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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

I have been thinking about connecting. Some people are okay with being shut in their homes and some people have all kinds of problems with it. With that said, I have been wondering how to explain to everyone how I feel about these times. When I got into the ministry and became a leader in the church, I was constantly being told you cannot make everyone happy and if you are not upsetting someone, you are not leading. I have always been thinking on that and wondering what to do. One elderly pastor said Ralph, you can please all people!! I said really? He said yes, some will be happy you came, some will be happy you are there, and some will be happy when you leave. I used to laugh at that and it did make sense. But I have to lead where I feel God is taking me. Someone from the congregation gave me a devotional they had been using, Hope for Each Day. As I read it with my other devotionals, I get the same message from each of them. I don't know if it something I am always looking for or if things really connect in my life, but for this Wednesday's devotions we will be discussing again how my three devotional books are flowing together. I will be asking the question that I ask every week, where or what was God in for you this week?

This weekly devotion on Wednesday can be for you a STOP what you are doing, and know that I am God moment, or it could be you being a minister for the rest of those who are staying at home and lonely.

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NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

June 25

I know a very faithful person who visits shut-Ins because they need to be visited, paid attention to, and given a purpose. She does not do these visits for a blessing she does them out of compassion and love for those who might otherwise be forgotten. It is truly the spirit of God leading the way. During the last two months we have had people in our congregation who need to stay home. We don't get to judge the reason why. We just need to be supportive and compassionate. I would like to suggest that you pray about coming to the Wednesday devotions if you are able. You never know who your story will connect to and they just might need that encouragement. It just might be you that gives them a glimpse of God. The best way to join is to have a computer with a speaker and camera or a tablet and you have internet. They would like to see your face. How many of you have had family meetings where you used zoom to see family and friends? How many times in your life have you done something for someone else and you feel better for doing it? You got something you never thought you would? You saw God?? This is an opportunity to be still or an opportunity to minister.

I looked out my window and I saw rain. Oh well, I will not walk today. But Ralph you need to walk. Every day you need to walk. If not for you for those who love you. Why? Our life is not our own. We are bought by the blood of Jesus Christ. We now are the body of Christ. Ralph get up and walk. But I will get wet. Yes, a wonderful time to remember your baptism. You know, where your family wanted to be obedient to the will of God, where your family made a plea to God that God might see Christ in your simple act of obedience. You later affirmed those baptismal promises. You got a choice to affirm what you believed. You said, I believe God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Go walk.

Dear people of God!!!! Go for your walk. Walk each day humbly with God. Walk each day showing the world the Easter promise of Christ. Walk each day trusting in the Holy Spirit's guidance. But to do all that you must get up and walk. You might be too busy, you might be bored, it might be raining. But Please Walk!!!

Dear God, please be with each and every person in the Body of Christ. Strengthen them to show this world you and your promises. Grant them the Holy Spirit that they may speak one language of Love in different ways, that all might hear and understand. Bless them to be lights to those who don't know you, that the world may be drawn to you through the light that shines through your people. Please start a restoration, a revival in our hearts, in Good Hope, in the community around us. God let your light start to burn so brightly in us that we can do nothing but let it burst out of our lives into your world. I give your people to you, to strengthen, encourage, and feed. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!!!!

*Pastor Ralph*

We have been practicing having virtual meetings on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7pm. It's getting easier each time! This started as a continuation of the bible study. It is now a short devotion and a get-together so we can talk about our week. If you would like to be part of the group, please let the office know. You need to have a gmail address so Pastor Ralph can send the link so you can join. Please call me with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Wendy

