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

How to grow a church. It begins with me.

Loving God and Loving People

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Psalm 119:165 - "Great peace have they that love Thy law {love} and nothing shall offend them." What does this verse mean to you? Are you offended or hurt easily? What does it mean to love Thy law? What law?

Matthew 22:37-39 - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Think about it for a moment, the commandment from Jesus to love God and our neighbor. If we all could do this, we wouldn't have the issues we have, hurt feelings, anxiety, and the unrest. You could go on endlessly naming the emotional ups and downs we constantly face. We all want to be loved and most of us think of ourselves as being loving people. To know God is to love God because God is love. (1 John 4:16) How do you get to "know" someone? You do so by being with them, speaking to them as often as possible. It takes effort, a determination, a choice to do so. The benefits/rewards are a wonderful relationship, excitement, trust, contentment and an end to loneliness because you have found someone to share life's journey with. In learning to love God which is learning to love, our joy becomes so full it spills over to our neighbor because only then do we become "loving people". In this world, due to our fleshly physical body, we need constant reminders of what love really is. The distractions and demands of life can be exhausting. We absolutely need refreshed. Without being refreshed we simply grow weary of life and deem life as just an existence. Do you just exist every day or do you have an abundant life that Jesus said He gave to us? John 10:10

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The very definition of church (to me) is spending time with like-minded people and learning by the teaching and application of God's Word. Enjoy God. Enjoy others. However that being said, we too often see church as a performance or showtime, an avenue to express our talents, a self-help experience, a platform to correct people, a guilt fixer, a short cut to peace, a needs remedy, a gossip opportunity, or a social club of sorts. So, when we don't get "fixed" by church we look to blame the church as being old fashioned, too many problematic people there or a boring waste of time. Therefore, it becomes a low priority in our life. We see blemishes in the pastor or other people there. If these are the reasons you don't go to church then the reasons aren't the problem, you are. You are going to church to get something out of it only; to fulfill your own selfish wants and desires. Church is an opportunity to overflow with the inflow of God's love. It should be our safe place; a way to express God's love. A place of refreshing. But we just don't get it. We really don't understand all that love is. Hebrews 11:25 states, "Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together." We think we know better than God, so we make up excuses why we don't attend church. There's the old adage which says, you only get out of something what you put into it. Remember my definition of church is spending time with like-minded people and learning by the teaching and application of His Word. If you have a problem with your church or church going, check your own love status quo or your current love barometer.

Church is not just a place to do ministry. Yes, ministry is important and we should love our community and help people. Where should ministry start? It begins right where you are. It begins with those under your roof or in the church pew beside you. Read Acts 1:8. We don't need to revise the programs or institute program opportunities to entice people to come to church. We influence others with the love and truth of Jesus. We get this right first and God will be the one who opens the door of opportunity. Matthew 6:33.

Is God not enough? I think God is fed up with taking second place in our lives and churches. Then we say, yes, but that doesn't pay the bills. We do need to be found as good stewards. Do all we can do to reduce costs and then trust in God to meet our needs. Do we actually call Him a liar when we don't have enough faith that He will do what He says. Phil. 4:19 says, "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory." When we need to regroup finances in our lives and church, we need to apply Philippians 13:13-14 to our determination goal. "I count not myself to have apprehended (understand or grasp the situation); but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, (stop playing the blame or excuse game) and reaching forward to those things which are before (the overflow of God's love) for the high calling (heavenly journey of an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ) of God found in Christ Jesus." It pulls us closer to God through Christian maturity as we "are being transformed into His (Christ's) image with ever increasing glory" by the Holy Spirit's power. 1 Corinthians 3:8. Both discipline and unwavering determination are required for this. Learn to love God and people. Commit now to reading 1 Corinthians 13 (the love chapter), especially verses 4-7 every day for 90 days and be open to the Holy Spirit's teaching and guidance so we can apply God's love to our everyday walk. Remember during this time that oftentimes God puts the most unloving people or difficult tasks in our life to teach us how to love as He does.

Contributed by Naomi Sparks

LANDSCAPING DAY PART II



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

JULY

Serving in God's house	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

AUGUST

Serving in God's house	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
July 7th	7th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Ezekiel 2: 1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.
July 14th	8th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Amos 7: 7-15 Psalm 85: 8-13 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29	When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.
July 21st	9th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56	Mark’s gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today’s gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn’t think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers’ need. We are sent from Christ’s table to care for others and for ourselves.
July 28th	10th Sunday after Pentecost	green	2 Kings 4: 42-44 Psalm 145: 10-18 Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21	Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

**RUMMAGE SALE & BAKE SALE AT GOOD HOPE
DAY LILLIES AND HOSTA PLANTS FOR SALE**

August 9, 10, & 11th 9am- 5pm

We need your stuff!

