



Prayer Concerns: Ellen Bobbitt, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susan Hilton's nephew), Ron & Kathy Mills, Doris Pinyan, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Darlene Smith (Cindy Clark's mother), Bettie Spencer, Cammie Walker, Debbie Wyatt (Sara VonCannon's cousin), Roger Burnett (Lisa Young's father).

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Our deepest sympathies are expressed to these families in the loss of loved ones.

The Grose family in the passing of Bill Grose.

The Baker family in the passing of Margaret Baker.

Charlene Dunlap in the passing of her mother, Dorothy Jackson.

August Crisis Control Food Drive will be held at UC Food Lion on Saturday, August 10th at 9 am– 1 pm. August's needed item is toilet paper. **Hospice Ministry Emphasis** will be Sunday, August 11th.

Want to learn how to crochet? The Sisters in Christ are sponsoring a beginner's crochet class that will be held in the fellowship hall on August 10th at 10am. The class is being taught by Doris Pinyan. You will need to supply your own yarn and needle. Canned goods will be collected for Crisis Control.

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

August 4 th	Julie Striplin
August 11 th	Susan Hilton
August 18 th	Kathy Horton
August 25 th	Lisa Young



August

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- David French

Jennie Nibert

Lisa Canda

Susan Hilton

Kaitlin Helton

Madison Weavil

Dylan Ward

Teresa Tucker

Cindy Clark

Doris Pinyan

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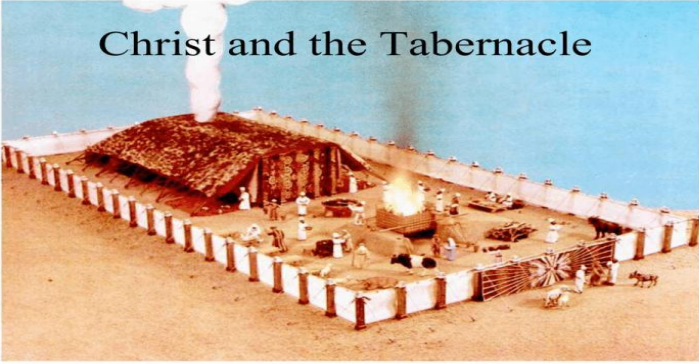
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According to the Hebrew Bible, the tabernacle, also known as the Tent of the Congregation, was the portable earthly dwelling of God used by the Israelites from the Exodus until the conquest of Canaan. Moses was instructed at Mount Sinai to construct and transport the tabernacle with the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness and their subsequent conquest of the Promised Land. As you study the tabernacle in the pages of the book of Exodus you will discover that Jesus is present. Beginning in August each Wednesday (except for church conference weeks) at 10am and 6:30pm we will be diving into this great subject. Plan to be there!

A Word from the Pastor

1n 1912, marathon runner Shizo Kanakuri was chosen to represent Japan in the Summer Olympics at Stockholm.

He began the race with the rest of the runners, but along the way was overcome with heat. He stopped at a garden party for some refreshment, but he stayed a little too long — more than an hour. It was now, he thought, too late to get back in the race. He took a train to his hotel and caught a boat back home, too ashamed to tell anyone he was leaving.

For more than 50 years Shizo was listed as a missing person in Sweden, until a journalist finally found him; he had spent the last several decades living a quiet life in southern Japan.

In 1966 the Swedish Public Television network called him with an offer: Would you like to finish your run?

The 85 year old Kanakuri accepted, and he traveled to Stockholm to finish the race he had started so many years before. This time he crossed the finish line; his final time was 54 years, 8 months, 6 days, 8 hours, 32 minutes and 20.3 seconds.

Let's remember that our reward is not for starting the race, it's for finishing it. As Paul said in his farewell..."I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me..." (Acts 20:24)

It's never too late to get back in the race. You can start running again today. The finish line is still where it used to be.

Grace and Peace
Adam

The Senior Moments Group monthly covered dish luncheon will be on August 22nd at 10:45am. There will be a guest speaker from Hospice joining them.

Annual Elections

A new slate of Deacons will be voted on during morning worship on August 18th and the Officers & Workers Report will be voted at Church Conference the 21st at 7pm..

Father’s Day Offering

In honor of all the men in our church UCBC made a donation of \$50 to Williams Adult Day Center. There were also individual donations made in the amount of \$220.00.

Financial Summary

July 7, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts	\$3,830.00
Designated Gifts	\$135.00
Total Offering	\$3,965.00
July 14, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts	\$1,660.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,057.86
Total Offering	\$3,717.86
July 21, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts	\$3,612.00
Designated Gifts	\$ 296.00
Total Offering	\$3,908.00

General Fund

June General Fund Receipts	\$14,511.06
June General Fund Expenses	-\$19,050.81
June General Fund Net	-\$4,539.75
June General Fund Balance	\$98,568.57

Woman on Mission Update

Women on Mission ladies had their July email meeting on July 3rd.

JULY WOM ACTIVITIES:

- Hospice Ministry Note: Snack donations were sent to both WS & HP Hospice Homes & a very nice thank you note was received from a family member of a patient at the HP Hospice home.
- Inward meals continued for some of our members.
- \$64 of WOM funds were spent to purchase body wash for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry.

- We voted to include Westchester Manor, where Jeff H. resides, for the bingo prizes purchased & collected. We dispensed 2 huge bags of prizes along with 3 boxes of additional prizes to the Pine Ridge, Bradford Village & Westchester Manor nursing home facilities. Thank you to everyone who participated with donations. All 3 facilities were very appreciative & a special thank you to Ann, Jean & Charlene for taking care of deliveries.
- Sundaes on Sunday sponsored by WOM was held on July 21st with 36 people attending. Fun, games & fellowship followed our enjoying the sundaes we each made.
- Approval was given to making a donation to Baptist Children’s Home. Amount will be disclosed at a later date along with other information.
- At the time of this release everything is being finalized after many hours planning, research & developing the program have been spent for the annual Ladies Fellowship Event. It is my prayer this year will be another rewarding, fun & inspirational event which is scheduled for 2:00pm on August 4th. Reservations were needed for this event.

FYI: At our July meeting I was also elected to continue as WOM President & Beverly as VP for the upcoming church year

It can never be said that WOM ladies are not an active group. We currently have 21 members & welcome any lady in the church to join WOM. It is our purpose to keep missions alive as **“UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE”**.

--Jane Sutphin

UC Fire Department is hosting the *Andy Johnson Memorial **Red Cross Blood Drive*** on Sunday, August 25th from 11am – 3:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code “Andy Johnson Memorial.” Walk-ins welcome. Bring photo ID.