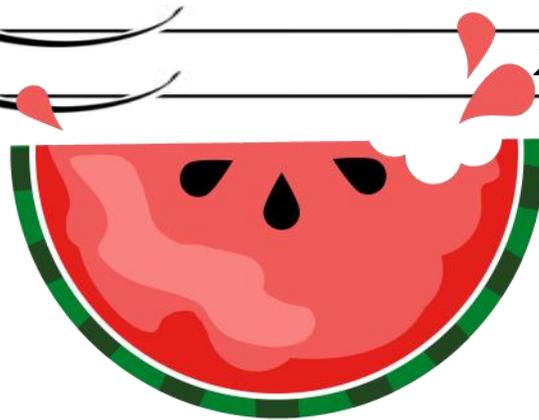


Jarrett's Jottings



Dear Friends,

One of the major questions that our society is dealing with has to do with behavior, namely the behavior of those who have been entrusted with positions of prestige or leadership—from leadership in our community all the way up to national leaders. The fancy word given to human behavior is *ethics*. It has occurred to me that there is usually a certain, but often unwritten, ethic demanded or expected of those in positions of leadership. We could probably debate the merits and fairness of that expected ethic; what is obvious, at least to me, is that as a society, we are not shy about holding others accountable for their behavior.

I think the same could be said of Christians and the Church. Our world has a certain expected ethic of those who profess to follow Christ. I grew up being instructed to “behave myself” because that’s what a Christian did, and to not do so would bring shame not only upon me, but upon the Church, and, ultimately, Jesus. Again, we could probably debate the merits and fairness of this. Yet it leaves me wondering...what *does* a Christian ethic look like? What kind of behavior should a Christian exhibit?

Fortunately, that is not a question that needs to be answered all by ourselves! Jesus provides for His followers an instruction on their behavior in this world. In the Gospel of Matthew, we find an extensive teaching from Jesus concerning his followers’ attitudes and behaviors. We call it the Sermon on the Mount; it is a three-chapter long teaching that Jesus gives at the beginning of his public ministry, that sets the stage for what God is going to do through Jesus.

Throughout this fall, our sermon series will be unpacking this great discourse from Jesus. Along the way, we will get a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God looks like, as well as how WE can be a part of it, right here and now. This will be heavy lifting, so we will be taking it slowly, and allowing God to shape us through these words. We will encounter some difficult teachings, but we will navigate them together. We will see that Jesus invites his followers not just into faith, but action that is grounded in faith.

The month of August usually means a return to school for our children. This year, the month of August will take us all back to school, with Jesus as our instructor. So...let’s join those who took their place at the Master’s feet—class is in session!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jarrett



The Mustard Seed



August

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Birthdays

- 1 Jill Trone
- 2 Brandy French
- 3 Kenny O'Hara
- 4 Christopher Baer
- 5 Trish Sager
Missy Szarmach
- 6 Randi Kirchner
Joe Vermillion
- 8 Chuck Elliott
Dusty Rohn Mueller
- 9 Rob Hymes
- 11 Rory Cowen
Hank Park
- 12 Amy Durham Hance
Paul Davidsmeyer
- 13 Carol Jeffers
Susan Thompson
- 17 Bill Farmer
- 18 Mark Brown
- 20 Michael Davis
- 21 Tim Bartholomew
Dustin Looker
Alec Alden Taylor
Jacob Elam
- 22 Colleen Korsmeyer
Bradie Michael Lashbrook
- 24 Rose Ann Flood
Vicki Taylor
- 28 Daniel Herter
Brenda Antrim
- 30 Jessica Osmer Dour

Anniversaries

- 1 Hank & Ann Park
- 6 Dean & Val Bushey
- 7 David & Linda Humphrey
- 10 Bob & Paula Kloker
- 14 Richard & Rose Black
- 17 Jim & Marilyn Ritter
- 18 Bob & Nancie Walters
- 19 Larry & Miriam Kight
Dan & Jody Cowen
- 26 Mark & Penny Mulconrey

Liturgist

- 4 Karen Robinson
- 11 Susan Treadway
- 18 Larry Kight
- 25 Tami Mathis

Greeters

- 4 Jean Olson & Fawn Rohn
- 11 Fawn Rohn & Jean Olson
- 18 Anna & Nick Wells
- 25 Nick & Anna Wells

Communion

AUGUST 11th: Tim & Kellie Bartholomew

Servers: Maria Hymes
Jim & Marilyn Ritter

SEPTEMBER: Jo Ann Surber

Servers: Christy Bley, Fawn Rohn &
Andrea Wells



Christian Love In Action

Currently C.L.I.A. is in need of: **Crackers & Instant Mashed Potatoes**. You can bring your donated items to the church or directly there. Hours are: Tuesdays from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thank you for donations.

Local Missions

The Local Missions met the end of in June and voted to donate \$500 to each of the following: *Tiger Closet, Christian Love In Action & Youth Fund for School Bag Projects*. Local Missions will meet on July 7th. Those scheduled for the meeting are: **Donna Rohn, Julie Cordell, Bea Coats, Jody Peacock, Jean Olson & Jill Roegge**.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Local Missions:** Sunday, August 4th at 10:30 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees:** Sunday, August 11th at 11:30 a.m.
- **PPRC:** Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Church Council:** Sunday, August 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Cass County Food Pantry

The Cass County Food Pantry is another place that helps Cass County residents in need of food. To help with their mission they are asking churches for donations in **AUGUST: Apple Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Chicken, Hamburger Helper**.

They are always in need of: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Cereal, or Non-Perishable Food Items**. They have a walk in cooler or freezer to hold perishable items, and are able to take fresh produce items.

Church Council Minutes

The administrative Council met on Sunday, July 21st, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. Those present were: Pastor Jarrett Wells, Ron Blakeman, Susan Treadway, Lynne O'Hara, John Chambers, Georgeanne Osmer, Andrea Wells and Brittney Taylor.

Pastor Jarrett opened with prayer. Lynne O'Hara gave the devotions with a reading "Exercise in Grace". Lynne O'Hara will have devotions for the next meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Georgeanne Osmer, seconded by John Chambers.

- **Trustees:** There will be a roll off dumpster rented from Rocket Disposal in Rushville for the old ceiling tiles that are being replaced upstairs. Tolands will be checking about filters for the toilets to catch metal flaking off from the old pipes.

School Prayer Walk

We will be having our annual prayer walk around the Beardstown schools on Sunday, August 18th at 2:00 p.m. (this time could be adjusted, depending upon weather). We will gather in the west parking lot (near the buses) and proceed from there. There will not be a set "program", rather each person will be free to pray wherever and for as long as they like. The bottom line is simply covering the upcoming school year in prayer. Come join as you are able; and if you aren't physically able, consider joining us in spirit. Please contact Pastor Jarrett if you have any questions.

Blessing of the Backpacks

During worship on August 18th, we will have our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks". All who are heading back to school, in any capacity—student, teacher, administrator, support staff, school board, etc.—are invited to bring whatever they would take to school and decorate the front of the church. We will have a special time during worship to recognize and pray for those returning to school.

Pastoral Care Note

A gentle request/encouragement from the church office to please contact us or have someone contact us on your behalf in the case of a major life event (family death, hospitalization, etc.). Even if a visit or other pastoral care isn't necessarily needed or desired, it allows us to extend the ministry of the congregation. We understand the desire for privacy; we do not need any more information than you feel comfortable sharing. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year. Your time, dedication, donations and prayers were very much appreciated. Next month I will post pictures and details from the week.

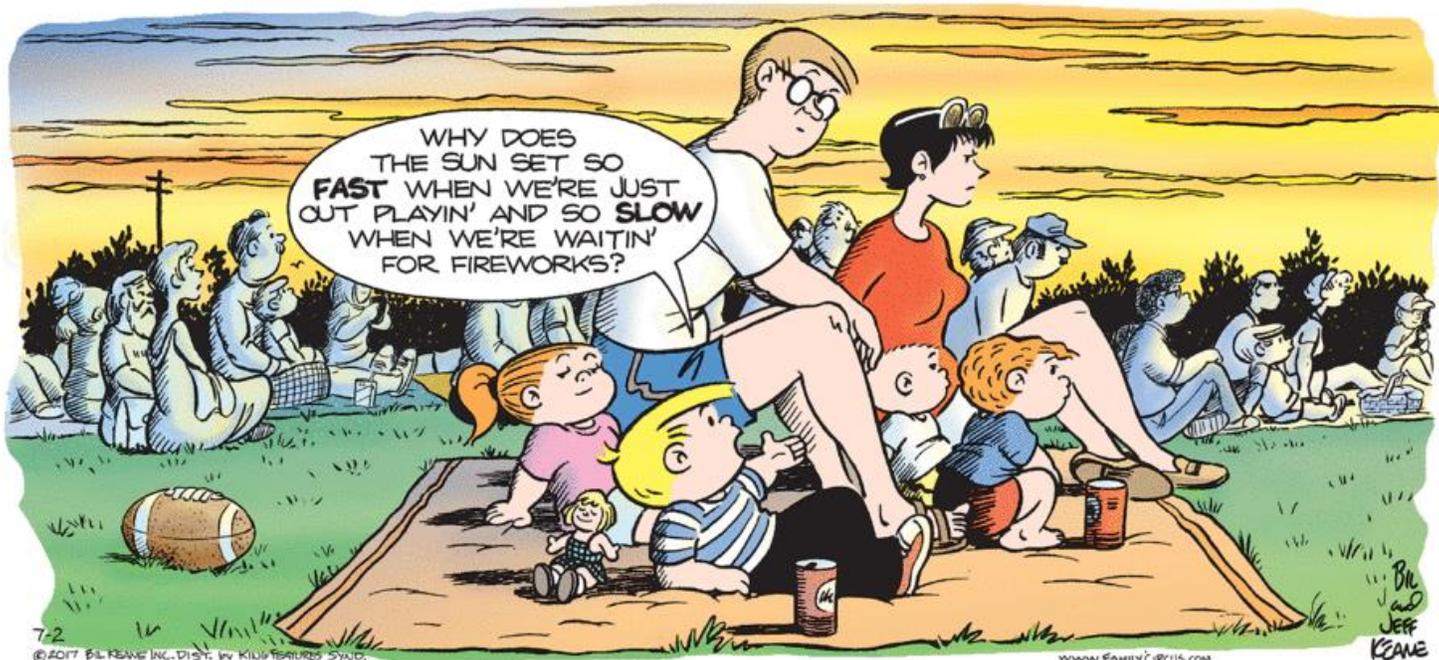
- **Old Business:** It will be OK for filers for the study lab to be included in the school registration packets.
- **New Business:** Charge conference will be October 6th in Mt. Sterling. Budget will need to be ready for the September council meeting.
- **Disbursements from New Life Trust:**
 - ◆ \$3,024.00 ~ DeSollar & Wessler Quarterly Insurance
 - ◆ \$2,992.18 ~ Quarterly Distribution to General Fund for Taxes
 - ◆ **Local Missions:**
 - * \$500.00 ~ Tiger Closet
 - * \$500.00 ~ Christian Love In Action
 - * \$500.00 ~ Youth Fund for School Bag Projects

