

Good News Letter

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October is a missions month. Allow me to make use of this emphasis as an opportunity to affirm our church's support for ministries such as People In Need (PIN), Common Ground Free Store, Helpline, Andrew's House, The Place of Warmth, Family Promise, Stepping Up, and the Salvation Army's work with the victims of human trafficking. We also support the ministries of the American Baptist Churches (ABCUSA); the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO), the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), America for Christ which supports the work of the ABC Home Missions Societies, and, of course, the October emphasis on the World Missions Offering (WMO).

This year it is our privilege to host two ABC foreign missionaries. On October 8th, along with the Central Community Baptist Church in Waldo, we will welcome Emerson and Ivy Wu from Hong Kong, and Sarah McCurdy from Costa Rica. We look forward on that day to an extended program that will begin at 9:30 A.M. and include presentations about their work, a worship experience, a pot luck fellowship meal, and time for questions. Be prepared for a Love Offering to cover their expenses. I look forward to meeting some of our missionaries in person.

I also want to take this opportunity to make sure you know how grateful I am to serve as your pastor. It has been a little over two years now. It is a privilege to

serve such an encouraging and generous congregation, exemplified by the involvement in all the aforementioned ministries. I am sure that we will continue to serve as a Christian witness in Delaware.



One of the September traditions here in Delaware is the county fair. I went and walked around. I watched a harness race. I ate some of the food. My attention was drawn to the building with the pigs and the goats. In Psalm 104:24, we read,

"How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

I guess I had never seen pigs that close up before and heard them squeal in person. Nature has a way of bringing forth praise.

If we find praise for creation in the 104th Psalm, we have also found encouragement about the source of our hope in the Psalm 131:3 with its refrain, "O Israel, hope in the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore."

As we anticipate our visits with the Wu's and Sarah McCurdy, and all these opportunities for service, including the quarterly

meeting at the end of October when the budget and nominating committee reports will be approved, it is good to be reminded that our hope is in the Lord.

Thanks,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

The seasons are changing and we are entering the final quarter of 2017. Some of our minds have begun to shift toward the holiday season that is looming, while others are enjoying the last bits of the summer weather before fleece and flannel make their returns to our wardrobes. Our hearts also draw us into a presence and place of warmth, as we begin to meditate more on the comfort and growth that we experience from our families and our church community.

During the month of October, the youth will be quite active. On October 21st, the youth will be conducting an outdoor "clean-up," with the goal to collect and pick up as many leaves as possible. The following morning, the 22nd, the youth will be continuing their 4th Sunday ecumenical church worship by attending and worshipping at Asbury United Methodist Church. That evening, the youth will gather and discuss their experience.

Looking forward to another month full of fun!!

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

- 1 Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser
- 2 David Harris
Christina Kilhefner
- 3 Tim & Kathy Chesser
Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
- 4 Ellen Brown
- 7 Ann Brown
- 10 Claire Cooper
- 11 Sally Williams
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Emily Bowman
Sherry Chambers
- 28 Ed Linn
Bora Porter
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Claire Turner

Please report any errors.

Thank You



Thank You All for this beautiful, meaningful prayer shawl. The special messages you wrote touch our hearts and the shawl itself fulfills its purpose by its comforting warmth. We are so blessed to be a part of this church family of faith. Our love to you.

-Ken and Genevieve Peterson

Stephenson Garden



From time to time memorable moments come into our lives that touch us deeply. The recent dedication of the Stephenson Garden is one of those very special occasions for us.

It is hard to describe our emotions as the beautiful garden was dedicated as a living memorial to our family. The engraved stone and 160-year-old cross from the church's roof are perfect compliments to the impatiens and hostas planted there.

All of the Stephensons are deeply grateful for this loving tribute.

-The Stephenson Family

Thank You

We received the following thank-you note recently.

On behalf of Common Ground Free Store, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$100.00 which we received on 8/30/2017. Because of your contribution, we are able to open our doors to the community four days each week and provide needed material goods and a warm meal. We serve over 1,000 meals and give away 9,000 personal and household items each month. This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like

you. Again, we thank you for your support and helping us succeed in our mission to share God's love with our community.

Sincerely, - Sharon Griner,
Executive Director, Common
Ground Free Store Ministries



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Dr. Allison officially completed his second year as our pastor on Sept 1st. Please take this opportunity to show your appreciation to Dr. Allison.

Choose Your Favorite Hymn

In October and November we will be singing some of your favorite hymns. There will be an insert in the bulletin for you to fill in 3 of your favorite hymns and put the insert in the offering plate. We will include them on Sundays in October and November. We look forward to singing the hymns that are special to you!

Meals for Stepping Up Participants

In October we have the opportunity to prepare meals for those taking the Getting Ahead Class. (It is free training for those in the community who are committed to making a more stable life for themselves and their families). It is held at William St. Methodist Church. Community organizations and churches are asked to prepare meals for the

class participants. We will be providing a meal on October 23rd and October 30th.

There are several ways you can help. You can buy items to be prepared, you can buy and prepare the food, you can come and serve 4:45-6:15 p.m., or you can donate money for a gift card(Krogers) or buy a \$25.00 gift card to be given to class participants. It does not take a lot of time.

If you would like to help plan the meal, see Mary Lou Lovell. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Thanks to all who help. It is much appreciated!

