



September 2025

# LIFELINE

## August Highlights



Several of us as “Helping Hands” enjoyed helping the Primary students find their classrooms as they started a new school year. We also tried to help teacher, Mr. Leister, but he had things well in hand and had no trouble finding his classroom.



The children help Pastor Joe bless the blankets we made.



Pastor Joe blessed the children's backpacks as they start a new school year. He tied a ribbon made by Linda Keller on them to remind them that God is always with them.



Five enthusiastic members of the Fairborn High School Girls Soccer Team and their coach stopped by to help us serve lunch at the Senior Center. The whole team wanted to help but due to limited kitchen space, only the first five to sign up came this time. Surely we will see the whole team not only on the soccer field but out helping the community. Thank you girls! Have a great season!



We celebrated Obie's birthday together as Pastor Joe read his birthday book from the congregation.



## CLERK'S CORNER

### August 3, 2025 Session Recap

Pastor Joe opened with prayer and thanked Kim for providing lunch. The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

#### Session reviewed and/or approved:

- the June 22 meeting minutes.
- the current membership roll total of 82.
- the financial report for the period 01/01/25 – 06/30/25. YTD income \$ 104,213.10, expenses \$105,264.64 for a net loss of \$1,051.54.
- replacement of the ProSource copier in the office.
- moving the next Session meeting to September 21 following worship.

#### Information received:

- Pastor Joe will send us his June-July report.
- Pastor Joe announced he will be retiring July 2026. He will advise the congregation from the pulpit on Sunday, August 10. He will follow up with a letter to all members.
- The session received the Closing Prayer list. The list shows which member of the Session is responsible for closing the monthly meeting with prayer.
- The session received a copy of *Instructions for Serving Communion*.

#### Committee Reports:

CLS: The committee is planning a **Sunday Fun Day** in

September. Watch the Lifeline and Mid-Week update for specifics once the committee has finalized the date.

#### Operations:

Property: The committee has a meeting scheduled with the HVAC contractor to discuss AC concerns and the possibility of replacing units in the sanctuary area.

The Boiler needs a replacement part which is costly and could take 4 to 6 weeks. This is still in process. A section of roofing needs repaired. Gutters and downspouts need replacing. Still in process. Wells & Sons has been contracted to clean the Fellowship Floor.

Nominations: The committee plans to meet in September to work on the officer's slate. The final slate of officers and Members at Large from the Congregation will be presented at the Congregation meeting in October.

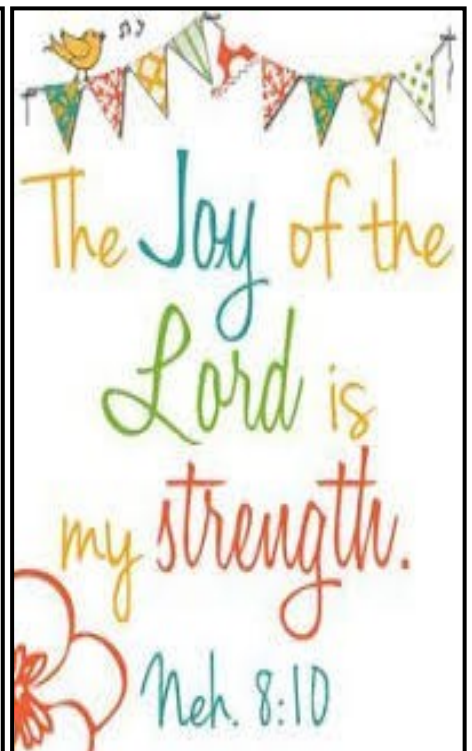
#### Additional Information:

The next Presbytery meeting is September 9 at Springfield Covenant starting at 2:00 pm. Linda Hartsock will be our Commissioner at this meeting. If you have a need for Pastoral Care, or a question, please contact Pastor Joe, the Church office, the Clerk of Session, your Deacon, or any member of Session.

Kathleen Seewer  
2025 Clerk of Session

## A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

Autumn is here! It's been a hot summer, so the cooler days and nights are a welcome relief for some of you I'm sure. For those that prefer the hot weather, you can at least enjoy God's handiwork in the changing colors of the leaves and the bright colors of the fall mums. You all have once again shown your goodness and love of community by your good deeds. The blanket making party was well attended and you made 13 blankets to share a warm hug wherever it's needed. Pastor Joe blessed them in Sunday service and we know that they will be appreciated by the recipients. "Helping Hands" was back in action again this new school year. Helping children find their classrooms who are a little nervous on their first couple of days of school is so helpful and I'm sure rewarding for those doing it. You also showed your love to our community seniors with your monthly free lunch. It's rewarding to see the smiling faces as they enjoy lunch and conversation with one another. Look around and enjoy all the beauty in our world as you go about your days. ~Ecclesial Mouse







At our blanket making party on August 4th, everyone worked hard and we were able to make thirteen fleece blankets. Each blanket has a tag sewn in letting the recipient know that it was made for them by loving hands at our church. We ended our time with pizza for lunch. It was a good time of fun, food, and fellowship.





