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

# The R E A C H O U T

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

I still remember and keep repeating this prayer, which came to us on Sunday June 21, 2020. It is right in the middle of trying times for all us. We are privileged to be the children of God and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and that is for the promise of everlasting life. You and I are bought by the blood of Christ that we my serve God and not ourselves. Remember in our Bible studies we come to the fact that being self-centered is really what sin is about, wanting things our way, worrying about ourselves with no regard for our neighbor. God created the earth for man to care for, including each other, male and female to care for each other. Our own wants, not needs, got in the way and we fell. So, lets go through this prayer and see why we should pray it. If we pray it what would that look like in our lives?

To serve you as you deserve. This takes no thinking, correct? If God is our God and we believe that God is the creator of heaven and earth then what does God deserve when it comes to our acts of service or the giving of our life? With the vows of our baptism, God deserves the very best. Nothing we are and nothing we have, would be possible without the God of heaven and earth. If you count our baptismal vows, we owe God everything. We die to ourselves and we rise in Christ. I hear that faint cry from the old testament. (Micah 6:8) He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? I would say God deserves all that I have and all that I am.

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YOUR ARTICLES  
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ARTICLES IS**

July 25

To give and not to count the cost. This one fits with everything I said about serving. Let's start with God deserves everything you have and everything that you are. It makes sense that you don't have to count the cost because it is not costing you a thing, it is all God's therefore, it is God's loss or gain. I seem to have trouble with this because I think that the time is my time, or that the money is my money. I worked hard for it so surely, I am out if they take from me to buy drugs or blow the money on unethical living. Right? I really have to understand it is God's and they have sinned against God. Then we understand that it is between God and them.

To fight and not heed the wounds. How many times have we put in our best efforts to have someone burn us or hurt us? I have watched as children lose any sight of who God is because their parents don't act like parents who have been anointed with the Spirit of God. I've had friends take advantage of me. We have fought for the best for someone and they fall back into the trap or loop and continue to do the same thing over and over again. We watch as someone we love kills themselves. Each negative wound tears at our faith, our love, and our hope. Lord God help me to not heed the wounds and still have faith in you.

To toil and not seek for rest. Have you noticed these really all fit together? They are connected to the struggle to stay in faith and in keep hoping so that Love might prevail?? I don't know about you, but I get tired and I want to just run away! I want to do the will of God, but I feel it should some how get easier. You know like when you work with people and they proclaim over you that you have some gift from God. You are amazing, but yet they don't listen to you. UGH!! That is so tiring. But it is life. I have seen many miracles of God, yet I am surprised every time I see one. I get so tired I start to lose myself and sometimes become that which I am fighting. I become irritable and lose hope. I get tired. I want to rest. I wonder how many times Christ got tired of his disciples, the people, the crowd. Yet he felt compassion for them. How about you and I? Do you feel compassion or are you, like me, getting tired of it all and seeking rest?

To labor and not ask for a reward. Surely you can have a piece of pie? Surely you can eat one donut? Then you have a piece and someone comes around the corner and says, aha, that is why you are having trouble with your weight or, aha, that is why you're having trouble with your diabetes. This could go with the last paragraph but I wanted it to start this one. I work my tail off struggling with my food every day trying to please the doctors, family and even myself. The medical field has given me numbers to reach, A1C and Glucose monitor numbers. I take my medicines as I am told and I eat as I am told. Then someone says you should eat this way, and the doctor says eat this way, and the cardiologist says eat this way. At this point it really is not what I eat it is the amount. I eat good salads and vegetables and everyone says I can eat all of them I want. But that is not true, I have to limit my intake. So, I toil and I struggle and I try to do what is right. I finally get to the A1C I want and boom I want to celebrate. Wendy get ready, I am picking you up and we are going to get a donut. We both laugh and let me stop right there. We should have gone and got the donut. Because what we did was go and have a huge breakfast of eggs, hash browns, rye toast, and buckwheat pancakes. With sausage and bacon! OMG!!! I love food. I was celebrating. I earned it. I labored and labored for this reward. My sugar reading was bad for the next two days. Why is it that I need a reward? Why do we feel we need a reward for doing good? Is it me, or do we all think we deserve a reward? The other question is this. Is the reward good for us? Why is not doing good the reward? Why is not serving God with our best the reward??

