



Pathways July 2024



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What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



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Pastor Words of Wisdom

Darkness is an interesting thing to me.

It is one of those concepts that we immediately associate with something negative. We talk about needing to bring light to the darkness. We desperately try to beat back the darkness each night by turning a host of lights on in our home. We can become afraid when we unexpectedly encounter a dark place.

And yet, there is also immense beauty in darkness. One of the most profound moments of my life happened in total darkness.

I was in Chile in the middle of the mountains at a camp with no electricity. I was admittedly nervous initially when I learned there were no readily available sources of light. I didn't love being in the dark.

But during our first night there, we gathered in an open field, turned off our lanterns, and were invited to look up at the sky. In the middle of a mountain with no electricity and no light whatsoever, the stars burst brilliantly overhead.

Having only ever lived in cities, I had never seen so many stars all at once. It was the first time I really understood that there were *billions* of stars in the universe. It was stunning and gorgeous and reminded me of the vast power of God.

And it was only experienced because of darkness.

God utilized the dark to make beauty that could never be seen with the sun out. In that moment, darkness did not hold me in fear, but in wonder.

God has a habit of taking things that we fear, or dislike, or misunderstand, or avoid, and providing beauty through them. Without darkness we could not enjoy stars or campfires or fireflies or fireworks. God did not create the night so that we would be afraid, but so that we could experience new and wonderful things that the day wouldn't allow.

What things are you missing out on because you are trying to avoid something you fear or dislike? Maybe yours is darkness just like mine was. Or maybe you fear silence, or being alone, or a hundred other things.

Whatever it is, I am going to invite you to embrace those things and try to find the beauty in them, because I promise you that there are wonderful things that can only be experienced when you let go of those fears.

I no longer fear the dark. Instead I now seek out what the daytime was hiding from me. I've never regretted it since.



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid
Non-Perishable Foods

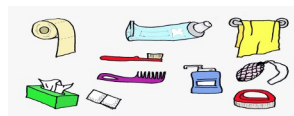
Shampoo
Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Toothbrushes



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
8/23 Deborah Beresford
Melitta Marx
8/27 Skip Zimmer

8/28 Patti Hornback
Bonnie Reed
8/30 Doris Foster
Ruth Hoeweler
Tommie Jenkins

May 13, 2024 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with Brian prayer at 6:08pm. All five board members and pastor present.

- March meeting notes to read and accepted.

Team/Committee Reports**Finance** (Mike I)

- Shared finance spreadsheet is available.
- Accepted Treasurer report.

Building (Skip)

- More rain found in basement. Drain work has been done and sump pump fixed.
- Roof leak continues and working to address.
- Estimate has been requested for retaining wall. Have received one call back.
- Jan to do his safety audit and provide report. He also is checking in to police report regarding retaining wall damage.
- Working on getting a refined quote for parking lot. Note: Judy from learning center did not get the grant that would have helped with costs to do this work.

Personnel (Ben)

- Have completed Pastor Brian's review and salary adjustment.
- Have completed Rob N's Head Start custodian job description and contract.
- Planning to meet Kim on her custodial role June 9th.
- Planning to meet with Judy of the learning center and introduce our team.
- Personnel team requests that the Safety team needs for church be addressed.

Spiritual (Robin)

- Pairs and Spares upcoming fellowship dinner shared.
- New Men's bible study and fellowship group held this Month.
- VBS Volunteer meeting and training this Wednesday.
- Identified need to update church website.

Pastor (Brian)

- Need a guest preacher to cover during Brian's vacation on June 2nd and July 28th. Ben to contact preachers. Pastor Washington and Thomas Barnes, Disciples regional elder, to be considered.
- This Saturday we will be having our church beautification day where members are invited to participate, share a flower to plant.
- This Sunday will lead Darlene's celebration of life service.
- Dots quilt auction moved to summer.

Board Chair (Steve)

- Video livestream and replacement cameras update. End of May or early June updates to visual system control board to be completed.

Meeting closed at 6:45pm 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

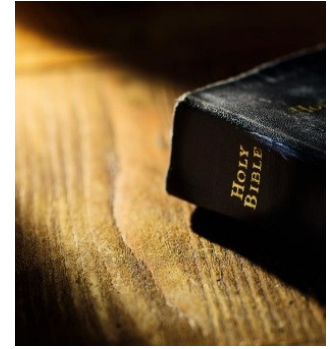
Erma Amrein Nola Apro **Jerry Baird** LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister)
 Victoria Baumstead Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso Judy Boyce
 Barb Brewer Max Buerkle Amy Buschelman Mike Burriss Bill Carter
 Joe Clear Jim Cobb Joyce Compton Danielle Coulton Debbie
 Shelley Dauderman Friend of David Lynch Carrie Devine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

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

Bold typed names were just recently added

Worship Leaders in July

Jim Hutchison	7/7/2024
Melissa Holmes	7/14/2024
Vicki Celenza	7/21/2024
Trudy Jester	7/28/2024



Communion Servers in July

Lois Bates	Terry DuPriest	7/7/2024
Melissa Holmes	Judith Lewis-Combs	7/14/2024
Vicki Celenza	David Holmes	7/21/2024
Trudy Jester	Robin Lighthall	7/28/2024

Greeters in July



Ben Sauer	7/7/2024
Vicki Celenza	7/14/2024
Lois Bates	7/21/2024
Robin Lighthall	7/28/2024

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, June 21, 2024 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**August
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the August edition is Wednesday, July 24th. 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
No Dinner will be held on July 2nd.

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



If you have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can select our church for receiving rewards.

The name has officially, in Kroger's records, been changed to Journey Community Church, but it still may say St. Paul United Church of Christ on the website. They associate more by account number than name of business.

The account number is NG771.
If you need help in getting this set up, please contact the office.



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!

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory



In Memory of Gay Steinhauer

Lois Bates

In Memory of Rev. David Schwab

Dot Kahle

In Memory of Mary Heineke

Mary & Martin Heineke

In Memory of David Schleutker

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Linda Woods

In Memory of Betty Klug

Lois Bates

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Trudy Jester & Women of St. Paul

In Memory of Doris Dunn

Lois Bates

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Trudy & Joe Jester

Dot Kahle

In Memory of Darlene Reed

Lois Bates

Dot Kahle

Judith Lewis-Combs

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Linda & Steve Kuhlman

Bonnie & Steve Rogers

Linda Woods

Montgomery Inn

9440 Montgomery Rd
Cinti, OH 45242



Known for their fantastic BBQ ribs, but did you know they have some of the best pork chops? Whether you like ribs, pork chops, or chicken, you will LOVE the laughter and stories of our group!

Hope you can join us!

Saturday, July 27th


5:30 pm

RSVP

TEXT

Mike Hornback 513-429-0732

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Finance Team Mtg 6 PM Spiritual Team Mtg 6 PM	2 No Community Dinner	3	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed AA Mtg 8:00 PM	6 AA Mtg 8:00 PM
7 Worship Jazz Trio	8 Personnel Team Mtg - 4 PM Board Mtg 6 PM	9	10	11	12 AA Mtg 8:00 PM	13 AA Mtg 8:00 PM
14 Worship George Theders	15	16 Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM	17	18	19 AA Mtg 8:00 PM	20 AA Mtg 8:00 PM
21 Worship Jazz Trio Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 - 9:45 AM	22	23	24 Newsletter Article Due	25	26 AA Mtg 8:00 PM	27 Pairs 'N Spares 6:00 PM Montgomery Inn AA Mtg 8:00 PM
28 Worship George Theders	29	30	31		Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed.	FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start