

THE CHURCH CANDLE

JULY 2026

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



July 5th is “Food Pantry Sunday” ... It

is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Thirty (30) food items were collected in June and delivered to the “Feed My Sheep Food Pantry” at the Athens United Methodist Church. “Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your recent donation to our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. We so appreciate you helping us to restock our shelves. In His Service, Athens United Methodist Church.” *Whoever is kind to the needy, honors God. (Proverbs 14:31b)*



“Church Family: Thank you for your generous participation and support of our beloved Regional Church’s Gun Violence Prevention Ministry. Thank you for the Hospitality with Reverend Gaffney. Thank you too for the gift to him of lodging. Your witness makes a difference and it inspires. God Bless you always. God speed — Thad.”

Vacation Bible School *“Another Way”*

**Sunday, July 12th thru Thursday, July 16th at
6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.**

In-Person Registration from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by: The Valley United Presbyterian Church, and supported by the Sayre Christian Church, St. John Lutheran Church and the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Pulpit Exchange ...

On Sunday, July 12th Vacation Bible School begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Valley United Presbyterian Church in Waverly, NY. On Sunday, the 12th, Pastor Paula will lead the worship service at the Presbyterian Church and Pastor Melinda Artman (from the Church of the Redeemer) will lead the worship service here at Sayre Christian. They will be discussing VBS themes. Please welcome Pastor Melinda to the Pulpit this morning.

Please welcome back The Needhams ...

They will be here in concert on Thursday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. Their performance is always fresh, entertaining and inspirational. Admission is free. A love offering will be received for them. Visit theneedhams.com for more information.





PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are enjoying your Summer! We have so many opportunities for recreation in this area and I pray you are taking advantage of them. As we attend to our physical well-being through summer fun and exercise, I pray you are also attentive to your Spiritual well-being! Summer is a time when Church attendance falls off – we are having so much fun in the sun that we forget our family in Christ. I must say that we miss you when you are not here, I realize that we have suspended Sunday School and Bible Study to give you some time off – the church is still here, and Sunday Worship is not the same without you!

Last month I wrote about my decision to retire in May of 2027 – I want to assure you that until that time comes nothing will change, this church will be here as long as there is a community of believers to gather. Who your Pastor is will make no difference. I know that our board chairperson, Oliver McKeithan, is putting together a “team” of people to do the work of selecting your next Pastor – this is an encouraging time for growth and putting the right people into place. Few church communities have as much say in who Pastor’s them as you do, and there is excitement in that fact. Please get involved in the process!

Please remember to save the dates for the two summer concerts we have scheduled. Thursday, July 9th at 7 p.m. you can enjoy the Needhams in concert, and Friday, August 14th at 7 p.m. you can enjoy Daryl Mosely in concert. These are talented Christian musicians from Nashville – I encourage you to invite friends and family for an entertaining and spiritually uplifting music.

Blessings, Pastor Paula

MARTHA'S MISSION BIN ...

This month (July), the Outreach Team is asking for donations of paper towels. Donations will be given to the Endless Mountains Mission Center which is located in Troy, PA. This Mission Center is a shelter for individuals and families who have become homeless. The staff and volunteers work with adults to find suitable housing and whatever else they need to get back on their feet again.

Please place items in the bin underneath the table at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your donations.

Answer to Trivia (from a another page) ...
Isaiah 53:3 will give you the answer.

COINS FOR CAUSE ...

The Outreach Team invites you to bring your loose change to church, beginning on Sunday, July 5th, our collection will be given to the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (DOC). A jar is available for your coins by the front door of the Sanctuary. This Mission Fund supports the following ministries of the Christian Church (DOC): our own PA Region and ten divisions of the General Ministries.

The Outreach Team would like to thank our congregation for their generous support of this ministry.

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...

will not meet in July or August, but will resume in September. Please look for details in the September Newsletter. May everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

GIVING REPORT FOR May 2026:

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

May 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$6,225.50
Designated	\$1,704.00
World Outreach	\$225.00
Local Outreach	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$1,722.50



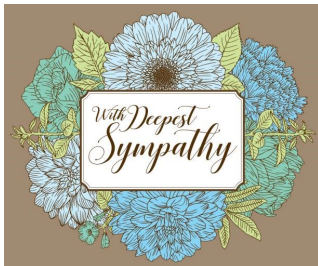
Celebration Sunday

will be held on **July 26th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in July will be honored. Please bring a snack, to be shared with others.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Saturday, July 4th ...



To Anita Kasson, family and friends, on the loss of her mom, Susie Kasson. Susie passed away on Friday, June 12th.

1 ~ Margo Eike
7 ~ John Hunsinger
8 ~ Karen Bennett
11 ~ Nikki Greeno
14 ~ Jerry Cain
14 ~ Denise Hurd
15 ~ Donna Johnson
15 ~ Corey Hurd
16 ~ Rachel Rava Aguilar
16 ~ Bill Flottesmesch
16 ~ Gary Taubar
18 ~ Janet Frisk
19 ~ Zachary Anderson
23 ~ Susan Hurd
29 ~ Margaret Crowley
30 ~ Pam Hayton



6 ~ Jim Barber and Bev Anderson
10 ~ Jerry and Juanita Cron
23 ~ Albert and Gilberta Corneby
26 ~ Francis II and Gloria Lincoln

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Anthony Stella
Anita Kasson
Bonnie Beley
Melanie Setzer
Bob Felt
Brett Lattimer
Mike Spencer

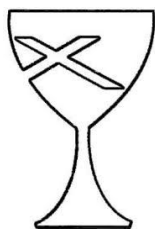


A LITTLE

Question: What is Isaiah's prophecy of the rejection of Christ?

(See answer on another page in the Newsletter)





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UPCOMING DATES ...

Saturday, July 4th - Independence Day
Sundays, July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - Sunday School at
9:15 a.m. / Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 5th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time /
Food Pantry Sunday
Tuesday, July 7th - Elder / Deacon Meeting at 3 p.m.
Thursday, July 9th - The Needhams in Concert at
7 p.m.
Sunday, July 12th - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time / Pastor Melinda Artman will lead the wor-
ship service this morning / Pastor Paula will lead
the worship service at the United Presbyterian
Church / Service at Elderwood at 12 Noon
Sunday, July 12th thru Thursday, July 16th, ***“Another
Way”*** VBS beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United
Presbyterian Church in Waverly, NY
Tuesday, July 14th – Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 19th - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time /
ECD Council Meeting at 3:00 p.m. in Alba
Sunday, July 26th - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time /
Celebration Sunday (Snack) / Worship Service at
Athens Healthcare / **1:30 p.m.**



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