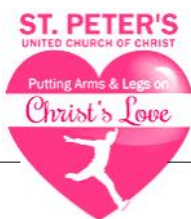


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582 Church Street
Amherst, Ohio 44001

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Breeze Chapel: 7:00 PM
Office Hours: Monday–Friday:
8:30 AM–12:30 PM *and* 1:00–2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment.

“You shall love



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OCTOBER 2023

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– IAN MACLAREN

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– MATTHEW 16:18-19

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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

Let's be a ~~KAREN~~ JESUS!

I was watching several videos the other day under the category of "Karens'." I'm not sure if you are familiar with the term—"Karen," but it refers to people (male or female) who go out of their way to make someone feel unwelcome or unwanted. The videos show people (Karens') who appear to be entitled and express some sort of authority over a certain space or neighborhood. These self-entitled authorities will approach someone, say someone sitting in their car eating a sandwich, and knock on their window and demand that they leave the area before they call the cops. These "Karens'" insist that the area is private and that visitors are not allowed to be there. Often, these encounters appear to be race based as most Karen's are white and most of the people, they ask to leave, are other than white. "Karens'" tend to go nuts when approaching strangers especially when they are being recorded by phones, and these videos become instantly viewed by thousands (like me) on the



internet. Suffice it to say, you don't want to be a "Karen!" (My apologies to all appropriately named Karens'.) And yet, Karens' exist.

In some ways the Church, throughout its long history, has been a bit like a Karen. That is, churches tend to approach strangers—anyone different than they—in inhospitable ways. Whether intended or not, over the years there has been a growing number of people in our communities who feel unwelcome in local churches for all sorts of reasons. Once, I had a church member tell me that he had signed up to help usher in the church and was approached by men (Karens') who informed him that his suit wasn't nice enough and that he needed to leave. The man happened to be a janitor at the High School, and he was wearing his finest leisure suit. Now, I realize that sounds crazy, but similar things still take place in churches throughout the world. Why is it that some feel entitled to judge or dismiss people that they don't know?

I share this not because I think St. Peter's UCC has a problem with "Karens", but because I think there is a bit of Karen in all of us. We all know the phrase, "WWJD, **what would Jesus do?**" But I think a question of equal value, concerning our behavior or responses in certain situations, should be, "What would Karen do?" That is, we should train ourselves, hone our instincts to respond in the opposite manner of one who judges or attempts to remove people from the community for any unreasonable purpose. I don't want to be a "Karen."

As we follow the path of Christ, and take on the manner and work of Christ, (putting arms and legs on Christ's love) we should search deep within ourselves to rid our lives of "Karen" like tendencies. (Again, no offence to those named Karen!) For our church, or any church to thrive in these days, we need to practice being an open door to all. We have a slogan in the UCC, "**No matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome here!**" That must mean something. People need to know that they are welcome here at St. Peter's UCC. Instead of knocking on car windows and asking strangers to leave, (literally and figuratively) we should be asking them to join us. "You are welcome here," is Christ's message to the world.



Wouldn't it be awesome if somehow, **we could replace viral Karen videos with Jesus (followers of Christ) videos showing acts of radical hospitality!** Instead of knocking on a car window and telling someone they need to leave, this is private property! We knock on the window and invite them to join us for worship, or a meal? It's a big, lonely world out there, and people need us. Let's be a place of welcome!

Remember, you are loved!

Pastor Chris

Circle Six Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 3 | 6 PM

MISSION BLANKETS

Circle Six is up and running again for another year. We started our first meeting with a wonderful picnic at Beaver Creek Reservation. Everyone brought a dish to share and, as all of you know, these ladies know how to prepare delicious food. The upcoming year promises to be fun filled, inspiring & informative. This group of women also work very hard to raise money through our pumpkin rolls, coffee counter and bake sales. The congregation's generous donations and purchases allow us to fulfill our mission of providing monetary contributions to various charities, including our own church, at Christmas time. We are in this together doing God's work.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall where we will be making our **Mission Blankets**. These blankets are given to church members when ill or injured and have brought comfort to many. If there are any ladies currently not members interested in joining us, please feel free to come check us out.

