

Good News Letter

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As I write this article, it has been less than twenty-four hours since the winter solstice, which occurred at 4:47 on Wednesday, December 21st. The celebration of the new year has been a part of various cultural expressions from “prehistoric” times. That means as long as people have been around leaving any trace of their existence, they have been marking the time when the daylight began to get longer each day. Several ancient religions observed “the birth of the sun” each year. Symbolically, the “shortest” days represent death, and the “lengthening” days as spring approaches represent rebirth, or new life.

Several ancient religions observed the birth of the sun at this time each year. Because they could not easily discern the exact moment of the winter solstice, some cultures celebrated the sun’s birth on December 25, which is actually a few days after the solstice. When Christians



began to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is thought that they substituted it for the sun-birth observances of their neighbors.

Then, when the Julian calendar came into use, and later the Gregorian, the date for the new year became January 1st, about ten days after the solstice. Often I have wondered why the first day of January doesn’t coincide with the solstice, but that is another question.

Anyway, here we are at the beginning of another year, 2023 years since Christ was born. As I have gotten older, it seems like time passes more quickly and Christmas and New Year’s Day festivities run together a bit. Maybe it is the same for you. It seems like it is always another new year.

But no matter, as we look out upon the near future, and we anticipate the coming of another spring and summer and fall, we can be confident that this year will be filled with the same delights and pleasures; vacations, graduations, new jobs, births, retirements, etc., as well as the same kind of troubles as in all the previous years.

The new year offers a good opportunity to be renewed in the hope that God is with us throughout our journey in this life, and of resurrection in the world to come. It is my prayer that your 2023 will be greatly blessed, and filled with promises kept, and our lives together enriched with meaning because they are filled with Christ, which means, with mercy and love.

Happy New Year,
Mark

January Panera Volunteers

- Jan 5 Faulk
- Jan 12 Volunteer Needed
- Jan 19 Volunteer Needed
- Jan 26 Faulk

There is a new sign-up sheet for the winter in the Gathering Place. If you would like to take part in this vital mission of our church and need some "training," please speak to Larry or Pam Faulk. Our church is the only supplier of Panera goods to Andrews House, so it is important that we carry on this mission.

PERSONALS

- Calvin and Taylor Turner are expecting their first child in June.
- Deb Fogle and Rolf Remlinger are engaged to be married.
- Candy Lee wishes to thank everyone for prayers for her sister Trudy and asks for continued prayer for her.
- Larry Faulk's younger brother Jim passed away on November 22. Thank you for your prayers.
- Jim Snyder had a key role in Arena Faire's recent production of "A Christmas Carol."
- On December 4, Peter White played the piano at the Nash House for the Delaware Historical Society's annual open house. Did you know that the Nash sisters were former members of our church?
- Dr. Bob Caulkins is now back home from his rehab stay.

- Richard and Laura Brown became members of our church fellowship on December 11.
- Carol Serviss recently underwent some medical testing.
- Mike Reynolds is starting a new job related to helping colleges raise money.
- Mary Lou Lovell will have cataract surgery on January 18.
- On Sunday, December 18, Lena Putkonen and John Dalglish were married after our church service.

ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday, January 25, the church will hold its annual congregational meeting. The evening will start at 6:30 with a potluck supper in the Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by the annual meeting at 7:00.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January

- 3 Bailey Turner
- 6 Ken & Pam Shears
- 10 Kip Smith
- 12 Matt Cooper
Larry Faulk
- 13 Evan & Carrie Trigg
- 16 Jane Moore Snyder
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 30 Calvin Turner
- 31 Bowen Nace
Jay Roberts

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

As we look forward to 2023, I always like to review the year that has just passed. The list of material donations, money, and time you have devoted to reach out in the community is amazing!

This congregation has: made soup for the Place of Warmth, given items to Family Promise and Turning Point, brought items for Teacher Appreciation Bags, brought school supplies for Conger Elementary students, brought underwear for Common Ground Free Store, filled Christmas shoe boxes for children around the world, donated items for Christmas for 3 foster children, brought lots of bags of food items for People In Need, gave your change twice this year to help the Delaware summer lunch program, gave a monetary gift to Family Promise, Common Ground, People In Need, Helpline, America for Christ offering, Easter offering, Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope Sunday, gift cards to buy children's shoes for school, the World Mission offering, Crop Walk, Thanksgiving offering, Christmas Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering and Andrews House.

Thanks to all for their dedication to pick up Panera items, rebag them, and deliver them to Andrews House this year. A volunteer is needed for each Thurs. and Friday morning. If you would like to help with this, contact Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell

Thanks to everyone for wanting to meet the needs of others and being so generous. It is amazing to me what a small congregation can do!

In 2022, we hosted the Historical Organ Society in August with guest organist Stephen Price giving 2 recitals.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, we welcomed Jeni Pedzinski, who was our Missionary in Thailand. She gave a wonderful presentation about the work being done in Thailand to help young women. She is going to be in Pittsburgh in the new year working to prepare missionaries for the mission field.

We continue to sponsor Jeni Pedzinski, as well as Bill and Ann Clemmer, and the Sarah McCurdy.

I look forward to continuing the missions we have been doing.

Thank you for your continued support.
- Mary Lou Lovell

January Missions

Because of the very cold temperatures in January, we will continue to help provide soup to the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC . Extra delicious soup from the Soup and Sing was you given to Zion.

If you like to make soup and would like to give some, contact Mary Lou Lovell(740-36906041) or Mark Allison.

Prayer List

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Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

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Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Linda White's mother	Health Issues

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

Our other January mission is to provide support for Family Promise. Among the items needed are:
shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hair brushes, feminine products. mouth wash, and Also new Towels, Washcloths, and Sheets.

Thanks,
Mary Lou

Soup and Sing

Thanks to all who made Soup and Sing happen this year! It was wonderful to have Rolf Remlinger, Annette and Ken join us to sing and play guitars. We included the Christmas "Hallelujah!" with other familiar carols. Thanks to Candy Lee for playing piano and Will Fogle for playing violin. Thanks to Larry Faulk for setting up the screen to

have the words for the carols scroll as we sang. Thanks to Mark Allison for leading the sing-a-long and adding lots of interesting facts about the carols.

Thanks to all who came to sing and join in the Christmas season! Thanks to everyone who made homemade soup. We had 7 crockpots full! Delicious!

RMMO GOAL MET

Thanks to all who contributed to the RMMO this year, we surpassed our goal of \$900. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

The board of deacons will be sponsoring a table at the annual MLK Breakfast, January 20th at 7:45 am at the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at OWU. If you would like to attend, please let Dr. Allison or me know.

-Larry Faulk

THANK YOU

We recently received the following note from Ann and Bill Clemmer, two of the missionaries we are supporting. The card also includes a sketch by one of their Sunday school teachers. The card can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Dear friends at FBC Delaware,

We appreciate you! Thanks for partnering with us as we do the work God has called us to in this part of the world.

Love,
Ann and Bill

WOMEN'S LUNCH

Our women's lunch on January 21 will be a get-together in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Bring your own lunch and beverage and table service and come and enjoy the fellowship. Obviously, if the weather is too unpleasant, we can cancel. If that is the case, I will try to let everyone know.

- Pam Faulk



Poinsettia Dedications

In memory of Jimmie R. Moore from Jennifer Turner

In memory of Jimmie Moore; In honor of Jim Snyder from Jane Snyder

In memory of Mary Alice Snyder and Olive & Brooks Snyder from Jim Snyder

In honor of our whole family; In memory of our grandparents and Ben Geary from Fogle's & Smith's

In honor of Hermina Remlinger; In memory of Florian Remlinger from Rolf Remlinger

In memory of Jennie & Dr. Robert Lovell, Margaret & Ray Morby, Ida Morby from Mary Lou & Dave Lovell

In honor of Shay Caulkins, Richard Ward from Darlene & Bob Caulkins

In honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our parents from Pam & Larry Faulk

In memory of Lloyd Lauver and Joan DeLuca from Patricia Lauver

In honor of Trudy Laslo and Pat Gosser; In memory of Phil Lee and Raleigh Gosser from Candy Lee

In memory of the Gabriel and Lathrop family members who have passed on from Pam & Ken Shears

In memory of my son, Michael and Dick Jr; In honor of my sons Charles and John from Jeanne Ekelberry

In memory of Charles & Ruth Brown, Teresa Griffith, Nicholas Haycox, and Jeannie Stephenson from Carol Grubbs

First Baptist Church

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Delaware, Ohio 43015

January

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day 1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service - Holy Communion 	2	3	4	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Epiphany 6 	7
Baptism of the Lord 8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Dedication of Church Officers	9 5:30 Deacons at Faulk's	10	11	12 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	13	14
Christian Unity Sunday 15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  Martin Luther King's Birthday	 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:45 MLK Breakfast	17	18	19 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch at Church
Chinese New Year 22 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service noon Board of Christian Education Feb newsletter deadline today	23	24	25 6:30 Potluck Supper 7:00 Annual Business Meeting	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Holocaust Remembrance Day 27 	28
29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Feb newsletter available today	30	31	February 1	Ground Hog Day 2  8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	January Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Promise • The Warming Center 	

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As January ends and February begins, the lengthening of the days becomes more apparent each passing week. Now and again the sun shines through the dreariness of the season to remind us of spring's approach. The changing of the season between winter and spring makes a natural daily visual aid for the telling of the gospel story. Having begun with Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, we are able to focus our attention on the life and ministry of Jesus, and as spring arrives around the time of Easter, the world blossoms with new life around us.

As it is, we are heavy into the new year, enough to say that it is no longer new. There is much to look forward to. I am anticipating the time of the liturgical year named after the lengthening of the days. We call it Lent, and it begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22; the following Sundays mark



the approach of the Passion with Good Friday, and Easter, which is April 9th.

With that in mind, the Lenten Bible Study this year will also begin in February. On Sunday the 26th at 5:00 P.M. We will gather each week for five consecutive Sundays ending on March 26th. The title of the study is, "The Patriarchs: Stories in Genesis." With a view toward a better understanding of our faith and theology, we will cover stories involving Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers.

There is way too much in Genesis to consider in only five weeks, but we will do our best. I hope you will be able to join us. If you are interested in doing a little preparing, read the Book of Genesis between now and then.

As always, I look forward to our time together, and pray that the blessing of God's presence and care will remain with you throughout this winter, as it turns in to spring.

Mark

Pancake Supper

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.
Tuesday, February 21st
at 6 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us for our
Lenten Bible Study
beginning
Sunday, February 26th at 5 pm

February Panera Volunteers

Feb 2 Faulk
Feb 9 Turner
Feb 16 Grubbs
Feb 23 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering!

PERSONALS

-Candy Lee's sister Trudy and her sister-in-law Vicky both passed away recently. Pastor Mark conducted the funeral service for Trudy. Candy would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers and asks for continued prayer during the grieving process.

-Dan Chambers was hospitalized with a heart attack but is home now.

-Jennifer Turner has retired from Delaware City Schools.

-Carol Serviss is under hospice care.

-Former member Jean Osborne fell and broke her hip and subsequently passed away on January 15.

-Former member Pat Gosser (Candy Lee's sister) has a stress fracture to her heel and will be unable to walk on it for two months.

-Mary Lou Lovell had cataract surgery on January 18.

-Brennan Howe received a successful report about the bone graft surgery he had.

- Linda White's mother passed away on January 25.

Mission/Outreach News

Place of Warmth

Thank you all for making soup for the Place of Warmth for men at Zion UCC.

We have had many cold nights and will have more to come. A hot bowl of soup is appreciated by the men.

