

## **Welcome Summer!**

How do you enjoy summertime? Please tell us about your favorite summer activities. Email your response and/or photos to church so we can share them with our church family in another Lifeline this summer.



### **Our Church Wish List and Volunteer Opportunities**

The Mission Committee has come up with a Wish List to communicate some needs of the church and opportunities for congregational involvement. This is a good chance to become involved with one of the many of our church committees and share your ideas –or- just help out with a short-term or one-time task around the church. A lot of things happen behind the scenes that you might not be aware of which keep our church such a wonderful place to worship. We also want to glorify God by reaching out and supporting our community. Below are just some of the opportunities to serve. The tasks have a number associated with them and a POC listed for more information. Look for the notebook in the Lounge to sign up to help. The list of opportunities is organized by the task number and will be updated regularly. It will also be included in the Sunday bulletin once a month and Lifeline newsletters. Please look over this list of some of the needs and give prayerful consideration about how you can help. If you can help, please sign-up in the Wish List notebook.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions, please contact Diane Sondergelt, Mission Chair.

- Weeding and flower bed clean-up, e.g. by the small maple tree where growth covers the curb
- 2. Assist with children for Sunday school
- 3. Serve at FISH
- Clear clutter from storage areas (e.g. Sacristy, Board Room, Activity Room, cupboard by pulpit)
- 5. Prepare communion

- 6. Change paraments
- 7. Plan/organize a Sunday Fun Day
- 8. Cook/serve meal at the Senior Center
- 9. Backlight the stained glass window in rear
- 10. Scrub tables/chairs in Fellowship Hall
- 11. Support Little Free Library and Free Pantry
- 12. Sign up for refreshments and/or altar flowers



## Clerk's Corner June 18, 2023 Session Recap

Pastor Joe Hinds opened our meeting with prayer. He thanked Julie for provid-

ing lunch. The Clerk reported a quorum was present. The May 2023 Financial Report prepared by Carolyn McMillan was received:

Total income YTD for 2023 was \$108,095.85; total expenses \$131,422.39; net -\$23,326.54.

### **Session approved:**

- the April 16, 2023 minutes with three minor corrections. There was no May meeting.
- Our membership roll total is 88.
- We received a brief verbal Pastor's report with a more detailed written report to be sent later.
- moving communion to July 9 since Pastor Joe is on vacation on July 2 and a replacement pastor was unavailable.
- canceling the July meeting. We agreed if any business occurs that needs our vote, we will conduct it via email.
- The next session meeting will be held on August 16, 2023 following worship.

#### Committee Reports:

<u>CLS</u>: A variety of tasks need to be done around the church. Volunteers are needed to assist with those tasks. The list of tasks will be printed in the Lifeline

and in the bulletin. Individuals may review the list and then sign up for the task they are able to do.

<u>Mission</u>: Information about the little library, the little pantry, and the turquoise tables will be published in the Lifeline and may be added to the sign out front. This information will also be added to our Facebook page and the Fairborn Community Facebook page.

<u>Operations - Property:</u> The Houser company is scheduled to repair broken concrete and asphalt sections in July.

Presbytery Report; Dixie, our Commissioner, attended a special Presbytery meeting on June 10. The purpose of this meeting was to move a minister inquirer to candidate for ministry, to vote on ordaining a new minister and approve his call to be pastor at Urbana, and to approve a slate of individuals presented by the nominations committee. All three items passed. The next Presbytery meeting is September 12, at Xenia United starting at 3:00 PM.

The July calendar was reviewed.

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Kathleen Seewer, 2023 Clerk of Session

#### A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

Welcome to the lazy, hazy days of summer. Things have been calm and quieter (as opposed to the last two months) in the church. Our Walking Club took a nice, dry walk around The Greene, then enjoyed lunch and one another's company as the rains came through. My family was out enjoying the lovely weather on different occasions and noticed people enjoying our turquoise tables. We stayed hidden so as not to scare them away - but you all feel free to come sit and hopefully meet our neighbors! The Little Free Pantry has had some activity as well as The Little Free Library! We love the way our church is reaching out to our community and sharing our love and kindness. The Senior Center lunch was a big hit - please consider attending next month on the 4th Wednesday at 11:30. The individuals who attend lunch enjoy the delicious food as well as the opportunity to chat with each other. The Property Committee arranged to have concrete work done around the building to ensure you all are safe as well as our Montessori School attendees and parents. Always on top of maintenance and cleaning up our property - they are a hard working group of volunteers! I hope you all have a happy 4th of July as we celebrate our freedom in the best country in the world!! ~Ecclesial Mouse



