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From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.” -Philippians 1:3-4

Thank you. As a congregation we’ve been seeing challenges as local expenses increase, as illnesses and outside activities decrease recent attendance. And yet in all of my prayers for you, I thank God.

Praise God for facing our challenges head-on

Praise God for reaching out to people we haven’t seen lately

Praise God for new leaders emerging as gaps arise

Praise God for the prayer ministry we’re slowly fanning into a flame

Praise God for growing our community connections

Praise God for the gifts we’re already receiving to minimize our deficit

Praise God for small steps towards big impact in the kingdom of God

Like Paul this season, “In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.” Thank you for being the people of God to the world around us. Thank you for living your faith.

What or whom are you rejoicing over? What steps of faith have you seen or taken lately? Praise God for the abundant life emerging among us.

Enthusiastic people stand out in a crowd because “they radiate their own private ray of sunshine.” So say Doug Fields and Joshua Griffin in *Live Large. Be Different. Shine Bright.* (Simply Youth Ministry).

The word *enthusiasm* comes from the Greek phrase *en theos*, which means “in God.” The authors write that “God is the source of energy, vitality and power for those who have come into a relationship with him through his Son Jesus Christ.” They offer these suggestions for becoming more enthusiastic:

- Stay connected to God, plugging your life into the Creator of life. Remember to “take delight in the LORD” (Psalm 37:4, NIV).
- If your life is overloaded, prioritize your activities. It’s tough to be enthusiastic when you’re tired.
- Start and end each day with enthusiasm. Bookend your days by reciting Psalm 118:24 (NRSV) — This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Liturgist

- 6) Jane Bowersock
- 13) Mary Kay Smith
- 20) Kathy Krites
- 27) Youth

Nursery

- 6) Rachel Hewlett
- Youth
- 13) Rachel Green
- Jill Wierwille
- 20) Ryan & Dana Bailey
- 27) Jerry Johnson
- Diana Eversole

Power Express

- 13) Youth
- 20) Youth
- 27) No Power Xpress

**See page 2 for ushers
and greeters**

Greeters

6) Ernie & Jenny
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

13) Larry & Bea
Musser

Sue Hinegardner

Cindy Weaver

20) Gene & Neita
Border

George & Kathy
Krites

27) Billy & Janet Pack
Linda Nixon

Deb & Frank Oen

Ushers

John Bayliff

Jane Roebuck

Ernie & Jenny

Numbers

Children and Fun This Summer

- Jonah and the Whale Bash, August 8 from 6-8pm

- Backpack Assembly from donated school supplies. All ages are welcome to stay for a family Sunday School and lunch on August 20 as we celebrate students and teachers and prepare for the new school year.

Pastor Vacation Dates

Pastor Casey will be on vacation July 25-August 6. Pastor Justin McCall from Wapakoneta 1st UMC has graciously offered to assist with any caregiving emergencies. You can contact him at 567-250-2850 or let our church office know to pass along the message.

July 31, we welcome the return of Pastor Mike Westbay preaching and August 6, Rev. David MacDonald will preach and lead Communion.



Back to School with Scrip

Whether you're buying school supplies for your family, or donating for our Cridersville Elementary School Supply Drive, plan ahead and purchase SCRIP gift cards with us. Your purchases will earn a percent back for the church ministries. Cards are available in the Ministry Center every Sunday, or during office hours M-F. Call the church office if you need other availability.



Summer Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
Office Closed on Fridays.

Book Notes

World War II. Darkness has fallen over Europe as the Nazis spread hatred, fear and war across the globe. But on a quiet city corner in the Netherlands, one woman fights against the darkness. In her quiet watchmaking shop, she and her family risk their lives to hide Jews, and others hunted by the Nazis, in a secret room, a "hiding place" that they built in the old building. One day, however, Corrie and her family are betrayed. They're captured and sent to the notorious Nazi concentration camps to die. Yet even in that darkest of places, Corrie still fights. This is her story—and the story of how faith, hope and love ultimately triumphed over unthinkable evil.

Several people are reading the "Left Behind" series by Jerry Jenkins. We are missing the first book titled LEFT BEHIND. Does anyone have it?