As all have been approved by the Trustees, on a motion by Ron Blakeman, they were accepted. The next meeting is on August 18th at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Wells closed with prayers.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Treadway



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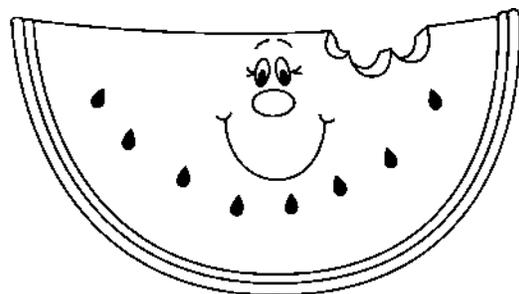
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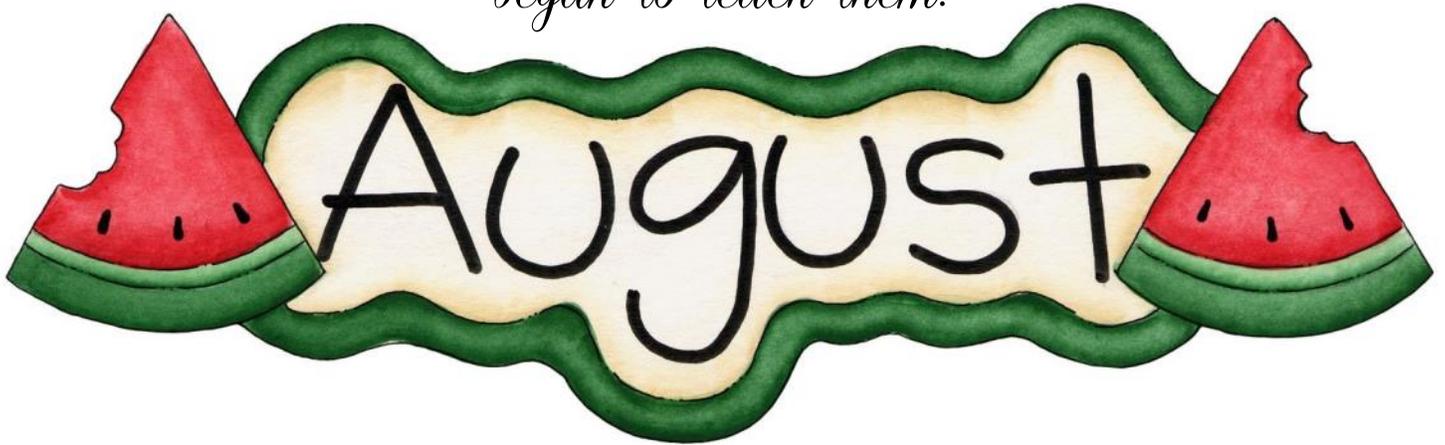
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*Matthew 5:1-2 ~ Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
He went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to Him, and He
began to teach them.*



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