Sincerely,
Sally Readinger
President



St. Peter's UCC Generosity Campaign 2024

By now you should have received your Stewardship letter. We invite you to prayerfully consider and commit to a year of generous giving at St. Peter's in 2024. We ask that you turn in the "**Time and Talent**" form, and the "**Giving Card**" to make your financial promise to support the ministry of St. Peter's UCC in 2024. **October 29, 2023**, we will consecrate our gifts and commitments in worship.



OCTOBER SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

10/1 Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

10/8 Matthew 21:33-46

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

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10/15 Matthew 22:1-14

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10/22 Matthew 22:15-22

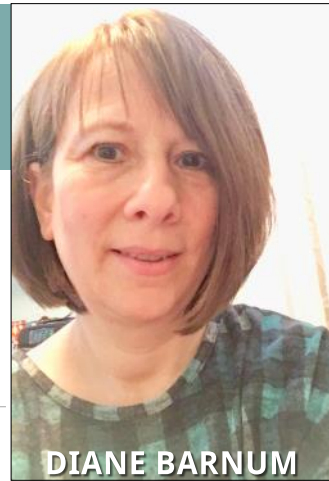
Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

10/29 Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your

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Get to Know Your NEIGHBOR



While many of our longtime members know one another, our newer members do not. We hope this new article will bring us closer together as we serve God as one family.

Diane Barnum

Hello, as many of you know, my name is Diane Barnum. I grew up in Amherst and at St. Peter's, where I was both baptized and confirmed. My parents are Richard and Edna Berry and I have one brother, Rick. I attended LCCC and Baldwin-Wallace, obtaining degrees in medical laboratory technology and allied health. I have spent the majority of my career working in hospital or clinical laboratories, although I also branched into software validation and, briefly, paralegal work. I am currently employed part-time on second shift at the Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital laboratory.

In 1996, I married Gordon Barnum here in St. Peter's, where my uncle, the Rev. George Berry, co-officiated the ceremony. While our marriage did not last, we have remained good friends through the years. My "children" have been many cats (currently I have six) and two dogs. In addition to animal rescue, I have enjoyed hobbies such as tennis, kayaking, music (flute and cello), reading, and crochet. My favorite thing to do is spend time with family and friends.

The best thing about St. Peter's is our people. I have so enjoyed being a part of the music, worship

and mission of this church, alongside some of the most generous, dedicated people I know. From the teachers I had for Sunday school many years ago...to Crop Walks and Advent workshops...to Dale Cotton directing our church band...to Pam's Christmas cantatas with choir and hand bells...to serving dinners at Catholic Charities...to our own potlucks (we do love our food!), there are so many great memories of times shared and work accomplished. As we move forward, I hope we can continue to serve the needs of those who are marginalized in our community and in our world and I pray that God will direct our steps, as individuals and as a faith community.

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— *Diane Barnum*

10/29 *Matthew 22:34-40 cont'd. from page 4*

mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose

son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.





Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

OCTOBER

The best possible introduction for children to the world of learning.

To foster, encourage, and instill in children a joy of learning, the wonder of discovery, a love of God and his creation.

It is hard to believe that we have successfully finished the month of September. The children and staff are nicely adjusting. Everyone enjoyed the field trip to Miller's Apple Hill. The apples were very tasty! It was nice to visit with all the parents and grandparents that attended.

This month we will learn the shapes triangle, rectangle and circle, the colors black, orange, brown. We will also introduce the letters Oo, and Jj, and Bb. Our second field trip, we will be headed to the Amherst Historical Society Sandstone Village to take a tour of the grounds and the many buildings.

We are also looking forward to our . . . BOOOOOOO!! Did I scare you?? Halloween Party at the end of the month. We will try hard not to scare anyone as the children parade around the Preschool!

Thank you,
Wendy Kosakowski/Director



Miller's Apple Hill Field Trip



YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Our Wednesday morning, and Thursday evening class will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. for the morning class, and by 5:55 p.m. for the evening class. Enter through the door by the Chapel.

