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# *Rhonda's Reflections*



## **Sand Dollars and People**

On a beach stroll during a mission trip to Haiti years ago, I happened to catch the water at low tide. For those who like to find treasure this is the most opportune time! During high tide the sea's treasure chest is carried to shore and tilted letting some of its most prized treasures spill out. Abandoned too far on the beach to retreat, they become exposed as the water returns to its low for the day.

Of course, I was strolling with eyes down searching for something, anything that caught my eye. Shell bits, crab parts, mussels, and jellyfish, I saw all the usual suspects. But I silently wanted to find a sand dollar. At first there were broken bits and pieces, and then more. I discovered a band of debris that offered more and larger bits than the other areas. That's when it happened. I have never found a whole sand dollar on the beach before – until that day. There it was, partially buried in the sand. I wasn't sure at first if it was whole, but a careful excavation revealed the prize, a small but unbroken sand dollar!

I marveled at it and took a close look. It was amazing and I wondered about its age and journey. I thought about the gift of creation and God's creative design for us all.

In a way, we are all like sand dollars; carefully crafted for a special purpose out of God's immense and limitless love. We are all created whole but most end up broken in some way. I also saw the beauty in the broken pieces and collected many of them. I pondered how people are not unlike the broken sand dollars and should be treated with similar care. What a wonderful experience and memory I cherish!

Later on, I became familiar with The Legend of the Sand Dollar.



### ***The Legend of the Sand Dollar***

*There's a lovely little legend  
That I would like to tell,  
Of the birth and death of Jesus  
Found in this lowly shell.*

If you examine closely  
You'll see that you find here,  
Four nail holes and a fifth one  
Made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter Lily,  
Its center is the star,  
That appeared unto the shepherds  
And led them from afar.

The Christmas Poinsettia  
Etched on the other side,  
Reminds us of His birthday  
Our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open  
And here you will release,  
The five white doves awaiting  
To spread Good Will and Peace.  
This simple little symbol  
Christ left for you and me,  
To help us spread His Gospel  
Through all Eternity.

May we all seize every opportunity to reflect upon the  
greatness of God's creation and share it with the world!

See you in Church,  
Rev. Rhonda

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## Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

We can all agree this has been a difficult year, full of challenges and many losses. It has been especially painful for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Many are longing to be heard, to have their pain acknowledged. They have a need to tell their stories, to be assured that someone is listening and cares, without advice or criticism. HEAL is the St. Paul's grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. **HEAL** or **H**elping **E**ach other **A**adjust to **L**oss meets once a month, in the church lounge on July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and is open for anyone who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.



# A Stewardship Moment

## Give As the Giver Gives

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).*

In today's world gifts are typically thought of as material things we purchase or make for others. During our youth we grow up receiving gifts for special occasions. Recall the anticipation of knowing one of these occasions is around the corner and wondering if we will be given one of the gifts on our list! If we are lucky, we receive just what we wanted. Are God's gifts like these gifts?

The scripture above is the cornerstone of stewardship. We recognize something different about God's gifts, mainly that: 1) God has given us unearned spiritual gifts, 2) we share them for the good of others, and 3) God's gifts are wide-ranging. God gives gifts differently; God blesses us with gifts that are unearned. There is no special occasion other than we have been given the gift of life. Within the gift of life, we receive different kinds of spiritual gifts. For example, some receive the gift of faith. Others may grow to simply offer words of compassion or encouragement to those in need. Others still may have the desire to help people by performing good deeds or works of service. What gifts have you been given?

God's gifts only make sense if they are nurtured and developed for the good of others. Giving freely takes practice. God's greatest gift to us was modeled in the life of Jesus. In his life we learned what it is to give everything for us. I recall learning that he is like a candle with wicks lit from both ends. All consuming. If

we can gain a similar approach, our greatest gift to others very well might be ourself! What opportunities do you have to share your gift(s)?

Remember, God has generously given to us for no other reason than God loves us! God gives a wide-range of spiritual and material gifts not for us to keep or bury, but for the purpose of blessing others and developing the community of God here at St. Paul's UCC and St. Marys, Ohio!

