



Newsletter for July 2023



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What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



Hero Hotline Mission Project

How exciting! This week Heros at the Hero Hotline will learn the value of service, giving back and reaching out to everyone near and far with God's unconditional love. When we show kindness and love, and treat others with respect, we join God's team of Heroes in following Jesus and answering God's call to serve.

To put this into action, this week we will be collecting items listed below and will be sending them to The Thundering Third-MRF-Lima Co. - a platoon of Marines deployed and serving our country.



Suggested items to donate:

- protein bars
- male toiletries - deodorant, razors, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc
- mens' socks
- sunscreen
- chapstick
- cash donations accepted as well to purchase items and/or mailing packages

For an electronic version
of newsletter
please visit our website:
www.journeyc.cc.com

All donations need to be in by the end of Worship on Sunday, July 9th. The box(es) need to be shipped on Monday, July 10th. Thanks in advance.

Pastor Words of Wisdom

We are finally hitting our summer stride, with the sun blazing and temperatures racing to highs that have forced me to finally turn on my air conditioning.

With the heat comes the inevitable threat of overheating - of pushing ourselves too hard to be out and about and active to the point where we are on the verge of becoming nothing but puddles of sweat.

One of the best ways to avoid overheating is to give ourselves time to slow down, relax, and cool off in the shade with an ice cold glass of water.

We can't keep going constantly, especially when the thermometer hits 90 degrees and the sun starts to burn our skin. We aren't made to move nonstop in the summer. Our bodies need rest or else we can end up putting ourselves in harm's way.

Maybe you can already see where I am going with this! As in life, so in faith. You know what else needs regular rest? Our spirits!

Just like our bodies in the summer heat, a nonstop lifestyle isn't good for our spirits and our faith either. Our faith requires that we sometimes slow down, relax, and cool off in the shade with an ice cold glass of prayer and scripture (am I taking the analogy too far?).

One of my favorite reminders to rest comes from Psalm 46:10, which reads, "Be still and know that I am God."

A poignant reminder, no?

One of the best ways we can know God is to still our bodies and silence our minds, which opens up the space needed to feel and experience God.

If we fill ourselves up with too many other things, how can there ever be room for us to listen to what God is telling us? If we keep ourselves busy and keep our minds focused on all of the small and big things of our lives, where is our faith supposed to blossom and bloom?

Summer tends to be the season when the most things are happening, and of course they are! It's finally nice enough to do everything that we couldn't do in the cold of winter and the rain of spring.

But too much of anything can be a bad thing. Too much summer heat, and you become dehydrated and overheated. Too much busy work and focus on inconsequential things, and you become hollowed out and spirit deprived.

So just as you will inevitably sit in the shade of a leaf covered tree this summer, make sure you also sit in the shade of God's presence and drink in all of the love and grace you'll find.





May 8th, 2023 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with and Brian prayed at 6:00pm. Five board members and pastor were present.

Sharing of previous meeting minutes were read

Steve asked to include one additional point to Building report - a need to prioritize some work to add exposure and security to the church such as parking lot lights and front light on the cross. Currently getting quotes.

Team/Committee Reports

Building (Skip)

Getting service tech to replace bathroom exhaust fans, kitchen hood fan and motor replaced. Cost \$550.

Lighting quote: Reached out to Mike at Hilltop to get additional estimate to put in motion switches and some other items. Waiting on various quotes.

Board voted to go ahead with American Elevator and their service increase of 5% to \$273 per billing cycle (12 per year).

Getting 2 quotes for tree and Bush Maintenance work around church.

Video and audio update: waiting to hear back from Best Buy quote.

Working on external light quote.

List of keys will be made to share with board and to determine security level recommendations ongoing

Finance (Mike I)

Shared budget numbers (need to verify)

Checking Balance: \$54,251

Savings: \$158,251

Journey: \$786,350

Team is in process of meeting with three investment firms.

Recommendation was made to open an Edward Jones Account for the P&G shares investment (targeting May 16 to transfer into the account). Motion passed 5 to 0.

Teams next meeting is with Johnson investments (Joe Carlos) to discuss investment opportunities.

Motion was passed to allow finance team to retain Griffin Fletcher Herndon firm to work on water-works exempt transfer to journey community church. Agreed to secure this service for the amount of \$300-\$500. Motion passed 5-0.

Board Minutes Continued

Personnel (Ben)

Team has secured fill in pastors during Brian's Vacations

June 11th – pastor Washington

July 23rd and 30th – reverend Carol Oetzel

This has been shared with Anne. Need checks for pastors (\$150 per Sunday)

Musician/Music Director search – Board agreed to team search process and commencement of search. Targeting end of summer to fill position.

Requested and agreed to search for special music talent to supplement and enhance Sunday services (\$50-100 per service)

Reviewing existing job descriptions.

Spiritual (Robin)

Vickie leading sign up for visiting shut-ins

Trudy is working on forming a bible study

Missy working with Brian on Sunday School curriculum

Have enough material to get through summer

Team went to Arbor Day North College Hill celebration giving out seeds with flyers and information for vacation Bible school.

Working on T-shirt designs with a neutral Christian message (Brian)

Discussed potential coffee hour and thank you for Rick's Service is our music Director.

