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LIGHT IS SWEET, AND
IT IS PLEASANT FOR
THE EYES TO SEE THE
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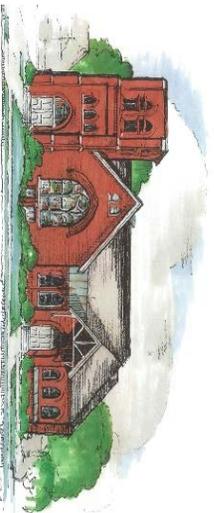
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Pastor Angie was unable to get me her "Pastor's Post" due to a scheduling conflict. I selected what I hope is an inspiring article to go in it's place. I hope you enjoy it.

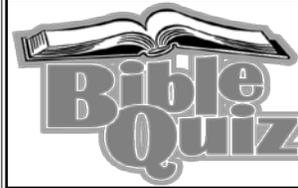
Pass It

Growing up in my Grandma's house as a boy was an experience that would shape me for the rest of my life. We were poor in everything but spirit, yet I learned so much about life there. My Mom, Dad, Nana, two brothers, and I were crowded into a home made from two old shanty cars and several built on rooms. I always knew what my next set of clothes would look like because I had seen my older brother wearing them the year before. I always knew what we were going to be eating in the Winter, because I had weeded it in the garden during the Summer. Still, I never felt poor. No king ever ate as good as we did on Sundays after church when Nana cooked her homemade meatballs, spaghetti, and freshly baked bread.

Even though we had so little I can still remember Dad, Mom, and Nana giving so much. We were always sharing with others. Everyone who visited us could expect a plate of spaghetti, or a mason jar of canned vegetables, or a flower pot full of fresh blossoms to be given to them. I can still remember the sparkle in Mom and Nana's eyes whenever they passed something on to others. We never felt richer or more blessed than when we shared what God had given us. I learned early on that the greatest joy comes from giving rather than getting. Giving fills your heart with love. Giving fills your soul with God. Giving brings your spirit closer to Heaven.

Don't be afraid to pass on your blessings, riches, gifts, and talents to others. That is why God gave them to you in the first place. Share everything you have. If you have a beautiful smile then pass it on. If you have a lovely laugh then pass it on. If you have a few extra dollars then pass them on. If you give great hugs then pass them on. If you have a special talent then share it with others. If you have a heart full of love then give it to the everyone. No life is ever truly lived until it becomes a gift in itself, so make your whole life a gift to the world.

~ Joseph J. Mazzella ~



At the transfiguration, who appeared and talked to Christ?
See bottom of page for answer

Kids Bible Wordsearch Plants of the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #5

ALMOND
ALOES
APPLE
ASH
BALM
BARLEY
BEANS
CINNAMON
CUCUMBERS
DATE
FIG
FLAX



GARLIC
HYSSOP
JACINTH
LEEK
MELONS
MILLET
MINT
MULBERRY
MUSTARD
MYRTLE
RYE
SAFFRON
THISTLE

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Quiz Answer - Elijah and Moses (Mark 17:3, 9:4 and Luke 9:30)



Your Trustee Team

Gary Lott, Charlie Parsons, Don Lewis,
Rob Schott, Jason Sherer, Russ Hupp,
Lynn Meadows and Chris Hatton

Church Trustees Monthly Report

The team will reconvene from our summer break on August 8th at 7:30. We will be building our calendar of projects for the rest of summer and into the fall. All are welcome to attend our meetings and your input is greatly appreciated

FROM THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

Dear Church Family,

On Sunday, August 14th, between 6:00 – 8:00 PM we will be hosting a good old fashioned Methodist Pot Luck dinner to which everyone is invited. We will provide the drinks, plates and cutlery. We have invited the Otterbacher Entertainment workers to join us. Each year these folks come our way on the Sunday evening before the Street Fair. They arrive after tearing down and packing up from the Hartford Fair. By the time they get to Pataskala and get settled there is no place, within comfortable walking distance, where these folks might get a good meal. (Even the Nutcracker is closed on Sunday evening!)

This will be the second year that we have welcomed these workers into our church for a Sunday evening meal and this year we wanted to include everyone for an evening of good food and hospitality! So please bring your favorite dish, salad or desert and join us on August 14th!

Also the Adult Sunday School class will be preparing a breakfast for these workers each morning of the street fair. You are invited to join us any morning for breakfast! Each morning will begin with coffee at 7AM and we will serve a breakfast meal from 7:30 – 9:00 AM.

Is it any wonder that the Otterbacher workers think we are just the greatest church family they encounter all summer! That's because we are the greatest. So call Chris Hatton or LeeAnne Belt Michal if you want to help or just come to dinner on Sunday and/or come and eat breakfast with our guests August 15th – August 20th.

Lay Witness Mission Weekend Planning Underway

Dear Church,

Jerry Wheeler and Pam Wheeler along with Pastor Angie's support and blessing are putting together plans for a Lay Witness Mission weekend. This weekend will consist of meals, general sessions, and small group sessions to discuss and share a little about our church, ourselves, and our faith.

These sessions are conducted by a group of laity from other churches who share their faith stories with us, pray with us, and help us to learn more about our faith and prayer lives, as well as encourage us to just keep on keeping on.

This weekend will serve as an "in church" retreat and is for the WHOLE family. We will have nursery service, young children's sessions, youth sessions, at the same time as the adult sessions. These begin on Friday evening, with coffees on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon sessions, Saturday evening session, and Sunday School and Church on Sunday morning.

And the best part is - Ohio State game is away!!! Seriously, this weekend will be a blessing for our church family as a whole and for all of us as individuals. Please be in prayer for this weekend of November 11, 12, and 13.

