



Pathways June 2024



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What's Happening

Journey Community Church



VBS 2024

Camp Firelight

June 24th - 27th

Crafts

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Bible Stories

Singing

Recreation

Snacks Science

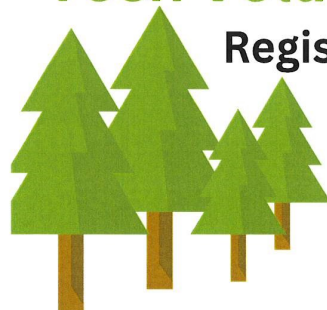
4 yrs old - 5th grade

Teen Volunteers are Welcome!

Registration **Deadline** June 10th

FREE EVENT

Scan or call
to register



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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

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Pastor Words of Wisdom

We as humans love to live in the binary. We want things to be simple and straightforward. There is good and there is evil. There is black and there is white. There is this and that, us and them, one or the other.

But the world is not that simple, and neither is our God. There is so much more than the extreme ends of the spectrum, and it's the in-between that gives us the beauty of the world.

When looking at the creation story in Genesis, we often view it as a binary creation of the world. God created light and darkness. God created day and night, separated the waters above from the waters below; created creatures of the land, and sky, and sea.

Each and every thing separated and in its own place. Except, that's not the whole story.

There may be day and night, but there is plenty in between as well. There are cloudy, dark days. There are bright, star-lit nights. There is the warm welcome of a sunrise that blurs the edges of when night becomes day, and the stunning beauty of a sunset that keeps us between two worlds.

God separated the waters above from the waters below. But there is rain. There are puddles that dot the ground. Waterfalls that cut through the sky, mist that clings to the air, and islands in the middle of the ocean.

God may have created one and then the other, but then He filled the space in between with all sorts of wonders and goodness. There might be black and white, but there are also a hundred shades of gray.

And it's in that gray that we mostly live. And it's in that gray that we find beauty.

We as people are filled with gray! We are living embodiments of the in-between. We are so rarely completely one thing and not another. We are a beautiful, messy, complicated, and unique set of experiences, feelings, and identities.

Which means we should stop viewing the world any differently than ourselves. We should stop separating this group from that. We should stop assuming that this thing or person is all evil, while the other thing or person is all good.

The world is not black and white, and that's a good thing! The world is all sorts of gray, and so are we. The end-points of a line might be 1 and 1,000, but that means there are 998 other numbers in-between.

Besides, God is often found in the in-between spaces.



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

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies



6/1 Misti Cornish
Debbie Dahm
6/3 Brian Carr
6/6 Mark Heitman
6/12 Ron Packer

6/13 Cheryl DuPriest
David Lynch
6/16 Jeff Turner
Kiahna Jayne Turner
6/18 Jerry Lewis

6/22 Jordyn King
6/23 Adam Roberts
6/26 Jan Apro
Shianna Johnson



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

April 15, 2024 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with Ben prayer at 6:06pm. A five board members and pastor present.

- March meeting notes to read and accepted.

Team/Committee Reports

Finance (Mike I)

- Shared new finance spreadsheet (see attached)
- Suggestion was made to include monthly income.
- Edward Jones – Have dividend reinvested with half going to the cash account.
- St Paul UCC will get closed once the title work is finished.
- Next up is to plan and do a church audit in Oct/Nov and to establish best practices moving forward.
- Accepted Treasurer report

Building (Skip)

- John Rodgers set 3 different quotes for parking lot (from <10k to 60k plus which would be a major redo.)
- AC company out this week to adjust units in Sanctuary.
- Have not completed work on faucets in Head Start Sunday school area. Agree this is not an urgent matter at this point.
- Holding off on flagpole until we get John Rogers to look at it with a recommendation. Not an urgent matter at this point.
- Identified water in the basement and need to investigate the origins of where water is entering the building. Was recommended to possibly consider a sump pump battery back-up.
- Roof leaks in fellowship hall also identified and have contacted roofer to address the issue.

Personnel (Ben)

- Prepared for Pastor Brian's review this Wednesday.
- Have completed Anne's review and contract.
- Working to complete Rob N's Head Start custodian job description and contract.
- Steve to craft letter to submit to finance with agreed salary increases for staff with a retro pay date back to Jan 1st, 2024.
- Working on back up strategy for administration. Need to follow up with Linda.
- Safety team needs for church need to be addressed.

Spiritual (Robin)

- Shared the new T-Shirt and Free sign-up program.
- Dot donated quilt for raffle for Mother's day.
- Summer Movie Night Idea shared.
- VBS Volunteer Sheet coming soon!

Pastor (Brian)

- Plan to share Goals with Congregation. Brian to email Board.
- Plan is to see how members can participate
- Brian out of town April 22-28th. Pastor Washington to fill in.
- Judy looking to have preschool kids sing in church one Sunday.
- Considering creative Sundays during the summer. TBD

Board Chair (Steve)

- Contract for Creative Kids was shared. An increase was proposed to Board.
- Shared Anne's information on a Peach Truck to set up in parking lot May 28th, June 18th, July 9th & 30th, Aug 20th. Board Approved.
- Church landscaping day at church discussed and approved.