We will be asking for volunteers to make soup when it is needed.

Family Promise Donations

Thanks to all who brought items to help those at Family Promise. Laundry detergent, paper towels, dish washing soap, personal items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes and toothpaste are continually needed. Also needed for those coming in are wash cloths and towels, sometimes PJs.

Thank you for filling the box for them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February

4 Candy Lee
8 Samuel & Grace Allison
13 Lana Palmer
24 Emilie Showalter

Please report any errors.

February Mission

In February, we will collect items for Turning Point. It is a shelter for women and children seeking safety from domestic abuse. Residents are provided with a room, food, clothing and personal items, counseling, support to get a job, and to get housing.

Needed items:
large kitchen garbage bags
paper towels
gift cards to buy gasoline
household cleaners
women's new socks and underwear
women's and children's pajamas
batteries
copy paper
postage stamps
old cell phones
body wash

As you can see, the list is long. Anything you can purchase as you shop would be gratefully appreciated.

People In Need

Thanks to all who continually fill the box for People In Need with food items!

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who continue to pick up the unsold items at Panera, repackage them and take them to Andrews House to be given to those in need.

Looking Ahead

Start saving your pocket change. On March 12th we will collect it for the Delaware City Schools Lunch Program.

We will also be collecting for the America for Christ offering.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

There are jigsaw puzzles on the tray table in the Gathering Place. Feel free to take some home with you and to bring some in for others to take.

GAME NIGHT

We are having another game night on Saturday, February 4 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share and come and join in the fun and fellowship. We will also bring jigsaw puzzles to put out for people to take, so bring any that you wish to donate to the collection.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were 9 women for the January women's lunch. At that time, we decided to do the same thing for the February lunch because of the possibility of inclement weather. So, the women will gather at 11:30 on Saturday, February 18 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch, table service, and beverage.

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Condolences to Pete & Linda White and family on the death of Linda's mother	
Condolences to the family of Jean Osborne on Jean's death	

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

PASTOR ON VACATION

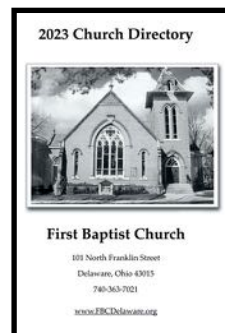
Dr. Allison will be on vacation February 13 - 20. Mike Reynolds will be guest pastor on Sunday, February 19th. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral needs during this time.

PANCAKE SUPPER

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21st at 6 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup. The meal is free. Just bring a friend and your appetite. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**



Church Directory Available

The 2023 FBC Church Directory is available in the Welcome Center. Please take a copy. If you would like an electronic copy, let me know and I can email you one.

- Larry Faulk

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.

4th Quarter Financial Update

At the end of 2022, income for the general operation of FBC has exceeded expenses by a very small amount. Mission giving met our 2022 goals. We have spent \$6,186 of Capital Improvement funds on major repairs and appliance replacements at our Congress Ct. rental property. Detail copies of the financial report are available in the Welcome Center. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

Sermon Manuscripts Available

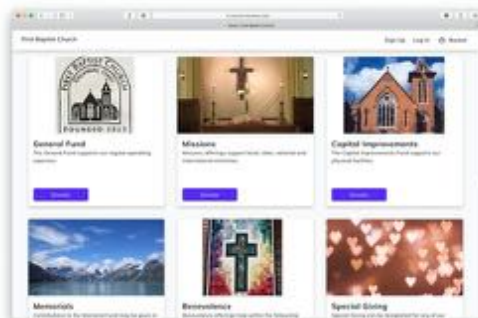
If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for 2021 and 2022 online. Others will be added soon.

Consider Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.









When you click on "donate" in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.

On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

February

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Mission Focus: • Turning Point			1	Ground Hog Day 2  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion	6 5:30 Deacons	7	8	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	13	Valentine's Day 14 	15 Dr Allison on vacation	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	17	18 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Mike Reynolds, guest pastor March newsletter deadline today	Presidents' Day 20 	Shrove Tuesday 21  6:00 Pancake Supper	Ash Wednesday 22  Lent Begins	23 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	24	25
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On my journey this past week I traveled east, in part to see the ocean in winter, and in part to go places I had never been, and see sights I have never seen. Among the sights were Independence Hall in Philadelphia and the Liberty Bell; the “Marconi Site” on Cape Cod, where the first successful trans-Atlantic wireless message was sent in 1903; Walden Pond; and Plymouth Rock.

The star of the trip was the ocean, which on the eastern side of Cape Cod was as beautiful and blue as I had ever seen it. The ocean has always served for me as a visual aid to the majesty and power of God. The water was cold, as one might imagine, but I stepped in it enough to collect some of it in a jar so I could bring it home. I have the Atlantic Ocean in my office if anyone wants to see it.

I don't really have a bucket list, except maybe to go to all fifty states before my time is up. I crossed Rhode Island and New Hampshire off the list. There is a vague list somewhere in my brain of historic churches I would like to visit, and I was able to worship in one of them, the First Baptist Church in America, which is in Providence, RI.

March



Lent

The church was founded in 1638 by Roger Williams, who also founded Rhode Island and its capital, Providence, and who many Baptists consider a “father in the faith.” The building was completed in



1775. Part of Baptist heritage is an emphasis on religious liberty, the kind Williams did not find in Massachusetts Bay,

but made sure to include as a part of the new colony.

All in all, it was a good trip, and I am glad to be home. It is time for the season of Lent. The first Sunday is February 26th; and it lasts throughout March and into April, with Palm Sunday on April 2nd, Maundy Thursday on April 6th, Good Friday on April 7th, and Easter on the 9th. On Sundays throughout March at 5 pm we will share a Bible study about the Patriarchs (and some of the Matriarchs too), stories in Genesis about Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers in Egypt. I hope everyone can join us.

Along the way spring will come, once again providing a living visual aid of resurrection right before our eyes. I pray this is a meaningful time of the year for everyone.

Blessings,
Mark

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us for our
Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, February 26th
at 5 pm
in the Youth Room

March Panera Volunteers

Mar 2 - Faulk
Mar 9 - Brown
Mar 16 - Volunteer Needed
Mar 23 - Grubbs
Mar 30 - Faulk

Thanks to all our volunteers.
There will be a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place this month.

PERSONALS

-Carol Serviss passed away on February 3. A private graveside service was held.

-Mary Lou Lovell thanks everyone for their prayers during her recent cataract surgeries.

-Rolf Remlinger was featured and pictured on the front page of the Delaware Gazette on January 25. You can read this article on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

-Gabe Fogle was on the Honor Roll and Brennan Howe was on the Merit Roll for the second quarter at Hayes. Congratulations Guys!

APRIL NEWSLETTER DELAY

Due to this editor's vacation plans, the April newsletter will be delayed by one week. The newsletter deadline will be March 26, and the newsletter will be available on April 2.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it is time to move our clocks forward one hour on the evening of March 11 for Daylight Saving Time. On Sunday, March 12, we will bring our loose change to church for our Change for Change offering. This money goes to Andrews House which oversees the Summer Lunch Program for Delaware children.

Mission/Outreach News

Panera Pick Up

Each Thursday night, rain or snow, hot or cold weather, someone goes to Panera to pick up the unsold items. These items are rewrapped to make it easier to give them to those in need. Andrews House gives out the items. People receiving them are very appreciative.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

- 5 Mike Showalter
Ben Turner
- 8 Mike Reynolds
- 9 Rolf Remlinger
- 10 Connie Roberts
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
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- 20 Bob & Darlene Caulkins
- 24 Richard & Laura Brown

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Turning Point

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I was so pleased as I looked at the basket overflowing with items that had been brought in to give to those in the shelter. Thanks to all who purchased items for the residents.

Looking Ahead

In April, we will take the Easter offering which will be given to Helpline(Agency that can be contacted to help those looking for food, counseling, housing, and other needs.

We also will be collecting items to put in the "Thank you " Teacher Bags for the staff at Conger Elementary School. Be watching for the list in the April newsletter.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Larry Faulk, Dave Lovell, and Ben Turner for preparing a scrumptious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for all of us.



Carol Serviss

Carol S. Serviss 82, of Delaware, passed away on Friday, February 3rd, 2023.

Carol was born June 8th, 1940, to Lester F "Cap" and Myrtle Gabriel in Delaware, Ohio where she lived her entire life. Graduated in 1958 from Willis High School, Carol always attended and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Delaware. She held several church offices in her younger years. After 20 years, she retired from the Delaware City Schools having worked at the Hayes High School in Food Service.

She is survived by her husband Ray Serviss, son Vic (Dawn) his two sons Willard and Gabriel Fogle, Sister Janet Lathrop, Nieces and Nephews, Stepson Steve (Angie), Stepdaughter Sheryl (Randy) Maxey and Stepson Jeff Serviss.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Willard Fogle and her brother Nevin Gabriel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio.

Graveside services were observed privately by her family at Oak Grove Cemetery with Rev. Mark Allison officiating.

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Condolences to the family of Carol Serviss on Carol's death

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Thank You

Prior to her passing, Carol Service sent the following:

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to know how to thank you for everything you have done for Ray and my family and to simply say thank you isn't nearly enough. Thank you for your cards, your prayers, and for your food gifts. Please accept my deepest thanks from me and my family.

Love in Christ,

Carol Serviss

WOMEN'S NEWS

We had 8 women at our February lunch, and a good time was had by all. Our March lunch will be on Saturday, March 18 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone should bring her own lunch,

beverage, and table service. Here is a "heads up" for April, so you can mark your calendar. Our April gathering will NOT be on April 15, but will instead be on Friday, April 21 in the evening. We plan to meet at church and carpool to dinner at a restaurant and then attend the ASPIRE event in Westerville that evening. We have attended two of these in the past and have thoroughly enjoyed them. They are like a miniature Women of Faith event with lots of music, humor, and stories. Pam Faulk will have 11 tickets for this event which will be available on a first-come-first- served basis. Please see her to get your name on the list for tickets. There will be more details in the April newsletter, but please put this on your calendar.

GRACE UPON GRACE

This year's theme for America for Christ is "Grace Upon Grace" inspired by John 1:16-17. which reads: "From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses: grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." America for Christ 2023 marks year one of a multi-year exploration of grace as the impetus for charitable support of ABHMS' transformational mission. "God's grace is expansive. Filled with abundant references to grace as God's light, the scriptures reflect a brilliant spectrum of rich hues that manifest God's favor, blessing, and kindness. As we transition to a post-pandemic world, we acknowledge that this light has shown upon us. We have emerged from the past few tumultuous years of isolation, deprivation, and loss, perhaps scarred and bowed but determined to continue pressing forward, thanks be to God." During the month of March, you will be reading inserts and hearing Mission Moments about the work of American Baptists, due to the AFC offering. Our goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

Financial Update

For the month of January, expenses in our general operating fund exceeded income by \$1,640. Contributions to Missions, Capital Improvements, and Memorials were received and appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer



Eagle Scout

James Craig Reynolds will be celebrated for achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor here at FBC on Sunday, March 12th at 2:30pm.

First Baptist Church











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Delaware, Ohio 43015

March

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> America for Christ Change for Change (Summer Lunch Program) 			1	2	World Day of Prayer 3 	4
Second Sunday of Lent 5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study America for Christ 	6	7	International Women's Day 8 	9	10	 Set clocks forward one hour tonight
Third Sunday of Lent 12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 2:30 Eagle Court of Honor 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study AFC/Change for Change Daylight Saving Begins 	13	14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day 17 	18 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
Fourth Sunday of Lent 19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study America for Christ 	First Day of Spring 20 	21	22	23	24	25
Fifth Sunday of Lent 26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study America for Christ April newsletter deadline today 	27	28	29	30	31	April 1 

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The two happiest days of the year for Christian believers are Christmas, the day of Christ's birth, and Easter, the day of Christ's resurrection. As is the custom, every year in springtime as the grass turns green and the flowers bloom, and as the trees come back to life, we celebrate the joyful news of life's victory.