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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| DATE      | EVENT NAME                                   | COLOR | READINGS   | INTRODUCTION   |
|-----------|--|-------|--|--|
| June 7th  | The Holy Trinity/ 1st Sunday after Pentecost | white | Genesis 1: 1—2: 4a<br>Psalm 8<br>2 Corinthians 13: 11-13<br>Matthew 28: 16-20    | Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith. |
| June 14th | Second Sunday after Pentecost                | green | Exodus 19: 2-8a<br>Psalm 100<br>Romans 5: 1-8<br>Matthew 9: 35— 10: 8-23         | Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.   |
| June 21st | Third Sunday after Pentecost                 | green | Jeremiah 20: 7-13<br>Psalm 69: 7-18<br>Romans 6: 1b-11<br>Matthew 10: 24-39      | God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.  |
| June 28th | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost                | green | Jeremiah 28: 5-9<br>Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18<br>Romans 6: 12-23<br>Matthew 10: 40-42 | The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.   |

## **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 June 9th at 7pm. We will begin planning the God's Work our Hands day for September.

### **DINNER TEAM**

On May 17th the dinner team and volunteers held a bbq and soup-to-go sale. The proceeds were \$1,128. You are much appreciated dinner team!

### **\*NOTES FROM THE OFFICE\***

Our rummage sale has been postponed until we can safely have a crowd again. I will let you know as soon as a new date is set.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services are being held at their normal times. As of now, the noon service is still temporarily suspended.

Our carpets were steam cleaned in April. Thank you Nancy and John Crouse!

Our fire extinguishers have been inspected and updated by Youngstown Fire & Safety.

The St. Pauly clothing donation shed is still being picked up weekly. Your donations are welcome.

Thank you all who came and supported the bbq and soup sale! Even though it was a take out, it was wonderful to see you for a few minutes.

Please let the office know about your 2020 graduates. We would like to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.

# 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    | serving in the military: |
| Noel Melho       | Scott MacDonald | Morgan Rhinehart         |
| Eda Jane Spivey  | Dave Sweeney    | Alyssa                   |
| Sarah Corey      | Doug Hoffman    | Bryce Liberty            |
| Gerald Hostetter | Elkton Prison   | Jakeb Fry                |
| Ken & Pat Goff   | Doug Hoffman    | Lyndsey Liberty          |
| Karen Corey      | Brennan Toy     |                          |