Meeting closed at 7:44pm with prayer by Brian.



Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Wm & Eileen Church Alice Graber Diane Griswold Ruth Hoeweler
 Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch
 Melitta Marx Bob Runk Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan Anne Timme
 Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

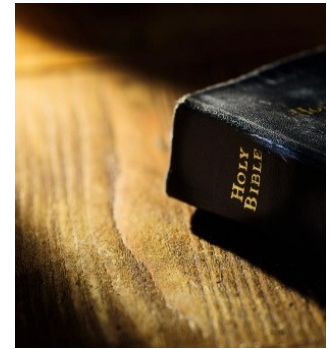
Special Prayer Request
Our Service Men and Women
The Country of Ukraine
Civil War in the Sudan
Victims of Children Trafficking

Erma Amrein Nola Apro LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister)
 Victoria Baumstead Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso Judy Boyce
 Barb Brewer Max Buerkle Amy Buschelman Mike Burriss Bill Carter
 Jim Cobb Joyce Compton Danielle Coulton Debbie
 Shelley Dauderman Friend of David Lynch Carrie Devine
 Mercedes Dreier Brian Drinnen William DuPriest Dorothy Dumford
 Huntleigh Enderle Mary Enderle Rick Enderle Owen Erickson
 Pam Farlow Paul Fuhr Sue Geary Marcia Gibbs Theo Gruber
 Ken Handley Michelle Henn Patti Hornback Becky Horning
 Dave Huser Jim Hutchison John Jester Trudy Jester Jessica Kerns
 Jamie Kist Rhonda Lahmann Joan Lewis Dan Mc Donald
 Dick Manifold Harper Manning Vicki Newport Kathy Noble
 Ricky Renier Rhonda Bill Richards, Jr. Steve Rogers
 Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Tom Schumm
 Dave Shannon Kari Shell Les Smith Karen Street
 Melissa friend of Trudy Friend of Summer Lighthall Denise Tingle
 Leslie Washington Chad Wilcocks Karen Wilson Ann Winkler
 Mike Woeste Paula Zellner Anne Zimmer
 Family of Richard Huff Family of David Schleutker Family of Darlene Reed
 Family of Anne Vander Molen

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

Worship Leaders in June

Missy Sauer	6/2/2024
Steve Lighthall	6/9/2024
Margaret Maybury	6/16/2024
Linda Woods	6/23/2024
Bobbie Compton	6/30/2024



Communion Servers in June

Missy Sauer	Lois Bates	6/2/2024
Steve Lighthall	Linda Woods	6/9/2024
Margaret Maybury	Vicki Celenza	6/16/2024
Linda Woods	Dee Iverson	6/23/2024
Bobbie Compton	Louise Pitcher	6/30/2024

Greeters in June



Lois Bates	6/2/2024
Judith Lewis-Combs	6/9/2024
Robin Lighthall	6/16/2024
Steve Lighthall	6/23/2024
Trudy Jester	6/30/2024

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, June 23, 2024 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**July
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the July edition is Wednesday, June 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 will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

REACHING OUT

Calling for all Home Bound members!

Are you someone who unable to come to church? Would you like a member of our Home Bound Ministry team to come and visit? Would you like to receive communion?



If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please contact the office so that you can be added to the Home Bound list so that a member of the visiting team can come and visit. Office can be reached at 513-931-2205.

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://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the CR code below. 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

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is an ever changing necessity for our members, friends of our members, and those on the prayer list. If you have placed someone on the prayer list, who is not a member of this church, and would like for them to receive a card from the church, please call the office and give to Anne the address of the person you would like to have a card sent to.

Our team of card writers will be happy to send a card to let them know the church is thinking about them and praying for them.

Information can be called in to Anne during office hours at 513-931-2205 or it can be emailed to her at office@journeyccc.com.

Thanks in advance!

Camp Firelight

Don't forget that VBS is fast approaching!
Volunteers are still needed. If you are
interested, please contact
Robin Lighthall, 513-325-9961.

If you would like to stop in during VBS to
visit and see the kids, you are welcome to
come and see all the fun things happening!



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 AA-8PM
2 Jazz Trio	3 Finance Mtg - 6 PM Spiritual Mtg - 6 PM	4 Community Dinner 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	5	6	7 AA-8PM	8 AA-8PM
9 George Theders	10 Personnel Mtg 4 PM Board Mtg - 6 PM	11	12	13	14 AA-8PM	15 Music Recital Sanctuary AA-8PM
16 Jazz Trio Father's Day	17	18 Community Dinner 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22
23 George Theders	24 VBS 6:00 - 9:30 PM	25	23	27	28 AA-8PM	29 AA-8PM
Jazz Trio	30					