

The R E A C H O U T

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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

So, when I arrived at Good Hope in July of 2000, we hit the ground running. I actually had to come the day before I was to start to meet with a gentleman who had lost his wife. The very next day, my first day in call to Good Hope, was to do a funeral for his wife. That is kind of how the spirit moves in my life. I have never been asked by God to sit around and pray, nor have I ever been given time to prepare. God always has asked me to always be in prayer before, during, and after a ministry moment. The Spirit of God blows me wherever I need to be and prepares me as I go. As an example, I went to a training seminar on the death of a child, and the next year I had a family's child that died and I had to be prepared to minister to the family. Oh, and you can't prepare for the death of a child. Just six months earlier I was listening to a dozen parents who got up in our class and described what it was and is like to lose their child or infant. God has always kept me moving and training as I went.

Back when I was a police officer, I learned to run a day camp. When I got here, the struggle to get a day camp started up was awful. We never had enough money and we didn't have the faith to step out of the way of how we had always done things. Do you remember the first year? I got the money from a foundation and we started the camp. That year the stock market crashed and we lost the grant money! We then had a pastor in the community tell everyone things that were not the truth and caused all the other churches to not work with us or help us. So, everyone got scared but we did the day camp. We kept driving in accordance of our calling and mission to make sure we did things as ministry that were not self-serving.

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

June 22

I still fight with the Church membership about inviting the strangers, or those in low income of Youngstown. We don't even need to go there, we have people of poverty right here in our area.

We have always looked at ministry as worship. We come to worship to praise God by serving one another and when we do that we are fed. So, if I want to feed the hungry I make a meal that feeds them, and I myself should sit down and eat with them, therefore I get fed. If I eat on my own, I will not eat healthy or I might not eat at all, but if I plan to feed a group of people there is always too much to eat and we all leave with leftovers. That is how God's ministry works or at least in my life.

Why do I tell you this? I have been struggling to hear God in the ministry of the Epidemic of Hope. Okay, not struggling to hear God, but to see the total mission through the struggle of getting what God wants me to do through those who have no faith or who want everything laid out for them by God. You know me, it is God's whisper with prayer and action and movement. I can't even preach unless I am doing ministry during the week. I heard God speak to me so I drove about two hours to meet with and talk to a good friend and confidant, Pastor Greg Delaney. While there talking to him, he introduced me to the Epidemic of Hope. I saw the Epidemic of Hope and I knew that we needed to have this ministry in our area. Getting started has been one struggle after another, just like the day camp. I feel God is testing my faith and my endurance. I know God is in charge and has a plan, and I just need to keep moving forward in faith.

Good Hope, we too need to figure out what our plan is and then make sure we set the plan and keep working on the plan. Our finances are getting to a scary position, where we have been before, when we lowered the staff's pay. We can't keep lowering the staff pay. Wendy is already not making what the previous secretaries have made. We have to set an amount with God and give that amount whether we show up for church or not. We must give to God as a regular gift. To tithe is to give a percentage of your pay. That does not go down if you don't attend church one weekend or two. The tithe is how we fund regular ministry that goes on at Good Hope, and also the up-keep and repair of the grounds and buildings. Our capital improvement fund provides for major expenses such as the parking lot as well as the wall at the parsonage. (This has been falling in since 2002, and we have never had the money to fix it.) We as a church are getting into the same situation we do every year at this time. We always get through it! So, I have to suggest it is from vacations and holidays where we are not constant with our attendance or giving. Or, are we just losing our strength as all mainline churches are doing??

We are going to have to consider new ways of doing ministry. The old ways are not working. We cannot maintain the direction we are going. We are going to have to do something now, while we are still strong and before it becomes an emergency where we no longer can be here. I will be contacting Synod office looking into ways to do church together with other congregations in the community, as we have seen this happen to the churches to the East of us. Keep the faith, pray, and learn as we minister to those of the least of these! Pray, grow in faith, and move mountains!

Pastor Ralph

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM
DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Six Hannah Circle members met May 8th at the church for a short meeting before leaving for visitations.

We discussed possible ornaments to make for Christmas Eve, deciding that whatever supplies were available would be the deciding factor.

