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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

From the middle of August to the middle of September everything seems to go on hold at the church. I know you all are busier than ever with last attempts for vacation, family reunions, and getting ready for the Columbiana and Canfield fairs. Joyous times of rest, recuperation and relaxation. What joy and fun! We at the church had our annual picnic and we had an outdoor worship at Shaker Woods that was new and different. I enjoyed these events and serving at the Wednesday night music in the park. I thank those who helped out this year. Sandy, Tammy, the Herubin family, Carl and Kim. What a blessing it is to have people share in this ministry!

As Wendy and I get ready for the fall, I sit here feeling the cool breeze. Wendy does not like this transition. Yes, it is cooler at night. I sit and wonder what God has in store for us next. God, what are your plans for Good Hope Lutheran Church on the corner of routes 165 and 7? I ask each of you to pray for me and the leaders of the Good Hope. Pray that we move in the direction God wants us to go. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide each of you to where you are to be, what you are to do within Good Hope, and outside of Good Hope. Time goes so fast. Take this time to finish the rest. Be still and know God, listen to God.

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YOUR ARTICLES
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RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS

September 25

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." (1 Kings 19: 11-18)

When we come out as Elijah we too must wait through the storms and wild things around us that stop us from the peace that God gives us. I remember people going into Teen Challenge always saying they no longer wanted the drugs so why do they have to stay? I would tell them that now is the time to heal and deal with the stuff that got you to take drugs in the first place. We are looking for God in winning, in power and destruction. God is in the pure silence; God is in the peace that surpasses all understanding. We want God to be upset with us. We want God to kick the butts of those who make us angry or upset us. We want God to feel sorry for us and help us out pity. Do you see that God is your strength? God is your very peace. You need nothing more. God says you have the very presence of the creator of heaven and Earth. Why should you be afraid? Why are you worrying. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19) ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4: 4-9)

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God said to Elijah "Go, return on your way..." Go get back to ministry!! Go back to working for my glory, to keep my ministry, my mission and I will be with you. I will guide you and keep you safe. Do not be afraid, and don't worry. I am with you through everything you do to spread my love. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30) We are to be about God's will in everything we do. I hope you all feel that and work at God's mission in your life. Trust that God is with you and he will give you peace that passes all understanding. Enjoy your rest! Relax and get rejuvenated for the work of the LORD!

Pastor Ralph



*Ladies
Fellowship
Sept. 9th @ 11:30*

Theme:



*Sunflowers
&
Sharing*

*Bring a pot luck item.
Bring a friend
Share the love.....*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE SEPTEMBER

Serving in God's house	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE OCTOBER

Serving in God's house	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
September 3rd	14th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Psalm 26: 1-8 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28	The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.
September 10th	15th 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 17th	16th 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 24th	17th 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.

Beaver Township Fire & EMS

CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Dine In / Carryout / Drive Thru

**50/50
RAFFLE**

Tickets Available NOW!

\$18 in Advance / \$20 at the Door

Meal Includes:

- Half Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Coleslaw
- Applesauce
- Apple Dumpling
- Soft Serve Ice Cream

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



NEW LOCATION!

South Range School Cafeteria
 11300 Columbiana-Carfield Rd.
 Carfield, OH 44406
 Questions? Call 330.549.2133

Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Dennis Grant	Donald Stoffer	James
Joe Dulovich	Terry Ward	Joey Biroshak	In the military:
Brian Huddleston	Checker Ward	Tony Pecarina	Alyssa
Patty Dickey	Jamie	Michael Rogenski	Bryce Liberty
Alison Dobro	Carol Jean Horst	Ernie Gayge	Jakeb Fry
Savannah Popio	Floyd Welker	David Pollo	Lyndsey Miller
Janet Chittock	Daniel McMurray	Family of Rick	

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



- 1- Jared & Chelsea Razo
- 3- Thomas & Elizabeth Biroshak
- 6- Richard & Marsha Waldele
- 11- Taye & Sarah Ross
- 12- Mike & Diane D'Amico

