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Dear Church Family,

Summer is closely upon us and with the intense heat of 90 degree days at the end of May and the beginning of June...it has taken an early start! Summer gears us to lots of different outdoor activities as we enjoy warmer weather and sunshine. Summer is usually a more restful, relaxed time. I recently read an article by Priscilla Shirer that speaks of the necessity of rest that I share with you...

He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. Mark 6:31

Rest is becoming a lost art in our modern culture. We've exchanged its old-fashioned value for a hectic, fast-paced, breakneck speed of life. Our fervor and passion disintegrate while our blood pressure elevates. Packed within each 24-hour time span is an unsustainable number of tasks we've placed upon ourselves, as well as demands others deem urgent enough to place upon us as well. And based on our fatigue and frustration, we'd give anything to offload the burden.

But rest doesn't seem like a viable option anymore. Have we forever passed up any kind of reality that dares to include rest as part of a typical day? Or week? Or ... month? (Or ... a year?)

When Jesus sent His disciples off on a specific ministry assignment in Mark 6:7-11, He didn't shield them from the fact that their journey would not be particularly easy. People would refuse to listen to them, much less give them hospitality. Any cause for excitement would be counterbalanced by any number of legitimate reasons for quitting and discouragement. They'd be empowered to preach, heal and spread the news of the kingdom, yes, but they'd also be exhausted on every front — physically, emotionally and spiritually. And even after finally coming back home from their tiring journey, people would still be *"coming and going,"* enough that the disciples *"did not even have time to eat"* (v. 31b).

So as their first order of business upon returning, Jesus greeted them with clear instructions to rest: *"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while'"* (Mark 6:31a).

It wasn't a request. It wasn't a friendly suggestion. It was Jesus' command. Here's what you're going to do, guys. You've been through a lot. And much more remains to be done. But for now ... *rest ... come and rest.* At least for a little while.

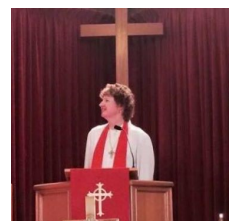
Do you ever feel guilty for taking time away to regroup and recharge? Are you saddled with a sense of wasted opportunity if every space on your calendar is not filled? Are you afraid your world will stop turning if you disengage for even a few moments? Are you concerned about losing your competitive advantage if you're not converting every moment into maximum achievement and efficiency?

Then hear the voice of your Savior welcoming you into a place where grace flows, where the Spirit refuels, and where mercy fixes what's been strained and stressed by accumulating life's pressures. This is the space where priorities and relationships that have been pushed out of alignment (and are in need of repair) get patched up and recalibrated.

Quiet time is not an excuse for the lazy but a wise investment for the diligent. It's for those who are committed to being active servants and followers of Jesus Christ instead of slaves to the tyranny of urgent busyness and activity. By prioritizing rest for ourselves and those we love, we might just rediscover the joy we thought had been lost forever.

Lord, help me to embrace Your grace. Guide my steps as I seek to come to You ... and allow me to rediscover the rest You commanded to be part of my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

I encourage you to take time to rest this summer in the Savior's love and peace!
Love being your pastor!
Love and Blessings in Jesus!
Alice



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



Brenda DeLeon
Paula Williams
Brynn Craney
Judy Brady
Georgianna Alvarez

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:



Session—Sunday June 25

Trustees—Sunday June 11

Deacons— Break until July 23

Thank you ❤️

...to John Watson and Jim Kaufman for installing the handrail by the Church Street door and the new faucet in the Deacons' kitchen .

...to the Women's Circle for the Senior Recognition and particularly Donna Rihl and Nancy McKelvey or organizing it.

...to everyone who donated diapers for the Women's Circle Diaper Drive for DNA. Your donations helped families in need and was much appreciated.

Bible Studies are on break for Summer. Check again in the Fall.

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**JOIN US FOR A JULY FAMILY FUN
EVENT! SUNDAY, JULY 9 at
6:30 PM**



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to

- Elmer Collier upon the passing of his niece, Wendy Vissman on May 1.
- to the Warner Family in the passing of Janie and Lloyd's son, Art Warner on May 5.
- Dick and Kathy Wilson upon the passing of Dick's brother, Bob on May 5.
- Paul and Donna Gibson upon the passing of Paul's brother, John.

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.

Get your Hot Dogs Here!

Free Hot Dog Lunch! Friday August 4th . Our deacons are sponsoring a Free Lunch for the community on August 4th at noon.



Vacation Bible School

Save the dates June 26-30 -10 am –noon



VBS will be for ages 3-sixth grade and will be held outside.. More details on supplies needed to come later but we will need tents and volunteers to be group assistants and general assistants. **See Rosemary Anderson if you can help out in any way!**

Call the church 614-873-5011 to register . Forms are available on the back table and also on the church website.

Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School is a **fantastical celebration of how following Jesus changes the game**. Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Kids will have fun with games while learning that Jesus guides

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS ON-LINE PURCHASE

Deadline for Monroe is June 7th. Price range \$40—\$50 Other elementaries end of June Help support with the ease of on-line shopping. Over 40 kits were needed by Monroe alone.

Help DNA support the community needs!

Chicken BBQ & Auction
Family Fun & Activities
August 5

Hosted By:
Sharon Mennonite
Church

7675 Amity Pike • Plain City, OH 43064



Evening Schedule

4:00 Chicken BBQ Dinner
Silent Auction
Kid Zone

6:00 Live Auction



Lil e's Ice Cream

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

D. N. A.
Community Center

CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS: \$20
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
Dinner includes: BBQ Chicken, Beans, Smoked Mac & Cheese & Coleslaw
Tickets go on sale JUNE 1!

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

She Dreams Again

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 3!
Pastor Jared Chase: 614-530-8329 • jchase2882@gmail.com
www.sharonmennonite.org



Back to School Supply Drive

As this school year wraps us, we are already getting ready for the next!

One simple way to support families in need is to purchase school supply kits, which relieves them of spending their own resources on searching and providing essential school supplies.

If you'd like to purchase a supply kit for a family, please head to

school.dnaofpc.org

NURSERY



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 re-



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday so June 4 is fill up Sunday. But you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary any time. What is need-

ed? 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 .

FROM THE TRUSTEES This summer you will see scaffold set up on the side of the church. We are having repairs done to the stone on the exterior of the church. The work includes fixing cracks, replacing stone as needed, sealing stone, and caulking areas that need it. The project is estimated to cost \$28,000. We do not have the funds to do all the work at this time, we are doing what is most urgent at a cost of \$16,900. We would like to finish the work and will do so as funds become available. If you can help us reach this goal, we would need an additional \$12,000. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, we have just learned from our inspector that the shingle part of the church roof was damaged by the recent hail storm. We are working with the insurance company to have this fixed. Thank you, Jim Kaufman, President of Trustees

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!

Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living

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

Church Treasurer Report for April 2023

The general fund balance for the end of April was down from last month due to lower donations during the month. Expenses were mostly as expected.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 04/01/2023	\$ 37,185.46
Income	9,331.00
Expenses	<u>(13,671.47)</u>
Ending Balance 04/30/2023	\$ 32,844.99

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

Best Regards,

Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

06/01	Chic	Foust
06/01	Judy	Walker
06/06	Sophia	Manring
06/09	Charlotte	Lambka
06/10	Bill	Bowen
06/11	Teri	Salyer
06/15	Graham	Johnston
06/16	Nick	Stapp
06/17	Gary	Gibeaut
06/20	Junior	Moody
06/22	Donna	Rihl
06/22	Gladys	McCabe
06/24	Wendy	Walker
06/25	Paul	Gibson
06/26	John	Rihl
07/02	Elizabeth	Collins
07/02	Jane	Denhardt
07/02	Randy	Collins
07/06	Linda	Erdman
07/11	Nancy	Patterson
07/14	Harley	Bodenbender
07/17	Melissa	Erdman
07/20	Belva	Latham
07/21	Rita	McCray
07/21	Vicky	Pettibone
07/29	Leanne	Manring
07/30	Michael	Wilcox
07/31	Chad	Sperling
08/01	Kim	Moody
08/06	Daniel	Sperling
08/06	Angie	Lester
08/09	Henleigh	Reed
08/11	Beau	Stapp
08/12	Roy	Woods
08/12	Austin	Beltz
08/13	Paula	Ferguson
08/13	Keitha	Lear
08/19	Stewart	Walker
08/19	Nathan	Ferguson
08/24	Frank	Smith
08/29	Suzanne	Merkle
08/31	Paula	Williams
08/31	William A	Wilcox
08/31	Connor	Johnston
09/02	Banwo	Longe
09/02	Steve	Patterson



- 06/09 Leonard & Donna Rihl
- 06/12 William A & Jonna Wilcox
- 06/13 Frank & Jerry Smith
- 06/16 Paul & Donna Gibson
- 06/17 Chris & Janet Johnston
- 06/17 Dick & Kathy Wilson
- 06/19 John & Pat Jordan
- 06/21 Bill & Cindy Bowen
- 06/28 Jane & Jeff Denhardt
- 06/28 Jim & Karon Kaufman
- 07/11 Madelyn & Kyle Cook
- 07/20 Steve & Nancy Patterson
- 07/25 Elaine & William L. Wilcox
- 07/28 Bob & Suzanne Merkle
- 08/03 Chad & Brynn Craney
- 08/31 Kim & Junior Moody
- 09/05 Angie & Keith Lester

Congratulations on 50th Anniversary: Come celebrate Donna and Len Rihl's golden anniversary on June 2, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. The party is back at my parent's cabin (9485 US Hwy 42 S.) It is Friday, June 2, at 7pm. Bring a lawn chair. There will be light snacks, drinks and dessert. Please rsvp either to this email, to Julie's email at juls7angel@hotmail.com or 614-519-9949

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