We also discussed possible names for our card ministry project.

Hannah Circle will meet at the church June 12th to plan our agenda for next year.

Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah as this is a very necessary fundraiser. Collection containers are located throughout the church.

Thank you

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle met at Irene Bentley's house for our May meeting.

Irene opened the meeting with devotions and prayers for family and friends.

Ruth McMurray presented a program on the Salt of the Earth.

The next meeting will be held on June 13 at 11:00am at Shepherd of the Valley.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Stewardship Team

Our next meeting is September 11 at 7:00pm at Good Hope. New members and new ideas are always welcome!

Have a blessed summer!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
June 3rd	Second Sunday After Pentecost	green	Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.
June 10th	Third Sunday After Pentecost	green	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.
June 17th	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	green	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34	The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.
June 24th	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	green	Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Serving in God's House

THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	June 3 Second Sunday after Pentecost	June 10 Third Sunday after Pentecost	June 17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	June 24 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	July 1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Alice Haller	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer	Donna Haller	Andy Tesyk
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines
Communion Assistant	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer
Lector 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Jane Peachey	Nancy Crouse Loetta Haller	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk
Liturgy	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachey	Pam Nock	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Jean Sauerwein	Ed & Jane Peachey
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	10:30 am Nancy Barret Robin Marino Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk Kathy Kramer Wendy Edwards	5 pm Diane D'Amico	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger	
Communion Bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Tammy Chuey

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list.** Thank you!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office open 9-2	2 Worship 5:00pm
3 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	4 Office open 9-2	5 Hannah Circle 10 am	6 Office open 9-2 Dorcas Circle 11 am	7 Worship at Teen Challenge 5pm	8 Office closed Synod Assembly	9 Worship 5:00pm
10 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Graduation Sunday Strawberry social	11 Office open 9-2	12 Council Meeting 7pm	13 Office open 9-2	14	15 Office open 9-2	16 Worship 5:00 pm
17 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	18 Office open 9-2	19	20 Office open 9-2	21	22 Office open 9-2	23 Worship 5:00pm
24 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	25 Office open 9-2	26	27 Office open 9-2	28 Rescue mission tour pick-up 9am	29 Office open 9-2	30 Worship 5:00pm

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact:

Jane at 234-567-1461
or the Church office at
330-549-2406



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

Joe Kreidler	Ralph Allen
Jennifer Ostapiak	Pete Wellman
Tom & Catherine Bivianno	Jack Schneider
Emily Bluedorn	Judy Dickey
Chris and Julia Karis	Nikki Dawson
Dale Sheely	Grace Graham
Nora Sabella	Gerald Hostetter
George Anderson	

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa,
Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry

June 3

Arthur Gray
Barbara Gray
Don Greenberg
Sharon Greenberg

June 10

Alice Haller
Charles Haller
Donna Haller
Loetta Haller

June 17

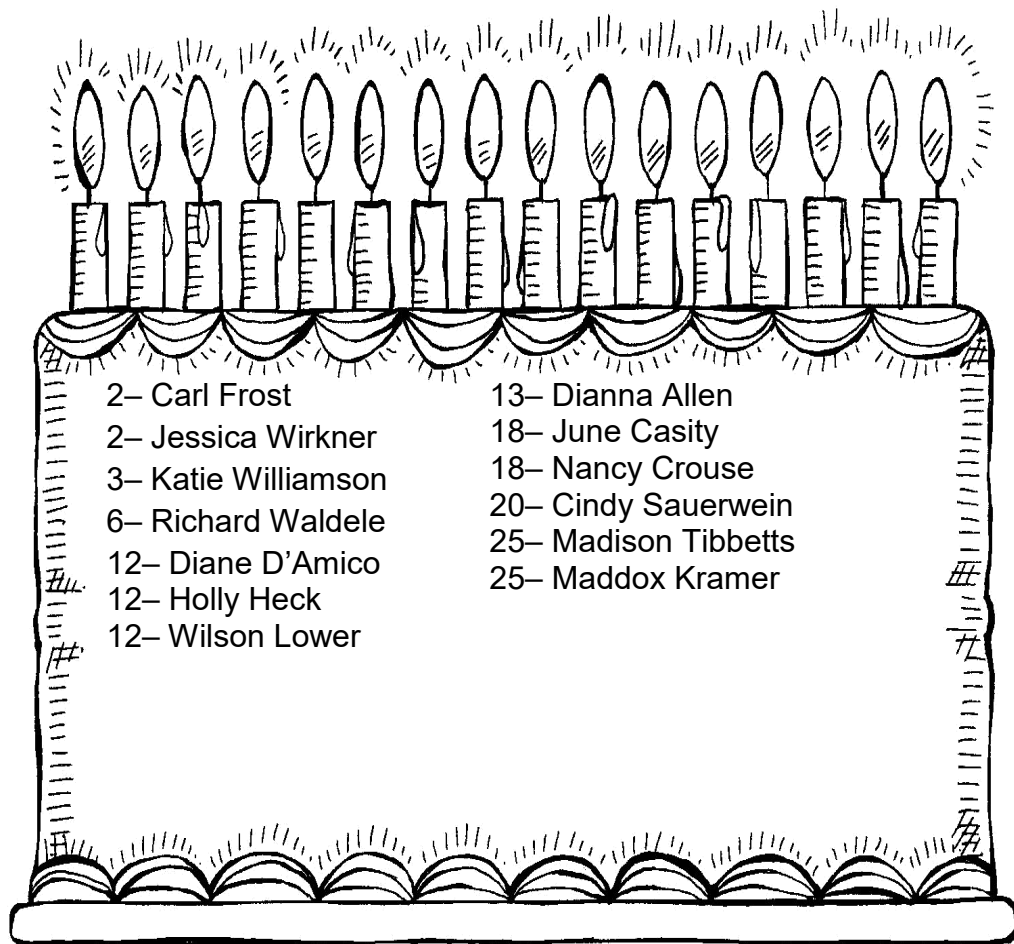
Barbara Hartsock
Cynthia Heck
David Heck
David Heck Jr.

June 24

Holly Heck
Jeremy Heck
Jessica Heck
Edward Heck



1- Ed & Shirley Heck
5- David & Sandy Kuntz
9- Larry & Kaye McFall
16- Leon & June Casity
22- Bill & Joan Keaggy
23- Kim & Nancy McFarland
30- Jim & Amber Powell



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2018

Opening prayer led by Pastor Ralph.

present: Sarah, Jeff W., Greg, Sandy, Kelsie, Bryan, Pastor Ralph, Jane

excused: Joe, Jeff H., Andy

Speaker: Gary Bonner brought and explained information about Mutual Funds.

Pastor Ralph suggests creating a financial team. Pastor Ralph motions to move the Limited Maturity Fund to the High yield Fund. Greg seconds. Motion carried. Bryan motions to split the High yield Fund and move 50% to the Moderately Conservative Allocation Fund and 50% to the Diversified Income Plus Fund. Sarah seconds. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy suggests reporting budget amounts compared to actual spending amounts. Bryan motions to accept the treasurer's report pending audit. Pastor Ralph seconds. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Bryan motions to accept the financial secretary's report pending audit. Kelsie seconds. Motion carried.

Stewardship: Sarah and Wendy attended a workshop and brought information back to the team to help create a yearly calendar.

Building Maintenance: The sump pump plumbing is completed. Jeff W. verified the workmanship.

Secretary's Report: I received and distributed phone calls, emails, and daily mail. I also prepared bulletins, flyers, and the Reachout. Sunday school lessons were about Easter and Pentecost.

Transformation Report:

-4 Grief Camp related meetings, presentations to the Youngstown Rotary and Greenford Lutheran Church, began arranging Grief Camp interviews with youth

-1 tax appointment

-5 counseling appointments and several phone consults

-worked the rummage sale/ bake sale/ basket raffle

-2 home visits

-focus for the next 2 months is Grief Camp

Pastor's Report: I had 6 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others. Wendy and I had multiple moments of insight and contemplation. We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Over the past month, I have presided at 11 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.

