals are asked to fill a shoebox with various items (school supplies, hygiene items, toys, etc.) for a boy or girl, from two years to fourteen years of age. The National Collection Week is November 18th thru the 25th. Brochures and decorative cardboard boxes, from last year, will be available in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, October 6th. The cost to ship is \$10, please place the money in the envelope provided and place in the box, on top. (It is appreciated if you pay this cost.) Checks can be written to “Samaritan's Purse.” Please return your filled box by Sunday, November 17th. The boxes will be delivered to a local collection station.

If you would like to participate, donations of items can be brought to church. A basket will be available at the front door.

A LITTLE

Question: “How many times did Balaam hit his donkey before the donkey spoke to him?”

(Find the Answer on another page in Newsletter)



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?

October God Sightings ...



- I saw God at work in our weekly zoom meeting with regional Pastors sharing joy and Good News (About Jesus!).
- In the life of an elderly woman whose spouse has dementia, how she gets strength and patience from God to "love anyway"
- How God has changed the life of a single mother and has led her into a life of serving the church.

The SPECIAL OFFERING for RECONCILIATION MINISTRY ...

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be received on Sunday, October 6th. Envelopes for this offering and inserts will be available in the pews. 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.

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

PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

It's October, harvest time and quickly moving toward Advent! We will have our congregational meeting on the 13th and will present to you the budget for your approval. Please be thinking about things that you want your church leaders to be aware of and act on for the coming year, these meetings are a time for you to voice your praises and concerns.

We will host Mr. Daryl Mosley in a concert on Sunday October 27th at 6 p.m.

Daryl is an entertaining singer / songwriter, and I would like to see all of you at this concert. There is a planned retreat for Elder's on October 26th, you will read about that in a section of this newsletter. If interested, there is a Right Now Media series based on "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer, which is the book that will be covered in that retreat.

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. We will again supplement our Bible Study with videos from Right Now Media. Let me invite those of you who haven't yet received benefit from this free to you resource to check it out. You can access the videos from a link "On The Web" at sayrechristianchurch.org. There are videos for group or individual study. The videos can also be specific to men, women, or kids. The plan for the Wednesday group is to begin a study in the book of Galatians, it is a six-week study that will lead us into the time for Advent. The group will decide on an Advent study after that.

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 – she 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.



*ECD Cookbooks are
available. "Makes a great Christmas Gift."*

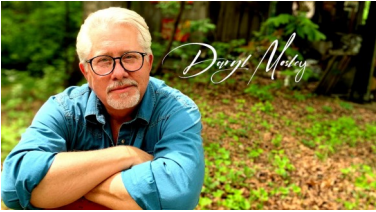
ELDERS RETREAT ...

a one-day retreat Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: The Haft Center, 1 Haft Lane, New Albany, PA / **Leader:** Rev. David Mansfield

Cost: \$20 plus the purchase of the book "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer

To Register: e-mail dmans51@hotmail.com or call: 570-336-4934



Join with the Sayre Christian Church on Sunday, **October 27th** 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.

BUDGET TIME ...

As the church heads into the Fall, it is time once again to have a congregational meeting to approve the budget for the 2025 fiscal year. The date of October 13th, shortly after the church service has been selected.

The budget for fiscal year 2024 was approved for \$73,701.00. So far, we are under budget thanks to generous giving and carefully controlling expenditures.

The Finance committee developed a budget for 2025 that will increase to \$75,571.00 if approved by the congregation.

Some key points:

The new gas furnace has cut our gas bill by \$1,200.00

We were able to make some small cuts in other areas that showed little or no usage

The electric bill is projected to be \$1,200.00 higher based on rates and usage this year

Some supplies-such as cleaning materials, have had cost increases

There is a strong potential for an increase in the water bill

Margo has done a great job as a secretary/bookkeeper and has also looked for ways to control costs. She will be getting a \$1,200.00 per year raise.

Pastor Paula noted an increase in her utility bills so we will be giving her a \$750.00 per year increase in utilities as part of her salary.

The increase is only \$1,200.00 and with God's continued blessing we will thrive as a church.

If you have any questions, please ask me,
Oliver McKeithan, Treasurer

GIVING REPORT FOR

August 2024:

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

August — 2024	
For Current Expenses	\$6,024.50
Designated	\$3,214.00
World Outreach	\$200.00
Local Outreach	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$2,965.50

“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 Tuesday, October 15th at 6 p.m. The restaurant for October has not been selected yet. Please look for information in the bulletin in October. 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.



will be held on **October 27th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in October will be honored.