In between there is winter, which, in spite of its beauty, is characterized by bleakness, cold temperatures, and the shortness of the days. In this brief reflection that comes at the beginning of the month of April, with Easter at hand, it is with the winter of life that I am concerned.

The inhospitality of winter serves as a metaphor of the difficulties of life that we sometimes describe with the same adjectives; cold, dreary, barren, dark. A "bleak midwinter" can describe the weather in February or it can refer to the darkness of war, disease, or sin, the heaviness that sometimes hovers over life and threatens to rob its splendor.

The Christian Faith addresses this heaviness. Its beginning came to a small band of believers whose hopes, and

April



He Is Risen

their understanding of life, were shattered when Jesus died. Skipping over of the troubling end of the life of Jesus, and our own troubles, to travel the distance between Christmas and Easter without the Passion in-between, is to miss the point of the whole drama, and to miss the power of resurrection.

We all know about the hard side of life because we have all experienced hard things. We are called to a mature faith. In a way, believers ought to be the most mature of all people, able to handle the hardships of life, and to help others by following Christ's example of sacrifice and service, and by seeing beyond the darkness of

life's winters to the springtime of life and light that follows.

The Maundy Thursday service on April 6th at 7 pm is a worshipful way to help. Attention to the tragedy of the night of the arrest and the cross on the next day deepens the joy of Easter faith. I pray that for each of you the observances of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter will touch the depths of that joy.

Blessings,
Mark

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
4:00 pm Cross Making

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6
7:00 pm Communion
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday

Friday, April 7
11:00 Stations of the Cross
Noon Service at St. Mary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9
9:15 am coffee & pastries
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

April Panera Volunteers

Apr 6 - Faulk
Apr 13 - Faulk
Apr 20 - Brown
Apr 27 - Grubbs

Thanks to all who volunteer.

PERSONALS

-Jennifer Turner took a trip to California to visit a friend.

-Randy Turner took a trip to Florida

-Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk took a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean for Erin's spring break.

-Bud Salyer welcomed a new great-grandson on March 11.

-Randy and Jennifer Turner took a trip to Cancun, Mexico.

THANK YOU

Once again you have given generously to our Change for Change offering. You contributed \$221 for the summer lunch program for Delaware children. Thank you.

-Pam Faulk

THANK YOU

FBC Family:

Thank you for hosting James' recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Special thanks to Peter for helping arriving guests feel welcome, to Mark for offering an opening prayer, to Larry for his videography, and the FBC family for their attendance and support.

Sincerely,

-The Reynolds Family

WOMEN'S NEWS

The women will be meeting twice this month, but not on our normal Saturday, which would have been April 15. Instead, we are gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 on Palm Sunday. We will be learning how to make crosses out of the palm leaves that were used in the church service. Hopefully some of us will bring them back to hand out on Easter morning.

On Friday, April 21st, the ladies of the church plan on attending Aspire event at the Grace Lutheran Church in Westerville. Aspire is a one night event full of laughter, learning, stories and music. We will be meeting at our church and car pooling to dinner and then to Aspire. We already have tickets and we have 7 tickets available. Please see Candy if you are interested in attending. Also there is a flyer on the bulletin board with more info about the event. It is a wonderful event and we hope that you will join us!

Business Meeting

Please join us for our Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. We will share in a covered dish dinner at 6:30pm, followed by a brief business meeting at 7:00pm.

Mission/Outreach News

In February, a collection of new items was given to the Turning Point Shelter. At the end of February, Jean Ekelberry and Elizabeth donated many of their sewn items such as baby quilts to

Turning Point as well. Thanks to all who shopped, purchased, or took the time to make things for this shelter.

It brings as a smile to their faces to see that others are thinking of and praying for them.

During the month of March the America for Christ offering was taken. Thanks to all who so generously gave so that others needs may be met.

On March 12, as we set our clocks back one hour, we emptied out pockets of change to be given to Andrews House for the Delaware City Schools summer lunch program. Those that have low income appreciate lunches being provided for their children in the summer. Thanks to all who gave their change.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



April

- 2 Cathy Reynolds
- 4 Taylor Turner
- 5 Evan Allison
- 10 Lauren Reynolds
Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
Devin Allison
- 29 Deb Fogle
Benjamin Trigg

Please report any errors.

Appreciation for Conger Elementary Staff

During the month of April we will be collecting items to make "Thank You" bags for the staff of Conger Elementary School. The staff works so hard daily for the children and this is a way we can say how much we appreciate the work that they do.

Last year we filled 70 bags. Suggestions of items you can donate to be put in the bags: Items must be individually wrapped.

- Granola bars
- Chips
- Tea bags
- Hot chocolate
- Dried fruit snacks
- Pencils
- Pens
- Candy
- Chocolate
- Cheese crackers
- Pretzels

The items can be placed in the box in the front entrance of the church in April and we will pack the bags and deliver them in May for Appreciation Day.

Please bring items by April 23rd.

Easter Offering

A special Easter Sunday offering will be taken on April 9 and will be given to Helpline.

Prayer List

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THANK YOU

Thank you to Mike Reynolds for leading worship on February 19th. He gave us some examples of "Glory Be" moments and ways to think about them in our lives.

Choir Practice

It has been great to have choir members preparing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter to sing. Thanks to all who give their time and voices so that we can have the choir as part of the service.

Financial Update

For the first two months of 2023, expenses in our general operating fund exceeded income by \$2,071. This is due to our winter heating bills and our February property tax bill. Contributions to Missions, Capital Improvements, and Memorials were received and appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

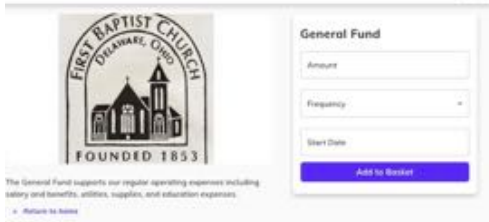
Consider Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.

When you click on “donate” in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.



On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Sermon Manuscripts Available

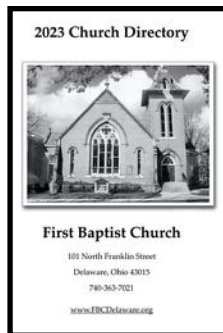
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Church Directory Available

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- Larry Faulk

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23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service May newsletter deadline today	24	25	26 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Qtrly Business Meeting	27 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	28	29
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I have always said that my favorite color is blue, like the sky. As time goes by, however, I am increasingly impressed by the color green. In both high school and college it was part of my school colors, and I always envied other schools with what I considered better colors, reds and blues, orange and black.

One of my favorite green colors is of the newly unfolded leaves at this time of the year. The way they dapple the sunlight is mimicked by the color of some of the stained glass in our sanctuary. I am sure the artist used that color so that on Sundays when believers gathered for worship, it would seem a little like a “sanctuary in the wood in springtime,” an outdoor place indoors, of respite from all the buildings that people have made.

As spring conducts its annual assault on winter, and the trees come out with new life and everything



gradually turns green, I think of Easter things. The season of Easter lasts for fifty days until the arrival of Pentecost. This year, Easter came on April 9th, and Pentecost Sunday will coincide with what to us is Memorial Day weekend. That means most of April and May is Easter.

Earthly life is somewhat overwhelming, with its hustle and bustle, its distortions and disputations, its restlessness, its unhappiness. But Easter is the opposite of all that, and stands for the overwhelming presence of God all around, in every place, in every moment.

Let it be our prayer through the month of May, as the earth turns green again, that we might see the whole world filled up with God’s Spirit. One cannot help but think of the line in the 23rd Psalm, “he makes me lie down in *green* pastures . . . and restores my soul.” Think about the presence of God every day when you see the grass and the trees that become the color of our world each spring.

I don’t think green has replaced blue as my favorite color, but it can represent the ever-present reality of God’s Spirit, at least at this time of the year. May your life be green.

Blessings,
Mark

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May Panera Volunteers

May 4 - Brown
May 11 - Lovell
May 18 - Grubbs
May 25 - Brown

Thank you all for volunteering your time for this mission.

PERSONALS

-Jeanne Ekelberry's sister and niece came for a visit from West Virginia last month.

-Genevieve Peterson and Richard Brown both suffered from COVID last month but are now recovered.

-Matthew Lovell came from California for a visit and sang a solo during the worship service on April 16.

-Will Fogle played several violin solos during the worship service last month.

-Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, the choir, and Will for all the beautiful music during the Easter worship service.

-Richard Brown's mother passed away recently. He thanks everyone for all their support during this time.

-Darlene Caulkins had a bad fall last month and suffered many cuts and bruises.

-Brennan Howe has more orthodontic work coming up this summer.

-Candy Lee will fully retire from Alpha on May 12.

-James Reynolds will be named Eagle Scout of the Year for the Polaris District on May 4. Congratulations James!

-Brennan Howe was listed on Hayes's Merit Roll for the third quarter. Congratulations Brennan!

THANK YOU

Our congregation is so generous. Not only did we meet our goal of \$900 for the America for Christ offering, we surpassed it! Thank you all for your contributions of \$1026 for this very special offering.

- Pam Faulk

YOUTH SUNDAY

On May 21 we will celebrate Youth Sunday when our youth will participate in the morning worship service, and we will celebrate those who are graduating. This will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

SUMMER HOURS

On May 28 we will move to our summer schedule. There will be no Sunday School, and the worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S NEWS

On Friday, April 21, the women attended the Aspire event in Westerville. Representing our church were Candy Lee, Jane Moore Snyder, Laura Brown, and Laura's daughter.

On Saturday, May 20, the women will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 for lunch. We will be having a baked potato bar. The ladies are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and your own table service. We will be discussing some "new ideas," so we would like a good turnout for this.

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Wifi Change

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter

Please report any errors.

Graduates

Colin Ferguson

Colin Ferguson graduated Saturday, April 29th with his Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University.

Love Ayinde

Love Ayinde will graduate from Ohio Wesleyan University on May 14th.

Gabriel Fogle

Gabriel Fogle will be graduating from R.B. Hayes High School on May 19th, 2023. He has been attending Columbus State Community College over the last year instead of being on the main campus of Hayes, but he is participating in tennis again this spring with his team. Gabe has lettered every year in tennis. Last year he was honored with 1st team OCC and MVP awards. He is currently in season now and is on track to have another amazing season! He has really been working hard! He has chosen to go to OWU next fall and is planning on playing with OWU's Men's tennis team. Gabe would like to study business. You are all invited to celebrate Gabe's graduation on May 26th, 2023 at Mingo Park 3 seasons room from 4-8 pm. Please RSVP to Deb at debthesciencemom@gmail.com or call her at 740-417-0800. Go Pacers! Go Bishops!

Mission/Outreach News

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Pat Rose	Health Issues
Richard and Laura Brown - Condolences-death of Richard's mother	

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bags to show our appreciation to them for their teaching and caring about the children. Thanks to all who brought granola bars, chips, fruit snacks and chocolate.

A special thanks to Jane Moore for spending many weeks to make a pair of slippers for each bag. What a nice cozy surprise it will be for them.

Thanks also to the Faulks who donated flower seeds. When the flowers bloom it will be a reminder of the beautiful ways they have helped the children to grow.

Bags will be delivered for Appreciation Day in May.

