

THE CHURCH BELL

September 2024

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am

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8 Mile

“Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him.”

(Genesis 5:24)

I’m ready for my annual walk. As you may know, at least once a year your pastor endeavors to make a “pilgrimage.” No, not to the Holy Land. (Well, close.) The object of my quest is actually New Baltimore Ice Cream! When the weather is right, I set out from the parsonage with the goal of walking the eight miles to New Baltimore and rewarding myself with an ice cream cone at journey’s end.

I have a few rules. I carry a staff because I’ve found that the biggest danger I face is unfriendly dogs. I bring some water and snacks in case I get fatigued (I am getting older!) I choose a slightly different route each year. I wear a hat and comfortable shoes. Tragically, I’ve learned to go before Closing Day. And I keep my eyes and ears open to things that God may be showing me on my walk.

That last point is especially important. I try to glean spiritual insights on my hike. In past years, I’ve observed the haphazard flights of monarchs making their way across our region and realized anew how God cares for all His creatures. I’ve photographed wildflowers that grow among gutters and weeds and recalled Jesus’ words about how they compare to Solomon’s glory. I often think about our church and our community and how we can best share the love of God with our neighbors. I pray and talk with God and strive to listen.

I wish I could say that it was my constant habit to be on the lookout for what God is saying to me. But I am still at that point in my spiritual journey where I have to intentionally prod myself to do it. I think that “walking with God” is one of the best goals to have in this life. The mysterious Enoch became so close to God through his walking that he apparently didn’t face death. God simply “took” him.

And by the way – I only walk one way. Debbie has always been nice enough to pick me up and take me back home!

Pastor Jon

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Thank you kindly for your continued support and generous tithes and offerings.

<u>WEEK OF:</u>	<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u> In person + Online	<u>OFFERING</u>
July 28	47 + 18	\$2,339.02*
August 4	52 + 22	\$3,305.25
August 11	46 + n/a	\$2,355.00*
August 18	52 + 17	\$3,388.00

To meet our 2024 budget of \$153,679... needed weekly is \$2,955*

As of 7/31/24

General Fund Income: \$82,742.01

General Fund Expenses: \$87,004.78

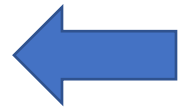
Year-to-date difference: - \$4,262.77

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

July Mission: Marlin & Minnie Snyder Foundation \$590.00

(In 2024 our church budget gives an additional \$100 monthly to the mission(s) of the month.)

***September 2024 MISSION: Mount Union CRU**



CRU of Mount Union University is under the direction of Lisa Smith Wyss, who also serves as Missions Director for campus ministries throughout much of Ohio, Western PA and West Virginia. A focus locally is Kent State and Mount Union on Tuesdays, linking you to the work of turning lost students and faculty into lifelong Christ-centered multiplying disciples. They are a community of college students helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others.

***OFFERINGS:** If you are not able to be in worship on Sundays, you can mail in your offering donations at any time to: Science Hill Community Church, 12316 Beeson St. NE, Alliance OH 44601. Thank you for your contributions. A PayPal option is also available for those wishing to give electronically. Just visit our church website: www.sciencehillcc.org. THANK YOU for your support of our church!

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Items for the October newsletter should be submitted to the church office by Monday, September 23rd at noon. You can send them in at any time to office@sciencehillcc.org.

***COMPASSION CHILD:** We continue to support and sponsor our Compassion Child "**Maria**", who lives in Columbia, South America. There is information and a NEW picture on the narthex bulletin board. And, if you would like to send a card or letter to her (**she turned 17 on January 22, 2024**), I'm sure she would LOVE it! Please keep her in prayer throughout the year.

“Our mission is to joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ and lovingly care for others.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, August 12, 2024