September 3

Carol Jean Horst
Eugene Hostetter
Karly Hostetter
Bryan Hum

September 10

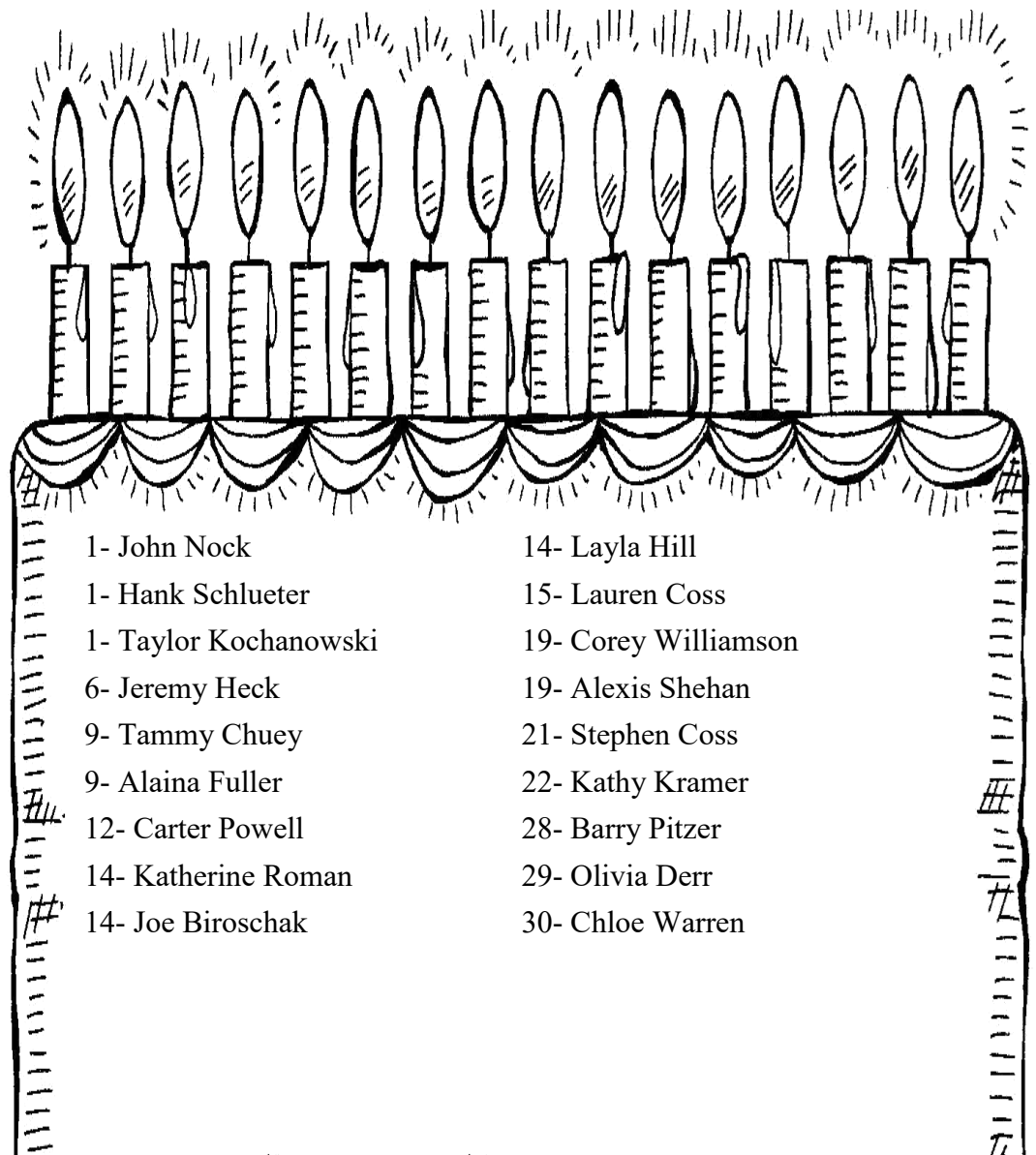
Cameron Hum
Gloria Hum
Rachel Hum
Valerie Hum

