



A TWO PICKLE DAY



Steve Brown, Christian author, pastor and radio host shared the following.

I have a friend who was with her little boy at McDonald’s the other day, she asked him how his day had gone.

Great, he said, my socks stayed up and then he bit into his hamburger and said, wow, two pickles. It’s my lucky day, a two pickle day.

Jesus said, that to get to heaven, we should become like little children. A part of that is being pleased and surprised when good things happen.

Yours may not be socks and pickles, but watch for the times when God winks at you. You’ll be better for it.

I love that! Seeing the world through the eyes of a child gives us a totally different perspective. In the crazy world we live in, sometimes we have to look for the small things...the surprises...when good things happen...and appreciate them and give thanks to God for them.

As we begin this fall season, many opportunities are available at the church to worship, to serve, and to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please read through this newsletter and see what is happening and how you can be involved. Together, let’s look for those moments when God winks at us...look for a two pickle day!



Love being your pastor!
Love and Blessings in Jesus!
Alice

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees—Sunday September 10

Deacons— Sunday, September 17

Session—Sunday September 24

Congregational Meeting on By-laws– Sunday, September 24 after worship



Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness including Covid.



Ike Karn
Arlene Perkins
Rev. Marion Stenner
Carolee Fugate

Linda Erdman, Pat Jordan, Suzanne Merkle,
Pat Myers, Susan Williams, Karin Schneider



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to

- Family and friends of Bruce Keiser who passed away on August 15.
- Jim and Karon Kaufman and Sharon Newell, John and Linda Watson, Bill and Cindy Bowen, Kathy and Nick Stapp, Linda and Brian Erdman, Chris and Mike Hargis, and the extended Watson family in the passing of sister, aunt, and great aunt Jean Newland.
- Dick and Kathy Wilson for the passing of Kathy's brother, Jimmy, in Alabama.

Thank you ❤️

...To **John Rihl** for the light sensors and **Jim Kaufman** for installing them on the front doors lights of the church. It brightens up and

beautifies the church at night and is also a good security measure.

To Barbara Berry and Jill Berry Dunham for putting together and donating 3 new First Aid kits for the church. One is in the cupboard above the sink outside the offices, one is in the Deacon's kitchen, and another is in the main kitchen.

To Jill Berry Dunham for donating a real looking, life sized baby doll to be used for baby Jesus at Christmas.

To all who gave to DNA School Supply and Shoe Drive

To Brenda DeLeon for the donation of her lawnmower.

To All Who Share their adventures with the JESUS doll over the summer months

To the Trustees for arranging installation of the new landscape lighting that makes the church shine at night.

To faithful donors that helped make the church maintenance projects possible this summer.



BIBLE STUDIES are getting started again this Fall.

- **Monday night Bible Study begins Sept. 18** via Zoom. The group will continue their journey through John. Please contact Rev. Alice for more information and the Zoom link.
- **Saturday, September 16 at 9 am. Men's Bible Study** led by Bill Pettibone starts here at the church. Please let Bill know if you have any questions.



Prayer Partners- Would you would be willing to pray for someone and drop them a supportive note now and then and would you enjoy someone doing the same for you? **Then sign up for Prayer Partners by dropping your name and birth date in the box on the side table or by calling the church office by the end of September.** If you had a prayer partner last year, your reveal slip is waiting

on the side table by the Prayer Partner Box.



LIFEWISE ACADEMY RETURNS

September 11

Plain City Elementary has grown a little bit with the population growth in the community! We will now have 23 classes spread out over 5 days of the week:

They will be at the church Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:10am and 1:10pm-2:35pm (with the exception of one afternoon each week that is off... it will be a rotating day, not always the same day of the week)

Prayers:

*Families as they prepare for the new school year.

*LWA JA will begin Thursday, Sept. 11th

*For local Churches join in support of LWA Ja and other local missions.

*School Teachers/Administrators/Bus Drivers

*LWA JA Administrators/Teachers/Volunteers/Bus Drivers EXPECTATION RISING

*Greater monthly financial commitments - \$50.00 per child a month

Note: Teachers: Lyndsey Kauffman - Plain City
Kimberly Schrock - Monroe
Lana Swartz - Canaan



Women's Circle Fall Kick-off Event was held on Sept. 5 with good attendance and good input from its members.

A couple new projects for the year were planned.

- **Blessing Bags** which hold care items in a plastic bag that you can share when your path crosses someone in need. We will begin collecting items like small toiletry items (like the hotel samples you brought one from a trip) , wash clothes and hand towels (new or usable used ones that are hiding in the back of your linen closet), hand warmers, wet wipes, Chapstick, small first aid kits, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, band aids etc. A list of suggested items will be on the parlor bulletin board. A donation box will be in the parlor as well.

