

PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

Grace and peace be upon you all as we plan to enter our fall season and look forward to Advent. The new church year will soon be upon us! The church has settled into its usual activities after our summer break – Sunday School for the eighteen and over crowd and Wednesday morning bible study have begun. Although we've had some challenges to overcome, I think the fellowship and love for our Lord has kept us strong through some of the more difficult times.

Please be aware that this is budget season and October will bring a Congregational Meeting where we can discuss the budget and other issues that arise. Watch your bulletins and our Facebook page for more information on that. Your church finance committee has worked diligently to find ways to plan a workable budget for next year. As you know this is becoming more challenging in our current economic environment, but your finance people have managed in past years to build a budget that works for this church. That said, we've had to reduce spending for some things and rearrange how our money is distributed – building our savings for the Parking Lot Fund is one reason for that, however, overall utility costs have also increased. Unfortunately, some of that redistribution resulted in vacating the annex building and shutting down the utilities to that area – we are already seeing a savings as a result. Even though our income seems to remain consistent, our expenses increase, and I am hopeful that the leaders of this congregation, each of you, can manage to make a budget work once again.

Just watching this church, as I do every Sunday, I feel blessed by what you all can do. It seems like whenever there is a challenge you answer the call to help this church and the people in it do God's work. God bless you all.

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus

FOUR CHURCHES BRING "WAVES OF WONDER" TO THE VALLEY...

In July, four Valley churches partnered together to host Vacation Bible School, entitled "Waves of Wonder." Volunteers from Sayre Christian Church (DOC), Redeemer (Episcopal), St. John (Lutheran), and Valley United (Presbyterian) joined together to decorate the classrooms, prepare skits, create science experiments, and read Scripture to teach the kids of the Valley.

"This is the future ~churches partnering together to pool resources and people to reach a larger section of the community," said Pastor Paula Kraus.

"A good time was had by all, and I think we really 'drenched' our kids in the Spirit of God!" said Pastor Melinda Artman.

During VBS, the three pastors had a conversation about the future of VBS given our Valley population skews older.

"There is an unmet need, especially for fellowship, for working adults and older adults in our community," says Pastor Sharan Knoell.

In 2026, as plans get underway for a summer 2026 VBS that looks different, stayed tuned!



***SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 12TH
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING***

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 2026 fiscal year. The date of Sunday, October 12th, shortly after the church service has been selected.

The budget for fiscal year 2025 was approved for \$73,092.00. So far, we are under budget thanks to generous giving and carefully controlling expenditures.

The Finance committee developed a budget for 2026 that will **DECREASE** to \$72,190.00 if approved by the congregation.

Some key points:

1. The annex is no longer occupied, which should decrease water, electric and gas usage slightly.
2. Since 2023 we have been using a payroll service to do the church payroll and taxes. We will no longer use this service and the payroll and taxes will be done in house.
3. We will probably see increases in water and electricity due to rate increases.
4. No raises will be given this coming year.

If you have any questions, please ask me,

Oliver McKeithan, Treasurer

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- *When hoping for something to happen, always remember Isaiah 60:22.
"When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen."*
- *Hey, you know what made me smile today? I was in church and saw a lot of my friends! Come meet them.*



PRAISES FOR THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF Eva's

thirteenth Great Grandchild, Paul James Frisbie. Born August 21st, 8 lbs., 10 1/2 oz., 22". CONGRATULATIONS to Paul's parents and Eva.

*Our
Condolences*

To Family and Friends of Harold F. Ammerman.
Harold passed away on Friday, September 26th.

GIVING REPORT FOR

August 2025:

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

August — 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$6,501.00
Designated	\$926.00
World Outreach	\$0.00
Local Outreach	\$160.00
Building Fund	\$1,354.50

Coins for a Cause ... continues to collect for 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 21st at 5:30 p.m. — Yanuzzi's Restaurant on Desmond Street in Sayre. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008, if you plan to attend.

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
30 - Jane Donahoo
31 - Parvin Mensch



HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES TO ...

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

LET US PRAY ...

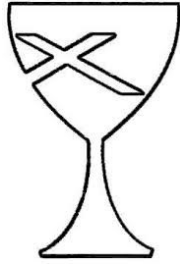
Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Jane Donahoo
Mike Spencer
Brett Lattimer
Bruce Bach
Rev. David Mansfield



Answer to Trivia Question ... The Fall
Congregational meeting to vote on
our Budget!

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<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
			1	2	3	4
			8-9am/ AA 10am/ Bible Study Group 12N/ AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 1pm/ GED	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 7pm/ AA Paula out of office	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA Paula out of office
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
World Com Sun 10am/ Worship Tammie Storr, Speaker. Sue Hurd, Worship Leader Food Pantry Paula out of office	8-9am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm/ AA Church Office Closed Paula out of office	8-9am/ AA 9am/ Mobile Service 12N/ AA Paula out of office	8-9am/ AA 10am/ Bible Study Group 12N/ AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 1pm/ GED	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 7pm / AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18 th Sun. 9:15am / SS 10am/ Worship Ted Davenport, Spec. Music Cong. Meeting after worship	8-9am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm/ AA	8-9am / AA 12N / AA 6pm/ Board Mtg.	8-9am/ AA 10am/ Bible Study Group 12N/ AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 1pm/ GED	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 7pm / AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA Paula to Board Mtg. Lemoyne
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
19 th Sun. 9:15am / SS 10am/ Worship 3pm/ ECD Council Mtg. / in Alba	8-9am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm/ AA	8-9am / AA 12N / AA 5:30pm / Seed Faith Dinner Out / Yanuzzi's	8-9am/ AA 10am/ Bible Study Group 12N/ AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 1pm/ GED	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 7pm / AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA
26	27	28	29	30	31	
20 th Sun. 9:15am / SS 10am/ Worship Celebration Sunday/ Snack 1:30pm/ Ath- ens HC Ser- vice	8-9am / AA 12N / AA 6:30pm/ AA	8-9am / AA 12N / AA	8-9am/ AA 10am/ Bible Study Group 12N/ AA	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 1pm/ GED 6pm/ Com. Dinner at Church of the Redeemer	8-9am/ AA 12N/ AA 7pm / AA	



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UPCOMING DATES FOR OCTOBER ...

Wednesdays - October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th / Bible Study Group at 10:00 a.m.
October 3rd thru October 7th - Paula out of town
Sundays - October 12th, 19th and 26th Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, October 5th - World Communion Sunday / Worship
Leader—Sue Hurd / Worship at 10 a.m. / Speaker today is Tammie Storr from Endless Mountain Mission / Food Pantry Sunday / Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available
Monday, October 6th - Church Office Closed
Sunday, October 12th - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Worship at 10 a.m. / Ted Davenport, Special Music / Congregational Meeting after Worship
Tuesday, October 14th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18th - Paula out of town
Sunday, October 19th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Worship at 10 a.m. / ECD Council Mtg. in Alba at 3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21st - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out / Yanuzzi's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 26th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Worship at 10 a.m. / Celebration Sunday / Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare and Rehab Center at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 30th - Community Dinner at Church of the Redeemer at 6:00 p.m.

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