Pray also for the ways in which you can support this effort. We will need help! We will also be praying for your presence at this event. God's Blessings! Jerry and Pam Wheeler



Surf Shack Thanks

VBS was a surfing success! thank you to all who stepped up to volunteer to make this such an awesome week. We averaged 23 kids per night, some nights more, some nights less. We served 50-60 dinners every evening. we had a fabulous kitchen crew, a wonderful teaching crew, some fantastic actors, and lots of extra wonderful people to help. We showed the children God's love in epic proportions! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Children's Ministry

Now that VBS is wrapped up, it is time to channel our energy toward our other children's ministries. We will be kicking off with Kings Club on September 7th. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve dinner at 6 p.m. each week. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet.

Sunday School will kickoff fall quarter with Rally Day on September 11th. Join us for games, food, and fun at 10:15 (after traditional worship) in the North Courtyard.

Teachers are still needed to make these ministries successful.

Children's Church volunteers help one Sunday per month during worship, and teach kids ages preschool through 2nd grade.

Sunday School teachers needed to make our three elementary classes successful. Curriculum is provided for you, and training on how to best implement the curriculum will be offered later this month. We encourage team teaching, so the yoke is easier to handle.

If you would even remotely consider teaching, please reach out to Penny Scott ([785-375-1624](tel:785-375-1624)) or Susan Conley (sconley302@gmail.com or [614-419-4409](tel:614-419-4409)).



Choir Notes

Happy August! August has held a special place in my heart over the years. There were always many activities: The Hartford Fair, The Street Fair, beginning of school, seeing friends I hadn't seen over the summer, the start of football season (O-H!), Sunday School picking back up, and of course, my birthday! It was also bittersweet knowing the summer was ending and soon school would be in full swing and the luster of reacquainting with friends had waned. In my adult years, most of those things still exist: The Hartford Fair (which I may/or may not attend), The Street Fair (which is not my favorite thing in the world), football season (YESSSSS! O-H!), the start of school (which is still bittersweet - especially this year with my twins entering their senior year...tear!) and yes, my birthday – 29 again!

Another constant has been the choir starting back up at good ol' PUMC. Whether it has been my mom directing, or during my tenure, August has been an exciting time for the choir. After a summer away, hopefully filling our souls and preparing to serve again, the choir gets back together much like a bunch of school kids. We reacquaint, have a little party, and then the real work begins. Unlike the school kids though, the luster never wanes. The choir members meet together every Wednesday to share prayers, chat, love on each other, and yes, sing a tune or two.

Most of the folks in the choir are also involved in many other areas in the church: trustees, finance, praise team, women's group, men's group, quilting group, small groups; you name it, there is probably a choir member in the group. Perhaps you know one of them? Maybe you've wanted to ask them about choir but never had the chance? Better yet, you think you'd like to join them on Sundays? Although we welcome new members ANY time of the year – now is a great time to test the waters. We will have a back-to-choir picnic/rehearsal on 9/7 (time/location TBD) and our first Sunday singing will be 9/11. PLEASE come and check us out. We'd love to have you!

Amy Hoovler-Helwagen
Choir Director



*August
BIRTHDAYS*

- 3 Arlo Dixon**
- 4 Karen Gavin**
- 4 Carol Witzel**
- 4 Mark Zeune**
- 8 Jate Hoovler**
- 9 Mike Cox**
- 9 Amy Hoovler-Helwagen**
- 20 Bill Scott**
- 24 Amy Lott**
- 29 Henry Smith**
- 30 Susie Arnold**
- 30 Megan Hyden (Lewis by then :)**

If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs added to the list please drop a note in the office box or call the office.



*August
ANNIVERSARIES*

- 9 Jim & Betty Luikhart**
- 9 Dean & Ann Ramsey**
- 10 Paul & Debbie Mazur**
- 11 Darrell & Pam Chevalier**
- 14 Gary & Bobby Lott**
- 22 Dennis & Judy Beckman**
- 26 Jason & Angie Sherer**
- 27 Charlie & Joanne Johnson**

August 2016 PUMC MONTHLY PLANNING CALENDAR

BH = Beeson Hall - L = Library - S = Sanctuary - CR# = Classroom

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 11:30am KEF 7pm Worship Comte 7pm AA (BH)	2 11:30am KEF	3 11:30am KEF	4 11:30am KEF	5 11:30am KEF	6 2:30pm Hyden-Lewis Wedding
Pastor Angie out for the Faith & Money Academy						
7 9am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am 3:16 Worship 7pm New Members Class meeting @ parsonage	8 11:30am KEF 6:30pm Finance Cmte 7:30pm Trustees 7pm AA (BH)	9 11:30am KEF 8pm Al-Anon (BH)	10 11:30am KEF	11 11:30am KEF 6:30pm Praise Team	12 11:30am KEF Last Day	13
14 9am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am 3:16 Worship	15 7pm Church Board 7pm AA (BH)	16 8pm Al-Anon (BH)	17 9am Prayer Bead 10am Quilters	18 6:30pm Praise Team	19	20
No Regular Office Hours Due to Street Fair						
			Street Fair			
21 9am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am 3:16 Worship	22 SWL Schools Start 7pm SPRC 7pm AA (BH)	23 8pm Al-Anon (BH)	24	25 6:30pm Praise Team	26	27
28 9am Traditional Worship 10am Sunday School 11am 3:16 Worship	29 7pm AA (BH)	30 8pm Al-Anon (BH)	31			

SUMW School Supply Drive until Sept. 30