Working to make updates to website content

Pastoral (Brian)

Received approval from board to finalize 501C3 paperwork to get approval from IRS

Requested board to review list sent via email of potential members and then communicate back to pastor those names that board members feel that he should reach out to, invite to church, etc.

A second list was requested to also be reviewed regarding membership giving.

Outreach budget – Brian and Robin to work with spiritual team to make recommendations for outreach opportunities.

Board Minutes Continued

Board Chair (Steve)

Shared modifications to playground fencing and agreement based on the learning center, church, and city regulatory considerations.

Recommended purchasing a Dictation to text software to help with no taking of board notes.

Provided additional updates regarding the learning center grant monies to be used to improve facilities. Shared tile recommendations for floor to also be used at sanctuary Church entrance.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:00 pm



Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Charles Brown Wm & Eileen Church Doris Dunn
 Alice Graber Sharon Frazier Ruth Hoeweler Emmett Izer
 Nancy Lanza Melitta & John Marx Bob Runk
 Dave Schleutker Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan
 Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women

The Country of Ukraine

Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers

Cities affected by any and all Violence

Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence

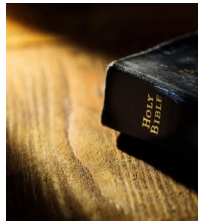
Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake

Civil War in the Sudan

Nola Apro Victoria Baumstead Bob Bechtold Pat Bonaccorso
 Barb Bugg Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell
 Emmalynn Colins Rob Condo Verna Cowan Wm. Church
 Debbie Baby Dorian Brian Drinnen Dorothy Dumford
 Carolyn Dykes Kim Ferry Diane Griswold Theo Gruber
 Sonya Heitman Nick Helton Michelle Henn Jim Kobb
 Jackie Petrocelli Dan Mc Donald Harper Manning Carol Boyce-Martinez
 Courtney Mirlisena Vicki Newport Barb Nuckols Darlene Reed
 Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer
 Tom Schumm Kari Shell Ann Shellman Colleen Smith
 Gloria Stagman Doug Stiling Karen Street Ann VanderMolen
 Chad Wilcocks Mike Woeste Paula Zellner
 Family of Don Fischer

*Please keep the office informed when
 Names can be removed or need to be added*

Worship Leaders
in July



Communion Servers
in July



7/2/2023	Roxanne Reed
7/9/2023	Linda Woods
7/16/2023	Vicki Celenza
7/23/2023	Margaret Maybury
7/30/2023	Missy Sauer

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7/9/2023	Linda Woods	Dee Iverson
7/16/2023	Vicki Celenza	Ben Sauer
7/23/2023	Margaret Maybury	Judith Lewis-Combs
7/30/2023	Missy Sauer	Lois Bates

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, July 23rd, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!



From Hilda Meier's Family

To the Members and Friends of
Journey Community Church

Thank you so much for all your Prayers, Cards,
Phone Calls, Love and Support
In the passing of our Mom (Hilda Meier).

Sincerely,
Linda, Elaine, Karen, Arleen and our Families



Crew 150 is currently in the Florida Keys at the Boy Scouts of America National Florida Sea Base, the Britton Environmental Center.



They left on June 23rd and so far have had a lot of fun. No pictures as of yet from Big Munson Island, but some of their fun on the way down.



A HUGE
Thank you to the Congregation for Helping to make this trip a Fantastic memory for the Young adults and leaders of Crew 150.



7/1 Carol Lommer
 7/2 Steven Turner
 7/3 Annie Efke
 7/6 Isaiah Johnson
 Donald Lerch

7/8 Brittney Heitman
 7/12 Roxanne Reed
 7/15 Molly Marshall
 7/18 Haley Hauer

7/23 Nancy Klusmeier
 7/24 Scott Sauer
 7/27 Kristen Woods
 7/28 Lyndelle Murphy
 7/29 Sonya Heitman



8/5 Vicky Ritz
 8/15 Patricia Yung
 8/18 Isabella Dahm
 8/20 Kim Bruce
 8/21 Don Dumford

8/22 Travis Johnson
 8/23 Deb Beresford
 Melitta Marx
 8/27 Skip Zimmer
 8/28 Patti Hornback

8/28 Bonnie Reed
 8/30 Doris Keller
 Ruth Hoeweler
 Tommie Jenkins



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant
 Hand Soap
 Dishwashing Liquid
 Non-Perishable Foods

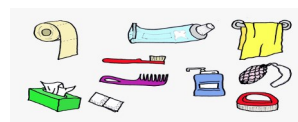
Shampoo
 Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
 Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Spring Cleaning Supplies



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Don Fischer

Ruth Ann Braswell

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Diane Griswold

Nancy Hood

Estie & Jim Hutchison

Sandra Peak

Linda Woods

**AUGUST
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the August edition is Wednesday, July 19th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating. Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

ONLINE GIVING


We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team



VBS

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 AA - 8 PM
2	3	4 Office Closed Fourth of July  Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	5	6	7 AA - 8 PM	8 AA - 8 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Membership Sunday	17	Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21 AA - 8 PM	22 AA - 8 PM
23 Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 - 9:45 AM	24	Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	26	27	28 AA - 8 PM	29 AA - 8 PM
30	31	Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM			AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM