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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

What ways do you proclaim the Gospel or how do you witness to the Christ? Most of you when asked to preach say, oh no I can't do that. Believe me when I say, I would rather you have some fear and respect for preaching, because then I know you will make sure you are proclaiming the true Gospel. I also have fear when preaching. I hear this scripture whispered in my ear. (Mark 9:42) If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. This keeps me ever-watching that I preach Christ and him crucified, dead, and raised. Christ is alive and the spirit is moving in our lives! That is what we preach. How do we live the gospel to the world?

How do you talk about Christ in your life? The first way is to actually look for Him in your life, and then tell that story to those around you. You live life with others, not on an island by yourself. Laugh and enjoy others. Weep with them. Listen to their stories and see Christ in their life too. Some days when they cannot grasp the faith to see God in their life, you can see it and tell them a story of how God never leaves us. That is where your story and the stories you have read in the Bible help to ease their fears and doubts. Remember that sometimes you just weep when they weep, and sometimes you laugh when they laugh.

You might want to use your own story of how God has moved in your life. Tell how when you did not know what to do, you waited on the Lord. You spoke to God, you trusted in Him, and clung to your faith. You remembered the stories of God from your youth. Maybe you just remembered a song, like 'Jesus Loves Me This I Know' or 'You Have Come Down to the Lake Shore'. This caused you to remember your faith and how God wants to work with us and He has saved us.

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**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

September 25

You sing that song. One of my favorites is 'Precious Lord Take My Hand'. I sing that when words are just not enough to help someone see God coming to rescue us through death to everlasting life. We each have stories of our walk-in faith with God or our struggle when we didn't have faith and were in pain.

So, you get to know how to be with them in their life. You are armed with the stories of the Bible like Joseph. After being sold by his brothers into slavery, and put into prison by Potiphar, how did he handle that. Of course, we get the rest of the story, and we see how God used Joseph to save the Egyptians. This gave him power to save his own people! You must learn the stories of the Bible along with their context, so your story fits with how you using the bible story to lift someone.

We are going to go through the Bible story by story. Yes, I think we will begin at the beginning. We will start with an Ah-ha moment and read Psalm 19 and Hebrews 1. That is where we will begin on September 9th. Then we will move to the song of creation and Adam and Eve's story and so on. Each Wednesday at 7PM we will do a bible study on zoom. I will work on the in-person meetings later in the year. At that time, we can do both zoom and in person. But for right now we will do zoom. Hope to see you there. Please give pastor or Wendy your email and we will mail out the information to join our zoom meeting.

The key is we have a choice. We might just sit with someone not saying a word, but just knowing ourselves and the stories of God, His Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit that is with us to strengthen us in our weakest moments. We might tell stories of the great love of God who has forgiven his people and has always come to them. You might tell stories from your own life, trapped in pain or struggle, where God has forgiven you and has always come to you and met you in your darkest, brightest, or most intimate moments of your life.

I thank you all for helping me celebrate my 20th year at Good Hope! Your cards and letters are much appreciated!

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
September 6th	14th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Ezekiel 33: 7-11 Psalm 119: 33-40 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20	Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.
September 13th	15th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Genesis 50: 15-21 Psalm 103: 1-13 Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35	In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.
September 20th	16th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Jonah 3: 10—4: 11 Psalm 145: 1-8 Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16	Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.
September 27th	17th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25: 1-9 Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32	Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Serving in God's house	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret

Serving in God's house	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret

This schedule is also posted on the cork boards in the Narthex.

When you are the lector, a bulletin for each of you is on the podium for you to use.

When you bake the bread, please try to make them square instead of round. We are cutting them into cubes and squares give us more pieces. Thank you!

August Attendance

	<u>Aug. 2</u>	<u>Aug. 9</u>	<u>Aug. 16</u>	<u>Aug. 23</u>	<u>Aug. 30</u>
Saturday 5pm	16	4	7	12	9
Sunday 8am	12	13	8	16	13
Sunday 10:30am	13	12	16	20	16
Drive-thru communion	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	53	48	52	63	58



August Offering Report

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>
Operating income:	\$3,240.00	\$1,988.19	\$2,786.00	\$5,615.00
Capital improvements:	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$100.00



We recently read this message in a novel. We thought it was definitely "food for thought" so thought we would share it with you. It is from *"A Cousin's Prayer"* by Wanda Brunstetter (page 236). "Impatience shows a lack of faith. You must be willing to tell God that you surrender your will to His and that you'll trust Him and not lose heart. When we ask God to do something, we often want to tell Him how and when to do it. We want it to be done our way. In the end, though, it must be God's will, not ours."