September 17

Michael Hutton
Caitlin Kane
Elaine Kawecki
Ethan Kawecki

September 24

John Kawecki
Joan Keaggy
William Keaggy
Kelly Keenan



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023

present: Mike, Kim, Carl, P. Ralph, Wendy, Greg

excused: Kevin, Nancy, and Lauren

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –August– 2023

Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 21 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- Funerals- 2 Barbara Feicht and Betty Jo Rupert
- Interment- 1 Lynda Flowers
- I had 26 contacts by phone for significant help.
- We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- Over the past month, I have presided at 14 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
 - July 5 Barbara Feicht Funeral
 - July 8 Homeless person Jamie to Teen Challenge
 - July 9-14 Pastor and Wendy Vacation
 - July 22 Kids Fun and Safety Day at Woodworth Park
 - July 23 – 28 Grief Camp
 - July 26 Betty Jo Rupert Funeral
 - July 26 Music in the Park Canceled- Heat index
 - July 31 – Aug 4 Day Camp

Secretary's Report:

Attended day camp meetings

Served at music in the park

Served at Grief Camp

Served at fish fry

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

- a. Pastor Ralph has contacted Pastor Kari for the name and number of the group she used for a picture directory. He is also checking OnRealm.
- b. Greg is still planning to hold a raffle/ yard sale in the Fall.
- c. Council is planning to have the annual picnic at a different time of year for 2024. They are discussing ideas to make it possible for more people to attend. This year we had 20 attending and it was a really nice get together.
- d. Pastor Ralph is checking with Mitch Phillips to see if he wants council or both council and other members to attend his next presentation.

New Business:

- a. Council will plan the three-year employee evaluation after the first of the year.
 - b. Council began discussion of nominees for the slate at the congregational meeting.
 - c. A family has offered to purchase new carpet for the church. Council will have three quotes to review at the next meeting. Quotes are for the removal of the existing carpet and installation of new carpet/ tile.
 - d. Pastor Ralph motions to accept Adam Popio, Gianna Popio, Ivana Popio, Savannah Popio, Aleigha Lude, and Chloe Lude into membership of Good Hope as of August 13, 2023. Greg seconds. Motion carried.
- Greg led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report July 1- July 31, 2023**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual for July	Budget for July	Budget remaining
Income	\$19,226.40	\$16,535.00	(\$3,310.55)
Expense	\$15,835.69	\$16,435.57	\$599.88
Net Total	\$4,009.86	\$99.43	(\$3,910.43)

Mark Your Calendar

- September 8** - Fish Fry at Good Hope 3- 6:30pm.
September 9– Women’s Fellowship at 11:30.
September 9 - Beaver Township Fishing program at 10am.
September 13- Bible study resumes at 6pm
September 22 - Fish Fry at Good Hope same time.
September 23 - Chicken Dinner at South Range cafeteria.
September 30 - Camp Fredrick golf outing at Knoll Run.
October 15 - Fall Festival at Camp Frederick
October 28 - Trunk and Treat 5-7pm at South Range Plaza.

****Office Notes****

Joe Kreidler’s birthday was August 2nd and Alice Kreidler’s birthday was August 12th. They were accidentally not listed last month. I apologize to them and I will be more careful. I pray you both had a lovely time on your special day.

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Bible study will resume September 13 at 6pm. We will start with Jeremiah chapters 1-4.

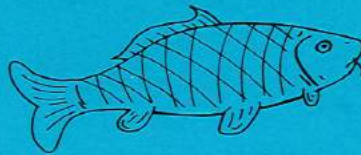


Beaver Township Fishing Program

Saturday, September 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Memorial Park Pond

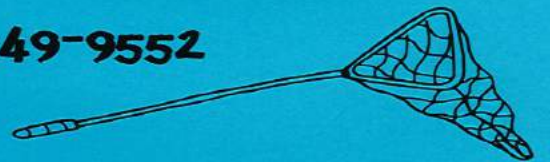


Spend the morning with our police officers and learn about fishing, have fun, enjoy refreshments, and of course fish at the pond. All is free!

We supply the fishing poles and equipment for the event.

**Youth must be with an adult at the event.
Call for reservations by Tuesday, Sept. 5th**

Park line 330-549-9552



Camp Frederick's Annual Golf Outing is September 30th.

Questions or for more information
call the Camp office at
330- 227-3633.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

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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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