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### **RALLY DAY/WEEKEND FESTIVITIES – AUGUST 21-22**

Have you heard the exciting and spirited buzzing swirling around our church????? No, it's not the Cicada's!!!! It's our Church Wide Rally Day to be held the evening of Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 22. This year our focus is intergenerational, fun for all ages and stages in life. Saturday night will feature music, carnival games and bingo. Sunday morning will feature a breakfast before Sunday school, a Coffee Corner before Holy Humor worship which will begin at 10:30 with a luncheon to follow along with carnival games, bouncy houses, pie auction, cake wheel, church trivia and more.

Plan now to attend our Pre-Rally Day, Aug. 21 and Rally Day Fun and Festivities Aug. 22. Spread the word.

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**AN IMPORTANT WORD** Thank you for your continual support of the ministry of St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys. As we give of our tithes and offerings whether online located through our website [www.stpaulsuccsm.com](http://www.stpaulsuccsm.com) or through putting it in an envelope and mailing to us at 201 N. Perry Street, St. Marys, OH 45885, or you can even drop your envelope in the mail slot of the door to the church office, we step out in faith down the road in grace and we do this together as God's people called and sent to be a blessing for all the world.

## ST. PAUL'S FLOAT IN SUMMERFEST PARADE



The Theme for St. Marys Summerfest is Tropical Paradise and the parade is scheduled for August 14. This year St. Paul's will be represented with a float. We need volunteers to walk alongside the float and show our support for our great church! Contact Jane Nuss or Joni Leffel if interested in helping and volunteering. See YOU at the Parade!!!!

**Summerfest Worship** Sunday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. Bring a chair and join in the community worship service.

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**Interested in becoming a member?** Contact Pastor Rhonda to set up a time to learn the process for formally joining St. Paul's UCC. You'll learn more about who we are, our beliefs, and our mission. You'll also get to hear the story of our church and discuss what it means to be a member of this congregation through serving, growing in your faith journey, moving toward generosity, and more. You'll have the opportunity to join the church at the end of the class if you choose. If you have any questions, contact [rhainer@bright.net](mailto:rhainer@bright.net) or 563-210-3508.

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## AGAPE MISSION

Our ***goal again this year is 2000.*** Let's get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are 1182 rolls of toilet paper and 521 bars of soap. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your

donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let's just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.

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### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

*Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" the download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!*

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### **Jim's Musical Notes**



#### **"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

**1831**

*Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord... Psalm 33:12*

This patriotic hymn was written by Samuel Francis Smith, a native Bostonian, born on October 21, 1808. After attending Boston Latin School, he enrolled in Harvard, then attended Andover Seminary. While there, Samuel became fascinated by the work of Adoniram Judson, America's first missionary, and he developed a lifelong passion for world evangelism.

It was during Samuel's first year at Andover that hymn publisher, Lowell Mason, sought his help. Mason had a stack of German songs and materials needing translation. Learning that Samuel was proficient in German, he recruited the young student to translate them.



On a cold February afternoon, about a half hour before sunset, Samuel sat in his sparsely furnished room, pouring over the materials. He was struck by the words of "Gott segne Sachsenland" ("God Bless our Saxon Land"), set to the tune we know as "America" (used in Great Britain for "God Save the Queen").

"I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own adapted to this tune," Samuel later said. "Picking up a scrap of paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn, 'America' as it is now known."

A friend, William Jenks, took a copy to the pastor of Boston's Park Street Congregational Church. There "America" was first sung by the Juvenile Choir at a Sunday School Rally, on July 4, 1831.

In the years that followed, Samuel Francis Smith grew into a powerful Baptist preacher, pastor, college professor, hymnist, linguist, writer, and missionary advocate. He traveled the world in support of evangelism, and he rejoiced when his son became a missionary to Rangoon. Samuel lived to a ripe old age and remained active till the end. He died suddenly in his late-eighties at the Boston train station en route to a preaching appointment.

But he has always been most revered for the patriotic hymn he wrote as a 23-year-old student. As his friend and Harvard classmate, Oliver Wendell Holmes, put it at a class reunion:

*And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith,-  
Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith;  
But he shouted a song for the brave and the free,-  
Just read on his medal, "My country, of thee!"*

Taken from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan (2003)

## **WHAT IS A CHURCH CHOIR?**



I am writing to remind all of us why our church has a choir and to remind you of the need for a continuing supply of people to build up the ranks of our choir. So....read on with these thoughts in mind.

