



Pathways August 2023



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What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

Did you know we have a puzzle library?

Yes, that's right - a PUZZLE library!!

In the extra office by the library, there is a section on the wall where there are LOTS of puzzles.

If you like to do puzzles, go take a look, and grab one (or two).
Take them home, complete, and bring back when you are finished.

If you have puzzles you would like to add to the library, please bring them in and place on the shelf for others to enjoy as well.
(Please only puzzles that you know all the pieces are there.)

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please visit our website:
www.journeyccl.com

Pastor Words of Wisdom

I am going to be honest with you all, as honesty is something we should all strive for. So here goes...

I don't like praying. I know, I know, but hear me out!

I get bored and easily distracted when I pray. My mind wanders and I lose the thread of what I am trying to say. I rarely feel closer to God as a result of it. I don't feel a sense of connection. It is often, at best, a neutral spiritual exercise for me.

Prayer just isn't always for me. And that's okay!

I used to believe that the only spiritual disciplines that I could practice - the only ways I could attempt to connect with God - were reading scripture and praying.

And I grew up believing there had to be something wrong with me because I could never quite feel spiritually connected to God through those things in the same way that those around me would. I told myself that I either must be doing it incorrectly or that there was something inside of me that was broken.

Until I learned that there were so many more ways to connect with God; so many more spiritual practices out there that I had just never heard of.

I was no longer restricted by the limited view I had of both God and of my faith. With a new world opened up to me, I quickly found other ways to feel spiritually fulfilled in my life.

I found that taking long walks allowed me to clear my mind, to enjoy the beautiful creation that surrounded me, and to feel God's presence in those moments. I learned that I had a love for poetry, and I was able to express myself and my faith through writing my own poems. I found that experiencing beautiful works of art allowed me to appreciate the creativity that God encourages us to express, and so art museums became spiritual pilgrimages for me.

God is unlimited and infinite, which means that the ways that we can experience God are unlimited and infinite.

I don't like traditional forms of prayer. But I found other ways to pray through nature, writing, and art. Maybe you love praying. Maybe you feel most connected to God through hymns. Maybe you feel God on the wind and as the sun warms your face. Maybe you experience God through deep, spiritual conversations or through coloring or through meditation.

Whatever spiritual discipline you enjoy most, know that as long as it connects you with God, it is good.

Allow yourself to be free. After all, we are promised freedom in Christ.





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



9/3 Jessica Combs
 9/6 Dolly Johnson
 9/7 Jazzman Johnson

9/15 Bill Luke
 9/22 Aiden Dahm

9/25 Amanda Iverson
 9/27 David Holmes



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

Deodorant
 Hand Soap
 Dishwashing Liquid
 Non-Perishable Foods

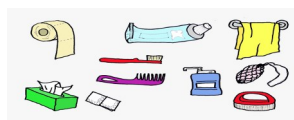
Shampoo
 Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
 Laundry Detergent

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Toothbrushes



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
 Victims of Children Trafficking
 For those experiencing the Extreme Heat, Floods, and Tornadoes

Nola Apro LaRue Baker Victoria Baumstead Bob Bechtold
 Pat Bonaccorso Barb Bugg Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell
 Verna Cowan Wm. Church Jim Cobb Debbie
 Baby Dorian Brian Drinnen Dorothy Dumford Carolyn Dykes
 Friend of Summer Lighthall Diane Griswold Theo Gruber Sonya Heitman
 Michelle Henn Jackie Petrocelli Jude McCollough Dan Mc Donald
 Harper Manning Carol Boyce-Martinez Max, Brian's Stepmom's Grandson
 Hannah Mikes Courtney Mirlisena Vicki Newport Barb Nuckols
 Darlene Reed Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Cherie Lynn Sauer
 Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Tom Schumm Kari Shell Ann Shellman
 Colleen Smith Gloria Stagman Doug Stiling Karen Street
 Anne Vander Molen Chad Wilcocks
 Mike Woeste Paula Zellner
 Family of Emmalynn Collins Loss of Aunt - Summer Lighthall Family
 Family of Andrew - friend of Jason Family of Tim & Pam Vehr

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

Worship Leaders in August



Communion Servers in August



8/6/2023	Jim Hutchison	8/6/2023	Bobbie Compton	Terry DuPriest
8/13/2023	Cheryl DuPriest	8/13/2023	Cheryl DuPriest	Kathy Terrell
8/20/2023	Ben Sauer	8/20/2023	Ben Sauer	Louise Pitcher
8/27/2023	Bobbie Compton	8/27/2023	Bobbie Compton	Lois Bates

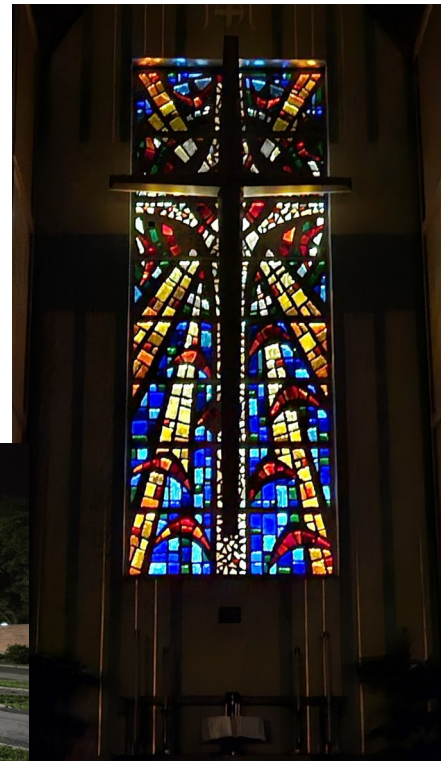
PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, August 27th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!



The LIGHTS are back on!!!
Updated lights are on the
Cross and light up the
parking lot!!

Look how beautiful our
stained glass cross
looks with the light shining
through from the inside!



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Don Fischer

Phyllis King

**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

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	2 Creative Kids Camp Talent Show - 5 pm	3	4 AA - 8 pm	5 AA - 8 pm
6	7 Finance Mtg 6 pm Scouts - 6:30 pm	8 ELECTION DAY Narthex & Cafe Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Creative Kids Camp Last Day AA - 8 pm	12 AA - 8 pm
13	14 Personel Mtg 4 pm Board Mtg 6 pm Scouts - 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18 AA - 8 pm	19 AA - 8 pm
20	21	22	23 Pathways Newsletter Articles Due	24	25 AA - 8 pm	26 AA - 8 pm
V Crew Mtg 1:30 PM	Scouts 6:30 pm	Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm				
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