"YOGA with Mary-K" is for anyone who needs lengthening, stretching and loosening as we target the fascia, connective tissue and joints to develop strength and restore flexibility. Bring your own mat, a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes.

Mary-K is a RN/BSN, with over 12 years of yoga teaching experience, and 30 years of personal practice. Cost is \$10 per class.

St. Peter's believes in ending Hunger.

CROP HUNGER WALK - JOIN US!

Sunday, October 8 | 2 PM | Meet at 5 point in Amherst

The prolonged war in Ukraine, on top of the pandemic and other disasters is causing a global food crisis. Millions are on the brink of famine. The CROP Hunger Walk and the funds we raise will feed the hungry through CWS. When you join this movement, donate and raise funds, you will provide life-saving support like emergency food along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

1. Get your **pledge forms** from the church office
2. Get **sponsors/donations**, or sponsor yourself
3. Turn in forms and \$ to Tom Jewell the day of the walk

Local Impact: 25% OF THE MONIES RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO AMHERST FOOD PANTRY at GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH!

Thank you for helping this community-led fundraising event to **END HUNGER** and by supporting U.S.-based hunger-fighting organizations.



CROP HUNGER BACKGROUND

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-



World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Why We Walk



Local

Partner with and support 1,600 local food banks and soup kitchens—Gather in solidarity with others in your own community to end hunger and poverty.



Global

Show solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. Support individuals impacted by poverty and disaster through CWS.

The global impact of your gift:

\$17 - Chickens for a family

\$30 Water filter for a home

\$50 Two hundred mango seeds

\$60 Home gardening

\$75 Groceries

\$85 A goat

\$100 Household toilet

\$140 Five acres of sweet potato vines

\$470 A cow

\$1500 The whole farm

Sept. 18
2023

MEETING
ATTENDEES:

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

"When a leader in the Church inspires council members with vision, he helps them focus on their real mission so that they are ministering to people rather than merely administering programs." — M. Russell Ballard

Note: This is a summary of the Council Meeting. *The official approved minutes of the meeting are on file in the church office and are available for viewing.*

Pastor: Chris Buckingham-Taylor Financial Sec'y: Rebecca Woods
President: Christine Burman Congregational Rep: Susan Conkle
Vice President: Judy McCurdy Congregational Rep: Stacy Gleason
Past President: Mary-K Kirsch Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler
Secretary: Tom Hollstein Congregational Rep: Don Ramsey
Assistant Treasurer: Sally Readinger Congregational Rep: Joan Whitman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Christine Burman, and began with a prayer from Pastor Chris.



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Secretary's Report

- The minutes for the August council meeting were emailed to council members on Sept. 2nd.
- For the record, the August minutes need to be approved at this meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Preschool Report

- Wendy Kosakowski submitted a written report since she could not attend this meeting.
- The number of registered students is full at 101 with one open spot due to a cancellation.
- Their first field trip went very well.
- Their first PTO meeting was attended by 9 parents.
- Their first fund raiser will be the sale of gift certificates for Mama Joe Pies.
- In December the PTO will have a Secret Santa party.
- Pastor Chris will begin singing with the preschoolers in October.

Treasurer's Report

- Reports for the month of July were sent out on Sept. 9.
- Going forward this report will always be a month behind.
- There was one Pass Through of \$105.00 for OCWM.

Financial Secretary's Report

- The report has been sent out.
- August offerings were \$18,298.99

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JULY PASS THROUGH AMOUNT OF \$105. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Chris has just finished the first series of "The Good Community" in September. He is considering having a book study group based on it.
- There will be a baptism this coming Sunday, September 24 for Margo Porter.
- The Pastor is continuing with his Monday visits.
- The Pastor participated in the Budget Committee's first meeting.
- The Heartland annual conference will be held in Canal Winchester. Much information is available online for Heartland Conference and also for our own Living Water Conference.
- October is Stewardship Month. Letters have gone out to the congregation. The Pastor will have a Gratitude Moment during worship where members can share recent events of gratitude.
- Collection day for the blessing of gifts will be October 29.
- All Saint's Day will be celebrated October 29.

