

# Good News Letter

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As fall approaches, and the return to regular scheduling, which will happen on September 11 this year by the way, I find myself in a reflective mood. Two events that occurred in August, the organ recital and the Turner/Pierce wedding, have set me to thinking about how blessed we are to have such a beautiful place to worship, and rich traditions to help us as we seek together to grow in grace, and in love for each other and for our neighbors, and in peace with God. Perhaps it is because unlike most Sundays, I was able to be a part of the congregation at these experiences, that they made an impression on me.

In this era of contemporary worship and modern buildings, we have an older building and a pipe organ (and people who can play it. I am thankful for Mary Lou Lovell and all she does with the music, and for Jennifer Turner and Candy Lee, who contribute greatly to our worship experience).

It occurs to me that though our style and setting are not the most popular trends in worship these days, as they may have been 75 years ago, they are still meaningful for many people, for all of *us* to be sure, and perhaps for some who have not found their way to us yet.

What gives this style meaning to me is that by it, we are connected to those who came before us and worshipped in the same place, sang many of the same hymns, and heard the same scriptures read. It also spans the gap between the transcendent and the immanent, the sense that God is over us in holiness and grandeur, and also with us in our midst and in our hearts.

A few weeks ago we found ourselves reading in the Letter to the Hebrews about, “a great cloud of witnesses.”

It is inspiring to me to worship in a place and in a way that connects us also to the ancient inhabitants of that cloud, as well as to those more recent.

Let us be encouraged about the future, for we are a part of the family of believers acting as stewards of not just the worship traditions that have been handed down to us, but the Grace that underlies those traditions, and the faith gives energy to our lives both in present moments, and in the days ahead.

Thank you all for your faithfulness. I look forward to our times of worship as we head into the fall season, I hope you will join us.

Blessings,  
**Mark**

## September Panera Volunteers

Sept 1 Fogle  
Sept 8 Lovell  
Sept 15 Grubbs  
Sept 22 Volunteer Needed  
Sept 29 Faulk

Thanks to all who continue to volunteer.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, September 17, the women will gather for lunch at 11:30 at Bun's. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend.

## RALLY DAY

Sunday school will begin once again on Rally Day, September 11. We will begin the morning with coffee, juice, and pastries at 9:15 in the Gathering Place. Classes will begin at 9:30. Candy Lee and Pam Faulk will be teaching the Adult I Class, using the Baptist JOURNEYS curriculum, Pastor Mark will be teaching the Adult II Class, continuing the focus on the book of Revelation. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. We invite everyone to participate in our Sunday school program. Do not forget that the worship service will begin at 10:45 after Sunday school.

## PERSONALS

- Bailey Turner has a new job at Dempsey Middle School.
- Pat Gosser and her family have recovered from a bad case of COVID.

- Claire Turner and Jake Pierce were married in our church on August 13. Their address is 625 Weller Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45015

- Candy Lee's son Tim was recently hit by a car and had serious injuries to his shoulder and wrist, as well as other cuts and bruises. He is currently recovering at Candy's. If you would like to participate in a Meal Train for them, please contact Deb Fogle. Candy would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

- Janet Lathrop would like to thank everyone for the prayer shawl and the card.

- Carol Grubbs would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister Donna.

- Beth Trigg has recently been experiencing back trouble.

- Genevieve Peterson would like to thank everyone for all their support over these past months.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



#### September

1 Elijah Showalter  
3 Alec Ferguson  
9 Kip & Barbara Smith  
14 Marci Cooper  
22 Calvin & Taylor Turner  
29 Ian Ferguson  
30 MaryLou Lovell

*Please report any errors.*

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE ("PEACE DAY")

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year is particularly significant. It is the 20th anniversary of the UN Resolution on the Program of Action on a Culture of Peace.

## Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought school supplies for Conger students.

Here is the final tally for all items donated. It is remarkable!

18 folders  
6 pairs of scissors  
6 bottles of glue  
20 pens  
4 erasers  
50 glue sticks  
17 sets of 10 markers  
4 highlighters  
20 boxes of crayons  
9 boxes of colored pencils  
7 boxes of 24 pencils  
3 boxes of 12 pencils  
19 spiral notebooks  
A box of 25 pairs of head phones

Imagine the smiles of the students when they receive these to give them a good start for their school year.

When I dropped the supplies off, Joyce King the secretary, greeted me with a huge smile on her face. She was so excited to see that we had collected so many supplies for the students. She said that they were very needed, especially the head phones!

## Money for Children's Shoes

Thanks to all who made a monetary donation for shoes. The money was given to People In Need to distribute gift cards to buy shoes. I'm sure you made so many children happy having a new pair of shoes to begin their school year.

Thank you soooooo much!

## Undie Sundays

September is Undie Sundays month. During the month of September we take donations of new underwear of all sizes! You have done a great job with the school supplies and shoes, now, let's buy underwear! The basket will be in the entry way for the collection. The underwear will be given to Common Ground Free Store for them to distribute.