-April 1 Easter

-April 1 Baptism of Khloe Elaine Warren

-April 8 Bishop here for services

-April 8 Wendy and Pastor Ralph's wedding

-April 8-20 Pastor and Wendy away, Kathy preaching, Pastor Kari Lankford for

emergencies 330-831-0919

-April 22 Teen Challenge worships with us

-April 29 Baptism of Evelyynn Razo

Old Business:

-Greg has arranged for our bell to be replaced on May 29. Jeff will run new wires before then.

-Our capital improvement account is up to \$10,200. Our goal is \$50,000.

(council cont.)

New Business:

-Eugene Hostetter is donating his time to providing lawncare for the church and parsonage this season.

-Jane motions for spouse's healthcare coverage for Wendy through Pastor Ralph's Portico policy. Sarah and Greg second. Motion carried.

-Transformation will close as of June 1. Pastor Ralph will use the Samaritan Fund to help our community.

Sarah motions to accept the April meeting minutes. Jane seconds. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Bryan.

Special Council Meeting June 3, 2018

Meeting opened with prayer led by Pastor Ralph.

Present: Pastor Ralph, Andy, Kelsie, Jane, Jeff H., Bryan, Greg, Joe

Excused: Sarah, Jeff W.

Sandy Huddleston turned in her resignation as treasurer. She recommends Debra Carroce to be her replacement as treasurer as soon as possible. Sandy will consult with Debbie until June 30, 2108 to help her get settled.

Pastor Ralph motions to accept Sandy's resignation. Greg seconds. Motion carried.

Discussion held about Debbie's qualifications and experience.

Greg motions to temporarily hire Debbie for a trial period of 90 days as treasurer. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Sandy to let Debbie know about the June 19 council meeting and ask her to bring her resume.

Treasurer's Report Ending April 30, 2018

	Current	Prior Year	Current Year To Date	Prior Year To Date
Income	\$15,764.26	\$15,945.57	\$49,680.53	\$66,559.32
Expense	\$15,710.05	\$14,577.61	\$63,192.43	\$57,653.25
Total	\$54.21	\$1,367.96	(\$13,511.90)	\$8,906.07

(negative shown in parentheses)

2018 GRADUATES

Autumn Byers– Leetonia High School / Columbiana Career Center

Baylee Felger– Westminster College

Colin Jack Frost– Boardman High School

Jason Volovar– Youngstown State University

Rebekah Edwards– Struthers High School

Congratulations to you all!

Community Events

June 10– Please join us to celebrate our graduates. Hannah Circle will provide a cake after the 10:30 worship.

June 10– Strawberry Social at Mount Olivet United Church of Christ from 11am-1pm. Proceeds to benefit the Community Day Camp. If you would like to donate a basket to the raffle, please deliver it to Mount Olivet by June 8th.

June 28– We are invited to tour the Rescue Mission. A shuttle bus will pick us up at Good Hope at 9am and bring us back after the tour. The bus can hold 14 people, but please no children. Let the office (330-549-2406) know if you want to reserve a seat.

July 14– The Ohio Valley Adult & Teen Challenge Golf outing begins at 8am. Its being held at Deer Creek golf course. For more information, please contact David Chadwell at (330)743-9030 ext. 105.

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your gift of \$1794.45.00 and received on May 21, 2018 for Camp Frederick's Good Grief Camp. We are grateful and humbled by your faithful stewardship of God's good gifts. *Your prayers and gifts make a difference!*

Thank you again for including Camp Frederick in your giving plan.

Blessings of peaceful grace,



Matt Miller, Director

WOW! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE BLESSING.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS AMAZING
GIFT AND FOR BELIEVING IN CAMP!



Thank You

Dear Jane + Pastor Ralph

Thank you so much for inviting John + I to attend your services + Sunday school! It was such a pleasure spending that time with all of you! It felt like we were part of the family + we were only there 1 time! What a beautiful example of Christ you all are! Best Regards,
Crystal Ekman

Dear Friends at Good Hope
Thank you for making my 80th birthday such a memorable event.

It was wonderful of you to help me celebrate.

Thank you for all your good wishes, the special cards + the many gifts.

I feel really blessed to have you in my life.

Your thoughtfulness means so very much.

With Love
Luth Mc Murray

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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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