People In Need Basket

Each week items are added to help others that are in need to food. Thank you for continuing to fill it. Thanks to Peter White who delivers the food items to P.I.N.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who are so willing to pick up unsold items from Panera on Thursday evenings, bagging them, and taking them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

So much appreciated by those in need!

Mother's Day - Blanket Sunday

When you come to church on Sunday, May 14th, think of your mother or another woman who was important in your life. There will be a blanket in the front of the church. This blanket reminds us that many in our world do not have blankets to use for their children to keep them warm or use as a tent. Please pin a piece of paper on the blanket indicating the names of those you wish to remember with your monetary gift. The money will be given to Church World Service to be used for those in need.

Financial Update

At the end of the first quarter of 2023, expenses in our general operating fund exceeded income by \$679. Usually there is a larger deficit at this time of the year due to our winter heating bills and our February property tax bill. Your support for our general fund is appreciated. Contributions to Missions, Capital Improvements, and Memorials were also received and appreciated.

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Easter Lily Dedications

In honor of Eugene David Brown from Richard & Laura Brown
 In honor of Hannah, Emily, Nathan; In memory of Terena
 from Carol Grubbs
 In honor of Jim Snyder; In memory of Jimmie Moore
 from Jane Snyder
 In memory of Dr. Robert & Jennie Lovell, Raymond &
 Margaret Morby from Mary Lou & Dave Lovell
 In honor of Mary Lou & Dave Lovell, Hermina Remlinger; In
 memory of Florian Remlinger from Deb & Rolf
 In honor of Jane Moore Snyder; In memory of Mary Alice
 Snyder, Olive Snyder, Brooks Snyder from Jim Snyder
 In memory of my mother, Margaret Seckman from Linda White
 In memory of Lloyd Lawver from Patricia Lawver
 In honor of Darlene Castilins; In memory of Shay Castilins
 from Dr. Robert Castilins
 In memory of Trudy Larbo, Vicki Howe from Candy Lee



Directory Update

Deb Lovell & Rolf Remlinger
 232 Westwood Ave,
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May

2023

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<p>Peace Sunday 7</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	<p>Teacher Appreciation Day 9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>OWU Graduation</p>
<p>Blanket Sunday 14</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>Ascension Day 18</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hayes Graduation</p>	<p>Armed Forces Day 20</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans</p> <p>11:30am Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Youth Sunday 21</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>June newsletter deadline today</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4 - 8pm Gabe Fogle's Party at Mingo Park</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>Pentecost 28</p> <p>Summer Hours Begin</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>  <p>June newsletter available today</p>	<p>Memorial Day 29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>May Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation Bags • Church World Service Blanket Sunday 	

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The approach of summer means warm weather, no school, and vacations. It is the time of the year when it is comfortable to sit outside until late in the evening. It is a time of relaxation, visiting with family and friends, and adventure.

At church, the month of June is rather slow. The missions emphasis is the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, or OGHS. Actually a year-round missions opportunity, the OGHS is the American Baptist way of providing resources for people who have experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood or hurricane, or have suffered in a war, such as in Ukraine or Sudan, or have become refugees for any variety of reasons. The goal is \$900. As always, this offering is an opportunity for generosity.

Before the pandemic it was our custom to have summer activities; a bible study, or prayer services, or movie nights, or the like. These



have been suspended since Covid. Beginning in July, we are going to resume the summer educational activities. If I am not mistaken, this is the last activity holdout from before Covid.

This year we are going to learn about stained-glass. Of course, the primary focus will be the windows in our sanctuary and gathering place. We will learn a little history about stained-glass, its use in church buildings, the meaning of some of the images, and how it is made. Stay tuned for dates and times.

In the meantime, may the month of June be filled with great summer pleasures and may your summer be filled

with the blessings of God's grace. Pay attention to everything, wherever you go. The Lord meets us in all our journeys. And in everything you do, may you find Christ's presence, with peace and joy.

Blessings,
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June Panera Volunteers

- June 1 - Faulk
- June 8 - Grubbs
- June 15 - Brown
- June 22 - Lovell / Remlinger
- June 29 - Volunteer Needed

Thanks to all who volunteer.
Look for a new sign-up sheet for the summer quarter in the Gathering Place.

PERSONALS

- There is a thank you note from Conger teachers on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- Carol Grubbs had knee replacement surgery on May 8 and is recovering at her daughter's home.
- Pam Faulk would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister Pat who had eye surgery.
- Jane and Jim Snyder took a trip to the eastern seaboard and Washington, D.C. last month.
- Jeanne Ekelberry traveled to West Virginia for a graduation and family gathering
- Candy Lee's sister-in-law Patty passed away recently. Candy would like to thank everyone for their prayers.
- Randy and Jennifer Turner are expecting 2 grandchildren this year. Calvin and Taylor's baby is due in June, and Claire and Jake's baby is due in December.

- Thanks to Brennan, Gabe, and Will for their participation in the Youth Sunday worship service on May 21.

IT'S TIME TO SHARE

This is the theme of the 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. It is based on Galatians 6:9- "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up..." This scripture holds meaning for us in the past year. War in Ukraine persists, communities from Kentucky to Puerto Rico are in the throes of long-term recovery from tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes, while wildfires continue to imperil western U.S. states.

Those are just a few of the life-changing hardships people faced in 2022. In the midst of it all, American Baptists have responded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and we are seeing the harvest indeed. With our extensive network of international and domestic partners, American Baptists can - and do - make a difference wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

During the month of June, our church will be contributing to the OGHS offering. Our goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

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Wifi Change

Wifi access at FBC has changed. The wifi network is **FirstBaptist** and the password is **FBCDelaware**.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN (ABW)

Spring is fully upon us with all its activities. Our May 20th meeting was lightly attended, due to graduations and the Arts Festival. We had a delicious baked potato bar provided by Pam Faulk. Next month, we will meet on June 17th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall to discuss ideas for meetings and fellowship adventures. Please plan to attend and bring your own lunch and table service.

- Laura Brown

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 4 Dwight Davidson
- 8 Pam Faulk
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
Dave & MaryLou Lovell
Mike & Cathy Reynolds
Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Jay & Joyce Roberts
- 16 Chad Myford
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson

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JULY NEWSLETTER DELAYED

Due to the editor's vacation plans, the July newsletter will be delayed until July 2. The deadline for all newsletter items will be Sunday, June 25.

Mission/Outreach News

A HUGE THANKS to all who contributed to the Teacher Appreciation Bags for the Conger Elementary School Staff! They were delighted with all the goodies and snacks, the flower seeds, as well as the slippers made by Jane Moore. There is a thank you note from some of the teachers on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

On Mother's Day we honored our mothers and other women that were a special part of our lives. You listed the names of those women on a piece of paper and attached it with a donation for other mothers in need of a blanket in other places in the world. Church World Service receives this money, purchases blanket, and gives them to the women in need. Thank you!

In June we will have 2 outreaches: One Great Hour of Sharing and Tools of Hope.

Money will be collected for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the month of June for those in need around the world. There will be Mission Moments during the church service.

On Father's Day we will be thinking of our fathers and other men who have been important to us. We will have the blanket

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hanging as we did for Mother's Day, but this time it will be for listing names of the men of your choice and pinning with it a donation to be used by Church World Service to buy and give tools to those needing them to build structures in many parts of the world. As some areas have had many tornados and hurricanes this year, the tools will be a welcomed gift.

Thanks to all to continue to do Panera pick up and delivery to Andrews House.

Thanks to all who give so generously to fill the box for People In Need with food. It is so needed in our community.

School Supplies for Conger Elementary School Students

As we enjoy the Spring weather and are now out and about more, please think ahead when you are shopping to look for and purchase school supplies. We begin the collection in July because school begins in August. In July we will be collecting money to be given to People In Need to purchase shoes for children.

Blanket Sunday Dedications

5/14/2023

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Mark Allison	In memory: Fern Allison
Richard and Laura Brown	In memory: Marie Warner
Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory: Ethel Trogon
	All other women leaders at First Baptist
Erin and Larry Faulk	In honor: Pam Faulk
	Laurie Faulk
	Pat Rose
	Donna Mann
Larry and Pam Faulk	In memory: Evoleno Cole
	Florence Faulk
	Jean Wickum
	In honor: Erin Faulk
	Laurie Faulk
	Pat Rose
	Donna Mann
Will and Gabe Fogle,	In honor: Mary Lou Lovell
Debbie Lovell and Rolf Remlinger	Hermina Remlinger
	In memory: Carol Serviss
Candy Lee	In memory: Jean Scott
	Christine Lee
Patricia Lauver	in memory: Blanche Aurand
	Mildred Lauver
Dave Lovell	In memory: Margaret Morby
	Jennie Lovell
	In honor: BarbaraSmith
	Deborah Lovell
	Mary Lou Lovell
Jane Moore Snyder	In memory: Willa Smith Corder
Jim Snyder	In memory: Olive Fern Snyder
	Mary Alice Snyder
Randy and Jennifer Turner	In honor: Tonabell Turner
	Jane Moore Snyder
	Melissa Mercer
	Rowena Sizemore
	Lorelea Turner
	Dodie Turner

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June

2023

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Happy Summer! As promised, we are going to resume the last of the Covid era cancellations, which is the custom of summertime gatherings. This year the focus is stained glass. One of the distinctions among believers nowadays is between traditional and contemporary worship. My suspicion is that what most people think about when they hear those terms, regards style in general, and music in particular.

There are, however, other features, like building architecture and setting. Contemporary worshippers often choose rooms that can be used for multiple purposes and multi-functional; fellowship hall, theatre, gymnasium, and sanctuary all in one.

By contrast, the buildings of more traditional churches will likely be older and have different spaces for different activities. At least there will be a sanctuary used primarily, if not exclusively, for worship. There are more likely to be high ceilings, and on the outside, steeples or towers.

Our church is what I call middle-of-the-20th-century traditional. In addition to the late 19th century building with



a tower and high ceilings, we have a pipe organ and sing hymns. Our liturgy is typical of American Protestantism of the era. We have stained glass.

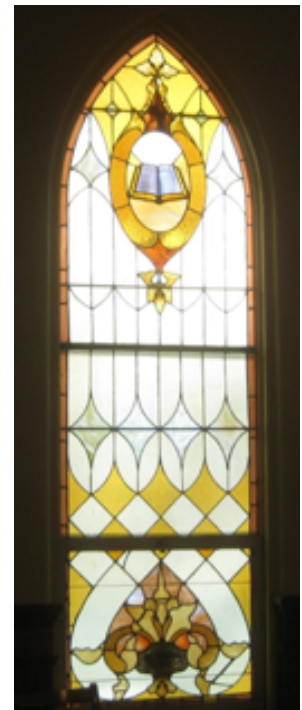
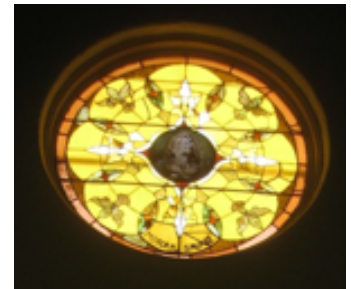
Stained glass has been a part of church art and architecture for more than one thousand years. Beginning in July, and with the goal of better understanding the meaning of our traditions, we will explore the stained-glass aspect of our building and heritage.

The first meeting will be at 5pm on Sunday, July the 9th. We will also meet on July 30 at the same time. There will be attention given to the symbolism of the images in our sanctuary, their biblical foundation, the way that life has changed since the building was built, and what the changes mean for how we understand ourselves. We will also learn about the history of stained-glass, and participate in an activity designing and putting together stained-glass crosses.

