

THE CHURCH CANDLE

SEPTEMBER 2025

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



Sojourner Truth Ministries ...

Volunteers Needed: One (1) or two (2)
(to accompany Pastor Paula to the Soup Kitchen)

When: Saturday, September 20th

Where: 501 High Street, Williamsport, PA

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Hours
available for meal prep
and service)



Note: Volunteers will be from the East Central District churches, and to be funded by the East Central District treasury. Contact Pastor Paula to sign up.

September 7th is “Food Pantry Sunday” it 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, they responded for August: “Thank you for your recent donation of food items to our Feed My Sheep Pantry. We so appreciate your faithful support of this valley mission. God Bless You!” (Fifty-two [52] food items were collected for August.) “May the Lord repay you for what you have done, may you be richly reward by the Lord.” Ruth 2:12A



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR RECONCILIATION MINISTRY of the Christian Church (DOC) will be received on Sunday, September 28th and Sunday, October 5th. With your support, leaders and congregations are being equipped to witness to God’s reconciling love in this time and season. Half of your gift remains in the PA Region. In 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, Paul invites us to see the world no longer “from a human point of view,” but through the lens of God’s new creation.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ...

For another year, our church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child, organized by Samaritan’s Purse. The National Collection Week is November 17th through the 25th. Watch for more information in the October Newsletter. For those who have put together boxes in the past, it is helpful to gather school supplies in September when items are on sale. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy McKeithan.



PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



Remember that old song "See You in September?" Well, it's that time of year, back to school and back to church. Even though many of you plan vacations for September and October I hope that a return to church is among your plans. For this church we resume Sunday School on September 7th at 9:15 a.m., where we will complete the next six sessions of our study in Psalms. Our Wednesday Bible Study group will resume meeting on Wednesday September 10th at 10:00 a.m. and will begin the third in the Essentials of Faith Series titled "Why Do We Need the Bible?"

There is an opportunity for volunteering available to us on September 20th. Our district churches have signed on at Sojourner Truth in Williamsport to serve in their soup kitchen. The East Central District will purchase the food, prepare the meals, and serve those who come into the mission center. They need at least ten volunteers for this, two from each church, I plan to go and would love to take a couple of others with me. Let me know, we will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. that Saturday morning and should be home by around 3:00 p.m.

We've had a busy summer ministering to those needing prayer and healing, offering space to the recovery groups, and hosting a couple wonderful musicians with their message in music. September won't be a time to slow down but a time to focus on what else we can do for God.

Blessings, Pastor Paula

A New Disciples Initiative ...

We, at Disciples Home Missions (DHM), wanted to share a new initiative with you, in case you haven't heard! We have just launched the Disciples Mission HUB (www.disciplesmissionhub.org). The HUB is where congregations, Disciples affiliated organizations/camps/conferences, General Church Ministries, and individuals can:

- HELP by engaging in volunteer opportunities.
- UNDERSTAND deeper root causes by seeking out and sharing resources and educational opportunities.
- BE the body of Christ in community with one another.

The HUB will locate opportunities to engage, network, and learn about local mission and outreach opportunities in your community, region, state, country and beyond.

THANK YOU!

From the Outreach Team ...

In June, the special Pentecost Offering of the Christian Church (DOC) was received for the New Church Ministry. Our congregation was able to send \$370 to the General Church in Indianapolis, IN. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to support ministry beyond our doors.

A LITTLE

Question: "What is the Sunday School group studying this fall?" (See answer on another page in the Newsletter)



COINS FOR CAUSE: Continues to be collected for Disciples Mission Fund.

GIVING REPORT FOR July 2025:

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

July 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$4,905.50
Designated	\$520.00
World Outreach	\$0.00
Local Outreach	\$200.00
Building Fund	\$840.50

Celebration Sunday will be held on **September 28th**, following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in September will be honored. Please bring a snack, to be shared with others.



SEED FAITH CIRCLE ... The women of the Seed Faith Circle will gather for dinner on Thursday, September 18th at 5:30 p.m. at Callear's BBQ Restaurant (2081 Elmira Street in Sayre). Please note this date is different for September, due to vacation schedules. All women of the church are welcome to join us for dinner and fellowship. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008 if you plan to attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BANQUET FROM HOPEGATE ...

on Saturday, September 27th, at the Sayre Elks Club at 6:00 p.m. (Reservations are requested, there is no charge.) The evening will include a testimony from Pastor Aamir and Carissa Din and more information about the happenings at the centers.

Thank you to Crystal Salsman, who spoke at our Sunday, August 10th Worship Service. She spoke about the changes happening at Hopegate.

Please contact Wendy at 570-596-4008 before Friday, August 29th, if you would like to attend.

September ...

7 ~ Amy Whyte
21 ~ Roman Rosh
28 ~ Krystle Valentine
30 ~ Grace Rava



For September ...

5 ~ Bill and Amy Whyte
6 ~ Bill and Mary Flottesmesch
17 ~ Roman and Carol Rosh
28 ~ Brian and Tiffany Wendela
28 ~ Kevin and Shannon Arensman

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Brett Lattimer
Mike Spencer
Bruce Bach



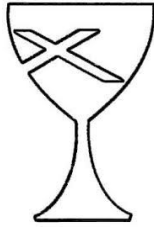
From Hopegate ...

"We want to extend our sincere thanks to you for your Baby Bottle Campaign participation."

May God Bless you abundantly for giving."

Answer to Trivia: Psalms





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UPCOMING DATES ...

Monday, September 1st - Labor Day / Office Closed
Tuesday, September 2nd - Elder-Deacon Meeting /
at 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 7th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time / Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 10th, 17th, and 24th - Bible Study /
at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 11th - Church Office open from
12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 14th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time / Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 16th - Board Meeting at 6 p.m.
Thursday, September 18th - Seed Faith Dinner Out /
Callear's BBQ Restaurant at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 20th - Soujourner's Truth Soup
Kitchen from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in
Williamsport
Saturday, September 20th - Margo out of town until
Sunday, September 28th
Sunday, September 21st - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time / Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 26th - Church Office Closed
Sunday, September 28th - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time / Worship at 10:00 a.m. / Celebration Sunday
(Snack to share)
Worship Service at Athens Healthcare - 1:30 p.m.



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