

Good News Letter

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In July we have taken a look at the stained glass in the sanctuary and how it is a part of our worship setting. The large window in the rear that depicts Jesus with the Samaritan woman reminds us that worship in “spirit and truth” is not tied to a place or a setting. Even a building in which to worship is not necessary. For the first 300 years or so, believers did not have buildings.

One could also think of the hymnal in the same way. An important part of our worship involves the music. Most of the songs we use come from “Hymns for the Living Church” or “The Faith We Sing.” Many churches and denominational groups use different hymnals and sing different songs. Some churches have composers that write original music for use in their services.

The significance of the space in which we meet and the music is also not tied to necessity. They are a gift to be accepted, and for which



to be grateful. When I think of necessary things that give us a helpful pointer in the direction true worship, I am reminded that all we need is God’s presence and each other, which is what gives significance to the space we share and all the songs and the other elements of worship.

For some reason a passage of scripture from Paul’s Epistle to the Colossians comes to mind. In it he gave instructions to them about who they were as God’s chosen people, and how they might worship together. As a way of summing things up, it seems right to leave that text with you here, from Colossians 3:12-17;

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with

compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace, and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Blessings,
Mark

August Panera Volunteers

- Aug 3 - Turner
- Aug 10 - Brown
- Aug 17 - Grubbs
- Aug 24 - Faulk
- Aug 31 - Brown

Thank you all for volunteering to carry out this important mission.

PERSONALS

- Gabe Fogle was listed on the Distinguished Honor Roll at Hayes for the last quarter. Congratulations Gabe!
- Pastor Allison had an article printed in the July 8 edition of the Delaware Gazette. You can find a copy of this on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- There were 21 people at the first stained glass workshop in July. We learned a lot about our windows and about stained glass. We had a good time making our stained glass crosses. Thanks go to Pastor Allison and to Larry Faulk.
- Former member of Central Community Church, Joan Rife, passed away on July 12.
- Deb Lovell will be starting a new job at OWU.
- Carol Grubbs's sister, Donna Brown, recently fell and broke 3 ribs.
- Former member Sam Chesser visited our worship service on July 23.
- Jenni Pedzinski's father has had a major stroke. This has greatly impacted her family.

- Richard Brown was recently diagnosed with tumors on his kidney, and is awaiting more information.

- Jane Moore Snyder had a big tree blown down in her back yard. Fortunately, it missed her house.

- At our quarterly business meeting in July, David Spear was voted on to join the Board of Trustees for the church.

ABW- Women's Fellowship

We met on July 17th at my house. We were so happy to see Sherrie Chambers and catch up with each other. As many members are going on trips or have other commitments, we will be meeting on the 2nd Saturday in August. Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship on August 12th at 11:30 in the Church Fellowship hall.

Laura Brown
740-815-8399

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought school supplies for Conger Elementary School students so they could get off to a great start learning.

Thanks for all who filled the envelopes for money for shoes for students. Imagine the smiles on their faces when they get a new pair of shoes!

In August we are collecting food for People In Need. Please put your items in the basket in the Welcome Center. In the summer, there is more need. Thanks to all who so generously fill the basket each month year round.

On September 14th from 6:30-9:00pm, Common Ground Free Store will have an event called "Fashion and Fixins." It is a dinner and fashion show featuring items donated to the Free Store. It is a fund raiser for Common Ground. Tickets are \$60.00 and include dinner and two drink tickets or 2 tickets for the raffle. It will be held at Ohio Wesleyan University's Hamilton Williams Campus Center. Tickets are available July 1st.

Looking ahead, in September we will have our Annual Undy Sundays. Each Sunday you may bring new underwear of all sizes. These will be given to the Common Ground Free Store. These are always appreciated as this is a kind of item that does not get donated as much as others.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 8 Kate Cooper
Ryan Cooper
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 13 Jake & Claire Pierce
- 17 Andrew Smith
- 18 Larry & Pam Faulk
- 20 Brennan Howe
- 23 Bev Cox
Grace Allison
- 24 Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

In November, we will have the filling of the Christmas shoes

boxes for children around the world. As you are shopping, be looking for items to fill a girls or a boys shoe box with things they would like; pencils, pens, colored pencils, stuffed animals, scarves, brushes, combs, toothbrushes, puzzles, toy cars, balls, etc. Do not include candy or toothpaste.

