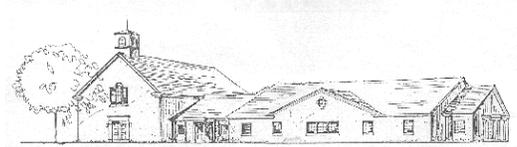


the Cedar Chips



Pastor's Corner

I love to see flowers blooming and sunshining. Summertime is surely a time for many fun activities. We have been doing drive in services in the church parking lot since Father's Day 2020. Many things have happened and changed in our daily life, social life, and church life. The most evidence in all this is that God has been with us all along regardless difficulties, worries, heartaches and hardships we deal with and go through.

Moving right along in the midst of the unknown and uncertainties we wonder and question; we get frustrated and discouraged; we are hopeful and prayerful. Thanks to God for the Covid-19 vaccines. Many are vaccinated while many don't or can't. While respecting your decision I continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Coronavirus is global pandemic and we are to try to keep the spreading under control as good stewards of God's world.

The session has been considering church matters diligently and prayerfully. From Sunday, August 1, 2021 there will be a service held with two options for the people of all ages as well as of different health conditions to be able to attend either in the sanctuary or in a drive-in service. Whichever one you choose each Sunday I hope to see you in worship. The session is updating the service details and guideline of indoor regathering and will let the congregation know in July.

We will hold a special drive-in service on Sunday, July 25th with "Blessing of the Animals" during worship. We continue to welcome the beloved dogs at the drive-in services and we

want to acknowledge their efforts that they accompanied their human families nicely, lovingly, and calmly throughout the service all these many months. You are encouraged to bring your pets (any pet) to church on Sunday, July 25th. However, if riding in a vehicle is traumatic and stressful to your pets, please leave them at home and the blessings will go to them as well. I am an animal lover and it breaks my heart to see animals get distressing and the blessing service will not serve the purpose for them.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." 1 Thessalonians 5: 28.

"God is Good! Life is Precious!"
Pastor Kris

Our Vision

Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church seeks to glorify God through nurturing spiritual growth, developing faithful discipleship, and serving our community.

Don't even think about it!



Recipes

Recipes will be included in the Newsletter from the congregation. Have you been to a church luncheon where you made a dish and someone tells you they loved it. What's the recipe? That's the time to write it up and send it in. One or two recipes will be included in the newsletter. Submit your favorite and/or seasonal recipes to the office. Email to cedargrovepc@frontiernet.net or you can give a clearly printed copy to the office, along with your name.



Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza

INGREDIENTS

1/2 pound ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1 prebaked, large Italian pizza crust
(like Mama Mias)
1 can (8 oz) pizza sauce
6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
20 dill pickle coin slices
2 cups (8 oz) shredded mozzarella cheese
2 cups (8 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
1 teaspoon pizza or Italian seasoning

DIRECTIONS

In a skillet, cook beef and onion until meat is no longer pink; drain and set aside. Place crust on an ungreased 12-in. pizza pan. Spread with pizza sauce. Top with beef mixture, bacon, pickles and cheeses. Sprinkle with pizza seasoning. Bake at 450° for 8-10 minutes or until cheese is melted.



2021 Altar Flower Chart

Flower Orders in honor or memory of loved ones. Please call church office ~ 717-354-5573 to place your orders and for available Sundays. Cost ~ \$25.00. Take your flowers after the service. There is also a chart on the bulletin board for sign up.



Presbyterian Women's Salad & Dessert Luncheon

A Salad & Dessert Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m. Bring a salad or dessert and join us.

The study will be "*What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*". Following the luncheon we will have a short introduction lesson to the series.

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board (coming in Aug.) if you plan to attend. Everyone welcome! Masks optional.

We will then meet the 1st Monday of each month through June, 2022.



"Blessing of the Animals"

"Blessing of the Animals" during drive-in service, July 25th. at 9:30 a.m. We continue to welcome the beloved dogs at the drive-in services. We want to acknowledge their efforts that they accompanied their human families nicely, lovingly, and calmly throughout the service all these many months. You are encouraged to bring your pets (any pet) to church on Sunday, July 25th. However, if riding in a vehicle is traumatic and stressful to your pets, please leave them at home, the blessings will go to them as well.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We will resume on September 8 at 9:30 a.m. We will study *Loving Justice*. Intercessory Prayer Time is prior to the Bible Study. You are welcome anytime. Masks optional.



September/October Cedar Chips

Please submit any articles by August 23, 2021



Special dates July 2021

- Canada Day, July 1
- U.S. Independence Day, July 4

A minute for Mission from the Mission Committee - - - -

Have you ever wanted to give to worthwhile causes but weren't sure who to give to? Some of us on Mission Committee recently read a book called Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Pastor Kris commented that it was "a powerful, insightful, informative, educational, heartbreaking, eye-opening and motivating book." Extra copies are available from the table in the hallway by the office just inside the church main entrance door. The book's focus is international mission and how lives can be changed. It spotlights individual lives, the communities and culture around them, and also critiques mission approaches: what works and what doesn't. It suggests checking out charities on a website: charitynavigator.org, which, among other things, rates charities and gives them a score. Here are a few well-rated international charities, among many, in no particular order, for your consideration in giving:

- Tostan International (tostan.org)
- CAMFED USA Foundation (camfed.org)
- CARE (care.org)
- Medical Benevolence Foundation (medicalmission.org)
- Save the Children (savethechildren.org)

You may want to check them out yourself on Charity Navigator and also look at their websites. Today, the world is small. We're all in the same boat. Helping one helps all.