- **Diaper Collection**—Due to a continual need, we will be collecting diapers of all sizes for children and adults. They will be given to DNA throughout the year. Collection boxes are in the way to the sanctuary.

- We are also kicking off **GAME NIGHTS** as church and community events. Mark your calendars **now** and invite your friends, neighbors and family for a night of fun games and community connection from 7-9 pm.

Saturday, Oct 14

Sunday, Jan 14 No School Mon

Sunday, Feb 18 No School Mon

Saturday, March 9

Keep an eye out for more details in future bulletins.

Our next meeting will be Tues. October 10 with Judy Brady leading the meeting and devotions and Elaine Wilcox sharing refreshments. All women are welcome to join us!

Thank you to all who supporting this event. **\$54,000** was raised which will be divided between the three important local charities.



& Auction
Activities
Event
Schedule
6:00

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
D.N.A. Community Center
LIFEWISE ACADEMY
She Dreams Again

CHICKEN DINNER
Dinner includes...
Smoked Mac & Cheese
Tickets go on sale JUNE
Auction Items Include:
Artwork, Home Decor, Handmade Crafts, Gift Baskets, Unique Dining Experiences, Something for everyone!
Want to Donate an Item to the Auction?
Bring Donations to Sharon Mennonite Church by August 31!
Pastor Jared Chase: 614-530-8329 • jchase2882@gmail.com
www.sharonmennonite.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Sept 24, 2023, immediately after worship, Session has called a meeting for the purpose of changing our bylaws to reduce the number of Deacons and Elders to six .



Calling all individuals who would enjoy volunteering in the nursery on Sunday's during worship service. As a volunteer, we ask that you arrive in the nursery no later than 9:45AM on your Sunday. If there are no "little ones" to care for, you may join worship service at 10:10AM. If you are willing to volunteer, try to secure a buddy, as we need 2 adults for every service. If you are unable to find a partner, I will pair you with another volunteer. Let Rev. Alice know if you would like to serve in this way and what Sunday that would be convenient for you. The Christian Education Committee thanks you for considering this request!

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in during the pandemic should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list.

Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins. Drop them a card or give them a call!

Bob and Suzanne Merkle– Dublin Retirement Village

Chuck Stoker—Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson– Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka– Edgewater

Jack Mercer– Bluebird Marysville



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday so October 1 is the next fill up Sunday. But you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary any time.

What is needed? All packaged food in boxes, cans, or pouches. NOTHING that needs refrigeration! Also remember this is a small area to fill so small boxes are good. If you bring the food/items, we will get it in the pantry.

In need of : **SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, AND PASTA .**

Church Treasurer Report for July 2023

The general fund balance for the end of July was down slightly from last month due to lower donations during the month, even with five weeks of donations included. Expenses were as expected.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/2023	\$ 22,376.04
Income	11,840.51
Expenses	(12,453.88)
Ending Balance 07/31/2023	\$ 21,762.67

Building repair expenses were paid from the Major Church Repair Fund to Durable Slate in the amount of \$14,220 in addition to \$1,175 paid to Golden Bear for door repairs, so the July 31st balance is now at \$21,450. This included \$225 of memorial donations which go to this fund.

If there are any questions about the financial information of the Church, please let me know.

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



09/02	Banwo	Longe
09/02	Steve	Patterson
09/07	Elmer	Collier
09/08	Bob	Merkle
09/09	Evee	Wilcox
09/09	Carol	Burkhart
09/11	Henry	Walker
09/11	Sara	Gordon
09/12	Dick	Wilson
09/13	Brynn	Craney
09/15	Mindy	Foust
09/20	Janet	Johnston
09/21	Paige	Erdman
09/22	Jerry	Smith
09/27	William L.	Wilcox
09/27	Trina	Stone
09/29	Morgyn	Craney
09/29	Nancy	McKelvey

- 09/05 Angie & Keith Lester
- 09/09 John & Beth Rihl
- 09/13 Richard & Elaine Meeker
- 09/15 Connor & Kristen Johnston
- 09/17 Bill & Vicky Pettibone
- 09/23 Gary & Carolyn Gibeaut
- 09/24 Deidra & Jerry Hurley
- 09/25 Stewart & Sonia Walker
- 09/27 Randy & Janie Collins

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH ?
CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.**

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men . They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Jim if you are willing to learn and help.

THE UPPER ROOM®

The daily devotional in both large and regular print for the months of September and October are available on the side table, in the parlor table and also outside in the box by the Church St door. Pick up one at your convenience.



Monthly Healing Services with the anointing of oil and laying on of hands will return again since we discontinued at

the time of Covid. The healing service will be during our prayer time after the livestream. If you or someone you know needs this ministry, plan to be present on **October 1, the first Sunday of each month.** Remember you can stand in for someone who can't be here.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS -If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit... please call or text Rev. Alice