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items from Panera, repack them, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning for distribution.



Joan Rife

Joan Thomas Rife, 97, of Radnor passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Joan Thomas Rife was born at the family farm to Kenneth and Lillian (Leasure) Thomas on April 18, 1926.

Joan attended Bellpoint School and received her high school diploma in 1944. She started the next week at the Curtiss-Wright Columbus aircraft assembly plant as a Rosie the Riveter, working on the wing hinge assembly of the SB2C Helldiver dive bomber. Joan later worked at RANCO before retiring to her ultimate calling as wife, mother and homemaker.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Richard Brown	Health Issues
Family of Joan Rife	Condolences
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Joan and John Frederick Rife were united in marriage on April 23, 1954. Joan was an active member of the Radnor Baptist Church and later joined Central Community Baptist Church. Joan was one of the kitchen crew for church dinners and turned out many angel food cakes for each event. Joan helped her parents care for their home for many years and with their passing took to hobbies of quilting, travel, reading and jigsaw puzzles.

You're Invited

You are invited to a SURPRISE Birthday party for Brennan Howe on Saturday, August 19th at 3:00pm. It will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Candy Lee. (of course, when Brennan is not around). Please come and help Brennan celebrate his 18th birthday!

Hostas Needed

We need hostas for the church flower bed. If anyone has hostas in their yard that needs to be split, please consider donating them to the church. If you would like to donate, please see Candy Lee. Hostas can be split any time during the year. Thank you

Sanctuary Wall Hanging

The wall hanging in the sanctuary was given to the church in 1993 as a thank you by the Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild for letting them use the Fellowship Hall for their meetings. Four members of the church were in the guild at that time: Jeanne Ekelberry, Ernestine Frost, Sophia Stephenson, and Bertha VanBrimmer. The pattern has at least two names: Cathedral Windows and Stained Glass Windows.

Jeanne Ekelberry

FBC Website Update

The home page for our website has been updated to reflect and celebrate our stained glass. Visit fbcdelaware.org to view the changes.

-Larry Faulk

News from Jeni

Jeni Pedzinski, one of the missionaries our church supports, is now serving in Pennsylvania as Director of Mission Mobilization. She has been there about 7 months. She was in Thailand prior to this assignment.

She says that her ministry now is a wonderful fit and she is enjoying her work immensely. She said that it is difficult work but that she is learning so much and believes that God has prepared her for it. In her email to me, she is asking prayers for her family who live in Michigan. Her father had a very serious stroke 30 days after she began her position in Pennsylvania.

He has been in continuous care since then, and is severely physically and mentally disabled. Her family is struggling to respond to all the many issues related to this. Her dad is only 63 and operated a small business. It has been a very difficult year and the situation has no end in sight as they continue to grapple with paperwork, Medicaid, social security, and insurance. She is asking for prayers for her mom, Marcia, who bears the heaviest burden in all this.

She said to give her love and greetings to everyone at our church.

-Mary Lou Lovell

Stained Glass Field Trip

As a continuation of our stained glass workshop, we will be visiting Asbury Methodist Church, 55 West Lincoln Ave. on Sunday, August 6th at 4:30pm. Please join us as we experience their stained glass windows.

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

Financial Update

For the second quarter of 2023, income in our general operating fund exceeded expenses by \$1,553. Contributions to Missions is on target to meet our annual goals. Capital Improvements, and Memorials offerings were received and appreciated.

Copies of the quarterly report are available in the Welcome Center.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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August

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
August Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in Need (PIN) • Common Ground Free Store 		1	2	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner	4	5	
Transfiguration Sunday Friendship Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion 4:30 pm Stained Glass Field Trip Asbury Methodist Church	6	7	8 	9	10 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	11	12 11:30am ABW Lunch Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service	13	14 5:30 Deacons	15	16	17 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	18	19 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 3pm - Special Event Fellowship Hall (see news article)
10:00 am Worship Service	20	21	22	23	24 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	25	26
10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Board of Christian Education	27	28	29	30	31 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown		
September newsletter available today							