

PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

Grace and peace be upon you all as we enter our fall season and look forward to Advent. The new church year will soon be upon us! The church has begun its usual activities – Sunday School for the eighteen and over crowd and Wednesday afternoon Bible Study are in full swing. Although we've had some challenges to overcome, I think the fellowship and love for our Lord have kept us strong through some of the more challenging times.

Please be aware that this is budget season and that means we will soon schedule a Congregational Meeting. In that meeting 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 continues to work 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 manage each year to build a budget that works for this church. That said, we've had to reduce spending on some things and rearrange how we distribute our funds because overall utility costs continue to increase. 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.

Lovingly, Pastor Paula

Donations ... Due to rising costs and a tighter budget, the board is asking if individuals would be willing to donate cleaning items and paper products such as hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper for use at the church. We will post a list in the side vestry if you are interested in signing up and the item or items you wish to donate or you can do so anonymously. On your envelopes you can also designate a portion of your donation to cleaning supplies if you wish. If you would like to record your donations for tax purposes, please save the receipts and turn them in to the office.

Oliver McKeithan, Board Chair/Treasurer

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- ♦ I was just recently flying home from a trip down South, and when I looked out the airplane window and all I saw were clouds and more clouds. I thought to myself "how close am I to heaven, it is so serene and calming?" But then I came back down to earth!
- ♦ Having a stressful week, I drove past our church and the electronic sign just said — PRAY. That was exactly what I needed to see. I prayed and my stress went away. Thank you for those quotes on the sign.



GIVING REPORT FOR

August 2026:

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

August — 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$7,126.00
Designated	\$585.00
World Outreach	\$150.00
Local Outreach	\$250.00
Building Fund	\$1,398.00

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 20th at 5:30 p.m. The restaurant for October is Mooney's Restaurant in Athens. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008, if you plan to attend.



In the Valley ... We are accepting donations of water bottles and candy for Trick or Treat night, Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will be handing them out at the front of the church that night.

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
Eric Rava
Anthony Stella
Nancy Swartwood
Howard Sinsabaugh
Mike Spencer

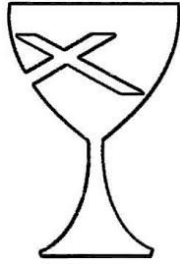


PRAYER CHAIN AVAILABLE ...

If you, a family member, or friend are in need of prayer, a Prayer Chain is available for all. There are currently thirteen (13) individuals who receive prayer requests, either through e-mail or by phone. You can begin the chain by contacting Pastor Paula or Wendy McKeithan.

Answer to Trivia Question ... Five
times. It appears four times
in the Gospel of Matthew and
once in the Gospel of Luke.





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UPCOMING DATES FOR OCTOBER ...

Sundays, October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 4th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Food Pantry Sunday / Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available
Wednesdays - October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th / Bible Study Group at 1:00 p.m.
Sundays - October 11th, 18th, 25th Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 8th - Pastor Paula out of town / Office hours 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Elderwood Worship Service at 12N
Tuesday, October 13th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time // Eagle Scout Court of Honor at 2:00 p.m. / ECD Council Mtg. in Alba at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out / Mooney's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 25th - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Celebration Sunday / Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare and Rehab Center at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 29th - Community Dinner at Church of the Redeemer at 4:00 p.m.
Trick or Treat Night / hand out water and candy from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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