There is no attempt to make judgments regarding different traditions or worship styles, but only to be better acquainted with our own and how that reflects who we are as a church. I hope and encourage everyone to participate, and invite anyone else who might be interested to join us as well.

God bless all your summer activities,

Mark



July Panera Volunteers

July 6 - Turner
July 13 - Brown
July 20 - Faulk
July 27 - Lee

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

PERSONALS

- Kennedy Jane Turner was born on June 16. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congratulations Calvin and Taylor.

- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk took a cruise to Alaska in June.

- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell celebrated their anniversary at Lakeside.

Mission/Outreach News

Our church surpassed the goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing during the month of June. Thanks to all who reach out to others in the world.

On Father's Day we remembered men in our lives by pinning a donation with the name of the man we were honoring or remembering on the blanket hanging in the front of the sanctuary. This money is given to Church World Service to buy tools and other supplies for men around the world for repair due to weather or age of structures and for new building. Thanks for providing opportunities to those around the world.

Our Mission for July will be collecting school supplies for children in need of them for those attending Conger Elementary School. The school year begins in August. There will be a box in the sanctuary for collection.

Suggestions to give:
Pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers, glue sticks, folders, scissors, crayons and colored pencils.

We also will be accepting money for shoes for school children. The money is given to People In Need who purchases gift cards to give for the children. How exciting to provide a new pair of shoes and new supplies to get children off to a good start for the school year.

Thanks to all who continue to pick up Panera's unsold items to take to Andrews House for distribution to those in need.

Thanks to all who give to the People In Need food box on a regular basis, as there is an ongoing need in our community.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Once again, our church fellowship was generous in their contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We surpassed our goal of \$900 with a total of \$ 1,296. As natural disasters happen throughout the year, there is often a need for funds for rebuilding or for food and shelter. You can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing at any time. Just write a check to the church and make a notation that it should go to the OGHS offering. Thank you all for your generosity. Pam Faulk

ABW

ABW met on June 17th. We discussed possible outings and projects as a group. There was a discussion of some meetings being in members' homes. In the spirit of that and that our next meeting will be July 15th, which is National Horse Day, I am inviting you to my horse farm (no, you won't be eating in the barn). Meet at 11:30 rain or shine, and lunch will be provided. The address is 4620 Cackler Road (a long driveway). There is plenty of parking at the house. Call me if you have any questions at 740-815-8399.

- Laura Brown

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July

- 4 Dave & Patty Spear
- 12 Pam Shears
- 14 Chad & Christina Kilhefner
Lucas Smith
- 15 Sandy VanBrimmer
- 17 Nichelle Trigg
- 18 Chad Kilhefner
Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Dan Chambers
Richard Brown
- 25 David Spear
- 26 Pat Lauver
- 27 Maxwell Showalter
Devin Allison

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Lunch and Business

Everyone is invited to a Potluck Lunch after Worship on Sunday, July 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch, there will be a brief Quarterly Business Meeting,

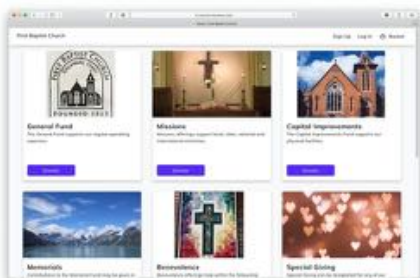


Stained Glass Workshop

Please join us for a workshop focused on stained glass on Sunday, July 9th at 5 pm and Sunday, July 30th at 5 pm. We will explore the history of stained glass in church art and history, as well as our stained glass and its heritage. A hands-on activity will include designing and creating stained glass crosses.

Consider Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.



Prayer List

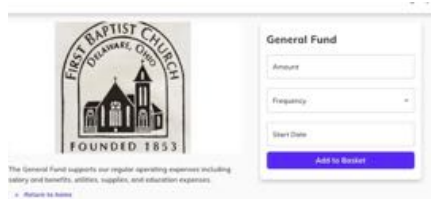
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You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.

When you click on "donate" in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.



On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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6/18/2023

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Mark Allison	In memory: Dr. Oscar Allison
Richard and Laura Brown	In memory: Charles Warner
Bob and Darlene Caulkins	In memory: Robert Caulkins Sr. John Rittenhouse
Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory: Hewlett Trogon
Erin and Pam Faulk	In honor: Larry Faulk Jeff Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In memory: Ralph Cole Don Faulk Ron Rose Paul Stewart
Carol Grubbs	In honor: Jim Brown Don Brown
Brennan Howe	In memory: Charles Brown In honor: Chad Scott Phil Lee
Mary Lou Lovell:	In honor: Dave Lovell In memory: Robert J. Lovell Raymond Morby
Deb Lovell and Rolf Remlinger	In honor: Dave Lovell Vic Fogle Rolf Remlinger Ray Serviss In memory: Ben Geary Ray Morby Florian Remlinger
Jane Moore	In honor: Jim Snyder Calvin Turner Randy Turner Phil Mercer Ben Turner In memory: Jimmie R. Moore N. G. Corder
Genevieve Peterson	Remembering Fathers - Past and Present
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Allan J. Roberts Rossford Jones
Jim Snyder	In honor: Jeff Snyder Marc Snyder Randy Turner Calvin Turner Ben Turner In memory: Aldon Brooks Snyder
Randy and Jennifer Turner	In honor: Jim Snyder Phil Mercer Heryl Turner In memory: Jimmie Ray Moore

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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.

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- 18 Larry & Pam Faulk
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- 24 Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

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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.

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Family of Joan Rife	Condolences
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers

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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.

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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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The waning days of summer approach, leaving ahead some of the best weather of the year; crisp blue skies, cooler temperatures (although there has been little reason to complain this summer), and in time, beautiful fall color. When it comes to the beauty of nature, it is my favorite season.

In the educational arena it means “back to school,” which for those who teach or learn has significant implications for everyday life. We offer a prayer of blessing to all whose summer break is over and who have resumed school-year routines. At church it means a return to regular scheduling, beginning on September 10th, with Sunday School at 9:30 am each Sunday, and worship at 10:45.

Let me take some space to introduce the topic this year for the class that



I teach. In my time here, I do not believe that we have had a discussion about what it means to carry the name, “Baptist.” I am sure most of you have been educated in this regard, though some may not. In any case, it seems good to be reminded.

With nothing more than that goal in mind, my class will begin the year learning again about Baptist history, polity, and distinctive doctrines. Anyone who has questions about such things or is otherwise interested is welcome to attend.

Randy Turner will teach the first two Sundays. I will be taking some time off in September and will be

away on the 10th, which is Rally Day, and the 17th. Rev. Dr. Dwight Davidson will preach in my place both Sundays. I know you all are acquainted with him and will make him welcome.

By the time I return, the autumnal equinox will have come and fall will be official. What a wonderful time of the year.

I anticipate it with Blessings to all,

Mark

Rally Day

Sunday, Sept 10th

9:15 am coffee & doughnuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

All are invited

September Panera Volunteers

- Sept 7 - Grubbs
- Sept 14 - Brown
- Sept 21 - Lee
- Sept 28 - Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering your time. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for the fall quarter. Let's see how quickly we can get all the slots filled.

PERSONALS

- Love Ayinde broke his arm in a scooter accident. He is beginning a new job as a teacher. His parents are moving from Nigeria to Missouri.

- Brennan Howe celebrated his 18th birthday with a party at the church on August 19.

-Deb Lovell is resigning as our custodian as of September 17 since she now has a full-time job at Ohio Wesleyan University.

- Pam and Larry Faulk stayed with their granddaughter Jane while Jeff and Laurie took their other granddaughter Brigid to Notre Dame for the school year. Jane made the varsity volleyball team as a freshman and is even a starter on the team. Their grandson Cullen made it safely back from Philmont Ranch in New Mexico and is now back in school for his senior year at Case Western. Thank you for your prayers for his safety this summer, especially since he had encounters with bears and rattlesnakes.

RALLY DAY

Sunday school classes will begin on Rally Day on September 10. We will begin at 9:15 a.m. on that Sunday with coffee and doughnuts in the Gathering Place. Classes will begin at 9:30. We will be back to our regular worship time of 10:45 on that morning also. The Adult I Class will be co-taught by Candy Lee and Pam Faulk and will use the Judson Journeys curriculum. Pastor Mark will lead the Adult II Class with a discussion of what it means to be Baptist. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Please plan to make a commitment to attending Sunday school this year.

DISASTER RELIEF

Due to the fires in Hawaii and the present hurricane season, I would like to remind everyone that you can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing for disaster relief at any time during the year. Simply make a note on your check that you would like for a certain amount be given to the OGHS.

Pam Faulk

ABW- Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met on August 12th with 6 ladies in attendance. Our next meeting will be back to the 3rd Saturday in September on the 16th. Bring your lunch and meet at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Laura Brown

Quarterly Business Meeting Update

At the FBC Quarterly Business Meeting on July 23rd, David Spear was elected to serve as a Trustee. As we look ahead to the next quarterly business meeting in October when we elect officers for 2024, please consider how you might serve. If you would like to be nominated for a board or office, express your interest to our Moderator, Randy Turner.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Thursday, September 21 is the day set aside as the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Please try to make a concerted effort to pray for peace throughout our world on this day.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

- 1 Elijah Showalter
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Kip & Barbara Smith
- 10 Bob Caulkins
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 22 Calvin & Taylor Turner
- 25 David Spear
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- Evan & Devin Allison
- 30 MaryLou Lovell

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Our church outreach for August was to collect food items for People In Need. Thanks to all who filled the basket with food for others!

In July, school supplies were collected for Conger Elementary School students. When I took the items to the school, I was greeted with smiles and gratitude for your contributions. The collection consisted of:

19 notebooks, 232 pencils, 10 boxes of colored pencils, 16 boxes of crayons, 64 glue sticks, 7 pairs of scissors, 2 pencil pouches, 15 folders, 20 pens, 11 boxes of colored markers, 1 pack of notebook dividers, 3` erasers, and 15 packages of notebook paper. The students at Conger will be off to a great start thanks to all of you!

Thanks to those who put money for shoes in the envelopes provided. Just think about the smiles of children when they get a new pair of shoes! We received \$790 for shoes.

Panera pick up continues. Thanks to all who are willing to pick up unsold items, rebag them, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

In September, we will be collecting new underwear of all sizes. We call this Undie Sundays. There is always a need for new underwear at Common Ground Free Store which they give to those in need. Donations are gratefully appreciated.

On September 14th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Common Ground Free Store will have a fundraiser called "Fashion and Fixing." It will be at Ohio Wesleyan University -Hamilton Williams

Prayer List

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Donna Brown	Health Issues
Peter White	Surgery Recovery
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!

Center. Tickets are \$60.00. (See the August newsletter for more details) Reservations are necessary.

There is a newsletter from Sara McCurdy, one of our missionaries, on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place describing her work.

Peter McCurdy is senior pastor in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Sara has been learning her role with International Ministries as a Regional Coordinator for Education in Iberoameria and the Caribbean. She has visited multiple partners in Mexico, while traveling once a month. She traveled to Puerto Rico for the American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Mission Summit. She attended the International Ministries' conference for missionaries. In August, she was to travel to El Salvador and Nicaragua. This fall, she is hoping to begin giving a literacy training seminar to local leaders of the Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs so that leaders can become reading mentors to the girls. There is much more in her letter. Take a look!

