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VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST

FLOWERS DONATED BY:

August 5th The Almendinger Family, in honor of Mike & Barbara's 48th anniversary
August 12th The Speck Family, in honor of Fred's 3rd birthday.
August 19th The Moseleys, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.
August 26th The Fleming Family, in honor of Brady's 13th birthday.

ACOLYTES

August 5th Sidney Blair
August 12th Phoebe Richards
August 19th Wesley Cox
August 26th David Mansell

WORSHIP LEADERS

August 5th Lewie Main
August 12th Jenny Cartwright
August 19th Katie Miller
August 26th Jeremy Derenberger

GREETERS

August 5th Scott & Linda Lockwood
August 12th The Richards Family
August 19th The Cox Family
August 26th Jim & Diane Frazier

NURSERY

August 5th Jenny Cartwright
August 12th Jamie Pardee
August 19th Katie & Adeline Almendinger
August 26th Heather Mansell & Maci Ashbrook

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 5th Dani Cox
August 12th Andra Kisner
August 19th Karen Blair
August 26th Hazel Almendinger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

August 5th Rev. Worthen
August 12th Alice Main
August 19th Rev. Worthen
August 26th Rhonda Piper

SPECIAL MUSIC

August 5th Katelyn & Heather Mansell
August 12th ladies singing group
August 19th Kirk Friedberg
August 26th Kathy & Ryan Trimble

USHERS

August 5th
August 12th Mike Derenburger
August 19th Mark Trimble, Mike Derenburger
August 26th Chris Blair, Lee Mansell

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

1st Diane Frazier
Mark Miller

2nd Terri Eckstein
Max & Jenny Cartwright

4th Katrina Dyce

5th John Replogle
Aidan Dyce

6th Jenny Cartwright

8th Greg & Cathy Neff

9th Kevin Piper
Dick & Norma Clark

10th Tim Sayer

11th Mike & Barbara Derenburger

12th Adam Speck

13th Dolly Orr
Lawrence Bishop
Greg Neff

15th Mark & Kathy Trimble

16th Dale Piper

17th Margie Billman
Freddie Speck

19th Courtney Walker

20th Alison Speck

21st Willow Dove
Chris & Alison Speck

23rd David Blair

24th Dick & Norma Johnson
Kerry & Marie Fleming
Dick & Ann Moseley

25th Max Cartwright

27th Steve Neff

29th Brady Fleming

31st George & Karen Dreisbach



Our Church Groups



Chick Flicks

Chick Flicks are back! We will be meeting on Thursday, August 16th, at 6:30, at Katie Miller's house. This month we will be watching *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. Please RSVP to Katie at katiemiller73@yahoo.com, or call or text her at 614-561-5816. Come join our fellowship!



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee has begun having meetings again. We are meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

Here are a few of our upcoming events:

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| August 16 th | Chick Flicks, 6:30, Katie Miller's home |
| August 19 th | Ice cream social following our worship service |
| September 9 th | Kitchen Shower, look for tags representing items that we need for our church kitchen, then purchase the item, and come to our shower to have fun. |
| September 30 th | Hayride and Cookout at Penny Royal Farms. We will have an outdoor worship service followed by a potluck and fall fun at the farm. |



Brothers And Sisters In Christ Share

Let's get back to the BASICS!

Our goal: Initiate, facilitate, and celebrate relationships by modeling the love of God. Join us on Wednesday nights for an opportunity to connect and share with fellow Christians. We are a body of believers that draws strength and energy from one another. As we soak up the sun this summer, let's ride the wave for Christ. Bring a lawn chair.

Where: 5003 Caswell Road – Kris and Daniel's house or 5623 Caswell Road – Carrie and Erich's house

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| August 1 st | Kris's home |
| August 8 th | It is fair week, so we will not be meeting this week |
| August 15 th | Carrie's home |

Tabitha Circle



Tabitha Circle is continuing to meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM to 2:45 PM. It is a time of working together, making lap covers, baby quilts, cutting out squares. So if you can use a scissor, tie a knot, use a sewing machine or just need some extra fellowship you are welcome to come. We have lunch together once a month. Please come and see if this is a ministry you would like to get involved in.

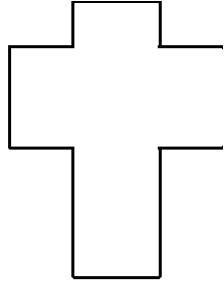
Youth Ministry Team

We are happy to announce session voted to form the Youth Ministry Team. What is that you ask? This group consists of those who are currently working with the youth of our church, and anyone who would like to offer any new suggestions. (We will not make you teach) We will have our first meeting before school starts. If you are interested please contact Rhonda Piper.