**As you are cleaning out garages and closets please save items for our
rummage sale.**

Drop off your donations starting July 22nd.

**A sign-up sheet is available so you can volunteer to help with the sale
and donate baked goods.**

Treasurer's Report May 1- May 31, 2024

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual monthly	Budget monthly	Actual Jan. 1- May31	Budget over/under Jan. 1- May 31
Income	\$12,482	\$16,160	\$69,871	(\$10,929)
Expense	\$15,075	\$16,069	(\$76,285)	\$6,604
Net Total	(\$2,593)	\$91	(\$6,415)	(\$4,325)

LEVITES

Breakfast at Mt Olivet July 27th at 9am

Meet at Good Hope 10am

Text your R.S.V.P. to:

**Carl Frost 330-540-1427 or
Pastor Ralph 330-360-1372**

Our Prayer List



Ruth Thompson
 Maria Neopolitan
 Ava Viviano
 Debbie Haines

Scott MacDonald
 Jeff Scheffert

In the military:
 Alyssa
 Bryce Liberty
 Jakeb Fry
 Lyndsey Miller
 Daniel McMurray

Our weekly intercessory
 prayer for the people of our
 congregation :



1- Jordy & Megan Coburn
 6- Wolfgang & Helga Wengler
 12- Scott & Lisa Shehan
 14- Brandon & Lacey Kramer
 23- Lee & Karen Galgan
 24- Glenn & LaDonna Fuller

July 7

Jane Toot
 Charlene Varga
 Bill Varga
 Baylee Vinkler

July 14

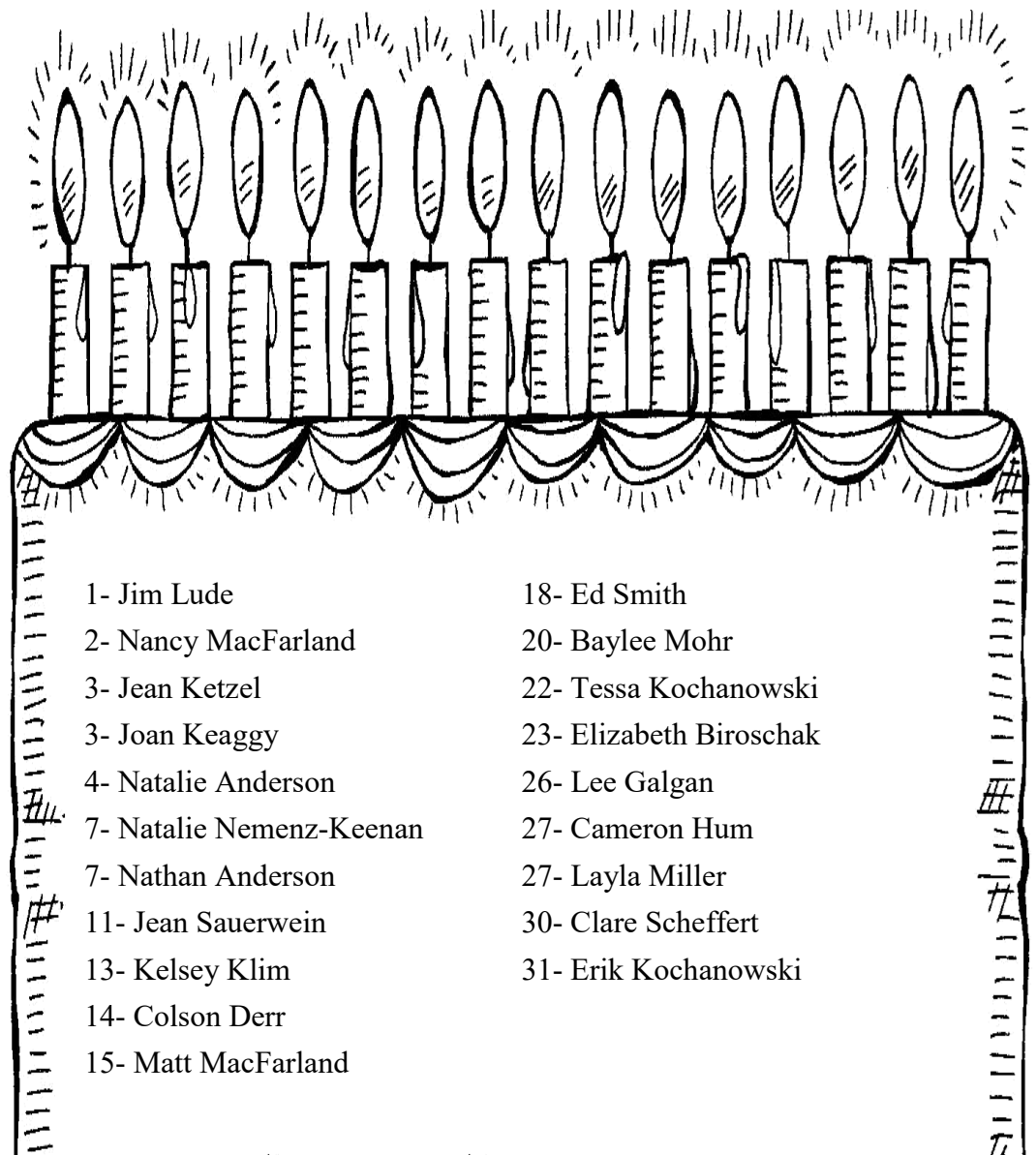
Jonithan Vinkler
 Cadence Waldele
 Jeff Waldele
 Marsha Waldele