QUIET TIME

I need some quiet time with God
To help me through the day;
A little time to read His word,
A little time to pray.
From this I gain the strength I need
To carry me along;
It lifts me up on wings of joy
And gives my heart a song.
Sandra Lytle



Stay cool!!! Stay safe!!! Stay healthy!!!! Alice Ann Donna Jean Loetta Chuck

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 September 8th at 7pm. At the August meeting we prepared the estimate of giving letter and cards to mail to the congregation. Please send your estimate slip back to the church in the envelope provided as soon as possible. We will give the unopened envelopes to Kelly so that she can prepare the 2021 church budget. Thank you!

DINNER TEAM

A new monthly dinner team schedule will be available soon. The Octoberfest at Good Hope is being planned. Date and time coming soon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

The last Wednesday evening devotion meeting will be September 2nd. Starting September 9th, we will begin a new bible study. This will be a zoom meeting at 7pm. Please let Pastor Ralph or Wendy know if you want to join the bible study.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The rummage sale has been postponed until next Spring.

Our parking lot is scheduled to be paved September 7th. The new cement pad for the dumpster will be poured soon. We will also be receiving a new dumpster since the lid is broken.

Starting Sunday September 6th, Pastor Ralph will be anointing the first Sunday of the month. He will be using a new q-tip for each person. Anointing will also be available at the communion drive-thru the first Sunday of the month.

Thank you for donating to the South Range Council of Church and Community. (3C's) I received a letter of thanks from them and also a request from Diana Houston. Please make your checks payable to SRCCC or spell it out. They are unable to cash checks made to 3 C's. Thank you for your giving and your cooperation.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and letters for Pastor Ralph's 20th anniversary! We had a wonderful time reading them!

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
Noel Melho
Joe Kreidler
Eda Jane Spivey
Sarah Corey
Dave Sweeney
Constance Fabek
Karen Corey

Scott MacDonald
Barry Pitzer
Jeannie Sauerwein
Ken & Pat Goff
Doug Hoffman
Jan & Steve Stiffer
The family of Kay Luplow
The family of Jerry Hoefert

serving in the military:
Morgan Rhinehart
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Liberty