Locally, CrossNet Ministries held a breakfast in June for its giving partners to talk about what was accomplished in the past year and new programs going forward. CrossNet Ministries has grown and is doing impressive work serving the many needs throughout the ELANCO community in the areas of social services, youth, food and nutrition, and community. Cedar Grove helps feed some of the approximately 498 food recipients a month through the Food Panty we collect for weekly in our shopping cart.

Lastly, a big thank you to the congregation for the \$600 raised for CrossNet's expanding housing program with our Fifth Sunday mission offering in May. CrossNet has a carefully designed 18-24

month program to help participants achieve financial stability and independence, and they've just increased the number of apartment units available for people from 3 to 8. See more detail about all their programs on the Mission Bulletin Board in the church hallway.

Worship Service Options Beginning August 1

August 1, 2021 there will be a service held at 10 a.m. with two options for the people of all ages as well as of different health conditions to be able to attend either in the sanctuary or in a drive-in service. Whichever one you choose each Sunday I hope to see you in worship. The session is updating the service details and guideline of indoor regathering and will let the congregation know in July.

Reflections on Stewardship

Giving versus Receiving

"...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" - **Acts 20:35 (NIV)**

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." - **Winston Churchill (1874-1965)**

"Generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride or fear." - **Horace Mann**

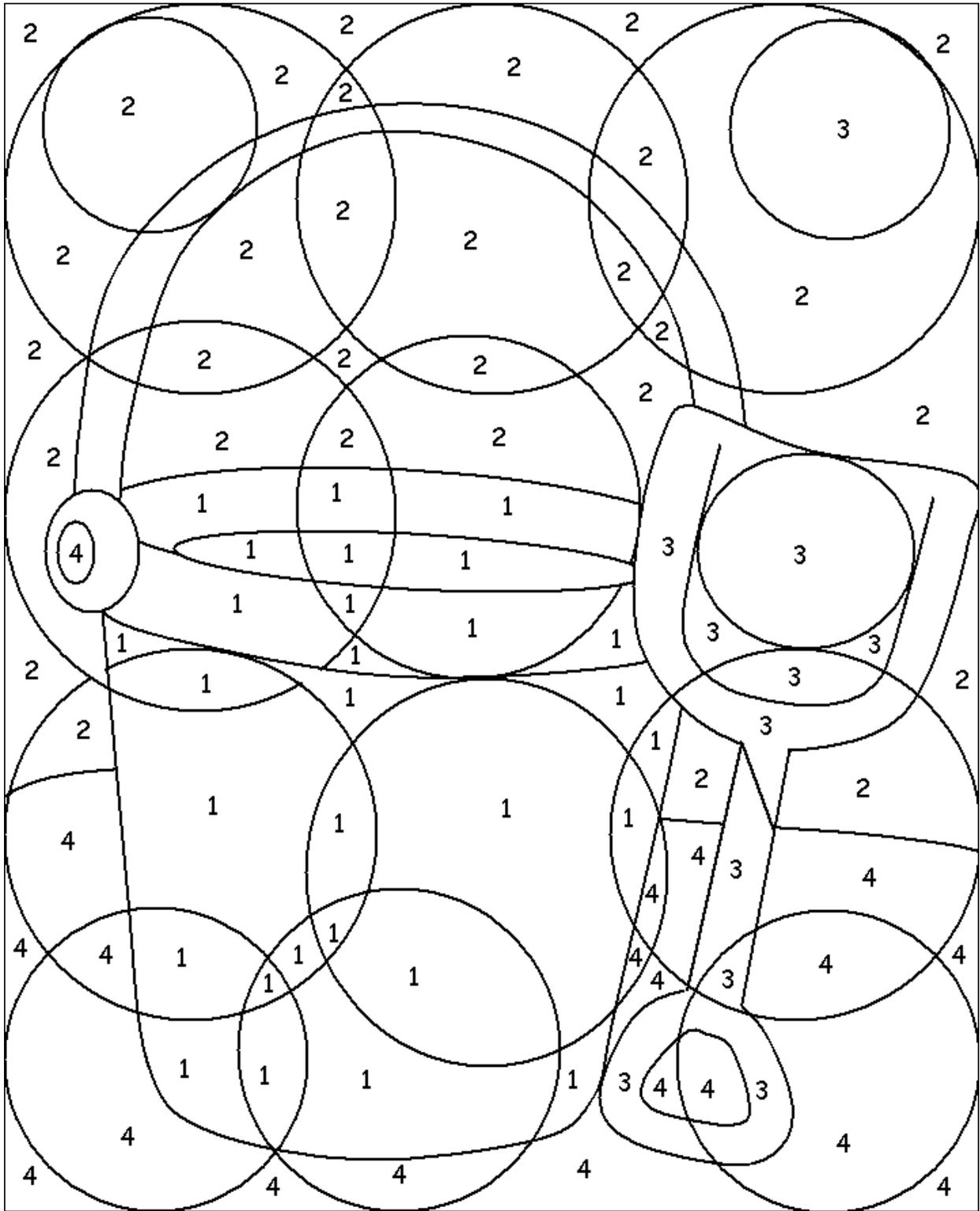


Hunger Sunday

The Food Pantry in New Holland is in need. The cart will be in the parking lot each Sunday we have the Drive-In Service