A choir is: "... a regular group of people devoted to singing together; a company of singers; a group of singers organized to sing together, especially in church."

A church choir supports the congregation's singing. It sings the hymns along with the organ and congregation. Sometimes it introduces new hymns before the congregation gives it a try. Most of the time it sings an anthem which supports the service. The choir provides experiences that help the worshiper understand our faith, where it could represent glory and beauty, prayer, a psalm, remembering the saints, thanksgiving, advent, lent, spirituals, etc. It plumbs the depths of our emotions and soars to the heights of the glory of God-at least it tries. A choir is like the church-we are one body made up of many parts. Together we make beautiful music.

Please consider using your talents and sing with the choir. You can be any age and have lots or limited talents. If you sing in the shower, that will work!!! We have great fun together as we rehearse and enjoy each other's company. Time and date for rehearsing is TBA, and our first Sunday singing being August 29th.



## BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY MEAL

Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before this). **Grab and Go from your car only.** Looking forward to providing delicious free meals to our community. Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.

- July 8, 15, 22, and 29
- August 12, 19, and 26

**BREAKING BREAD' COMMUNITY DINNER** - If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted.



## JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### **July:**

4 – Graham James  
8 – Calvin Caywood  
9 – Amelia Klosterman  
11 – Kendall Dieringer  
11 - Dylan Winget  
17 – Elliot Bower  
19 – Brynn Clark

22 – Lincoln James  
22 – Kali Rae Dieringer  
25 – Asher Craft  
31 – Cody Birt

### **August:**

5 – Chloe Merritt  
8 – Mia Dieringer

20 – Riley Anderson 20 – Emily Turner	16 – Mason Collins 21 – Reese Long 26 – Vince Walter
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**Sunday School Registration Form Enclosed** - A Sunday school registration form has been included in this newsletter. Forms and parental signature are needed for **all kids ages - nursery through high school**. You can return registrations by dropping off at the church office, by mail, or e-mailing both sides of the form to [smucc@bright.net](mailto:smucc@bright.net). **Rally Day is August 22<sup>nd</sup>!**



Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, is **Rally Sunday**. Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Confirmation returns at 9 a.m. The worship service time returns to 10:30 am. Most important is that it is the Sunday to which we are calling all of the St. Paul's church family to return from summer activities to study and worship God.

Making study and worship a priority in our lives as Christians are critical to the growth of our personal faith and witness. So, if you haven't already, make Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> the day you'll commit to becoming regular in worship and more active in your church family's life.

**Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group** - Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's - **just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door**. If you have a lot of cans and would like to just take them on to recycling and

donate the money, it may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support.

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**WOMEN’S NEWS**

***ARE YOU CRAFTY? DO YOU KEEP YOURSELF BUSY WITH CRAFTS OR HOBBIES?***

The Women’s Guild would like to have another Craft Show to coincide with their Fall Harvest Meal/Bake Sale. If you have the extra time this summer, maybe you could make and donate a craft?

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**QUILTERS**

Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332.  
***(Note: We don’t meet in the summer months)***

**Women’s Guild Thank You’s**

Dear ladies of the Women’s Guild,  
Thank you for organizing and providing the senior breakfast. It was very tasty and your kindness is appreciated!

With gratitude,  
Katie Lucas

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Dear St. Paul’s Women’s Guild,  
Thank you for hosting breakfast on College Sunday. It was great to share a meal with my peers and the food was great!

Sincerely,  
Kyle Lucas



Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for my scholarship. I enjoyed my first year at Ball State more than I could've ever imagined. I am so blessed to have such a strong church family supporting me all the way. Thank you again.

Allie Vanderhorst

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Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank the Women's Guild, Christian Education Committee and Pastor Rhonda for the wonderful breakfast and graduation gifts. Everything is very much appreciated.

Austin Gottschalk

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Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the generous scholarship and for your continuous support. My experiences with church activities and our church family have been memorable and shaping parts of my high school years. In the future, I will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University and plan on staying active in our church and strengthening my faith.

