

July / August 2024

The Shepherd

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. - Matthew 26:15-20

As I sat to write something here in the Newsletter, the question came to mind, what is the Church?

Some think that it is a building where we go to worship and praise God together. Some think that it is a group of people that we call our church family. Some think that it is a place where you can find help when you can't find it anywhere else.

Even though all of these things may be true to an extent, what did Jesus intend the Church to be?

First, if you notice Jesus used the words, My church. Sometimes we lose the idea that the Church is His. Second, Jesus commanded His disciples to not tell anyone who He was. That seems odd, does it not?

I take this as we are to be the Church in a way that everyone that comes to worship with us, comes to know Him for themselves. And that sense of knowing Him and Who He is comes from the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Is that what you find in the First UMC of Columbiana? I believe so, come and experience Him for yourself.

May His Spirit continue to guide us, all for His glory!

Blessings,
Pastor Cyndi



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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

(If we have missed your special day,
please notify the church office to be
added to the list! 330-482-2382)

**Laura Nappi 2-Jul
Judy Stouffer 9-Jul
Leland Mackall 10-Jul
Cora Briggs 13-Jul
Grace Schrieber 25-Jul
Vylee Garstick 26-Jul**

**Linda Burkey 21-Aug
Lowell Snyder 28-Aug**

**If your birthday is in July or
August and it is not on the list
we wish you also a very
Happy Birthday.**



Kids' Club

We had a great year. Every time we met, we had at least 9 children, and sometimes more. So we praise God for sending the children.

Sally Bricker continues to have the desire to teach the children songs about our God. Especially to make sure they know that Jesus Loves them.

When Sally teaches the children the song Jesus Loves Me, she doesn't just teach them the words, she makes sure they know that He loves them, and makes sure they know how they know that. Because the Bible tells us so.

We have had a mom that stayed to help every time we met Sam Gillespie. She is a trooper, and the mom's voice that gets the children's attention when needed. Her and her mom helped put the Easter party together for the kids at Firestone Park. A big thank you to them for loving the kids!

And a BIG thank you to Karen Culp for loving the kids always! Without her Kids Club would not be. May God continue to energize her!

- Pastor Cyndi



TRUSTEE NEWS

Tri-State Glass is scheduled to re-caulk the windows in the Prayer Garden area at the beginning of July. Thank you to all who have found it to be laid on your heart to give to this project.

There have been some things left over the years at our parsonage that our new renters do not need. So we are looking to see if we can find a new home for these items. You will find them listed below. (Donations are welcome.) If you find that you can use one or more of these items please call the office and we will put your name on it and schedule a time that you can pick them up.

- 26" Scotts lawn fertilizer spreader (2 cycle engine)
- 20" Yard-Man snow blower (2 cycle engine)
- Homelite leaf blower (2 cycle engine)
- Craftsman 32cc 2 cycle engine weed eater
- Works weed eater—battery operated (no battery or charger)
- Electrolux Epic Vacuum Sweeper 2500 SR plus filter bags, wands, furniture brush
- Electric fog machine + one container of solution (use Stage Shows, Halloween)
- Electric Submersible pump
- Four boxes of "Old Candle Shed" - candles
- 1 gallon plastic gas can w/spout
- 1 tube Black Jack roof cement
- 2—70 watt High Pressure Sodium light bulbs
- 2 Plastic Snow Spinners

We are working on scheduling work days to clean and straighten out the old Boy Scout room.

Thank to all for your continued support and help in advance.

Yours Truly,
Bob Belding
Trustee Chair

Good As New Shoppe

The consignment store will be celebrating 4 years in operation on July 12 & 13th. The store will be offering an entire store discount and give away items this weekend.

Since opening, the store has been able to contribute \$12,725.93 directly to the church for various projects or utility expenses. Also the church has earned \$5,355.63 in consignments due to donations of items to sell. This makes a total amount of \$18,081.56 as a benefit directly to the church.

This has been possible by all the hard work of all volunteers who help make the continued operation of the store successful.

The Columbiana Merchants will be having "Christmas in July" on July 26th & 27th. Special sales will be going on during this weekend including the Good As New Shoppe. The store will not be open the weekend of the Street Fair but will re-open Sept. 13th & 14th as usual.

A special thank you to all who contribute in any way to the Shoppe. We have been blessed.

Marge and Linda

**Store hours Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-3.
Store Phone Number: (330) 831-0399**

Church Women United

The recent fellowship breakfast was held on June 19th with 14 present. Our next breakfast will be August 21st at 10:00 am at the Dutch House. Everyone is welcome & no reservations is needed.

Anne Brown will again be organizing the parking during Street Fair. She will be asking for volunteers to man the shifts. Please help a couple hours if you can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **In person Worship Services are on Sunday's at 10:30am.**
- **Children's Message and Jr. Church takes place during our worship service. Led by Gabrielle Burbick**
- **Adult Sunday School class 9:30 am Sunday mornings.**
- **Bible Study Wednesday mornings at 11 am in the Pastor's Study. We are using Max Lucado's book They Walked with God. Each week we cover a Character of the Bible.**
- **Ham Dinners will be held on July 9th, from 4 to until sold out. \$10.00 each. Please let your friends know. We suggest calling the office to reserve at 330-482-2382. There will be NO Ham Dinner in August.**
- **Anyone who can help with the Ham dinner please call Anne Brown at 330-831-1112. There will also be a sign up sheet available at the church, before and after Worship service on Sunday.**
- **July 21st and August th18 we will have Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service.**
- **The Choir is on break during the summer.**
- **If you or you know someone that would like to share their musical talents, please let Monica or Pastor Cyndi know. Song requests or reading of poems are welcome as well.**
- **The Church Picnic will be on July 14th. We will be having an 11 am Worship Service at Firestone Park in Pavilion 1. Fellowship and food will follow, all are welcome. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and table settings. Beverages and Chicken will be provided.**
- **Columbiana First UMC and it's Mission committee want to thank the employees and associates of Centers for Hearing Care, for the generous dontation of supplies to support Christina House in Lisbon, OH. The time, effort, and resources are very much appreciated.**

Christina House

The Christina House is a safe place for battered women, and their children. Judy Stevens delivers donated items every month or so.

**The following is a list of items needed for the
Christina House in Lisbon:**

**Paper towels, Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Tissues, Toilet Paper,
Women's products, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Bath Soap,
Cleaning Supplies, Towels/Washcloths, Underwear, Bras, Socks,
Baby Clothes, Pajamas (women's and children's), Shampoo,
Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hair Spray,
Disposable Razors, Boxed Food mixes & Snacks,
Children's activity items, stationary,
light bulbs, alarm clocks and AA & AAA batteries.**

Way Station

**We are also collecting nonperishable foods for The Way Station.
There are boxes and baskets at church where these items
can be collected.
Thanks to all that donate!**

God Continues to move and work in our lives.

Where have you seen Him lately?

*9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.*

*10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

*11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!
Declare His deeds among the people. - Psalm*

God has brought healing to those in need. And there are those in our church family that continue to need healing.

Judy Stouffer has fallen and she is in Parkside. Her healing process is estimated to take 6 to 8 weeks. I see God moving in and with her. She is mostly in a positive frame of mind, and she feels that she will be healed sooner than they say. Is that wishful thinking, maybe. But, we do have a God that can do all things.

Karen Culp continues to need prayer for healing also.

Never underestimate the power of prayer!

God has provided all that is needed to keep His church going, and we praise Him for all of you that continue to support us. May God continue to bless you beyond your imagination.

I thank God that I have been appointed to First UMC of Columbiana yet for another year. I continue to see God moving in the life of this church. We have survived together COVID which shut the doors of churches for a season. But I believe He has brought us back and every year there seems to be new life.

I praise God for the leaders of this church, that have a passion to do His work that creates a safe and loving space for all that come through our doors.

Blessings,

Pastor Cyndi