Current needs: Applesauce, salad dressing, soup, pasta sauce, pasta (other than spaghetti), egg noodles, instant rice, baked beans, canned vegetables, jelly, snack crackers, pancake mix, pancake syrup.

Coloring Page for All Ages!



1 = red

2 = blue

3 = yellow

4 = light brown

Hello Everyone,

God's evidence is shown in our life individually and as a community of faith. I am thankful for your faith and endurance these many months supporting the church ministries and especially the drive-in services that we gathered in God's name to worship with families and friends and furthermore with neighbors and visitors who joined us in the parking lot.

Sunday, August 1, 2021 we will hold a service at 10:00 AM with two options to worship either in the sanctuary or in the drive-in. Some might wonder why bothering with the drive in and what if only one car is out there. Jesus teaches us about a good shepherd. The good loving and caring shepherd does not say, "Oh, heck with the one sheep left behind. I already have ninety-nine sheep." Everyone is important to God.

I would like to encourage everyone to participate in "the domino effect of kindness." As part of our new normal regathering celebration, we will do the food box domino effect in the hallway following the service. Please bring unperishable food boxes to church any Sunday and by Sunday, July 25th. I will gather the boxes and line them up on the floor in the hallway on Sunday, August 1st.

If anyone wants to team up with me to match the amount of the boxes, please let me know ASAP. This means that if by July 25th we receive 30 food boxes and there are 5 people in the matching team, each will get 6 boxes to be 30 more boxes. I want to make many domino effects to promote kindness beyond the church walls and throughout the community. If you know anyone or any food company who wants to be a matching team or join me in my matching team, let me know. All food boxes must be brought to church for the domino effect.

Food boxes may be pastas, instant mashed potatoes, cereals, or anything coming in boxes. Any question, contact me any time via email or cellphone. All boxes will be given to the food pantry

Let "the domino effect of kindness" flow. "What does the Lord require of you? . . . but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6: 8.

Kindness is compassion, sympathy, gentleness, and kindheartedness. Thank you very much for your ministry of kindness.

Blessings,

Pastor Kris

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PROVERBS 15:1, NIV

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. “I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too,” he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. “But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I’m asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want.” The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in Liberty magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (15:1, NIV).



Office Hours beginning August—Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m..

JULY TELLERS:

- 4-Scott Sweigart
- 11-Bob Zook
- 18-Carol Seaman
- 25-Barbara Smith

ELDER ON CALL:

- Carol Seaman—July 4, 25
- Bill Rimmler—July 11, 18

AUGUST TELLERS:

- 1-Barbara MacMaster
- 8-Scott Sweigart
- 15-Carol Seaman
- 22-Bob Zook
- 29-Bill Rimmler

ELDER ON CALL: Barbara Smith

DEACON ON CALL:

- July—Mary Painter
- August-Barb (Bob) Zook



ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

- 5-Robert & Barbara Zook
- 6-Joseph & Ruth Py
- 6-Jamie & Tammy Steffy
- 10-David & Helen Brown

ANNIVERSARIES - AUGUST

- 16-Louis & Doris Wells
- 18-Tom & Dale Smith
- 24-George & Jane Downes
- 31-Butch & Ruthie Diem

BIRTHDAYS - JULY

- 1-Judy Nissley
- 4-Judith Oakes
- 8-Diana Boley
- 8-Amelia Collins
- 10-Vickie Kahler
- 11-Joey Friel
- 16-Scott MacHenry
- 19-Chris Dunlap
- 20-Bill Rimmler
- 21-Tammy Steffy
- 24-Andrew Smith
- 24-Jo Anne Rodgers
- 26-Barbara (Bob) Zook
- 28-Ava Lynn Zook
- 29-Joanne Hoover
- 29-Brayden Patterson
- 30-Sandy Deshong

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

- 3-Robert Herr
- 8-Karen Behrenhauser
- 10-Wanda Usner
- 13-Bryan Sweigart
- 16-Kris Poontajak
- 17-Ken Eberly
- 29-Raymond Kahler III
- 29-Phyllis Hartman

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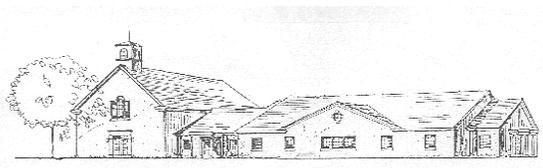
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JULY/AUGUST 2021



WORSHIP

Beginning August 1

at 10:00 a.m.

Indoor Worship or

Drive In Service

Tune into FM 94.7

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