With gratitude,  
Katie Lucas

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Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful home decoration and cookie reception!! These past 9 years have truly blessed us and our family! We will always hold each and every youth close to our hearts! Thank you for the opportunity for us to serve and we are so thankful for such a loving congregation! Many blessings in the future and have an awesome summer!!

In Him,  
Mark and Amy Dieringer

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Dear Scholarship Committee,  
I am sincerely honored to have been selected as one of the recipients of the St. Paul's UCC Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to pursue my dream as a Physical Therapist Assistant. As I complete my education at Sinclair Community College, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift and hope that I can represent St. Paul's UCC to the best of my abilities.

Sincerely,  
Lindsey Clausing

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Dear St. Paul's Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you very much for the scholarship! I love Ohio Wesleyan, and your help makes it possible for me to be there.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Lucas



- **To the Sunday School Fund in memory of Mary Hegemier:**  
Gloria and Judd Morrison
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- ☎ If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know.
- ☎ Please call the church office with address corrections or if you do not see your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** listed during the correct month. Call 419-394-3811. Thank you!!
- ☎ **CALL-EM-ALL** - Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. **Also, if you would like to be removed from the calling list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their directions to 'opt out' of any future broadcasts - this will remove your number from the calling list.** Thank you!
- ☎ **Cell phone # for Pastor Rhonda** (563) 210-3508
- ☎ **rhainer@bright.net** – Rev. Hainer's e-mail address.
- ☎ **smucc@bright.net** - church e-mail address. Use this to e-mail articles for the newsletter/messages for the Sunday bulletin.
- ☎ **christianed@bright.net** - Christian Education and Youth Director email address.
- ☎ **cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com** to contact Carol Schmidt for the Email Prayer Team Requests.
- ☎ **spmedia@bright.net** – to contact Jim Huckemeyer or Rich Spencer email address.





**www.stpaulsuccsm.com** - church web site address and most current worship service videos can be seen here.



**Televised worship service**- our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 OR non-digital channel 2**, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one week delay of the service shown.

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## **STAFF OF ST. PAUL'S UCC:**

- ... **Rev. Rhonda Hainer, Pastor**
- ... **Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant**
- ... **Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director**
- ... **Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music**
- ... **Maddy Frankenhauser, Director of Children's Music**
- ... **Andrea Spencer, Organist**
- ... **Ann Vogel, Organist**
- ... **Cynthia Hanover, Pianist**
- ... **Becky Anderson, Pianist**
- ... **Bob Schumacher, Custodian**
- ... **Rich Spencer, Audio and Video**
- ... **Carol Schmidt, Email Prayer Team Contact**
- ... ***Temporarily Vacant, Christian Ed Coordinator***
- ... **Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent**
- ... **Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher**
- ... **Kim Opperman, Nursery Supervisor**

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**EYEGASSES FOR THE NEEDY** - collected by the church school classes. Donated glasses should be placed in the basket at the North entrance to the sanctuary.

**Kroger Fund Raiser for the Women's Guild** – If you would like to support Women's Guild with the Kroger fundraiser, log on to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up & register your Kroger Plus card. **NPO# is SK5720**. If you do not use the internet, but would like to sign up, please contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.

**LIFT CHAIR** is available for 'loan' to anyone in the church who might have a need for it. Please call the church office for more information.

**ATLAS 600 VISION MACHINE – QUANTITY OF 2** - to assist those who have vision problems with reading books, newspapers, prescription labels, writing personal checks or viewing family photographs - making this possible with video magnifiers.

**WALKERS** - If you have need of a walker for assistance in getting around, please call the church office. One of our church members has several different type walkers, which are available for loan.

**RESTROOM ITEMS:** If you have a need for shower chairs, toilet seat elevators and hand-held shower adapters, please call the church office. One of our church members has graciously donated a few of these items.

**LAMINATOR** - available in the church office. This is used by the Sunday School teachers for classroom projects and activities and by the office staff. We will also laminate items for church members for a fee of \$1.00 per item (**NOTE: maximum size we can laminate is 8 ½ x 11 inches**).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also.....**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

**COPIES** - if you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office and we will be glad to make them for you. If it is a large project, it is best to call ahead. **Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own paper.**

**THE DVD/CD DUPLICATOR** in the church office enables us to make multiple copies of the morning worship service. Please call the church office to request a copy. **The charge for duplicating a DVD will be \$2.00 each.** Monthly sets of worship DVD's can also be mailed at a cost of \$10.00 per month. Call the church office for more information.