Please bring a snack to share.

- 01 - Irving Edmunds
- 03 - Joshua Wurmbrand
- 05 - Jacob Michael Rava
- 06 - Shawn Shaw
- 07 - David Mareck
- 08 - Paula Kraus
- 10 - Benjamin Clark Fiske
- 10 - Dolores Smith
- 15 - David Wright, Jr.
- 16 - Justin Hazelton
- 19 - Tiffany Robert Wendela
- 21 - Tamara Stanton
- 23 - Patricia Sjostrom
- 25 - Gayle MacDowall
- 30 - Jane Donahoo
- 31 - Parvin Mensch



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- 01 - Parvin and Valerie Mensch
 - 04 - David and Laurel Mareck
 - 19 - Mark and Julie Allis
 - 22 - Steve, Jr. and Denise Hurd



LET US PRAY ...

- Ric Rava
- Mike Spencer
- Bonnie Beley
- Jane Hibbard
- Brett Lattimer
- Brenda Walters



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS ...

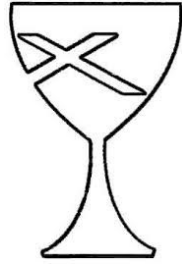


The Valley Clergy is asking for donations to the local Animal Shelters for the month of October. (A container will be available for donations.)

Answer to Trivia Question ... Three times - Numbers 22:28

**Below are the Services and the Groups that meet weekly in the Church
for the month of October.**

<i>OCTOBER 2024</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8am / AA 9am / Mobile Services 12N / AA	2 8am / AA 10am / Bible Study 12N / AA	3 8am / AA 12N / AA 1pm / GED	4 8am / AA 12N / AA 7pm / AA	5 8am / AA 12N / AA
6 — <i>World Com. Sunday</i> 9:15am / SS 10am / Worship <i>Food Pantry Christmas Child Boxes available</i> 2pm / Scouts	7 8am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm / AA	8 8am / AA 12N / AA 6pm / Board Meeting Margo out of office	9 8am / AA 10am / Bible Study 12N / AA Margo out of office	10 8am / AA 12N / AA 1pm / GED Margo out of office	11 8am / AA 12N / AA 7pm / AA Margo out of office	12 8am / AA 12N / AA
13 9:15am / SS 10am / Worship <i>Congregational Meeting after Worship</i> 2pm / Scouts	14 8am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm / AA	15 8am / AA 9am / Mobile Services 12N / AA 6pm / Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out	16 8am / AA 10am / Bible Study 12N / AA	17 8am / AA 12N / AA 1pm / GED <i>Paula out of office</i>	18 8am / AA 12N / AA 7pm / AA <i>Paula out of office</i>	19 8am / AA 12N / AA
20 9:15am / SS 10am / Worship 2pm / Scouts	21 8am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm / AA	22 8am / AA 12N / AA	23 8am / AA <u>NO</u> Bible Study 12N / AA	24 8am / AA 12N / AA 1pm / GED	25 8am / AA 12N / AA 7pm / AA	26 8am / AA 12N / AA <i>Elder's Retreat 10-4pm in New Albany, PA</i>
27 9:15am / SS 10am / Worship <i>Celebration Sunday</i> 1pm / Service at Athens HC 2pm / Scouts 6pm / Daryl Mosley Concert	28 8am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm / AA	29 8am / AA 12N / AA	30 8am / AA <u>NO</u> Bible Study 12N / AA	31 8am / AA 12N / AA 1pm / GED		



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UPCOMING DATES FOR OCTOBER ...

Wednesdays - October 2nd, 9th and 16th / Bible Study Group at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 6th - World Communion Sunday
Sunday School **every week** at 9:15 a.m.
Food Pantry Sunday
Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available
Tuesday, October 8th thru Friday, October 11th -
Margo out of the office
Tuesday, October 8th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 13th - Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, October 15th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th -
Paula out of the office
Wednesday, October 23rd and Wednesday, October 30th -
NO Bible Study Group
Saturday, October 26th - Elder's Retreat from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in New Albany, PA
Sunday, October 27th - Celebration Sunday
Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare and Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.
Daryl Mosley in Concert at 6:00 p.m.

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Best Wishes to Pastor Paula