Kids Page

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Church & Respect Anagram



Word List:

bowing, honor, learn, listen, manners,
obedience, quiet, share, special, worship

bcdeeeino _____

aemnrs _____

eilst _____

eiqtu _____

aehrs _____

aelnr _____

hnoor _____

hioprsw _____

bginow _____

aceilps _____

Memory Verse

Leviticus 19:30

Observe my Sabbaths and have
reverence for my sanctuary. I am the
LORD.

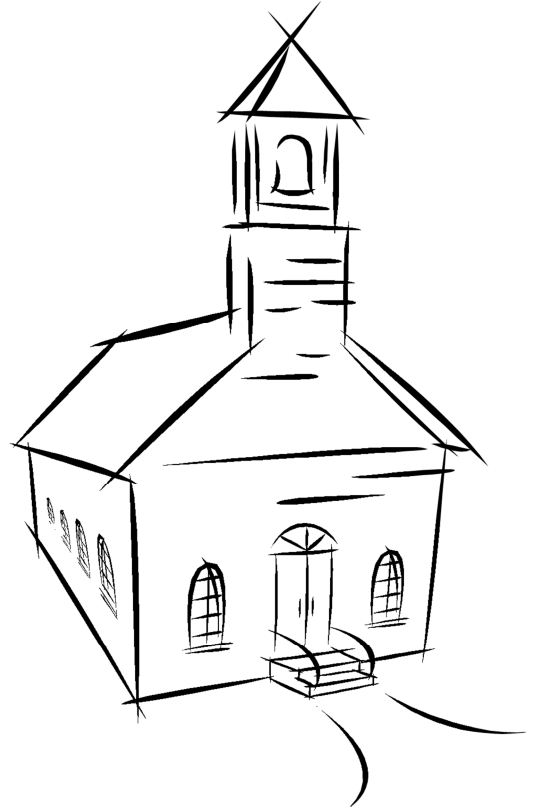
Questions to Ask:

Why is church a special place?

What is one way that I can be respectful
while at church?

What other times should I show respect?

Color Me!!!



Learn A Song!!!

We love to learn together,
together, together
We love to learn together
And give thanks to God.

substitute "learn" for sing, pray, etc.

(to the tune of The More We Get Together)

Church Happenings

VBS

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year. Teachers, helpers, food, parade walkers, water station, and float makers. You were part of a wonderful ministry for our community and our church children.

TEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

We would like to welcome all teens to our summer teen worship services. All of our services will start at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. You can bring your laptops, cell phones, iPads, tablets, and of course, bring a friend!!!! This month's service is on Sunday, August 12th

CHURCH CHAT

Church Chat is an informal gathering of people (ages 12 and up, please) interested in the future and direction of our church, lasting 60-90 minutes with snacks provided. This is an initial, information-seeking process sponsored by the Mission Study Committee to help us determine what is important to our congregation as we move toward forming a Pastor Nominating Committee, and ultimately, our new Pastor. You need not be a member of the JPC to attend.

Upcoming Church Chats:

August 18th at Pennyroyal Farm (6694 Castle Rd) at 7pm

August 26th at Chris & Karen Blair's home (7619 Green Mill Rd) at 7pm

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry is in very bad shape! They had to go out and buy food to give out because this summer they have not been getting food in from the area churches and various organizations that help them with supplying the Food Pantry. According to Ruth Krumm the money they used is the money that they use to buy gift cards so that the families can buy their milk and perishable items. If everyone could bring in just one can of food every week to church with them it would add up so that they can help feed some families. I would appreciate all of the help that we can get from you. Ruth said that the Food Pantry could possibly have to close their doors if they do not start getting more food in. She appreciates any help that our church can give her and I am hoping that if all of the churches in this area come together and help to supply some food to the Pantry, its doors can stay open to serve the less fortunate in the Johnstown-Northridge area.

Please pray to God for his help.

Thank you! Karen & George Dreisbach

SUNDAY SCHOOL





There will be a brief Sunday school teachers meeting on August 12th at 9:45 am. Have you taught in the past and would like to be a substitute? Anyone who would like to teach this year, plan to join our meeting. Please give some prayerful consideration to joining a wonderful group of teachers who shepherd our children each week.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