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**2021 CHURCH OFFICIALS**

<b>President of Congregation</b>	Jeff Dieringer
<b>Vice-president of Congregation</b>	Darren Caywood
<b>President of Consistory 2021</b>	Marsha Landers
<b>Vice-president of Consistory 2021</b>	Lynda Hadley

**2021 Members of Consistory**

<b>Elders:</b>	Jane Nuss	Marsha Landers
	Joan Leffel	Mary Holtzapple
	Kevin Gehres	Lori Now
<b>Deacons:</b>	Lynn Schmidt	Melinda Silber
	Lynda Hadley	Kelly Kill
	Susan Braun	Linda McDonald
	Jennifer Ginter	Susan Spencer
	Becky Anderson	Jill Dickman
	Carol Schmidt	Jen Lucas
<b>Trustees:</b>	Kyle Opperman, Larry Kill and DeWayne Marsee	

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**May 2021:**

**Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through May 31, 2021 = \$109,760.85
  - Received through May 31, 2021 = \$106,692.61
  - Expenses through May 31, 2021 = \$101,018.23
  - Received through May 31, 2020 = \$ 96,096.00
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**Mission Fund:**

- Budgeted through May 31, 2021 = \$ 6,250.00
- Received through May 31, 2021 = \$ 5,628.00
- Received through May 31, 2020 = \$ 6,590.00

**Status of 2021 Budget:****Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through June 30, 2021 = \$131,713.02
- Budgeted through June 20, 2021 = \$126,224.97
- Received through June 20, 2021 = \$113,052.82

**Mission Fund:**

- Budgeted through June 30, 2021 = \$ 7,500.00
  - Budgeted through June 20, 2021 = \$ 7,187.50
  - Received through June 20, 2021 = \$ 6,427.00
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**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2021 CONSISTORY MEETING**

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Marsha Landers. Pastor Rhonda opened the meeting with a brief devotion and reminder that the mission of our church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and lead others to a relationship with God. While we want St. Paul's to be a place of hospitality, a place to reach young adults and children, a place where people feel they belong, it is important that we always keep God as the end goal and not make the achievement of these areas to be the end goal. The reality is that "We Are Church" 24/7, and not just on Sundays. Everywhere we go, we represent St. Paul's UCC. As we look to the future and our desire for a vibrant and engaged church community, keeping God as "the main thing" is why we exist as a congregation. She followed with prayer.

**Present:** *Elders:* Jane Nuss, Mary Holtzapple, Kevin Gehres, Lori Now, Joan Leffel and Marsha Landers; *Trustees:* Larry Kill, DeWayne Marsee and Kyle Opperman; *Deacons:* Lynda Hadley, Susan Braun, Susan Spencer, Jennifer Ginter, Lynn Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Jill Dickman and Jen Lucas. Also present were, Treasurer, David Dickman, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison, Custodian Bob Schumacher and guest Ann Vogel and Jodi Wireman of ASPIRE.

Guest Jodie Wireman, Coordinator of the Apollo ASPIRE/GED program explained the program to Consistory and that currently they hold classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Jodie explained that their program is lacking in evening attendance, but they are seeing more of an interest for daytime classes. Jodie asked Consistory if they could move their program to Mondays and Wednesdays from 9a to Noon. After some discussion, Kyle Opperman made a motion to allow ASPIRE to change their class days and times. Larry Kill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest Ann Vogel discussed that the church's current organ is 68 years old and she would like to maybe do some type of special celebration when the organ is 70 years old. Ann explained that Schantz Organ tuners were here last week for the annual spring tuning and a minor repair of some worn leather on one of the notes. Ann asked permission from Consistory to refurbish the organ and bring it up-to-date. After some discussion and suggestions of getting at least three quotes, Lynda Hadley made the motion that Ann obtain three quotes for refurbishing/updating our current organ. Joan Leffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Christian Education and Nurture:** Mary Holtzapple

- Vacation Bible School went very well and was well attended. Mary praised Amy Keller and the outstanding job Amy did with helping coordinate everything.