Well I hope you have enjoyed a moment in the head of the Pastor. God is so good to us, yet we don't always see it or feel it. That is why we must believe it. We have to muster all the faith we can to believe what God has promised and we have witnessed in the past. Knowing God is never changing. We may not understand we might be tired, but God is everlasting. Dear God, please help us to follow you no matter what, not to our glory, but to yours. Help us to see every person as you do and help us to show the Christ to every person we see. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us and help us to discern your will, that we might be witnesses to your Love.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*Pastor Ralph*

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
July 5th	5th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Psalm 145: 8-14 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.
July 12th	6th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Psalm 65: 1-13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.
July 19th	7th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah 44: 6-8 Psalm 86: 11-17 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.
July 26th	8th Sunday after Pentecost	green	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Psalm 119: 129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

# Circle News ~ Team News

## HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

Please continue to save tin foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle. The price of aluminum is down at the recycling centers, so we need your help now more than ever as this is our only fundraiser.

## DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

## STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be July 14th at 7pm. We will begin planning the God's Work our Hands day for September.

## DINNER TEAM

A new monthly dinner team schedule will be available soon.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

On Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm a group has been getting together on Zoom for devotions and fellowship. Everyone agrees that it's great to see each other and stay connected! If you would like to join us please let Wendy or Pastor Ralph know.

## \*NOTES FROM THE OFFICE\*

The rummage sale has been postponed until probably October. Date and time coming soon.

The Octoberfest at Good Hope is being planned. Date and time coming soon. This was an awesome day last year! This is an outside event.

Council is considering having the Church Picnic this Fall since this also is an outdoor event.

Our parking lot is scheduled to be paved in mid July. The new cement pad for the dumpster will be poured soon.

# Our Prayer List

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 the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Coy Cope	Joe Kreidler	servicing in the military:
Noel Melho	Scott MacDonald	Morgan Rhinehart
Eda Jane Spivey	Dave Sweeney	Alyssa
Sarah Corey	Doug Hoffman	Bryce Liberty
Constance Fabek	Elkton Prison	Jakeb Fry
Ken & Pat Goff	Bob Warknock	Lyndsey Liberty
Karen Corey	Brennan Toy	The family of Pebble Bailey