To kick off the new school year we are having an ice cream social on Sunday, August 19th following our worship service. We will provide sandwiches and ice cream. Please bring a topping to share and come enjoy some sweets and fellowship.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30pm Bible Study at Kris'	2	3	4
5 10:30am Communion Sunday Worship Service Hartford Fair Week 	6 4 pm Prayer Walk	7 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS	8	9	10	11
12 10:30am Teen & Worship Service	13 4pm Prayer Walk 7pm Session Meeting	14 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30pm TOPS	15 6:30pm Bible Study at Carrie's	16 6:30pm Chick Flicks at Katie Miller's home 	17	18 7pm Church Chat at Pennyroyal Farm
19 10:30am Worship Service  11:30 am ice cream social in the fellowship hall	20 First day of school  4pm Prayer Walk 7pm Fellowship Committee	21 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30pm TOPS	22	23	24	25
26 10:30am Worship Service 7pm Church Chat at the Blair's home	27 4pm Prayer Walk	28 1 pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 pm TOPS	29	30	31	

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office hours & Contacts

The office hours are Monday–Friday from 9am to Noon.

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Reverend Worthen may be reached at the following,

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We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

Flowers for Worship:	contact the Office
Greeters:	contact Karen Blair
Acolytes:	contact Marie Richards
Ushers:	contact John Alexander
Nursery & Jr. Church:	contact Rhonda Piper
Children's Message:	contact Marianne Derenberger
Special Music:	contact Norma Clark
Property Maintenance:	contact Ray Speck
Church Sign:	contact Tami Ashbrook
Wedding Coordinator:	contact Sally Uhde
Worship Leaders:	contact Diane Frazier

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.

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CHURCH HISTORY – EXCERPTS FROM 2004-2008

December 31, 2004 - The statistical record showed 139 members. There was a review of the rolls this year and 30 members were placed on inactive.

March 29, 2004 - Rev. James A. Arnot, interim pastor after the schism of 2002, promoted healing and focus for the congregation. He left the congregation having served since October of 2002.

April 4, Palm Sunday, 2004 – Rev. Kim L. Alten answered the call to be pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. Pastor Kim and his wife Ursula came to us from Turner County First Presbyterian Church in Davis, South Dakota. He served our congregation until February 6, 2012.

June 24, 2004 – At a special congregational meeting the congregation voted to purchase real estate at 122 S. Oregon Street (being the former home of Ellen Ashbrook). The congregation also voted to form a task force to explore a facility expansion project and to make a study of our church's growing needs.

July 13, 2004 – Session reviewed damages to the church basement after the recent flood when the basement was severely flooded. Repairs are underway.

September 14, 2004 – The legal relationship of the preschool was reviewed and needs to be updated to reflect current laws. The preschool needs to be set up as a satellite ministry of the church but as a legally separate entity.

January 16, 2005 – At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the Expansion Task Force report was given. The congregation voted unanimously to approve the formation of a building committee.

May 10, 2005 – Session voted to approve the new By-laws for the Preschool which had been also approved by the Preschool Advisory Board.

July 12, 2005 – The Website Committee report was received at Session and the link for the new site was given to each Elder to review and comment.

September 13, 2005 – The Session had a Triennial Visit with the Committee on Ministry.

January 15, 2006 – At the Annual Congregational Meeting the congregation heard a presentation about a pilot program to manage maintenance of buildings and grounds and to care for our properties. The congregation elected six officers to this Pilot Program—Trustees group. This group has since been disbanded.

October 29, 2006 – A Special Congregational Meeting was held immediately after a potluck luncheon. Elders were elected at this meeting and the congregation reviewed the results of surveys regarding the Church's expansion. The surveys indicated if an expansion of the entire church was not feasible then the focus of construction should be on a new education wing. The congregation received a report from the Stewardship committee regarding the projected costs and the increased giving needed.

April 10, 2007 – The Session approved the Steering Committee's selection of Phil Claggett as the architect for the expansion project.

May 20, 2007 a Building Expansion Steering Committee headed by Dick Uhde and Alice Main kicked off a fund raising campaign. Jim Blair, member, elder and builder, served as the general contractor of the construction.

September 22, 2007 the house at 21 W. Pratt (immediately behind the sanctuary) was burned down by the Monroe Township Fire Department and the site razed to provide room for the expansion of the sanctuary.

December 31, 2007 – The statistical record showed membership at 164.

January 8, 2008 – A new committee was appointed to handle the function of the prior Congregational Care Committee. The name of the new committee will be Shepherd's Gates Ministry and is intended to function similar to a Board of Deacons.

January 20, 2008 – At the Annual Congregational Meeting a status report was heard on the building expansion program and outlined financial needs to proceed with a bank loan.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS AND UPDATES FOR JUNE/JULY 2012

PRAYERS FOR SUFFERING LOSS:

Pray for comfort and a sense of peace in the grief for the families of the 12 victims (including a 6 year old) who were killed in the Aurora, Colorado movie theatre shooting massacre. Also pray for healing for the approximate 58 persons injured. Pray also for the 24 year old arrested in this horrific crime.