Custodian Needed

FBC is seeking to hire a new custodian. Weekly needs include, but are not limited to, cleaning the restrooms, Sanctuary, Welcome Center, Gathering Place, and taking out the trash. Periodic cleaning of classrooms, hallways, and the Fellowship Hall are also expected. If you or someone you know are interested in being considered for the position, please contact Larry Faulk, treasurer, Randy Turner, moderator, or Pastor, Dr. Mark Allison. It is our desire to have a new custodian by mid September.

Choir Begins in September

Come one, come all, who like to sing!

Our first rehearsal will be September 6th at 6:30. According to schedules, we may have to alternate Wed. and Thursday night rehearsals.

History of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

In 1939 newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst advocated a day to celebrate US Citizenship. In 1940 the Congress created "I Am an American Day" to be celebrated in the third Sunday in May. On February 29, 1952, President Harry Truman signed into law "Citizenship Day" replacing I am an American Day. On August 2, 1956, the Congress requested that the president proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week".

Constitution Day became a national observance in 2004, when the Congress passed a bill designating September 17 as the day for citizens to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and learn more about our founding document. The chief sponsor, Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat from West Virginia, once said, "Our ideals of freedom, set forth and realized in our Constitution, are our greatest export to the world." He added the Constitution Day clause to his 2004 federal spending bill because he believed that all citizens should know about their rights as outlined in the Constitution. This clause mandates the teaching of the Constitution in schools that receive federal funds, as well as federal agencies.

National Day of Encouragement

The National Day of Encouragement was announced in 2007 and occurs each year on September 12. It is a day to uplift and encourage people to make a positive impact in their lives.

Newsletter Available

The Good New Letter is available in a variety of formats: print, email, or website. The newsletter is printed and distributed to the fellowship in attendance on the last Sunday of most months. It is mailed to those not in attendance and those who wish to receive a paper copy in the mail. Many prefer to receive it electronically via email. Several read the newsletter on our website: fbcdelaware.org. If you would like to be added to the email group or would like a paper copy mailed to you, let me know at lfaulk01@aol.com.

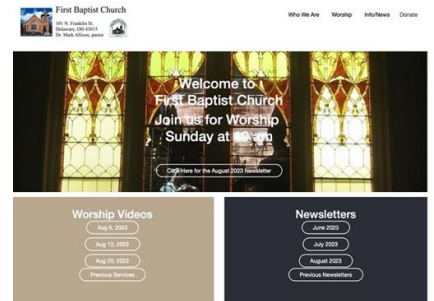
Thanks, Larry Faulk, editor.

New Copier

FBC received a new copier last month which is similar to the old machine, but is brand new and provides an improved quality of printing. The lease is also \$6 per month cheaper than the previous lease.

FBC Website Updated

The home page for our website has been updated to reflect and celebrate our stained glass. Several of the web pages have been updated to include easier



navigation with pulldown menus and extended options. Did you know that the website includes links to videos an/or audio of worship services dating back to 2016. More will be added as time permits.

There is an archive of previous newsletters including the first publication of "The Good News" in 1969. The Bulletin/Order of Worship archive includes copies of most bulletins since 1999. There is a growing collection of Dr. Allison's sermon manuscripts available on the website.

Please let me know about additional content that you would like to see on our website.

Visit fbcdelaware.org to view the changes.



-Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com)

September

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Mission Focus: • Common Ground Free Store Undies Sundays		29	30	31	1	2
10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	Labor Day 4  Labor Day	5	6:30 Choir Dr Allison on vacation	8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	8	9
Rally Day 10 9:15 am coffee & doughnuts 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Grandparents Day	Patriot Day 11 National Day of Remembrance	12 National Day of Encouragement	13 6:30 Choir	14 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	15	16 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30am ABW Lunch Fellowship Hall
American Baptist Women's Sunday 17 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Citizenship Day October newsletter deadline today	18	19	20 6:30 Choir	International Day of Prayer for Peace 21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	22	First Day of Autumn 23 
9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Marion Association Rally at Mt. Gilead October newsletter available today	24	25	26	27 6:30 Choir	28 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	29 30

Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church

It is good to be home. For a few days last week, I left the country and went into Canada. This was the first time I had ever been out of the United States, believe it or not. Canada is not too much of an adjustment. Life in Ontario is not that much different than in Ohio, but it is still another country.

Driving around, there were Canadian flags waving and Ontario license plates on all the cars. All the people were nice and polite (I doubt any of them knew I was an American), but I still felt a little different, a little more vulnerable, than when driving anywhere in America, to which I was happy to return after a few days.

Most of America is strange to me, places I have never been, but I still felt differently driving in Canada. It isn't that I wasn't welcome, but that I wasn't *home*. *That* feeling was new to me, and enables me to better relate to those in similar



circumstances. I also thought of the passage in Hebrews 11:13-16, "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

Anyway, I am thankful for the time away. It is greatly appreciated.

Now it is fall and October is upon us. Fall is a blessed time of the year with the cooler temperatures and the changing colors. Rally Day happened while I was away, and we are back to regular scheduling, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. I look forward to the Crop Walk, October 1st, at 2 pm at OWU, and also to the emphasis on World Missions throughout the month.

If Frederick Buechner is right when he suggests, "faith is a journey in search of a homeland," then we might think of missions as journeying with others along the way. I thank God for journeys and for coming home again, and for the promise of an eternal home.

Blessings,

Mark

October Panera Volunteers

Oct 5 - Brown
Oct 12 - Grubbs
Oct 19 - Faulk
Oct 26 - Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering your time and for filling the new fall sign-up sheet. There is only one slot left open.

PERSONALS

- Candy Lee and Brennan Howe both suffered from COVID in September.
- Jennifer and Randy Turner spent an enjoyable Labor Day with a lot of family.
- Isaiah Davidson is recovering from a case of Lyme Disease.
- Randy Turner served as a Fair Director this year.
- Rev. Dwight Davidson served as our guest pastor on Sept. 10 and Sept. 17 while Pastor Allison was on vacation.
- Jane M. Snyder got a First Place at the fair for her "Buckeye" prayer shawl.
- Candy Lee's sister Pat Gosser is moving from Arizona back to Delaware next week.

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are invited to join us for our Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 25th. We will share a potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. Items of business include election of officers and approval of the budget for 2024.

ABW- Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met on September 16th with 8 ladies in attendance. Our October 21st, lunch, which is National Sweetest Day, will be held at the Panera Bread 750 W. Central Avenue Delaware, OH

We will still meet at 11:30. We want to support Panera's managers and staff for providing the bread which 1st Baptist takes to Andrews House. If you need a ride to Panera please let me know so I can make an arrangement.

Laura Brown
740-815-8399

Thank You

Brennan Howe wants to thank everyone who helped him celebrate his 18th birthday. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. You made his birthday very special.

Baby Shower for Claire Pierce

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH:

Margaret Thomson and Amy Yant are having a baby shower for Claire Turner Pierce on Sunday, October 29, from 2:00 to 4:00. All women are invited. It will be at Amy's house at 2995 Curve Road, Delaware. Amy asks that you RSVP to her at 740-972-1592 by October 1. Claire is registered with Amazon. Also included in the invitation is a request for the guests to bring a book for the baby instead of a card. By signing your book, they will be able to remember and share your special gift.

GAME NIGHT

Instead of a Halloween party, we are having a game night on Saturday, October 28. Come at 7:00 p.m. and bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and a good time.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of October, which is Oct. 28 this year. On this day we come together to volunteer, raise funds, offer support, and learn about the most urgent needs of our society. You don't have to join an N.G.O. or travel to another country- you can start by cleaning someone's yard because volunteering is all about becoming the change you wish to see in the world.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

2 Christina Kilhefner
Ben & Bailey Turner
3 Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
7 Ann Brown
Bud Salyer
10 Claire Cooper
11 Sally Williams
16 Taylor Trigg
20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
24 Sherry Chambers
25 Jack Turner
31 Claire Pierce

Please report any errors.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

It was after WWII when 51 countries from across the world came together to take an oath to preserve peace across the globe. The United Nations is a representation of these countries, and United Nations Day is a celebration to commemorate this togetherness for promoting world peace. October 24 is the day the UN Charter was first implemented.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every year on the first Sunday in October, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian church and every denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

During the month of October, our mission focus will be the World Mission Offering. The theme this year is "He has made everything beautiful in its time" from Ecclesiastes 3:11. The following is part of a letter from Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director/CEO of International Ministries.

"As the world moves into an endemic stage of the pandemic, we acknowledge that out of difficult places, loss of loved ones, internal and external stressors,

we may still carry emotional scars from the experience. We

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

are like people who have come through the fire together.

Still, the Lord sees everything that is going on in the world in any given moment of time. In the midst of earthquakes, war and diseases, God's kingdom continues to show signs of budding life..."

... "As our global servants and staff return to traveling, we see the signs of all that God changed and renewed while we were 'laying in the ground.' God is making everything beautiful in its time. God's perfect timing is an aspect of divine sovereignty, and we can know that God acts when the timing is optimal for accomplishing kingdom purposes.

My prayer for you, our dear IM family, is that as you pray with us over these ministries that God is growing all around us, you will feel new life and hope budding in your hearts as well. God set eternity in our hearts, and, together, we were built to long for God's kingdom. May you see the

beauty of God at work in God's kairos time around you, even as

you and I live out our lives in linear chronos time."

Our church's goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the World Mission Offering this year.

Pam Faulk

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

In conjunction with the World Mission Offering, we will once again offer 31 days of prayers from some of our global servants (missionaries). We will begin on Sunday, October 1. Look for a printout for the week in the Welcome Center each Sunday. You should also be able to find them on the church's website each week. During October please join these global servants each day with a special prayer.

Mission/Outreach News

First Baptist Mission outreach for September was filling the box with new underwear to be given to Common Ground Freestore. The box was overflowing. Thanks to all who contributed to filling the box. I'm sure there will be many families that go to Common Ground who will be very thankful for your generosity.

Crop Walk

On October 1st, you will have the opportunity to get exercise while thinking of others in the world. The Crop Walk is a great way to be with others in the community who want to band together to help the hunger problem in Delaware and around the world. If you would like to walk (3miles, or 1 mile), join with others at Hamilton-Williams Center at Ohio Wesleyan University at 2 p.m. If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor someone monetarily who is walking or just make a donation.

You can designate a portion of your offering to FBC by noting "Crop Walk" in the memo on your check or you can donate online at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/delawareoh>



Mark Your Calendars for November 12th!

Christmas Shoe Boxes to be Collected

Darlene Caulkins is starting early in collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes! The shoe boxes need to be at First Baptist Church by November 12th so that they can be taken to a collection center. The boxes are sent to Samaritan's Purse to be given to children around the world so they can experience getting a gift at Christmas. You can track where your gift is sent.

Cardboard shoeboxes and pamphlets for this will be available in the Gathering Place next to the Panera sign-up.

Ideas for items for the boxes :

mini-games pads of paper, colored pencils, markers, craft items, small toys, combs, brushes, puzzles, scarves, stuffed animals, balls, frisbee, jump rope, toothbrush

No food, candy, liquids or tooth paste

Thanks to all who participated last year. Start shopping now for this years children. If you have questions, talk to Darlene Caulkins.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who go to Panera on Thursday evening to pick up unsold items, rebag them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday mornings. There are many in our community that need food assistance.

People In Need Box

Since there is a great need to help others have food, First Baptist has a box in the Welcome Center for donations all year long. The box fills thanks to all who buy an item for others when they do their grocery shopping. The items are taken to People In Need for distribution. Thank you!