## Happy Birthday!

Sep	3	Peter Bletzinger
	8	Denise Lo Cicéro
		Mary Rust
	12	Pat Biggs
	17	Barbara Robertson
	19	Joyce Lawler
	24	Elaine Brown
	28	Joe Hinds
	29	Pam Botts

## Did You Know?

Who are the Deacons? Well... we are a group of caregivers. We visit those who are ill, who are no longer able to come to church, who just need someone to talk to. We send cards, emails, texts or make a phone call to see how you are. We deliver the flowers from the Sunday service to our members who may need a little cheer. We help in serving communion each month. The Deacons' Caring Committee can help provide a meal when requested for those who are homebound or ill or, when someone in the church is mourning the loss of a loved one, can help with feeding those who attend the funeral service. The Deacons' Fellowship Committee helps provide hospitality for the congregation and visitors on Sunday morning with beverages and the treats that are gifted by the members of the congregation. If you need a ride to church, the Deacons will see if they can find one for you. We also sponsor the Christmas Mitten Tree and the Christmas Family Project each year. Each Deacon has a zone list of members. And you are on one. If you need anything, just contact your Deacon. Our current Board of Deacons includes Cindy Bowen, Ken Gadd, Bob Hendrix, Donna Kulhanek, Judy Myers, Mary Ann Scheider, Richard Winters and Shelda Cox. Don't know who your Deacon is? Contact the Church office or call or text Shelda Cox at (937)572-0072 and we can let you know.

## Save the Date— Sunday Sept. 14

### Sunday Fun Day

Join us for our next Sunday Fun Day after worship on September 14<sup>th</sup>. It is a potluck lunch and Back-To-School celebration. The church will provide fried chicken, dinner rolls, and drinks. Please plan to join us and bring a side, salad, or dessert if you can. If you prefer not to bring anything, come join us anyway for fun and fellowship. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us too. Bristen Wells of the Fairborn Schools Transitional Living Program will be here to give us more information about this program. Please wear your school's (any level) spirit wear or dress in your school colors. See Diane, Linda, or Julie for more information.



Dear Friends of We Care Arts,

I want to express our heartfelt thanks for you unwavering support of We Care Arts. Our mission focuses on the healing power of art and community. Your commitment has been instrumental in transforming the lives of countless individuals living with disabilities, addiction, and mental health challenges. We provide a safe, nurturing environment where our clients can explore their creativity, learn new skills, and discover a sense of purpose and belonging.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Katie Neubert  
Executive Director



*We are the  
Hands of Christ*

## Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Pantry could use some replenishing. If you would like to help, the pantry could use any non-perishable food item. Please leave your donations in the bin in the Lounge. Thank you!



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**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

	1 	2	3 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	4	5	6
7 10:15 am Worship with Communion	8 1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge	9	10 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	11	12	13
14 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday Fun Day	15 10:15 am Matthew 25 Ministries Field Trip	16	17 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	18	19	20
21 10:15 am Worship 11:30 Session Meeting	22	23	24 11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class Lounge	25	26 Lifeline articles due in office	27
28 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Deacon's Meeting	29	30				



**SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS**

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be given to the Fairborn School 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
Pasta Sauce	Pancake Mix (add water only)	Snacks
Ravioli (Can or individual)	Pancake Syrup	Canned Vegetables
Soup	Poptarts	Juice
Rice and Noodle Mixes	Nuts	Paper Towels
Mac and Cheese (Box or individual)	Pudding	Toilet Paper
Tuna and Chicken cans	Fruit cups	Shampoo/Cond.
Vegetable Oil/Spray	Peanut Butter	Body Wash
Cereal	Jelly	Feminine Hygiene
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, Linda Hartsock, Dixie Jenkins, Art Myers,  
Kathleen Seewer, David Sellers, Kim Sellers, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

**Articles for next month's Lifeline need to be in the office by September 26th.**

**There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*  
in the lower narthex 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.**