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



## July 5

Ryan Dunnigan  
Sarah Dunnigan  
Andrew Edwards  
Shannon Edwards

## July 12

Kayla Edwards  
Nathan Edwards  
Rebekah Edwards

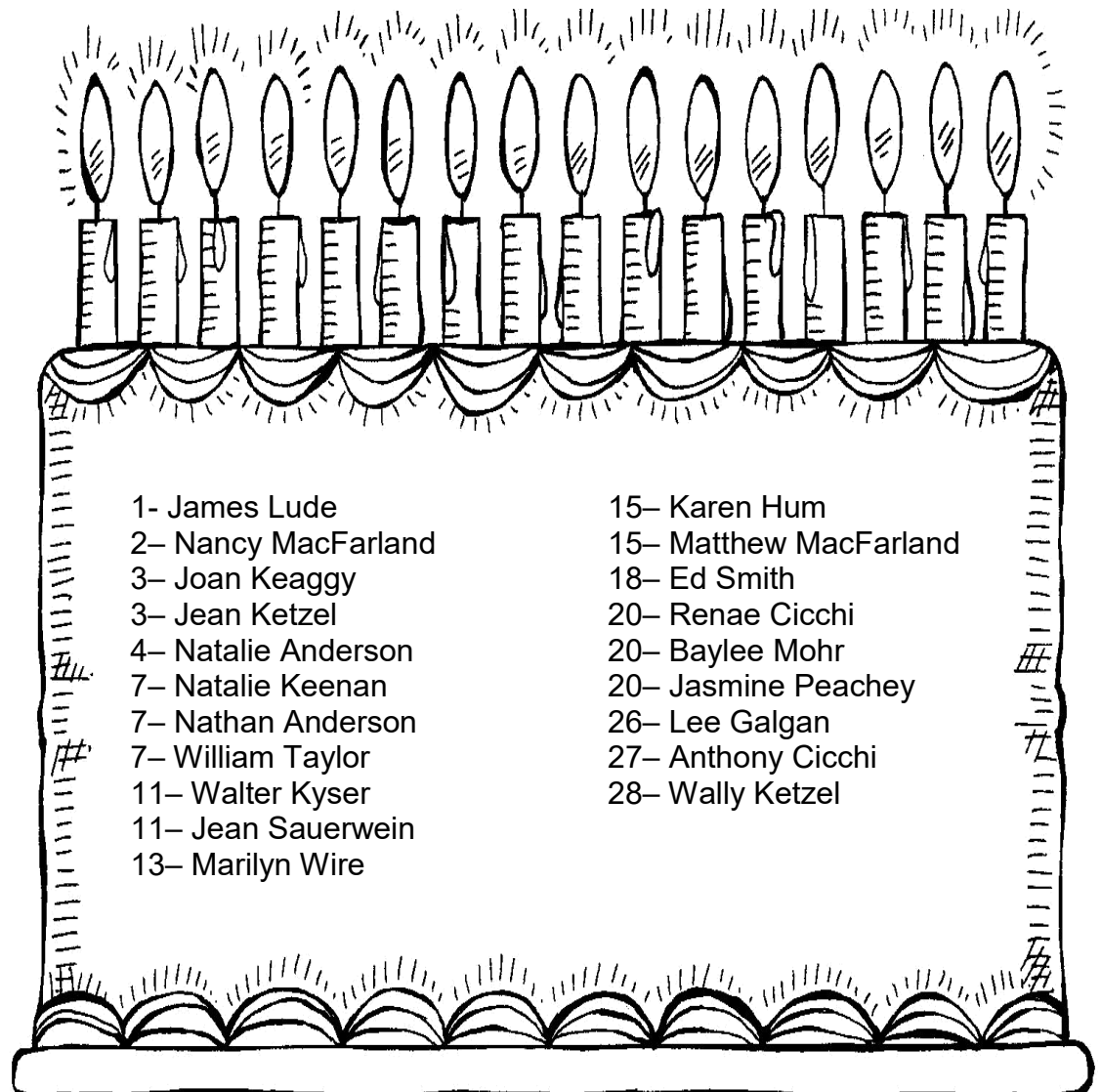
## July 19

Rev. Ralph Edwards  
Wendy Edwards  
Ashlyn Elford  
Cadence Elford

## July 26

Grant Elford  
Katie Elford  
Michael Elford  
Constance Fabek

1- Megan & Jordy Coburn  
6- Helga & Wolfgang Wengler  
12- Lisa & Scott Shehan  
14- Lacey & Brandon Kramer  
15- Shannon & Andrew Edwards  
21- Ladonna & Glenn Fuller  
23- Karen & Lee Galgan



# MEETING MINUTES

## Council Minutes for June 16, 2020

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Sue, Jeff W., P. Ralph, Wendy, Kelly, Peggy, Andy, Greg, Stephanie, Jeff H.

excused: Sarah

**Treasurer:** Kelly reports that the church has a positive net income for May. The payment protection plan spending was extended from 8 weeks to 20 weeks. She also reports that depending on when the paving is scheduled to be done, she may be able to move some funds in to the savings account.

## Pastor's report –June– 2020 Area of Focus Last Month

- I had 12 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
  - 14 contacts by phone for significant help.
  - Daily Reaching out too
  - 2 Funerals Matthew McDade and Lucille Sheldon
  - We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
  - Over the past month, I have presided at 17 worship services and prepared 7 sermons.
- ◆ May 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesday Devotion Zoom
  - ◆ May 7 Matthew McDade Family
  - ◆ May 13 Matthew McDade Funeral
  - ◆ May 15 Barber shops opened
  - ◆ May 17 Soup and BBQ to go dinners
  - ◆ May 17 Lucille Sheldon Funeral at Paradise Church
  - ◆ May 29 Stay at Home lifted

## Secretary's Report:

Maintained clothing donation shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Counted offering 5 weeks

Prepared 5 bulletins and 5 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

**Old Business:** Greg will contact RT Vernal this week to set up a date to pave the parking lot. P. Ralph motions to allow Greg to accept the contract as long as it's the same price quoted last year. Andy seconds. Motion carried. Greg will let council know if the price is different.

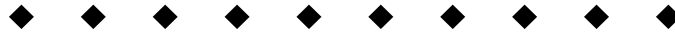
## New Business:

- a. Greg motions to allow Kelly to develop the church's budget for 2021. Stephanie seconds. Motion carried.
- b. The parsonage yard will be fixed and seeded by Kris Lipscomb at the end of June.
- c. Both air conditioners at the church have been repaired by Clayton Heating & Cooling.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

**June Attendance**

	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
Sat 5pm	14	6	6	11
Sun 8am	16	16	14	8
Sun 10:30am	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	45	38	51	38

**June Offering Report**

	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
Operating income:	\$3,396.39	\$4,580.00	\$2,906.59	\$
Capital improvements:	\$27.00	\$50.00	-0-	\$

We thank all of you for mailing in your offering. Your generosity is much appreciated!