July 21

Richard Waldele
 Khloe Warren
 Leslie Warren
 Michael Warren

July 28

Helga Wengler
 Wolfgang Wengler
 James Whirrett
 Jamie Whirrett



1- Jim Lude
 2- Nancy MacFarland
 3- Jean Ketzal
 3- Joan Keaggy
 4- Natalie Anderson
 7- Natalie Nemenz-Keenan
 7- Nathan Anderson
 11- Jean Sauerwein
 13- Kelsey Klim
 14- Colson Derr
 15- Matt MacFarland

18- Ed Smith
 20- Baylee Mohr
 22- Tessa Kochanowski
 23- Elizabeth Biroshak
 26- Lee Galgan
 27- Cameron Hum
 27- Layla Miller
 30- Clare Scheffert
 31- Erik Kochanowski

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024

present: Lauren, Chris, Carl, Kim, Jean, Natalie, Mark, Pastor Ralph, and Wendy
excused: Mike

Pastor's Report –June– 2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ◆ I had 12 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ◆ 2 funeral services- David Sweeney & Keith Raub
- ◆ I had 22 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.
- ⇒ May 1 Bible Study
- ⇒ May 4 Project Isaiah 43 Zion North Canton 10am to 2pm
- ⇒ May 4 Project Isaiah 43 Bethel Boardman 3pm to 5pm
- ⇒ May 8 Bible Study
- ⇒ May 15 Bible Study
- ⇒ May 18 Qtr. Auction Camp Frederick I emcee
- ⇒ May 19 Confirmation
- ⇒ May 22 Bible Study
- ⇒ May 25 New Levites Start Date
- ⇒ May 27 Memorial Day Office Closed
- ⇒ May 29 Bible Study

Secretary's Report:

May 2- Mark Powell fixed light downstairs
May 3- put zoom link on sign outside
May 9- elevator fixed
May 14- Day Camp meeting
May 17- Youngstown Fire replaced 2 fire extinguishers
May 30- Boak & Sons replaced shingles
Restocked supplies in pews
Changed paraments
Answered calls for 3 c's
Updated electronic sign
Organized clothing shed
Completed office duties
Prepared bulletins and power point services
Prepared and distributed the Reachout
All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

1. There will be one more opportunity to have your directory pictures taken. Date to be announced soon. Natalie has found a company to print the directories and the goal is to have them available at the potluck dinner.
2. Mark will collect the rest of the employee evaluations at the July meeting and compile them.
3. The missing shingles were replaced by Boak & Sons May 30th. Carl is waiting for a call back from Dave Heck to see if they still have our shingles.
4. Ten people were present to plant flowers and finish trimming at the beautification day. Mark and Chris are getting the mulch to start the next phase.
5. Children's sermonettes are postponed till Fall. Wendy will advertise in the newsletter and Pastor Ralph will announce at church in August.
6. Lauren and Chris sent out 125 surveys to congregation members by mail. They have received quite a few back. Wendy will send an email to please return them. Surveys are also available in the Narthex. Council will review the surveys in July.

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Old Business cont.

7. Council stated that Pogo and Penny did an amazing job providing fellowship in June. Kim and Carl will host in July. Mark is checking with the manager at Dunkin Donuts. Council decided to continue fellowship until 10:30 on Sundays.

8. Lauren has ordered 50 welcome pamphlets from Canva. They will be arriving in seven- ten days.

9. The membership list is in progress. Mark will look at the Synod website for membership trends.

10. Jean will send out a welcome card to the new members.

11. The capital improvement list includes: replacing the sidewalks, reinstalling the hand rail on the South side, new handicap parking signs, new hot water tanks, leak in the library, and sealing the parking lot. Chris will look in to getting new signs and sanding and painting the handrail. Chris has someone coming in to determine the source of the library leak and an estimate for repairs. Pastor Ralph will obtain quotes for the parking lot sealing. Wendy will ask August for an estimate for hot water tanks. Council will redo and set up the capital improvement thermometer with a goal of collecting \$15,000 to cover the improvements.