Present: Elders: Gary Casto, Craig Reay, Mark Haidet, Jim Hornyak

Deacons: Jan Raber, Ray Courtwright, Richard Berube

Pastor Jon Truax and Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Marks

Absent: Mike Wilks and Jr. Deacon Liz McDonald

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Hornyak

PREVIOUS MINUTES: From Monday, July 8, 2024 – reviewed and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: Stark County Board of Election will purchase and install updated handicap signs in the parking lot.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report ending July 2024 was reviewed and placed on file for audit.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Bills for August totaling \$12,320.05 for the General Fund and \$3,537.30 (mostly Alive Fest) for the Youth checking were approved with a motion by Craig and Jan.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Building and Grounds Committee: Parsonage front stoop and back bilco area are almost finished; gutters/gutter guards, hand railings, patio privacy fence to be updated; lid to septic tank replaced; still water issues around the church’s west wall foundation – excavating may take place to make repairs; Mt. Union incoming freshmen need volunteer hours and we will have outside work for several; Fall work day is set for Saturday, October 12 at 8am. 2.) Outreach Committee is looking for individuals to join their team as Richard and Janice Berube have stepped down at this time; the August 31st breakfast has been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Updated job descriptions for Children’s Ministry Director and Youth Ministry Director have been established with a new combined position for Family Ministry Director in which the Consistory will move forward with, hoping to post the position at Malone University and Mt. Union.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) A new blood pressure cuff was purchased after the original went missing; a diabetic testing kit will be purchased; an evening session to review the AED & choking devise may be scheduled this fall.

MINISTER’S REMARKS: n/a

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. The next Consistory meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7pm.

Gary Casto, Consistory President
Theresa Marks, Secretary/Treasurer

“THANK YOU” FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

DATE	BELL RINGER	LITURGIST	PRAYER ROOM
Sept. 1		Rose Wade	
Sept. 8	Theresa Marks	Jenny Digiantonio	Theresa Marks
Sept. 15	Connie Poto	Jan Raber	Lynette Hornyak
Sept. 22	Jenny Digiantonio		Jenny Digiantonio
Sept. 29			
LAWN CARE	Sept.1-10: Jon Truax	Sept. 11-20: Jon Truax	Sept. 21-30: Ben Favazzo



*A New Look ...
A New Beginning ...
for
Worship Service
and
Sunday School*

Come and explore the exciting possibilities here at Science Hill Community Church.

Sundays, September 1st and 8th

We will have a soft launch of our new Worship time at 9:30am.

Sunday, September 15th is National Back to Church and Rally Day!

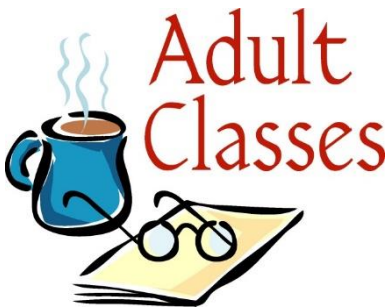
Our schedule time will be:

9:00am Prayer time in the Prayer Room

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary, the nursery is available, however Jr. Church is temporarily on break

10:45am Transition time: Elders can pray for individual needs, there will be refreshments in the Science Hill Room, and the church library is available

11:00am Classes: Nursery for 2 year-olds and under
Ages 3 through grade 1 in room 202
Grades 2-5 in room 205
Grades 6-12 in the youth room



*An Adult Bible Fellowship Class will be in the overflow "upper room"

*The Pastor's Class will be in the Science Hill Room – this may include at times: new members, confirmands, current events, etc.

*An Adult Class will gather in rooms 102/104 viewing and discussing the movie "The Chosen"



***There is something for everyone, so don't miss out!
If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jon or call the church office.***

NOTES IN THE MAIL AND MISC. INFO ...

Audrey Clayton: Green Meadows (Room B17), 7770 Columbus Rd NE, Louisville OH 44641

Travis/Katie Davis: 11465 Miller Ave. NE, Hartsville OH 44632

Daniel Truax: 3464 Livingston Lane, Carrollton TX 75007

Thank you to our wonderful church family for cards, thoughts and prayers during our recent tragedy. Having this church family definitely will help heal in times of grieving. Your love is felt and appreciated.

-Sincerely, Janice and Richard and the rest of the Berube Family

CAREGIVERS gathering: Join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm. Sharing information about being a caregiver is easier among friends. If you have questions contact Marsha Graham (330-409-5271).

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

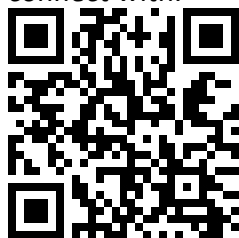
1st: 9:30am Worship
2nd: Labor Day
3rd: 9:30am Budget/Finance meeting
8th: 9:30am Worship
9th: 7pm Consistory
10th: 7pm Caregivers gathering
15th: RALLY DAY! 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am
Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am classes
16th: 6:30pm Worship Committee; 7:30pm Christian
Education Committee
22nd: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am
Refreshments; 11am Classes
23rd: NOON-newsletter info for October
29th: 9am Prayer time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am
Refreshments; 11am Classes
30th: 6:30pm Outreach Committee