August Anniversaries

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| 1) Barrett & Karen Feigh | 15) Nicolas & Meghan Martin |
| 3) Larry & Phyllis Leiberick | 18) Charles & Karen Martindell |
| 4) Brandon & Jenny Drexler | 18) Matt & Jenny Ricker |
| 6) Keith & Donna Paul | 20) Scott & Lori Lucas |
| 9) Jim & Carolyn Lucas | 20) Josh & Kari Houser |
| 14) Jerry & Barbara Johnson | 24) Brian & Christy Tomsett |
| 15) Blake & Casey Irwin | 26) Meghan & Justin Erb |
| | 27) Dave & Christi Lightle |

August Birthdays

- 1) Shayla Fry
- 2) Glen Richardson
- 3) Kristi Bailey
- 4) Casey Irwin
- 5) Boyd Smith
- Greg McCaslin
- 7) Mary Bales
- Justin Erb
- 9) Shirley Emrick
- Deb Oen
- 12) Connie Rees
- 13) Dave Burris
- Landon Lightle
- Jarid Kohlieser
- 16) Scott Emrick
- 17) Eunice Richardson
- Ryan Bailey
- Nicole Fairburn
- Sparrow Stubs
- 18) Shawna Kohlieser
- Nicolas Martin
- 21) Jane Roebuck
- Abigail Houser
- 23) Billy Pack
- 26) Alyssa Drexler
- 27) Rachel Green
- 28) Duane West
- 29) Howard Heilman
- Sandra Mooney
- Jenny Drexler
- 31) Scott Lucas

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry



CH-KI-LO Food Pantry will be closed August 1, 2 and 3 for renovations. The work will be underway to move everything back to the pantry and restock shelves August 4. If you would like to help, just stop by! Workers are always needed when the pantry is open – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 – noon. If you think you might like to join this mission, just drop by to check it out!! Snacks and drinks are always items needed at the pantry.

Stop by the Gospel Tents at the Auglaize Co. Fair and the Allen Co. Fair for some positive and uplifting entertainment.

Thank you for your contributions to the \$5 on the 5th Project.

Summer Activities for Youth

August 6 - lunch with the teens at the church from 11-12

August 27 - Youth Sunday

August 27 - Back to School Blast at Calvary from 5-7 pm

Youth Bible Reading Plan for August - see the calendar on the next page.

Please lift up the youth and our children as they start a new school year.

Back to School Humor

- Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!
- “Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken.” (Bill Dodds)
- Receiving new textbooks, one student to another: “Psst. How do you turn this thing on?”
- Parent: “What did you learn today?” Kindergartner: “Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.”

July Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
June 25	118	43	\$3,647.00	\$25.00
July 2	103	21	\$5,207.00	\$75.00
July 9	104	17	\$4,058.00	0
July 16	96	22	\$2,217.00	\$45.00
July 23	105	17	\$3,438.00	\$10.00

Youth Bible Reading for August

2017		August				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	01 Romans 13	02 Romans 14	03 Romans 14	04 Romans 15	05 Romans 15	06 Romans 16
07 James 1	08 James 1	09 James 2	10 James 2	11 James 3	12 James 3	13 Rest (catch up, read ahead, read any other scriptures)
14 James 4	15 James 4	16 James 5	17 James 5	18 1 Peter 1	19 1 Peter 1	20 Rest (catch up, read ahead, read any other scriptures)
21 1 Peter 2	22 1 Peter 2	23 1 Peter 3	24 1 Peter 3	25 1 Peter 4	26 1 Peter 4	27 Rest (catch up, read ahead, read any other scriptures)
28 1 Peter 5	29 1 Peter 5	30 2 Peter 1	31 2 Peter 1	01	02	03
04	05	Notes:				

Mark your calendars

Allen County Fair Gates Fundraiser is August 25-26. Two days of volunteering earns \$3200 towards our church's mission and ministries. Help us reach out to the Allen County area and raise funds for the work of God's kingdom. Sign up for your time slot with Gary Eversole or contact the church office for details.

School Supplies



We will once again be collecting school supplies for Cridersville Elementary. A complete list of supplies is included on the next two pages of the newsletter. Be on the look out for when the stores run their sales. All items will need to be returned to the church by August 20 when we will be packing book bags.

Christ's Hands

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ "has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform."

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

Christ has no body but yours;

no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours.