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

## June 7

Kevin Coss  
Lauren Coss  
Melinda Coss  
Stephen Coss

## June 14

Carol Craig  
Don Craig  
Nancy Crouse  
Diane D'Amico

## June 21

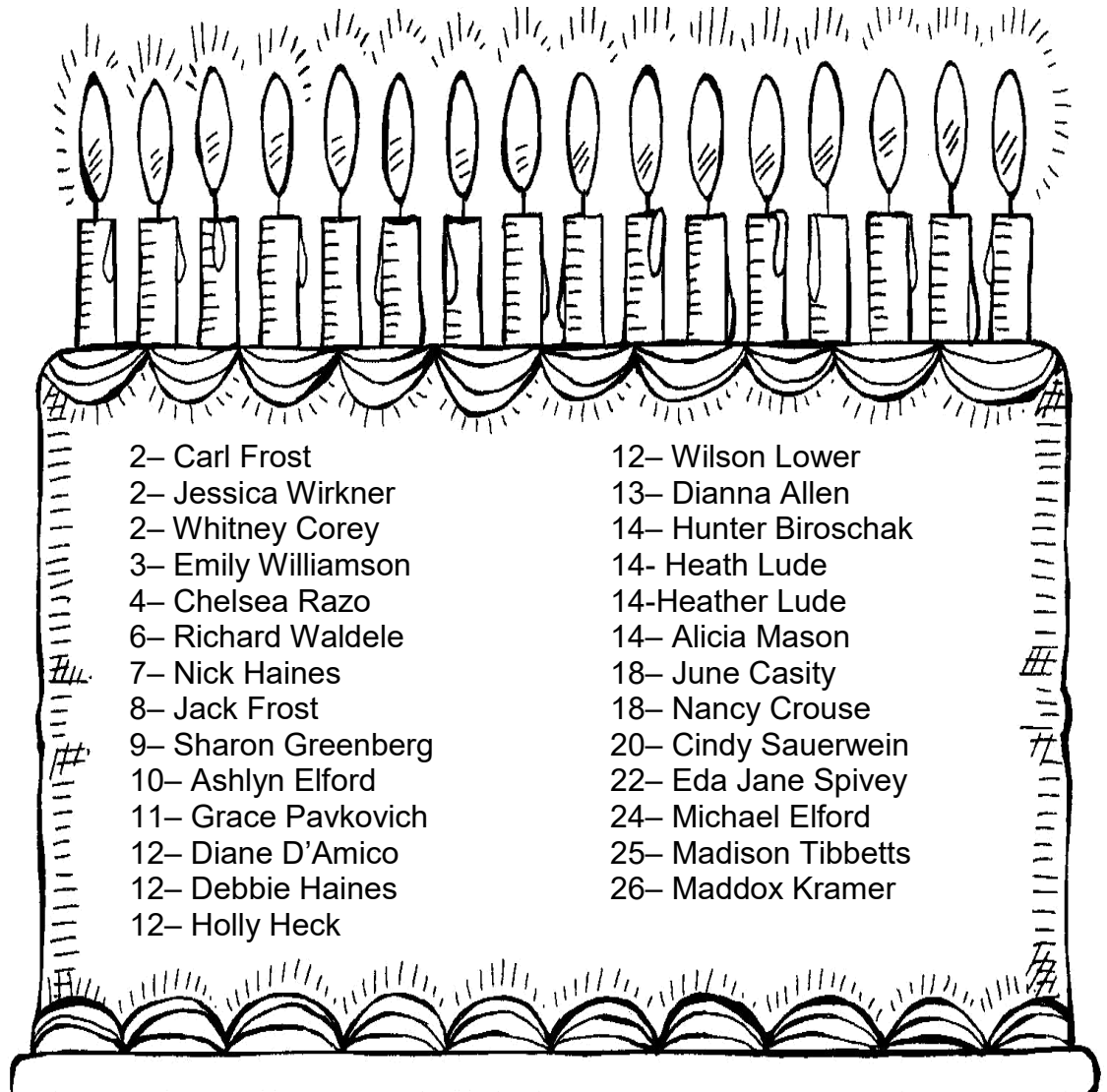
Mike D'Amico  
Nancy Deiger  
Sarah Deiger  
Tara Detchon

## June 28

Sue Deutschlander  
Debbie Dulovich  
Joe Dulovich  
Dee Duncan  
Jim Duncan



1-- Shirley & Ed Heck  
5-- Sandy & David Kuntz  
6-- Karen & Ed Holisky  
9-- Kaye & Larry McFall  
22-- Joan & Bill Keaggy  
23-- Nancy & Kim MacFarland  
25-- Jennis & Tim Takach  
30-- Amber & Jim Powell



2-- Carl Frost  
2-- Jessica Wirkner  
2-- Whitney Corey  
3-- Emily Williamson  
4-- Chelsea Razo  
6-- Richard Waldele  
7-- Nick Haines  
8-- Jack Frost  
9-- Sharon Greenberg  
10-- Ashlyn Elford  
11-- Grace Pavkovich  
12-- Diane D'Amico  
12-- Debbie Haines  
12-- Holly Heck

12-- Wilson Lower  
13-- Dianna Allen  
14-- Hunter Biroshak  
14-- Heath Lude  
14-- Heather Lude  
14-- Alicia Mason  
18-- June Casity  
18-- Nancy Crouse  
20-- Cindy Sauerwein  
22-- Eda Jane Spivey  
24-- Michael Elford  
25-- Madison Tibbetts  
26-- Maddox Kramer

# MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2020

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

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

excused: Stephanie

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly reports that our checking account was positive \$5,000 for April!

a. Kelly re-applied for and was approved for the Payment Protection Plan.

b. Our application for the NEOS grant to purchase tablets was denied.