Volunteers for October

Kid Connection

- Oct 1- volunteer needed
/ Will Fogle
- Oct 8 - volunteer needed
/ Colin Ferguson
- Oct 15 - Pat Gosser
/ Bowen Nace
- Oct 22 - Pam Faulk
/ Gabe Folge
- Oct 29 - Candy Lee
/ Aidan Ferguson

Fellowship Time

- Oct 1 - David Harris
- Oct 8 - Covered Dish Lunch
Mission Sunday
- Oct 15 - Gossers
- Oct 22 - Needs a volunteer
- Oct 29 - Needs a volunteer

Panera Pick-up

- Oct 5 - Gossers
- Oct 12 - Lovells
- Oct 19 - Needs a volunteer
- Oct 26 - Needs a volunteer

Thank you all for volunteering your time. As you can see, there are still some dates available for all of these. We would appreciate your help.

Attention Ladies of the Church!

There will **NOT** be an October Women's Fellowship breakfast. Instead, you should be receiving a questionnaire in the mail about the direction you think the Women's Fellowship should take.

We ask that you prayerfully consider this and fill out the survey truthfully. You can put it in the survey box in the Welcome Center during the month of October, or you can mail it to Pam Faulk. We would like responses from everyone. If you do not receive one in the mail, please let Pam Faulk know.

Come Follow Me

For the World Mission Offering this year, the focus is on three areas of holistic action: Peace and Justice, Abolishing Global Slavery, and Economic and Community Development. These priorities do not encompass all the ministries of International Ministries, but they do illustrate what God is doing worldwide through our 120+ global servants, 1300+ volunteers, 44 home staff, and 240+ global Christian partners.

Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connect you to all of the challenging, life-changing work of the Lord

Change For Change

Save Your Change
This is a reminder
that we will be collecting
all your loose change
in November for
Change for Change Sunday,
so please be holding onto it.

through International Ministries. This is our October mission focus, the World Mission Offering, which benefits all those who work in the mission field. In conjunction with this, we will be hosting missionaries Emerson and Ivy Wu (whom our church sponsors in China) and Sarah McCurdy who works with her husband Peter in Costa Rica. Please see the article in this newsletter about their visit on October 8. Once again, our church's goal is \$700. Please prayerfully consider your donation throughout the month of October to help us meet this goal.

-Pam Faulk

Personals

- On September 10 our congregation assembled outside the blue doors after church to dedicate The Stephenson Garden and to set a memorial stone in place there. Former members Ted and Jeanie Stephenson were able to attend that morning, along with Donna Brown. Jeannie and

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Tim Chesser	Heart & Vascular Surgery
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Broken Foot

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

Donna are sisters of Carol Grubbs. A big thank you goes out to Candy Lee, Brennan Howe, and Pat Gosser for planting such a beautiful garden there. Ted and Jeannie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary that week also.

• An exersaucer was recently donated to the Crib Room from Marci and Matt Cooper.

•Debbie and Will Fogle played a beautiful violin duet during the service on September 17.

• Mary Lou Lovell's sister from Boston visited for a week.

• Congratulations to ribbon winners at the Delaware County Fair. Erin Faulk received a first place ribbon in "Landscapes" and a second place ribbon in "Still Life" categories of photography. Connor Trigg was awarded a second place ribbon for one of his rabbits. In 4-H projects, Will Fogle received an A in Pistol Shooting, and Gabe Fogle got a second place ribbon for Food and Nutrition and an A grade on his project.

Mission Sunday

On Sunday, October 8, our church will celebrate Mission Sunday along with our guests, the members of the Central Community Baptist Church from Waldo. On that morning, we will welcome missionaries Emerson and Ivy Wu and Sarah McCurdy to share their messages with us.

The celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue through lunch. There will be no Sunday School that morning. The lunch will be a potluck , and table service and beverages will be provided.

Please keep in mind that refrigerator and oven space will be limited, so you might want to use a crockpot and/or a cooler with ice for your food. A love

offering will be taken during the meal to help with the travel expenses for the missionaries.

Crop Walk

The annual Delaware Crop Walk to fight hunger will be Sun, Oct 8 at 2pm at OWU. You may make a contribution either by cash or check (made out to CWS-CROP) and place it in the jar in the Gathering Place or online at www.crophungerwalk.org.

People In Need Collection

During the month of September, we collected items for People In Need. Thanks to all who brought items to fill the box and basket. If you would like to contribute at any time, it is welcome because there is always a need. There is a basket in the vestibule for the items.

Most needed items currently are:
pork'n beans tuna
macaroni cereal
kidney beans bar soap
tomato sauce

**All Men, Young men,
and boys!**
We need your voices!
October 1st!
Sunday Evening at 7:00 P.M.
at
First Baptist Church

We will come together and raise our voices in wonderful sound singing hymns and patriotic songs.

We want this to be a time of joy and the beginning of a men's singing group.

If you enjoy singing- come!
All male voices are welcome!

If you need a ride contact
Dave or Mary Lou Lovell



You Are Invited

Dan and Sherry Chambers invite you to join them at the 6th annual "Party At The Farm!"

When: Sat, Oct 14th, 5pm -??
Where : The Chambers Farm
4499 Cackler Rd
Delaware, OH

Food, drinks, live band, bonfire, hay rides, pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, & more fun for the whole family

Please bring lawn chairs and dress appropriately for the fall weather. If weather is questionable, text 614-580-5612 to check on an update.

RSVP to
[cherrychambers10@gmail .com](mailto:cherrychambers10@gmail.com)



Delaware Community Coalition

The Fifth Sunday Celebration will be at the Highpoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Rd. at 5:30. There will be a dinner and worship sponsored by the Delaware Community Coalition.

Directory Update

Jane Moore
has discontinued her landline.
Her cell phone number is:
740-816-0270