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



September 6

Alice Haller
Chuck Haller
Donna Haller
Loetta Haller

September 13

Barbara Hartsock
Kara Haskin
Tyler Haskin
Phyllis Hawkins

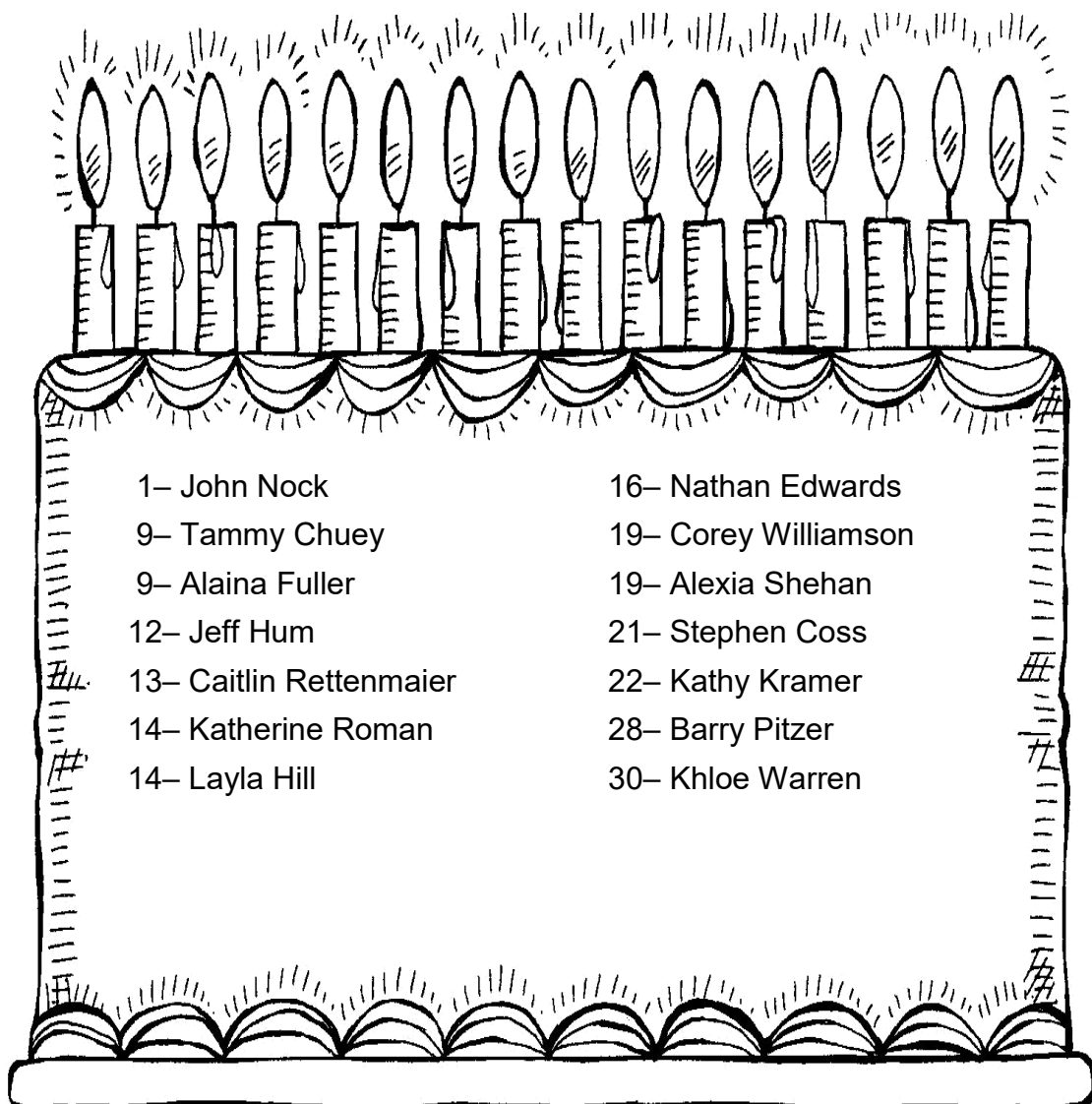
September 20

Chris Herubin
Chris Herubin Jr.
Joyce Herubin
Lauren Herubin

September 27

Layla Hill
Laurie Hoefert
Carol Jean Horst
Eugene Hostetter
Karly Hostetter

1– Chelsea & Jared Razo
6– Marsha & Richard Waldele
12– Diane & Mike D'Amico
12– Nancy & Lee Panneton



MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2020

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Treasurer: Kelly reports that giving was down a bit for July. There were also some extra expenses including property taxes. As a result, the balance is negative \$4,300 as of July 31st.

Pastor's Report –August– 2020:

Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 13 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

11 contacts by phone for significant help.

Daily Reaching out to Members by phone.

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

Over the past month, I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.

July 1 Zoom Devotion

July 2 Visit or Call Shut-Ins

July 7 Counseling

July 8 Zoom Devotions

July 9 Advocacy Tools for Loving your Neighbor Webinar

July 9 I preached at Chapel Teen Challenge 70 men Wendy went with me

July 12 Bar-B- Que

July 12 Drive Through Communion for People of High Risk (16)

July 15 All Stressed up and No one to Choke Webinar

July 15 Zoom Devotions

July 19 Drive Through Communion and Anointing

July 21 Opioid Round Table

July 21 Drug Free Mahoning County Coalition

July 21 Council Meeting Zoom and In Person

July 22 Zoom Devotions

July 26 Drive Through Communion and Anointing

July 27 Racism Tea

July 29 Zoom Devotions

Secretary's August 2020 Report:

Attended Teen Challenge worship

Attended stress seminar (zoom)

Attended Wednesday evening devotion

Maintained clothing donation shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took meeting minutes

Counted offering 4 weeks

Prepared 4 bulletins and 4 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Changed outside sign

(Council continued)

Old Business:

a. Sarah has completed the employee evaluations.

aa. P. Ralph motions to hold employee evaluations every 3 years instead of yearly. Sue seconds. Motion carried.

b. Jeff H. spoke to Tom from Vernal and scheduled the parking lot to be paved the week of September 7th. Jeff and Greg will do the prep work before then and the cement pad for the dumpster will be poured. Greg states it will cost about \$1,000 to pour the pad.

c. Lipscomb Lawn Service removed the debris, added fill dirt, and seeded the parsonage lawn on August 15th. Green Valley seed donated the grass seed and straw.

d. The rummage sale has been postponed until Spring 2021.

New Business:

a. P. Ralph and Wendy will go to the Firelands Winery on Wednesday August 26th to pick up cases of communion wine. This will save the \$75 delivery charge. The office will be closed all day as this is about a 2^{1/2}-hour trip each way.

b. Wendy will set up appointments for price quotes from Church Mutual, The Richey-Barrett Co., and Mennonite Mutual for October.