## Pastor's Report –May– 2020

### Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 14 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 8 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.

Apr 5 Palm Sunday

Apr 5,6,7 Taped Palm Branches on Most of Congregations Doors

Apr 7 Blessing of Oils 10:30am CANCELED

Apr 9 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm CANCELED

Apr 10 Good Friday 7pm CANCELED

Apr 11 Easter Vigil 5pm CANCELED

Apr 12 Easter Day Resurrection of Our Lord

Apr 12-18 Pastor Ralph and Wendy on Vacation CANCELED

Apr 22-May 27 Bible Study "Concerned Persons Group" CANCELED

## **Secretary's Report:**

Maintained clothing donation shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Counted offering all 4 weeks

Prepared 4 bulletins and 4 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

## **Old Business:**

a. Sarah has one more employee to go over evaluations with.

b. Jeff motions to pay for the repair of the old copier and to not purchase a new color copier at this time. Andy seconds. Motion carried. Jeff will call Tom at Team Office to let him know.

c. Stephanie has donated \$1,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank in memory of Don Manning.

Due to lack of funds, the food distribution at Good Hope has been cancelled.

Per an accepted motion from last month, council instructs Wendy to ask Kelly to send \$500 to Second Harvest.

(council cont.)

**New Business:**

a. Good Hope has contracted with Youngstown Fire & Safety to inspect and maintain our fire extinguishers.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.



**May Offering Report**

|                       | <u>May 3</u> | <u>May 10</u> | <u>May 17</u> | <u>May 24</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Operating income:     | \$7,379.00   | \$2,151.00    | \$4,805.39    | \$3,393.00    |
| Capital improvements: | \$225.00     | -0-           | \$50.00       | \$75.00       |

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



**Treasurer's Report Ending April 30, 2020**

| Negative shown in parentheses | Actual this period | Actual this year to date | Annual budget remaining |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income                        | \$20,748.58        | \$70,056.36              | \$121,868.64            |
| Expense                       | \$15,877.25        | \$67,297.62              | \$124,627.38            |
| Net Total                     | \$4,871.33         | \$2,758.74               | (\$2,758.74)            |

**Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00    Current Balance = \$34,175.49**

**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

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**PIERSTORF MEMORIAL LOAN FUND—*provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.* This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. For information, go to [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org). Complete the 2020—2021 application by visiting the website starting April 15, 2020. The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, June 30, 2020.**



**SUNDAY, MAY 31 NOON-4PM**  
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## GOD IS THE LIGHT

Amid the turmoil in this world  
And all the problems that exist,  
Always be aware that God  
Is forever in our midst.  
He is the shining beacon;  
He is the guiding light;  
The hope that is enduring  
Through every day and night.  
For when we stay within His light,  
He will guide us as we sail  
Through tempest storms confronting us;  
God's the light that will not fail.  
He will lead us to safe harbor,  
Keeping vigil as we go.  
No harm can ever come to us  
When we stay within God's glow.

Patience Allison Hartbauer

Hi - -

We were enjoying the Lenten services prior to the arrival of Coronavirus. The first evening Pastor Ralph encouraged us to remember to use any gift or talent that we have to serve others in God's way. We were reminded to give the best of who we are. Pastor encouraged us to think about what gifts we each have and how we can use these gifts to help others. We should open our hands and release out talents to others.

During this time that we are somewhat isolated, we should take time to think about what talents we have and how we can use those talents to reach out and serve others. That evening we sang a hymn that could very easily also be a prayer:

### THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH

The Lord now sends us forth  
 With hands to serve and give,  
 To make of all the earth  
 A better place to live.  
 The angels are not sent  
 Into our world of pain  
 To do what we were meant  
 To do in Jesus' name;  
 That falls to you and me  
 And all who are made free.  
 Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
 To do your will today.

Be safe! Be healthy! - - - Alice Ann    Donna Jean    Loetta

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Return Services Requested

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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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