## Happy Birthday!

- Jul 1 Sara Jane Lowe Lily Yeh
  - 10 Art Myers
  - 11 Cathy Gagnon Edward Lŏw
  - 14 Shelda Cox
  - 20 Margaret Beaver
  - 26 Kazy Hinds
  - 27 Marlene Acus
  - 31 Jeff Firestone Maryann Schneider



Happy 95th Birthday Corkie! Congratulations Art and Judy Myers on your 65th wedding anniversary! Thank you for letting us share these special days with cake to enjoy together after worship on June 25.





Please let the office know if you have any announcements for events or information involving non-profit organizations that you would like to have displayed on our electronic sign near Broad St.



Our Little Free Library and Free Pantry are installed and ready for use. Both boxes have been visited already! We've also seen some of our neighbors using the turquoise tables. Thank you Kim Sellers for managing these and making sure they are restocked as

needed. Donations for the pantry and the library are being collected in the bin located in the children's area in the Lounge. Thank you to everyone in the congregation who donated items.

Dear Church Friends,

I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers donated by Linda Hartsock and delivered to me by three lovely ladies - Cindy, Dixie, and Shelda. Also, thank you for my birthday card with all your thoughtful messages. This means so much to me. In Christian Love, Margaret Carlson

Amber welcomed her new sister, Elaine, on June 28th. Elaine weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Holly and Dustin Barton. Very proud and excited grandparents are Troy and Mitch Oliver. Heidi, Obie, Leslie, and Roland are also very happy to meet the new family member. Congratulations all!



Linda, Cindy, Dave, Diane, Dixie, Lily, Kim, Bob, and Julie all worked together to serve a delicious lunch at the Senior Center on June 28th. Once again we had a large crowd visiting with their friends and enjoying the meal.

Save the Date—Blanket Party Mon July 24th, 10:00am We will be making fleece blankets for the Fairborn Transitional Living mission. Lunch will be provided. If you can tie a knot, you can make a blanket! Bring scissors if you have them. See Linda or Diane for more info.



Isn't it awesome that God, who thought the world needed oceans, mountains, and skies, thought the world needed you too?

# **July 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:15 am Worship	3	4	2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	6	7	8
9 10:15 am Worship with Communion	10	11	2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	13	14	15
16 10:15 am Worship	17 10:30 am Walking Club- Location TBD	18	2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	2:30 pm Deacon's Meeting — Board Room	21	22
23 10:15 am Worship	24 10:00 am Blanket Party— Fellowship Hall	25	26  11:30 am Lunch at the Sr. Center 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	27	28 Lifeline Articles due in office	29
30 10:15 am Worship	31		7		<b>4</b>	B

#### SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be divided between the Fairborn School Pantry and the Wright State Pantry. You can leave items in the bins in the narthex. If you need help with shopping or with pick-up and delivery, just let me know. I'll be happy to help. Linda Hartsock



School Pantry Coordinator

Pasta Noodles Oatmeal Crackers

Pancake Mix (add water only) Snacks Pasta Sauce

Ravioli (Can or individual) Pancake Syrup **Canned Vegetables** 

**Poptarts** guo2

Juice Rice and Noodle Mixes Nuts **Paper Towels** 

Mac and Cheese (Box or individual) **Pudding Toilet Paper** Tuna and Chicken cans Shampoo/Cond. Fruit cups

**Peanut Butter** Vegetable Oil/Spray **Body Wash** 

Cereal Feminine Hygiene Jelly

Breakfast bars/muffins

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"The Friendliest Church in Town"

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am with an on-line option from the church website

Pastor: Reverend Joe Hinds

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Financial Secretary: Carolyn McMillan

Organist: Jeff Firestone Choir Director: Shelda Cox

Director of Chancel Ringers: Rena Leatherman

#### SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Joe Hinds Clerk: Kathleen Seewer

Ruling Elders: Julie Brown, Dixie Jenkins, Troy Oliver, Kathleen Seewer, David Sellers, Kim Sellers, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

Articles for next month's Lifeline need to be in the office by July 27. There will be a limited number of copies of the Lifeline in the lower narthex at the Welcome/Visitors table if you want to pick one up.

Please let the office know of any meetings that you have scheduled in the church building so that we can maintain an accurate calendar and answer questions as folks call.