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

Treasurer's Report Ending July 31, 2020

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$12,481.05	\$117,631.90	\$74, 293.10
Expense	\$16,794.88	\$115,030.71	\$76,894.29
Net Total	(\$4,313.83)	\$2,601.19	(\$2,601.19)

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$35,152.49

Thank you for your donations!

Hi --

Our family definitely wants to thank Pastor Ralph for organizing the "Drive-Thru Communion" and the "Annointing". This is such an important part of the Lutheran faith and it is wonderful to be able to receive both. We greatly appreciate that you are willing to stand outside on such hot days and make this sacrament available to all of us!!!! Thank you very, very much!!!!

Stay cool!! Stay safe!!! Stay healthy!!!! Alice Ann Donna Jean Loetta Chuck



Beaver Township Fire & EMS

CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, Sept. 12th
4:00 - 7:00 pm

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

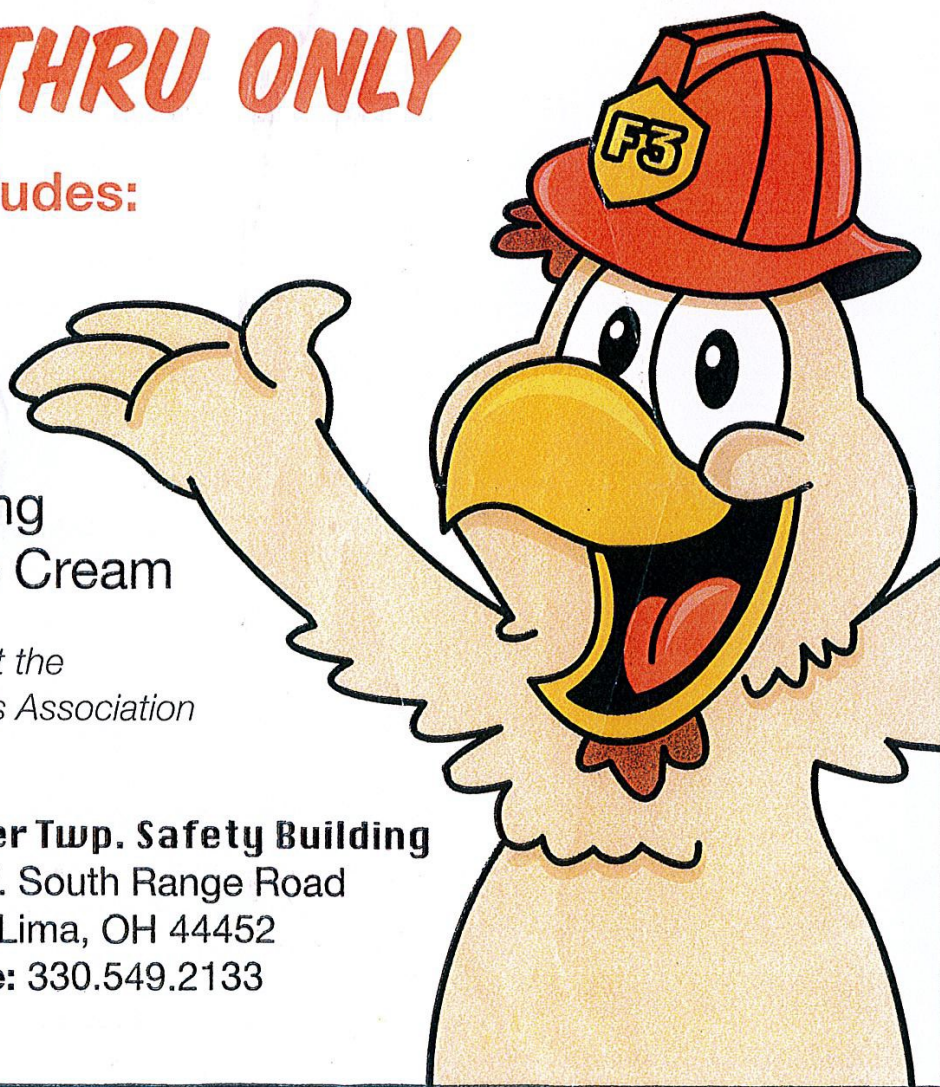
\$10 Meal Includes:

Half Chicken
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Applesauce
Apple Dumpling
Soft Serve Ice Cream

*All proceeds to benefit the
Beaver Twp. Fireman's Association*



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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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