12. Wendy is waiting for a call back from David Flora to have Good Hope's insurance policy updated.

13. Pastor Ralph gave Mark the password to allow him to make one-calls.

14. Natalie brought in an evacuation plan and council is reviewing it.

15. The Levites list is being developed for their June 29 meeting.

16. The council will host a potluck dinner September 14th from 6- 8pm. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

New Business:

1. Wendy will provide a secretary's list of duties and hours in July.

2. Naomi will answer council's financial questions at the June 20 meeting.

3. Council wants to promote the small businesses of our congregation. They invite you to bring in your business card for display and to be published in the newsletter.

Church Growth:

1. The church dinner schedule was finalized for this year. The dates and times will be in the newsletter. A sign-up sheet will be available for congregation members to host or help with dinners. You may pick just one dinner to help with. Signing up doesn't obligate you to all of them. Thank you in advance!

2. The rummage sale plans were finalized. Lauren will provide plants for sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you wish to help at the sale.

Miscellaneous:

1. Council is planning a church organization day for the Fall.

2. Carl suggested a list of members' talents.

3. Council's Corner page will begin in the Fall with Mark writing the first article.

4. The 3 C's collection bin has been brought back upstairs. An email will go out to remind the congregation to bring canned goods.

5. Aqua Ohio is requiring a backflow prevention device be installed for the parsonage. Wendy will make the appointment with August.

6. Next meeting is July 15 at 6pm.

Lauren led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

2024 Dinner Schedule at Good Hope

Potluck -September 14 from 6pm- 8pm

Pasta- October 19 from 4pm- 7pm

Krautfest- November 2 from 4pm- 7pm

2025 Dinner Schedule at Good Hope

Chili- January 18 from 4pm- 7pm

Beef Tips and Noodles- February 15 from 4pm- 7pm

Kid's Fun and Safety Day

Saturday, July 20th from 5pm- 8pm

Woodworth Park at 255 Warren Ave, North Lima

A great time for our youth to enjoy fun things like a bounce around, slide, petting zoo, and pony rides. Come and meet organizations from our township, our safety forces, and the county and state safety forces and much more. All free!

WATER DAY CDCNL CAMP FREDERICK
GUEST SPEAKERS **EQUIPPED** CRAFTS
TEAM BUILDING FOOD



DAY CAMP

FOR ALL KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED K-7TH GR.

Aug 5th- 9th

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410 W SOUTH RANGE RD
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**9 AM
TO
3 PM**

REGISTRATION FORMS AT:
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COMMUNITY-DAY-CAMP-OF-NORTH-LIMA

**PRESENTED BY: CALVARY UMC
GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN
MT OLIVET UCC
NORTH LIMA MENNONITE
PARADISE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: **330-549-2169**

Mark Your Calendar

July 6- Fellowship 4:30pm- 5pm

July 7- Fellowship 9am- 10:30am

July 15- Council meeting 6pm

July 20- Fun & Safety Day at Woodworth Park 5pm- 8pm

July 27- Levites meeting 9am at Mt. Olivet

July 27- Community breakfast at Mt. Olivet 7- 10am

August 5- 9th- Community Day Camp- register at WWW.MTOLIVETUCC.ORG

August 9, 10, 11- Rummage sale at Good Hope 9am- 5pm

August 11- Worship at Shaker Woods 8:30am

Office Notes

Please use this link to join the 10:30 worship. Please join about 10:15.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94263012735?pwd=U1A0L1FjMEpDT0ZWQUdsY250VzIUUT09>

Meeting ID: 942 6301 2735

Passcode: 197098

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 start back up in the Fall on Wednesdays at 6pm.

If you received a church survey in the mail, please return it as soon as possible.

The 3 C's collection bin is available in the narthex. You may bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry.

Please bring your business cards to Good Hope. They will be displayed on the corkboards and put in the newsletter.

There will be one more date set to have your pictures taken for the directory. If you wish to email a picture in please send to Natalie at NANK7129@GMAIL.COM.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

January	February	March	April	May	June
7th- 74	4th- 67	3rd- 70	7th- 76	5th- 77	2nd- 61
14th- 39	11th- 74	10th- 66	14th- 87	12th- 60	9th- 61
21st- 66	18th- 65	17th- 76	21st- 89	19th- 85	16th- 74
28th- 73	25th- 67	24th- 82	28th- 85	26th- 63	23rd- 93
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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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