**Treasurer's Report Ending May 31, 2020**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$17,731.50	\$87,787.86	\$104,137.14
Expense	\$14,682.13	\$81,979.75	\$109,945.25
Net Total	\$3,049.37	\$5,808.11	(\$5,808.11)

**Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00    Current Balance = \$34,525.49**

**Thank you for your donations!**

### **Worship Service Information**

When you are comfortable coming to the worship services, please be aware that some changes have been made in order to keep us all safe and healthy.

The pews, restrooms, railings, light switches, doorknobs etc. are disinfected after each service. Thank you volunteers!

You may sit with people you live with in family pods, but please put distance between your family and others.

The entire service, including hymns, is shown on a PowerPoint on the monitors. There are no bulletins being handed out.

There are no bibles, hymnals, or prayer cards in the pews. You may bring your own bible if you wish. If you need a person put on the prayer list, please call the office and they will be added.

Before, after, or during worship you may place your offering in the tray at the front of the sanctuary. We are not passing the plate at this time.

When you come forward for communion, please take your time and keep distance from others in the line. Pastor is serving sealed wafers and grape juice. It's best to open the clear film for the wafer first and then open the juice. Trays are available on both sides for your containers as you return to your seat. Please allow the members in front of you to move forward so you aren't standing in a group.

We are not physically sharing the peace with hugs or handshakes. Smiles, waves, and pretend high fives are welcome!

After the dismissal, we are speaking to each other from a distance. The fellowship meal has been suspended for now.

We have had 10-15 people for worship at each service so we are having no trouble spacing out from each other.

We miss you all but we don't want you to rush back to church. Please come back when you are ready. As always, if you are afraid to come, not feeling well, or at high risk we encourage you to stay home.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Wendy

### **APPRECIATION**

A great big thank you to Eugene Hostetter, Peggy Manchester, Jeff Hum, John Chuey, Greg Razo, and Mike D'Amico! As a team, they have been hard at work these last few months making our church building a pretty and well functioning place. Downspouts have been installed on the north side, plants have been put in, weeds have been pulled. New flags have been hung, trees were cut down, branches trimmed, and some painting has freshened things up. Thanks so much!

Thank you Tammy Chuey and Ruth McMurray for being head counters this last few months!



**BBQ- TO- GO provided by**  
**BARBER DRIVE BARBEQUE**  
**AT GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*The outdoor BBQ will be held July 12th and 26th  
starting at noon.*

*Cherrywood smoked chicken, slab ribs, kielbasa, and  
chicken kabobs were served in June.*

*They sell out quickly!*

*Each meal comes with 2 homemade side dishes such as  
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## Introducing Valerie Barbara Hum!

Valerie was born to proud parents, Bryan and Rachel Hum, on May 15, 2020.

Grandparents, Jeff and Karen Hum, and Robert Montgomery, and great-grandmother Gloria Hum helped them welcome her into our church family at her baptism June 21st.

Congratulations to you all!



We have had several new babies recently:

Valerie Barbara Hum born to Bryan and Rachel Hum

May 15- 6lb 1oz- 19inches long

Roman Edward DeMaiolo born to Beth Roman and Steven DeMaiolo

May 19- 8lb 3oz- 21 inches long

Riley James Harris born to Kari and Tony Harris

May 28- 8lb 14oz- 21 1/2 inches long

Congratulations!

Hello everyone,

It is that time of year again when we collect school supplies for our client's children at the food distribution.

We would like to have them in our distribution room by July 22, 2020, so we could organize the back packs with the supplies. We are requesting only supplies. The 3 c's will purchase the back packs.

Supply suggestions:

Notebook paper

3 ring binders

spiral notebooks

washable markers

highlighters

erasers

scissors

glue sticks

plastic or paper pocket folders

notecards

sticky notes

pens

pencils

crayons

regular markers

craft paper

red pens

anything else you could think of

Thank you for helping the children with the supplies!

Diana Houston

Secretary/Treasurer

You may bring supplies to the church if you wish to donate. A box is provided in the Narthex.

Please call Wendy at 330-718-6228 to make sure the door is unlocked for you.

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**Worship Services**

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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