

THE CHURCH CANDLE

JUNE 2025

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



June 1st ...

"Food Pantry Sunday" is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-

perishable food item for the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. For April they responded: "Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your recent donation of food to our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. It is truly a blessing to have faithful donors like you! As we like to say "It takes a village to run our little, but mighty, mission. God bless you for your faithfulness. In His Service, FMS Food Pantry" A total of thirty-nine (39) food items were donated in May. The Outreach Team would like to thank the congregation for their continual support of this outreach.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ...

Sunday, June 1st, following the worship service.



The public is invited to a brief Prayer and Healing Worship service at the Sayre Christian Church.

Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7 p.m., in our sanctuary, 427 South Keystone Avenue.

SEED FAITH DINNER-OUT ...

We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, June 17th. This will be our last gathering until September. Time and the restaurant to meet will be available in the June bulletins.

COINS FOR CAUSE AND BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR HOPEGATE ...

(Formerly Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center)

In June, the "Coins for a Cause" program will continue to collect donations for Hopegate. Baby bottles are still available if you would like to take one home and fill it with change, a check, or dollars. Please return bottles by Sunday, June 22nd. You are all invited to bring loose change to church and place in the jar located in the Sanctuary.

PLEASE NOTE: The collection of coins received from January thru April totaled \$204, which was sent to the Society of St. Andrew, a ministry working to end hunger. Thank you all.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- God's work in the world is not dependent on high approval ratings or large crowds.
- I stopped at Tractor Supply to see the little chicks. It always brings me joy and reminds me how awesome new life is.
- I saw God as members of this congregation welcomed and served strangers showing generous hospitality as they mourned a loved one.





PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



"June is bustin' out all over!" Well not really, the church is winding down activities for the summer months so we can all take vacations and lay around enjoying the sun and warmth. In the past we have had concerts to look forward to but for whatever reason we only have one scheduled for this summer and that is the Needham family coming on July 10th. Maybe something last minute will pop up so keep your ears open for news. We will do a brief prayer and healing service on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and I hope to have a broad participation among the congregation and community.

I can share with you that I have been collaborating with the Priest at the Church of the Redeemer, the St. John Lutheran Church, and the Pastor at Valley United Presbyterian church. We will be doing Vacation Bible School together in July, but we are considering doing pulpit swaps in the summertime, sharing the message in diverse ways with different people to build a community unified in God's love. We will build this around our theme in Vacation Bible School of the inspiration of God's creation. Summer inspires us to look at ways to care for creation as God intended from the beginning. But that will be July, for the most part June is a month to anticipate change and look forward to new things. God said, "I am making everything new" and we get to witness that as the season changes from spring to summer.

Have a blessed Month!!
Pastor Paula

THE SPECIAL PENTECOST OFFERING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) ...

will be received on Sunday, June 1st and June 8th to support the New Church Ministry movement in our region and beyond. Make a gift to this special offering to support creating new communities of worship, spreading God's word, and multiplying disciples. *Be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.* Envelopes and inserts for this special offering will be available in the pews.

Sunday, June 15th



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 13th thru Thursday, July 17th at
St. John Lutheran Church

Topic: "Waves of Wonder"
focusing on the
goodness of creation

Invite your grandchildren and
great-grandchildren to join us.

Registration information and times will be
announced at a later date.



Answer to Trivia (from a previous page) ... Genesis 1:28a: "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the

GIVING REPORT FOR

April 2025:

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

April 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$5,426.00
Designated	\$926.00
World Outreach	\$200.00
Local Outreach	\$153.00
Building Fund	\$1,340.00



Celebration Sunday will be held on **June 29th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in June will be honored. Please bring a dish-to-pass, to be shared with others.

17 ~ Beth Madison
22 ~ Reed Hurd
24 ~ Toni Shaw
28 ~ Sandy Campbell
29 ~ Laurence Kingsley



Anniversaries for June ...

29 ~ Allan and Janet Frisk

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Mike Spencer
Brett Lattimer



A LITTLE

(See answer in the Newsletter)

What was the first directive God gave to humanity?



Guthrie Hospice Butterfly Release and Memorial Service ...

Sunday, June 8th at Mt. Pisgah State Park, 28 Entrance Road, Troy, PA at the Lakeside Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. The service is held to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed. For a memorial donation of \$12.50, we will release a live butterfly in your loved one's memory.

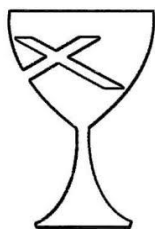
(Please see Margo in the Church Office for a Memorial Donation Form.)



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT PICNIC AND CAMPING WEEKEND ...

The East Central District will have a picnic at the Squarewood Acres Campground in Trout Run, PA on Saturday, June 7th, which begins at 1:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverage will be provided. Please bring a dish-to-pass. There are also sites reserved for camping this same weekend, June 6th, 7th, and 8th. Contact Denny Welch at 570-529-0235, if you are interested in camping. If you would like to attend the picnic, contact Pastor Paula or Wendy McKeithan. If there are several going to the picnic, a group will carpool.





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UPCOMING DATES FOR JUNE ...

- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Sunday School /
9:15 a.m.
- 1st - Congregational Meeting following worship
Food Pantry Sunday
- 3rd - Prayer and Healing Service / 7:00 p.m.
- 4th, 11th, 18th - Bible Study / 10:00 a.m.
- 7th - East Central District Picnic / 1:00 p.m.
- 8th - Pentecost Sunday
- 10th - Board Meeting / 6:00 p.m.
- 15th - Trinity Sunday
- 17th - Seed Faith Dinner-Out / 5:30 p.m.
- 21st - First Day of Summer
- 22nd - Sue Hurd / Worship Leader
- 25th - NO Bible Study
- 29th - Celebration Sunday
Worship Service Athens Healthcare /
1:30 p.m.



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