## Thinking Ahead and Marking Our Calendars!

Jeni Pedzinski, missionary to Thailand who works at the New Life Center, is coming to First Baptist on Sunday, November 20th. Rev. Jeni Pedzinski is an American Baptist Missionary who has been serving at the New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand since 2015. Established in 1987, NLCF serves young ethnic minority women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni provides

<b>Prayer List</b>	
This list is prepared by the Deacons. Please send changes to Larry Faulk ( <a href="mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com">lfaulk01@aol.com</a> ).	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Prayer</b>
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Tim Lee	Recovery
Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!	

administrative support, Christian discipleship and financial literacy training to NLCF staff and program beneficiaries.

Jeni will be giving a presentation of her work during the church service on November 20th. Jeni gives us updates on what she has been doing which have been printed in our newsletter. Jeni has been back in Michigan with her family on a furlough year. Her Grandmother's husband was very ill, so it was good for her to be there to support the family. She also is visiting churches. We give monetary support to Jeni.

Please mark your calendars to come to church on November 20th to see Jeni!

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the Panera Pickups on Thursday evenings!  
You are a blessing to those in need of food.

## Marion Association Fall Rally

The 107th Annual Fall Rally of the Marion Baptist Association will be September 25, 2022 at 4pm at The Bridge, 12259 N Old 3C Rd in Sunbury, Ohio. The missionary speaker is Sarah McCloy, Global Servant to Japan. Dinner is \$5, provided by The Bridge Church: pasta with meat sauce, salad/bread, assorted desserts, iced tea/lemonade. For more information, contact Ronda Harrand, 740-262-1522.

## Congress Court Maintenance & Repairs

Over the past six months, a number of repairs, maintenance items, and appliance replacements have taken place at our rental property on Congress Court. The main water valve to the house was replaced. Some roof repairs were done. One bathroom ceiling was replaced. The other bathroom had molding replaced, bath tub overflow replaced, and resealing and caulking applied. A drywall sheet was replaced in the garage.

The hot water tank was replaced. Several trees were trimmed. The kitchen refrigerator has been replaced. The total cost of these items has been \$6,287 from our Capital Improvements Fund. Your continued contributions to our Capital Improvements Fund allows us to maintain our church and rental properties.

## The Historical Organ Society

On August first our church hosted The Historical Organ Society Convention as did the Seventh Day Adventist Church.



125 Members of the Society ate lunch in our fellowship hall and youth room. After lunch ,Stephen Price, Professor of Music at Ball State, presented an organ recital in which he demonstrated the many sounds of our organ. He played a variety of music from Bach to twentieth century music. Our sanctuary was full. When he played the Hymn "Rise Up O Saints of God" the congregation filled the church with wonderful singing as he played.

The group of people at our church then went to the Seventh Day Adventist Church to hear a concert there, while the folks(about 90) that were at the Seventh Day Adventist Church then came to our church to hear Stephen's program.

Michael Barone, host of the radio program called "Pipe Dreams" introduced Stephen for the second program. He also said that our organ was very much like the first organ he learned to play. There were many comments from those in the convention thanking us for having them here and how much they enjoyed hearing our organ.

An extra special thank you goes to Peter White who made sure our organ was repaired, tuned and ready for the concert. He also did that for the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Thanks to Mark Allison and Peter White for hosting ; and everyone who set up tables and chairs.



Stephen Price, Professor of Music Ball State

## Late, Late School News

(editor missed article last month)

My great-granddaughter, Marley Kas finished the last term of school with all A's (as usual).

She was invited to bring her Bass instrument to Hayes High School to audition for The Hayes Players. A long 2 weeks later, she was told that she was accepted. She has been playing a Bass since 4th grade at Smith Elementary and 3 years at Dempsey Middle School.

- Jeanne Ekelberry

## WEDDING GOWN MAKES THE NEWS






In the August 21 Sunday edition of the Columbus Dispatch, columnist Joe Blundo wrote an article about the wedding gown that Claire Turner Pierce wore for her recent wedding. The gown was the one that Jane Moore Snyder had worn for her wedding to Jimmie. Then Melissa and Jennifer also wore the gown for their weddings. There were photos in the Dispatch also. Claire wore a different gown at her reception, and Jane's gown was on display there for all to get a closer look

### Just a Note:

Why not stay in the sanctuary for a couple of minutes after worship to listen to the Postlude? It's a great way to leave with music in your head.

# September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>September Mission Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undies Sundays</li> </ul>		30	31	1	2	3
<p><b>Undies Sunday</b> 4</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>Labor Day</b> 5</p>  <p>Labor Day</p>	6	7	8	9	10
<p><b>Rally Day</b> 11</p> <p>9:15 am Coffee/Pastries 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p><b>Grandparents Day</b> <b>Patriot Day</b></p> 	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	13	14	15	16	17
<p><b>Baptist Women's Sunday</b> 18</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 12:00 Board of Education</p> <p>Oct newsletter deadline today</p> 	19	20	<p><b>International Day of Peace</b> 21</p> 	<p><b>First Day of Autumn</b> 22</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed</p>	23	24
<p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p><b>Marion Association Fall Rally</b> 4 pm - The Bridge, Sunbury, OH</p> <p>Oct newsletter available today</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
				<p>7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>		<p><b>October</b> 1</p>