Directory Update

Aidan Ferguson
115 West Oakland Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210

Ian Ferguson
8821 Lake Ridge Drive
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Colin Ferguson
212 Landemere Ct.
Delaware, OH 43015

Pat Gosser & Chad Myford
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Delaware, OH 43015

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Pastor Appreciation Month

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World Communion Sunday 1 Crop Walk 2:00 p.m. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Begin World Mission Offering Begin 31 Days of Prayer	2	3	4	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	6	7
Ministry Appreciation Day 8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Continues 31 Days of Prayer Continues	Columbus Day 9 Indigenous Peoples Day 5:30 Deacons	10	11 6:30 Choir	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	13	14
15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Continues 31 Days of Prayer Continues	World Food Day 16  National Bosses Day	17	18 6:30 Choir	19 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	20	Sweetest Day 21 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30am ABW Lunch Panera
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Reformation Sunday 29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 2:00 pm Shower for Claire Pierce World Mission Offering Continues 31 Days of Prayer Continues November newsletter available today	30	Halloween 31 	November 1 All Saints' Day  6:30 Choir	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Remlinger / Lovell	October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk • Christmas Shoeboxes 	

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Late fall is a good time to think about the meaning of things, to take stock of our lives and of life itself. The psalm of the week is the 90th, and it helps.

Presented as a prayer of Moses, a person of God, it begins:

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.”

It speaks of the grandeur of God who is from, “everlasting to everlasting,” and who brought forth the whole world. It is a good start.

Sometimes the psalms can be a little blunt. In the lectionary reading, verses 7-12 are left out. I am always interested in what is left out when we read the Bible. In this case, the message in the middle is the blunt part.

“We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.”



It speaks of God’s wrath at human sinfulness; and of mortality, how short life is and how insignificant human beings are in the scheme of things; how quickly the days pass. And then it prays for humility:

“Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Most people are not much good at the numbering of days. Rather, the tendency is to live as if the days will last forever. It is interesting that the full acknowledgment of our mortality is associated with wisdom. The implication is that this acknowledgment prepares the ground in us that we might be ready to accept also, in addition to God’s judgement, God’s

compassion and unfailing love, so that the prayer at the end is appropriate.

And it is a beautiful prayer at the end:

“Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days . . .

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us . . .”

Let this be our prayer as we live out the remainder of this one year. Blessings to all as we enter into the time when we take stock of things, celebrate gratitude, and prepare for Advent.

Blessings,

Mark

November Panera Volunteers

Nov 1 & 2 - Gosser
Nov 8 & 9 - Brown
Nov 15 & 16 - Faulk
Nov 22 & 23 - Faulk
Nov 29 & 30 - Grubbs

PANERA VOLUNTEERS- NEW DAY ADDED

Our church has been asked by Panera to add Wednesday as an additional pick-up day for donations. At the October business meeting, we discussed this and voted to agree to do this very rewarding service to them and to Andrews House, the recipient of the products. For the foreseeable future, we will be picking up Panera donations on both Wednesday and Thursday nights. Fortunately, we have a number of folks in the church who are willing to perform this service, and we are very grateful to all who volunteer. Ideally, the easiest thing will be to sign up for both nights, back to back, but if that is not feasible for someone, feel free to sign up for one of the two nights and we will work it out for someone else to sign up for the other night. The initial plan is to pick up the products on Wednesday and Thursday nights and then to take it all to Andrews House on Friday morning.

PERSONALS

- Please keep the Ferguson family in your prayers. Steve's father passed away last month.

- We welcome Pat Gosser and her son Chad Myford back to Delaware after living in Arizona for a few years.

- Jim and Jane Snyder spent much of October traveling, especially visiting Jim's son Jeff who had heart surgery.

- A memorial service was held last month at Oak Grove Cemetery for former member June Grubbs. June was Ann Brown's mother and Carol Grubbs's mother-in-law.

- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell recently traveled to New England to visit family.

- Dave Lovell's sister Jeannie visited from Canada for several days.

- Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for all their prayers while she and Brennan traveled to bring Pat and Chad back to Ohio.

- Erin Faulk had a few days off from school and went to Disney World for their big Halloween Party.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On Saturday night Nov. 4, remember to set your clocks back one hour for Daylight Saving Time to end

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

On Sunday, Nov.5, we will be bringing our loose change to church for our Change for Change offering. We do this twice a year when we change our clocks for Daylight Saving Time. The money will go to Andrews House to help support the Summer Lunch Program for Delaware children. This is one way that we can help wipe out childhood hunger in our own city.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

Six members of the Women's Fellowship met on October 21st at Panera Bread. We enjoyed being out as a group and are planning on another outing for the November meeting. Our next meeting will be a lunch and holiday shopping adventure.

November 18, 2023 we will meet at the Church at 10:45 am and carpool to Der Dutchman in Plain City. If you need a ride to the Church, please let me know. We will be treating ourselves to fellowship, food and fun as we kick off the Holiday Season.

Mark your calendars for December 16th. We are planning an Ornament Exchange Christmas Party. Ideas are already afloat for a fun time and hope you are planning on joining in.

Laura Brown
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- 17 Jim & Ann Brown
Luke & Connie Roberts
- 19 Steve Ferguson
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- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

THANK YOU

Once again your generous hearts have helped us to reach our goal of \$900 for the World Mission Offering. We even surpassed that goal. Baptist missionaries will certainly benefit from your generosity. Thank you.
Pam Faulk

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2024

At our October business meeting, the following officers were elected for the two-year term of 2024 and 2025:

Assistant Treasurer- Candy Lee
Financial Secretary- Randy Turner
Finance Committee Chair- Deb Lovell
Board of Christian Education- Pam Faulk, Candy Lee
Board of Deacons- Richard Brown
Board of Trustees- Peter White, Archie Trigg, David Spear

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will again sponsor three foster children for Christmas this year.

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Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the "Thanksgiving" envelopes will go to People in Need (PIN). This offering helps those in the community with food and other necessities.

Prayer List

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Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

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Ferguson family Condolences on the death of Steve's father	

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

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who gave donations for the Crop Walk. Some of the money is used locally and some of it goes to Church World Service. 4 people from First Baptist walked the CROP Walk.

Our church donates to missionaries Bill and Ann Clemmer, Jen Pedzinski, and Sarah McCurdy. During October the goal for the World Mission offering was exceeded. Thanks to all who gave!

During the month of October we have begun filling shoe boxes for children around the world. Darlene Caulkins heads this outreach. The boxes are collected and processed by Samaritan's Purse.

November 12th is the last day to bring your filled Christmas box to church.

If you have not finished filling your box, here are a few suggestions of what to put in it.

Suggestions for items:
mini-games, pads of paper, colored pencils, markers, craft items, small toys, stuffed animals, combs, scarves, football, small balls, frisbee, jump rope, toothbrush

Please do not put candy, liquids or toothpaste.

Please use the label to put on the top of your shoe box indicating it is for a girl or boy and the age. The postage for each Christmas Shoe Box is \$10.00. If you have filled one box or more, and would like to donate to the postage, you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse and place it in an envelope provided with the girl-boy labels that are on the podium in the Gathering Place next to the Christmas shoe boxes. The envelope is all ready to mail with address and free postage.

If you have not filled a Christmas shoe box and would like to help with this ministry, you can write a check and use the envelope on the podium in the Gathering Place.

If you would like to go online to give, you can go online to SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

You can track to see where your box is sent by going online to samaritanspurse.org/activate and type in the # on the shoe box label. Make sure to write the number from the label so you can find out about the box you have sent.

Thanks to all who will give love and smiles to children around the world!

You will bring a smile to the child who receives your box.

Thanks to all who give regularly to fill the People In Need box with food.

Thanks to all who pick up unsold goods from Panera and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

Budget & Stewardship Sunday

The budget for 2024 was approved at the Quarterly Business Meeting on October 25th. A copy of the budget is on the back of the calendar. In this newsletter, Deb Lovell, Finance Chairperson, has included a Stewardship letter along with a Pledge Form to record your commitment for 2024.

Stewardship Sunday is November 19th. We will dedicate our pledges as part of the worship on that day.

Soup and Sing!

Mark your calendars for December 9th at 4:00 For Soup and Sing!

To celebrate the birth of Christ, we will join together to sing Christmas carols!

Bring your relatives and friends to fill the sanctuary with the beautiful sound of the carols of Christmas! After singing, we will go to the fellowship hall for homemade soup. If you would like to make your favorite kind of soup, there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. We would love to have a variety of crockpots of different kinds of soup.

When we are finished, the remaining soup will be donated to the Place of Warmth at Zion Church of Christ for the men who need a place to stay for the night (when temperature is below 20 degrees).

Financial Update

For the 3rd quarter of 2024, income in our general fund exceeded expenses by \$787. \$4,165 was contributed to our Outreach Ministries and \$742 was contributed to Capital Improvements. Copies of the 3rd quarter report are available in the Welcome Center.

First Baptist Church - 2024 Budget		Budget 2024			Budget 2024
1.0 CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES				1.4 Continued	
1.1 Pastoral Ministry				Marion Assoc Dues & New Member Banquet	150
COMPENSATION				Payroll Processing	1100
Cash Salary		54600		Exec Ministers' Fund	50
Housing Allowance		17400		Evangelism Promo/Public Rel / Outreach Project	400
Total Compensation		72,000		Online Giving	1300
BENEFITS				Periodicals & Books (Secret Place)	150
M & M Pension(TC + SSS) X 0.16		12,401		Fire Extinguishers	250
Health Saving Account		6900		Elevator Maintenance / Certification	1600
Social Security Supplement(TC X 0.0765)		5,508		Miscellaneous Expenses	300
Total Benefits		24,809		Church Repair Fund	
ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN				SUBTOTAL	16,875
Car Allowance		600		1.5 Education	
Continuing Ed, Conventions, Seminars		800		Teaching Supplies & Curriculum	700
Professional Materials (Books, Dues, hospitality,etc.)		600		Special Events / Hospitality / Youth	300
Total Reimbursement		2,000		Adult Conventions, Workshops, MLK Bkfst	300
SUBTOTAL		98,809		Youth-Conventions/Advisors	100
1.2 Pastoral and Support Staff				Missionary & Stewardship Education	100
Janitor - Salary		3220		Marion Assoc Scholarship	200
Social Security (FICA)		500		SUBTOTAL	1,700
Pastoral Assistant		1625		TOTAL CHURCH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES \$140,529	
Organist & Choir Director		2000		2.0 OUTREACH MINISTRIES	
Pastoral Intern (Youth Coordinator)		2400		ABC united Mission	7,500
Pulpit Supply		625		Targeted Missionaries - (Clemmer, McCurdy, P	3,600
Workers Compensation		125		Institutional Support - Ohio Baptist Education	300
SUBTOTAL		10,495		Neighborhood Ministries	300
1.3 Church Utilities				Andrews House Partnership	1,000
Church Heating (Gas)		6200		Second Fridays(Dinners)	300
Church Electricity		4000		PIN - People In Need	600
Church City Utilities		950		SUBTOTAL	13,600
Church Telephone		1500		SPECIAL ABC OFFERINGS	
SUBTOTAL		12,650		America for Christ	1,000
1.4 General Operating Expenses				One Great Hour of Sharing	1,000
Church Insurance		3300		World Mission Offering	1,000
Property Taxes		4200		Retired Ministers and Missionaries	1,000
Copier Maintenance / Toner		1550		Other Special Offerings - including Christmas	2,000
Church & Office Supplies/Postage/Newsletter		625		Change for Change, Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope	
Music Supplies / CCLI		300		SUBTOTAL	6,000
Organ Repair/Piano Tuning		1000		TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES	
Flowers, Decorations, & Gifts		600			19,600



November 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

As in years passed, I continue to be grateful that our church is blessed by the generous support of this congregation to both our missions and our church. We have seen such an enormous amount of financial support to keep this church and its missions moving forward. At the last October business meeting, we passed the 2024 annual budget and now we start to look ahead to pledging our gifts in November to meet the budget. The Finance Committee have made some adjustments in the budget to increase the mission goals because through your generosity we continue to exceed the goals for our special offerings. Along with providing pastoral compensation and benefits, the budget includes utilities, supplies, educational materials and funding for important church programs. The Outreach Ministries budget includes goals for ABC United Missions, institutional support, support for People In Need and the Andrews House as well as goals for our Special ABC offerings.