Dr. Mike and Jackie Rumble of Tennessee need God's perfect peace to surround them in their grief of the death of their 29 year old son. Dr. Rumble is the medical partner of the LeClair's son, Eston Winger.

Pray for Alice Neibarger as she mourns the passing of her sister, Wannetta Gould on July 3, 2012.

JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

Butch, Susie Speck's cousin, is cancer free! He continues check-ups every three months.

PRAYERS FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, EMERGENCIES:

A severe storm passed through the area the evening of 6/30 leaving a lot of downed power lines and damage to homes. While many members were without power for a number of days, no one suffered injuries. The Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Ohio was heavily damaged in this storm.

Margaret Jolley; Pray for success in healing as she begins more cancer treatments.

Tammy Hall, a friend of the Willeke's, suffered a double aneurysm and is in intensive care. Pray for her healing and for her husband, Joe, and their three children.

Rev. Tom Willard, Marilyn LeClair's brother-in-law, is now out of the hospital suffering a second bout of malaria contracted on a mission trip. They appreciate all the prayers. Please pray for his continued healing.

Ron Shultz, Suzy Sayer's father, is doing much better. He still isn't able to do everything he wants.

Kathy, Susie Speck's cousin, will continue to battle melanoma for the rest of her life, but is doing ok right now.

Roger, Susie Speck's cousin, is struggling with his treatment for throat cancer. Even though he has a trach, he is still having problems breathing

Pray for Carl, Susie Speck's cousin. He has terminal cancer and has stopped all treatments. Pray for his comfort and pain management.

Steve Miles is still at his sister's in Reynoldsburg. He has kept his apartment with the hopes of returning, but can't seem to gain the strength he needs.

Rev. Edd Carlson, Maxine Pardee's son-in-law, underwent a successful surgery, but his recovery is slow

Carol Stires (friend of Hazel Almdendinger) has had a single mastectomy; the cancer was further along than they thought. She is halfway through radiation and it is getting rough.

Mary Bowles, Hazel Almdendinger's friend's mother, has been diagnosed again with cancer and it is in her bones. There is nothing more they can do except keep her comfortable.

Hazel's sister, Ellen Howell, is experiencing much back pain and confined to a wheel chair. With a change in her pain medication, she is doing a little better. She is trying to remain at her home.

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CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

Stacy Sayer
Davida (Cille Childer's sister)
Susie Harrison (Aunt to Dani Cox)
Bob Thomas (of Johnstown)
Amy Williams (Charlie Parker's daughter)
Marilyn Parker (she needs recurrent checkups)
Betty Scully (friend of the Weaver's)

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)
Caren (Carolyn Whitesel's daughter)
Katherine Kissel
Greg Miller (cousin of Linda Lockwood)
Jerry Brobeck
Gary Weaver (Ken Weaver's brother)
Colton Zigo, Northridge student
Valerie Kauahi, Northridge parent
John Dalton, Northridge parent
John Sponsler, father of Marie Richards
Diana Cox, Mother of Dani Cox



A Note from the Clerk...

Psalm 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

Session met on July 9 and enjoyed a potluck dinner before the meeting began. Rev. Worthen brought us several ideas to chew on. He wants us to consider some ways to help our church grow as we search for a new pastor.

One thing we need to consider is how to make our worship and mission reach all of the generations that attend our church. Elders Rhonda Piper and Jeremy Derenberger have been making great strides in building up our youth program.

Session appreciates the adjustments that Rev. Worthen and the Worship Committee have made to the order of worship and music for the Sunday morning service.

We also have the opportunity to strengthen our Older Adult Ministry. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is asking each church to select a person who would like to be a liaison between the Presbytery and the church. The Presbytery has many innovative programs that would benefit our older adults.

Five reasons to establish an Older Adult Ministry program in our church:

Expands the church's existing ministry by reaching entire families; including grandparents and home bound seniors.

Shows the community that the church is a vital part of community life.

Builds overall church activity.

Instills scriptural truth in the lives of seniors and helps them face the challenges of a changing society.

Provides enriching experiences close to home.

Please let me know if you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry for our congregation.

As always, there is plenty of work that needs to be done to keep our Sanctuary beautiful and functioning smoothly. Feel free to ask Ray Speck if there is any way you can help with the maintenance of our building. We would like to do some serious cleaning and touch-up painting in August before Preschool begins. If you are good with heights, the high woodwork and those beautiful chandeliers need to be dusted. I thank you all for your generosity and support. You love and care for each other in our church family as Jesus would have us do. God bless you, Diane Frazier