### **Minutes:**

- Minutes from the May 12, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Joan Leffel made a motion to approve the minutes. Jill Dickman seconded. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:** David Dickman

- David reviewed the Financial Report for the month of May 2021. There being no other questions, President Marsha asked to file the financial report for review by the church Administrative Assistant.

### **President's Report:** Marsha Landers

- Executive session. Kevin Gehres made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Pastoral Relations Committee as presented in relation to the benefits package for the Pastor. Joan Leffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report:** Rhonda Hainer

- Pastor Rhonda thanked Consistory for the burning bush, Jacob's Ladder, and a couple of other perennials planted in memory of her mother, who died last January.
- Pastor Rhonda encouraged us to keep "hospitality" always in mind when we gather for worship and other occasions where guests may be present. It is important that we care for each other and our guests in a kind manner, especially when greeting someone who hasn't been in worship recently or when the sanctuary door needs to be shut so as not to let the AC escape. One of the ways that people feel like they belong is how they are treated by others. We want to be overly generous with our hospitality.

### **Loose Offering:** Marsha Landers

- The Loose Offering for the next three months were discussed. Kyle Opperman made a motion that the Loose

Offering for July be for Summerfest, August will be the Auglaize County United Way and September will be for Agape's Helping Hands. Jill Dickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Budget and Finance:** No Report

**Trustees:** Kyle Opperman

- The parking lot has been sealed and lined.
- Over Memorial Day weekend, we received a call from the Police Department that there is some noted damage to our church garage door. Trustees are currently looking into updating some security cameras as well as maybe adding some more.

**Elders:** Joan Leffel

- There were 12 people who participated in altar communion last week.

**Deacons:** Lynn Schmidt

- Deacons need to review/re-learn their duties now that we are back to normal services.

**Christian Mission and Outreach:** No report

**Personnel:** Jen Lucas

- There is a meeting scheduled for next week. We have received three applications for the Christian Ministry Director.

**Stewardship Committee:** No report

**Old Business:**

- Lynda Hadley is waiting to hear from Joan at the Association office regarding the Tom Patten Award (an accessibility award) for our new elevator.

**New Business:**

- Marsha Landers asked if we want to be involved with the Summerfest Worship Service. Originally it was scheduled

for 11 a.m. in the park, but has since been moved to 10 a.m. After some discussion, members of Consistory would like to have some type of participation (whether use of choir members, Deacons, etc.). Pastor Rhonda will be in contact with the Ministerial group and report back to Consistory via email.

- Joan Leffel brought to everyone's attention that our church Library is not being used and the books currently in it are outdated. Joan proposed that we do away with the library as it doesn't get used.

There being no further matters to discuss, Kyle Opperman made the motion to adjourn and Lori Now seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Landers, 2021 Consistory President  
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

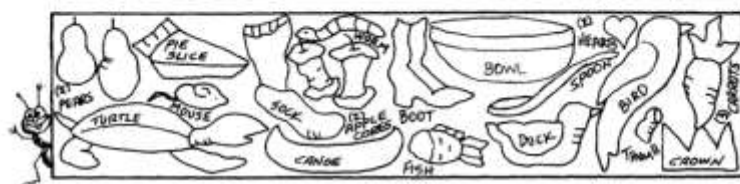
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# WORD SEARCH!

## BACK TO SCHOOL

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST...WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY  
--FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

### WORD LIST

ACADEMY  
ALGEBRA  
BELL  
BLACKBOARD  
BOOKS  
BUS  
CAFETERIA  
CHALK  
CIVICS  
CLASS  
DESK  
GEOGRAPHY  
GEOMETRY  
GOVERNMENT  
HALL MONITOR  
HISTORY  
LANGUAGE  
LIBRARY  
LITERATURE  
LOCKERS  
MATH  
PLAYGROUND  
READING  
RECESS  
SCHOOL  
SCIENCE  
STUDENT  
STUDY  
TEACHER

P	H	C	G	W	J	A	X	L	I	B	E	R	P
M	T	A	R	E	H	C	A	E	T	Q	C	S	V
C	A	F	L	P	O	N	U	Q	U	A	N	R	F
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