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PRE-SCHOOL (DO NOT LABEL CHILD'S NAME)

- Standard Size Book Bag (NOT small size)
- 4 pack Multi Color, Low Odor Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 10 pack **Crayola CLASSIC** Markers
- 1 box of **Crayola** crayons
- 4 Glue Sticks
- 1 bottle Elmer's Glue
- Sandwich (girls) or Gallon (boys) Ziploc Baggies
- Package of Baby Wipes (Boys) or 1 Container of Clorox Wipes (Girls)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 package of small (girls) or regular (boys) paper plates
- 4 pack **Playdough**
- A change of clothes (long pants, shirt, socks, underwear) in large Ziploc bag

The classroom will also welcome any art supplies that you are willing to donate. We are always creating and quickly run out of supplies. The supplies that we use on a weekly basis include: foam stickers, ribbon, yarn, buttons, wiggle eyes, pipe cleaners, pom poms, beads, stickers, tissue paper and craft sticks.

KINDERGARTEN (PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING)

- 24 Pack Crayola crayons (8 colors)
- 16 glue sticks
- 20 - #2 pencils (regular size) no fat pencils
- Scissors (FisKars for kids only)
- Book bag **Without Wheels** (large enough to hold folders & large library book)
- Pencil box (plastic type, 5" x 8")
- 1 box of tissues
- **Boys** – 1 roll of paper towels & 1 box sandwich size Ziploc baggies
- **Girls** – 1 package of napkins and 1 box of gallon size Ziploc baggies
- Wet wipes
- Old shirt for art (large enough to cover their clothing)
- A change of clothes (long pants, shirt, socks, underwear) in large zip bag
- 4 dry erase markers (any color); avoid Crayola brand (they do not erase well)
- Sock (for eraser)
- 2 highlighters

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1ST GRADE	2ND GRADE
<p>2 - BOX OF 24 CRAYOLA CRAYONS 12 - GLUE STICKS 2 DOZEN #2 PENCILS/PKG. PENCIL ERASER 5" POINTED SCISSORS BOOK BAG TO CARRY HOME PAPERS OLD SHIRT FOR ART CLASS PLASTIC PENCIL BOX SIZE 6" X 9" PACKAGE OF DISINFECTING WIPES BOX OF KLEENEX 4 EXPO MARKERS 3x5 INDEX CARDS (1 PACK) GALLON ZIPLOC BAGS (BOYS) QUART ZIPLOC BAGS (GIRLS) 1 SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK</p>	<p>BOX OF 24 CRAYOLA CRAYONS (2 BOXES) 12 GLUE STICKS 1 DOZEN #2 PENCILS PENCIL ERASER 5" POINTED SCISSORS BOOK BAG TO CARRY HOME PAPERS OLD SHIRT FOR ART CLASS QUART SIZE ZIP-LOCK BAGGIES (BOYS) DISINFECTING WIPES (GIRLS) 4 DRY ERASE EXPO MARKER - BLACK BOX OF KLEENEX PLASTIC PENCIL BOX SIZE 6" X 9"</p>
3RD GRADE	4TH GRADE
<p>2 PACKS EXPO MARKERS HIGHLIGHTER BOX OF 24 CRAYOLA CRAYONS GLUE STICKS 2 DOZEN #2 PENCILS PENCIL ERASER 5" POINTED SCISSORS BOOK BAG TO CARRY HOME PAPERS OLD SHIRT FOR ART CLASS QUART SIZE ZIP-LOCK BAGGIES (BOYS) GALLON SIZE LOCK BAGGIES – (GIRLS) BOX OF 8 CRAYOLA CLASSIC MARKERS POCKET FOLDER PLASTIC PENCIL BOX/BAG SIZE 6" X 9" BOX OF DISINFECTING WIPES BOX OF KLEENEX 2 ONE SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK 1 BOX CLOROX WIPES</p>	<p>GLUE STICKS (1 DOZEN) #2 PENCILS (4 DOZEN) 5 INCH POINTED SCISSORS 1 ONE-SUBJECT NOTEBOOK 1 COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK BOOKBAG OLD SHIRT FOR ART CLASS KLEENEXES (2 BOXES) COLORED PENCILS (2 PKGS) EXPO DRY ERASE MARKERS (2 PKGS) 2 ONE INCH 3 RING BINDER ZIPPERED PENCIL POUCH FOR 3 RING BINDER 3 POCKET FOLDERS (3 HOLE PUNCHED) PROTRACTOR (CLEAR) RULER (INCHES & CM) RED PENS 2 HIGHLIGHTERS 3" x 3" POST-IT NOTES (5 PK OR GREATER) GALLON ZIPLOC BAGS (BOYS) QUART ZIPLOC BAGS (GIRLS)</p>