As members and friends of First Baptist Church, we have a stewardship responsibility to help our church fulfill its ministry. We have been able to sustain our church through the generous giving and stewardship of the congregation. One way to help us plan and to demonstrate our continued commitment to adequately funding our budget is to make a pledge for the financial needs of our church for 2024 and to use that pledge as a reminder to give regularly. This year, we continue to offer the option for online giving. If you would like to explore this option, please visit our website fbcdelaware.org and click on the right side of the page *Make an Online Offering or Donation*. This will link to a site to the online banking site.

A Pledge Form has been included on the back of this letter for you to record your commitment for 2024. You may return the form to Randy Turner, Financial Secretary or you may bring it with you for the dedication as part of the worship on Sunday, November 19. Even if you are choosing to donate online, please fill out the dedication form to help us reach our budget goals.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Lovell

Finance Chairperson



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

Commitment Form 2024

In love and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, and in support of his ministry through this church, and in love and concern for each other, I/We make the following Commitment for 2024.

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES _____ **Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)**
OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Missions) _____ **Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Special Projects) _____ **Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)**

Signed _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

-----DETACH AND RETURN THE **TOP HALF** OF THIS FORM-----

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name _____

My/Our Commitment for 2024

For Church Operating Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Outreach Ministries Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Capital Improvements \$ _____ Per _____

If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary.

Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14.

Advent begins on December 3rd, which marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year. After six months in the time after Pentecost, the gospel story is proclaimed anew from the time of anticipation that leads to the birth of Jesus Christ, all the way through the time of Epiphany to Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and the time of the Spirit. It all begins with Advent.

Generally speaking, advent may be defined as the moment just before something happens. It is a time of expectation and hope, and not a little excitement. Sometimes events are completely surprising, but some of the time we are aware of living through that last little bit of waiting before the big thing happens; the last few months before a graduation, a wedding, or the birth of a child.

More specifically, Advent refers to the four weeks before the celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus into the



world. It is the observation of the Incarnation, God revealed in humility, as a centered, healthy person in an unhealthy world; a light shining in the darkness, with a mercy that perseveres throughout life, and finally, a majesty that can only be sung by angels. It is in the context of Christ's birth, life, and death that life's meaning is considered, and understood.

As our lives come more and more to be consumed by the technologies the age, by the individual demands of modern life, and the increasingly troubled life of the world, let us take the time to reflect upon



and consider again the, “Word made flesh,” the very being of God in human form, and may it produce in us an anxious excitement about the hope and peace, joy, and love that mark the Sundays, and are the goal of the faithful life.

Blessings,

Mark



Soup and Sing

Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and soup.
Saturday, December 9th
at 4:00pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our Christmas
Eve Candlelight Service.
Preludes will begin at 6:45 p.m.

December Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Dec 6-Brown	Dec 7-Brown
Dec 13-Faulk	Dec 14-Faulk
Dec 20-Faulk	Dec 21-Faulk
Dec 27-Grubbs	Dec 28-Grubbs

In November we added Wednesdays to our pick-up nights. The Wednesday night donations will go to United Way at the Willis Building where they have a food pantry and also offer various programs, including some for children and families. The Thursday night donations will continue to go to Andrews House, as always. We thank all those who volunteer to help with this worthy cause. Both places are extremely grateful for the donations.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

This fall we collected \$213.50 from your loose change for our Change for Change offering. This money will be sent to Andrews House to help support the summer lunch program for Delaware's children. Thank you for your generosity. You can always bring in your change at any time and leave it in the plastic jar on the table in the Welcome Center.

PERSONALS

- Dave Lovell was pictured on the front page of the November 11 edition of the Delaware Gazette riding along with other veterans in the Veterans Day parade.
- Erin Faulk would like to thank everyone for their prayers after she was rear-ended by a drunk driver this month.
- Jeff and Laurie Faulk and family visited Pam, Larry, and Erin over Thanksgiving week.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

On November 18th eight of our members traveled to Der Dutchman in Plain City for our monthly meeting. We had great fellowship and a delicious lunch. Members searched the bakery and gift shop; getting ideas on how to further enjoy the upcoming season of our Savior's Birth.

In the Fellowship Hall on December 16th at 11:30, we will have our next meeting and we will be having lunch and a return to the Ornament Exchange/Swap. A signup for the different lunch courses will be circulating. Please bring a giftwrapped ornament. There will be door prizes and games. All ladies are encouraged to get their Fa La La spirit ready and to join in the fun!

BTW - CHURCH DECORATING FOR ADVENT

December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. all Church Members who wish to help the Women's Fellowship decorate the Christmas tree for the Season are invited to join in!

Laura Brown
740-815-8399

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Mission/Outreach News

41 Boxes!

41 children somewhere in the world will be surprised to get a Christmas shoe box via Samaritan's Purse thanks to you! They will experience the love of God. Imagine the smiles on their faces when they see what is in their boxes.

Thanks to all who contributed \$10.00 per box for the postage. Thank you Darlene Caulkins for getting the boxes, encouraging us to be a part of this ministry, and delivering the boxes to Delaware Bible Church. We look forward to doing this again next year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



December

- 3 Kari Davidson
- 4 Erin Faulk
Jim Snyder
- 8 Phyllis Beasley
Joyce Roberts
- 12 Samuel Allison
Patty Spear
- 17 Pat Gosser
- 18 John Dagleish &
Lena Putkonen
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- 27 Jim & Jane Snyder
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 James Craig Reynolds

Please report any errors.

Mittens, Gloves, and Hat Tree

In December, look for a blue Christmas tree at church. You will see some gloves. Genevieve Peterson began thinking of another way we could keep others warm. While you are doing your Christmas shopping, please think of the weather outside and how much you enjoy having a hat, mittens, or gloves to keep warm. We would like to fill the tree with mittens, gloves, and hats. These will be given to children and adults in the community (Common Ground, Family Promise, or Zion's Place of Warmth.)

Soup and Sing

Calling everyone who enjoys singing Christmas Carols! We will have our sing-a-long in the sanctuary on December 9th at 4 p.m. Please invite your relatives and friends. The more people we have singing, the greater the wonderful sound will be praising God for Jesus' birth. Following the sing-a-long we will enjoy the variety of homemade soups and cornbread that you bring to the fellowship hall.

After our meal, the remaining soup will be given to Zion United Church of Christ for their Place of Warmth for men who need a place to stay when the weather is below 20 degrees.

This is a free evening to be a part of the Advent season and have fellowship with others.

There is a signup sheet in the gathering room so that you can let us know what kind of soup or another item that you would like to bring.

Let me know if you would like a ride. Mary Lou 740-369-6041.

See you on December 9th!

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Thoughts about our missionaries for the Christmas Season

As you think of others during Advent and the Christmas Season, please spend time thinking of our missionaries who give so much, work very hard, and want to share God's love. If you can, let them hear from you to wish them a Blessed Christmas. We directly support: **Bill and Ann Clemmer** (Democratic Republic or the Congo), **Sarah McCurdy** (Regional Coordinator for Education in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean), and **Jeni Pedzinski** (International Ministries' Director of Mission Mobilization)

If you would like to send them an email, go to:
<https://internationalministries.org>

On the "Global Mission" dropdown menu, choose "GLOBAL SERVANTS," click on a missionaries name and then, click on "send an email" in the GET CONNECTED area. You can enter your name and email address as well as a message to send.

People In Need

Thanks to all who bring a food items for the People In Need Box often.

It is wonderful to have ongoing donations, as the need continues throughout the year.

Missions/Outreach Meeting

Please mark your calendars for December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Some of you will be at church for a calendar meeting, others for Christmas decorating. There will be a short meeting about the Missions/Outreach schedule for 2024. We want to look at what we have given to this year and see if we would like to make changes for next year. Everyone is welcome!

Thank You

Thanks to David Spear, Mike Reynolds, and Mark Allison for raking, scooping, and filling many bags of leaves for the city pickup. Lots of work! So appreciated!

Christmas Offering

The offering in the "Christmas" envelopes will go to Andrews House. This offering helps their mission in the community.

GOOD WILL COME

This year's theme for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) comes from Psalm 112:5 which states, "Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice." Throughout the month of December, you will be seeing the phrase, "Good will come," in promotional materials for the RMMO. As illustrated in these materials, goodness comes from the pastors, missionaries, and leaders who have served ABCUSA churches and ministries. Good will come back to each of them in the form of a thank you check - a tangible expression of our enduring gratitude for their service. The offering originated in the mid-1930's as the Communion Fellowship Offering and since 1977 has been known as RMMO. These funds are distributed as thank you checks to retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA, as well as surviving spouses. A certain portion of the funds is also allocated for direct emergency assistance. There are members and past members of our congregation, as well as missionaries we

A Christmas Poem

Mary's Little Lamb

By Nellie Ruth Stiles Johnson
(104 years young)

Mary had a little Lamb
Sent from heaven above.
He was of Royal stock you know,
Full of mercy, peace, and love.

The angel Gabriel came one day,
A message to proclaim
How God with His greatest plan
Would save mortal man.

The plan had long ago been told
The book of Genesis said
That the Child of a woman
Would crush the serpent's head.

Mary was from the house of David,
A man of God's own heart.
People look on outward things
But God looks on the heart.

Mary was full of grace,
Love, joy, and peace.
God saw her gentle ways and mild
And chose her to be the mother of His child.

She obeyed God
And answered His call
Be it unto me as you wish.
She trusted God
And forgot her own ways.

There was no room in the Inn that night
The son of God was born,
Wrapped in swaddling clothes
With a manger of straw to keep Him warm.

He came to every nation, sect, and said,
"Everyone who believes, black, yellow, white or red
If you call my Name." He said,
"I will forgive you from every wrong deed."

This is time and the season
We give thanks for the Savior's birth
And give gifts and sing songs
To remember Mary's Little Lamb's birth.

have supported, who will receive these thank you checks. RMMO is always about celebrating, thanking, and lifting up our servant leaders. Please prayerfully consider your offering for the RMMO during December. Our goal is \$900.

Pam Faulk

Panera Donations

Because Andrews House and United Way were both closed on Friday, Nov. 24, the Panera donations were taken to Turning Point that week.

Directory Update

Pat Gosser cell phone:
(317) 979-6732

First Baptist Church











101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

December

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December 31</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>New Year's Eve January newsletter available today</p>	<p>January 1</p>  <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>December Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMMO Offering • Foster Kids' Wish Lists • Christmas Offering to Andrews House 			<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am Parish Council Planning 10:00 am Decorating for Advent</p>
<p>First Sunday of Advent 3</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p>  <p>RMMO begins</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>Pearl Harbor Day 7</p>  <p>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>4 pm Soup and Sing</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Advent 10</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Gifts for foster kids due Human Rights Day RMMO continues</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 Deacons at Amato's</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30am Women's Christmas Luncheon Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Advent 17</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>RMMO continues</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p> 21</p> <p>Winter Begins</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent 24</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>6:45 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service January newsletter deadline December 31 listing at top</p> 	<p>Christmas Day 25</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup -Grubbs</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Grubbs</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>