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Gary Casto; M/M Ben Favazzo
3rd: Blanche Moore; Mike Wilks
4th: Josh Hornyak
5th: Mya Harsh
7th: Nancy Peters
8th: Kyler Todd
9th: Jeff Church
11th: Connie Flynn; Madison Hammel
12th: M/M Jim Hastings
13th: M/M Terry Weese
14th: Missy Harsh
16th: Jan Raber
21st: M/M Mike Wilks
22nd: Mary Jo Myers; Mary Steckel
24th: Katie Farnham; M/M Bob Farnham
26th: M/M Rob Digiantonio
27th: Jenny Digiantonio; Jacob Weese
28th: Dave Harding
29th: M/M Doug Haidet
30th: Steve Owen; M/M Craig Reay

FLOCKNOTE

*We love having you as part of our Flock!
Keep in touch with us via email and text.
Text SHCC to 84576 or connect at:
sciencehillcommunitychur.flocknote.com.
No passwords or app download necessary.
Choose the ministries (including prayer
chains) and committees you would like to
connect with.*



1.)You shall have no other Gods before me. 2.)You shall not covet.
3.)Exodus 20:2-17. 4.)The 5th commandment 5.) b.) you shall not lie
6.)Mt. Sinai 7.)Sabbath

*“The Joy of the Lord
is my strength.”
-Nehemiah 8:10*

Looking Ahead ...

***Saturday, October 12th** is an all-church **WORK DAY** to get the building and grounds ready for fall and winter. We could use your help from 8am – noon. And oh, there are usually donuts to get you going!



ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE

You're Invited! Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 6pm – 9pm
Wrap yourself in a warm sweater, grab a cup of hot cider and enjoy some conversation near a warm bonfire under the vibrant colors of an autumn landscape.

Sevakeen Country Club Pavilion

1365 Sevakeen Circle, Salem OH
(in clubhouse if rain)

Bring chairs and side dish or dessert to share.

For questions, contact Laura Courtwright at 330-207-2473.

Thank you

...to those who have volunteered to be a home host. If you would like to be included in this wonderful opportunity of sharing your Christmas décor or collection with others as a home host, please let Laura Courtwright (330-207-2473) know by September 14th.

Science Hill Community Church Christmas Tour of Homes

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Embark on a captivating journey with us and immerse yourself in the enchantment of the Christmas season. We warmly invite you to step into six beautiful Alliance homes where you will be captivated by a delightful array of savory and sweet tastes that embody the spirit of the holiday season.

Imagine the cozy feeling of being surrounded by beautiful decorations while melodies of familiar carols transport you to a place of pure holiday joy. Please join us on this enchanting journey which will benefit local missions and help spread the great news of our Lord.

Tickets can be purchased beginning October 1st. Price to be determined. (Only 100 tickets will be sold).





September 21st, 2019 – On a warm but beautiful September Day, Jenn Miller and Mike Wilks were united in marriage in front of a small family gathering at Science Hill. Congratulations!!

**** 10 Years Ago – September 7th, 2014** – Rally Day for Sunday School - During worship, Silas Richard Berube was dedicated. Following service, a TAILGATE PARTY was held in the pavilion and surrounding “trunks”. A nice crowd enjoyed grilling, lots of food, fellowship, corn hole, and the opening of the time capsule from the 1999 Youth Group.

September 13th, 2009 – Rally Day in S.S. brought a large crowd with 2 new adult classes and classes for all the children and youth. The theme was “All Aboard” (also Pastor Jon’s sermon title).

- During worship Gary Casto was liturgist and Jim & Erma’s grandson, Matt Hastings provided a beautiful piano solo for special music. New members were received: Brian & Ellen Bickel, Pat Summers, Brenda Haidet, Harry Lowers, Marsha & Larry Beck. Sandy Strub was present to speak on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, our monthly mission.

September 26th, 2004 – Milestone memberships were celebrated during morning worship. Those honored for 50 + years of membership were Barbara Fyran, Linda Hoover. A time of refreshment followed church. The members of the “Flight School” were consecrated as they began their mission and class. They include Russell Newburn, Sue Folk, Lori Reay and Pastor Barry.

- Nick Marks leaves tomorrow for the Air Force. He plans to train in hydraulics.

**** 25 Years Ago - September 26th, 1999** – Jr. and Sr. Youth Fellowship groups had a fall kickoff outing at the pavilion.

September 14th, 1994 – Confirmation begins: Katie Hoover, Brian Hulea, Brenna Scott, Janna Stroup & Sabrina Thomas.

September 16th, 1989 – Fall Fellowship featured its usual assortment of good food, good friends and good times. A sing-a-long was included in all the joviality, but poor weather cancelled the annual hayride. Attendance was 48.

September 16th, 1984 – Beginning of a 3-week course “A Scientific Look at Religion”, taught by Dr. Jeff Hahn. This is the first of several new Sunday School courses planned by the Adult Curriculum Committee composed of Clara Blake, Gary Casto, Pat Culler, Bill Hoover and Bonnie Linerode.

September 8-9th, 1979 – Fall Fellowship was held at Science Hill that included a wiener roast followed by guest speaker, Rolland Smith. A campfire sing and snack closed the evening and breakfast was served the campers on Sunday Morning.

**** 50 Years Ago - September 14th, 1974** – Miss Sherry Marie Floyd and Mr. Ronald L. Hoover were united in marriage at a 6:30p.m. ceremony at the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Alliance. Rev. Dean Lewis and Rev. Ed. Jeffries officiating. Reception at the American Legion Hall.

September 1969 – No Historian Entries

September 15th, 1964 – Mark William, son born to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Schmitt.

September 12th, 1959 – Miss Peggy Stine and Jerry Wheeler were united in marriage.

September 19th, 1954 – Rev. and Mrs. Meckstroth were welcomed to the church and moved into the parsonage.

**** 75 Years Ago - September 17th, 1949** – The church was beautifully decorated for Harvest Home services and a large assortment of fruits and vegetables were displayed, also many cans of produce were brought to be sent to the Home for the Aged. Services were also held in the evening.

September 10th, 1944 – The church was beautifully decorated by a committee of young people in observance of Harvest Home. Special services were held morning and evening.

-Tami Theisler, Church Historian

IN OUR PRAYER

The Berube Family	Nancy Peters
Don Black	Rick Simanella
Ron & Connie Evans	Shirley Steed
Ben Favazzo	Sam Stranger
Roy Gowen	Becky Stump
Michelle Hosmer	Elliana White
Laura Keys	



HOMEBOUND/CARE FACILITIES

Beverly Karlen, Brookdale - Alliance
Dorothy Oyster, home
Pat Summers, Brookdale - Alliance
Gisela Fagan, home
Peggy Hawkins, home
June Truax, St. Luke's - N.Canton
Mike Harsh, home
Audrey Wood-Clayton, Green Meadows
Craig & Carol Datz, Bel-Air
Sandy Sadler, home

COLLEGE

Mia Owen, University of Akron
Cayden Monk, University of Mount Union

CONSISTORY

ELDERS: Gary Casto - president
Mark Haidet
Jim Hornyak
Craig Reay
DEACONS: Richard Berube
Mike Wilks
Ray Courtwright
Jan Raber
JR. DEACON: Liz McDonald

JUNIOR CHURCH AND THE NURSERY

Junior Church class will take place on Sunday mornings after the Children's Message in worship. Those Pre-K to 5th graders are invited upstairs in the educational wing for a lesson and craft.
The beginning date of this class for fall is yet to be determined.

MILITARY

Matthew Cicero, Marines
Nick Marks, Air Force
Daniel O'Neil, Air Force
Brandon Rock and Carova Rock, Navy
Ryan Brown, Marines

SERVING OUR CHURCH - SEPTEMBER

Ushers: Jim & Erma Hastings, Bob Poto
Greeters: Mike & Jenn Wilks
Acolyte: Caleb Hornyak

If you would like to serve your church for any month as usher, greeter, liturgist or acolyte, please contact the church office at 330-823-3439.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Jonathan Truax
Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks
Pianist: Nancy Springer
Custodian: J & D Cleaning / Josh Hornyak-volunteer
Family Ministry Director: *needed*

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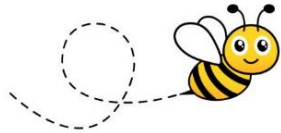
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Back to School Time!

Watch for Children

and Drive Carefully



BIBLE QUIZZZ.....

Do you know the answers by looking them up in your Bible?

(No peeking now until you've tried, but answers are somewhere in this newsletter.)

THE 10 Commandments

- 1.) What is the first commandment?
- 2.) What is the last commandment?
- 3.) Where in the Bible can you find the 10 Commandments?
- 4.) What commandment says to "honor your father and mother"?
- 5.) Which of these is NOT a commandment? a.) you shall not steal b.) you shall not lie c.) you shall not murder
- 6.) Where did Moses receive these commandments?
- 7.) What day does God command us to keep holy?

BIBLE WORDSEARCH

H M V K V O X L W Z N E D E Z
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WORD LIST

ADAM	EVE	HOLY	MOSES
ANGEL	FAITH	JESUS	NOAH
ARK	GOD	KINGDOM	PRAYER
BAPTISM	GRACE	LORD	PROPHET
EDEN	HEAVEN	MIRACLE	WORSHIP