Spiritual Life

- Resuming activity after summer.
- Not as many people to contact for various reasons. In person attendance is increasing somewhat.
- Currently visiting every other week.

Compassionate Care

- Their meeting was held and a new list was formulated.
- Compassionate Care members continue to stay current with cards and letters to shut-ins.
- Next meeting will be held in October.

Circle Six:

- Their first meeting was held the first Tuesday in September.
- They will be making blankets in October.
- Planning will begin for pumpkin rolls in November.
- Plans are to have the Amherst Madrigal Singers for the December meeting. It will be open to the congregation.

Tech Report:

- Changes have been made to publishing of the worship service: We are now posting only the sermon on Facebook and YouTube. More people seem interested in the message rather than the whole service. The whole service is still available live on Zoom.
- Numbers on YouTube are increasing, indicating more viewers.

Website:

- Kaye Koler may have to defer to someone else for this.
- She will discuss possibilities with Pastor Chris.

Garden Team:

- Lynda Helyes is having a professional landscape group design the area on the side of the education building facing Church Street.
- Various plants have been moved and replanted for a more planned look.

Funding Activities:

- Spaghetti dinner; will be postponed due to health concerns of potential workers. Plans are to reschedule for January.

Old Business:

- Names need to be revised for the financial accounts. Paper work has been submitted to add Karel Schieferstein and remove Lauri Hubach. Tom Hollstein will remain as alternate until additional participants are determined.
- Should we reinstate the finance committee? Yes, potential members are Pastor Chris (ex officio), Mary-K Kirsch, Brian Schieferstein, Sally Readinger, and Geoff Gatz.

MOTION: TO REINSTATE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO BE COMPRISED OF MEMBERS PASTOR CHRIS (EX OFFICIO), MARY K. KIRSCH, BRIAN SCHIEFERSTEIN, SALLY READINGER, AND GEOFF GATZ. MOTION WAS MADE SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business:

- The Budgeting Committee has begun work on the 2024 budget. They are having some difficulties connecting actual expenditures with past budgeted amounts.

A major goal is to simplify the budget and the accounting process going forward. This will initially require much extra work by Treasurer Karel Schieferstein.

- The Nominating Committee for council 2024 shall be Judy McCurdy, Joan Whitman, and Chris Burman. Everyone should help out wherever possible. Positions to be filled are Vice President and two At Large representatives.
- Parsonage roof repair. Bids have been requested from 4 different roofers. The chimney and flue pipe are cracked and will have to be repaired before the actual roofing can begin. The contractor who did the recent brick work on the education building will be contacted to do the repairs.
- We will establish a list of approved vendors and contractors whose performance we know to be dependable and of good quality. Much of the time this will obviate the need to obtain bids.
- Several church members have been performing the tasks normally handled by trustees. Their status needs to be officially recognized and authorization granted to incur costs as necessary.

MOTION: TO APPOINT MARY-K KIRSCH AND GEOFF GATZ AS TRUSTEES FOR THE REST OF THE 2023 YEAR, WITH AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCRETIONARY SPENDING. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Question: What is council's opinion regarding neighbors using our parking lot without permission? Points of discussion: this question comes up every few years; threats of towing could create animosity from neighbors; letting them park creates good will from the church; space for our Sunday worship is not really threatened with our current attendance; the cars create an obstruction problem for snow removal; fliers have been effective for special events; this has been annoying us for years, but is really not a serious problem. This discussion will be tabled until next meeting.
- What is the status of repairs to Fellowship Hall? Requests for bids have been sent out; no response yet. Trustees will follow up.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:00 PM after prayer by Pastor Chris.

Respectfully submitted, September 22, 2023
Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary



OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct. 1 **World Communion Sunday**
 - Oct. 3 Circle Six Meeting, 6PM Fellowship Hall
 - Oct. 5 Compassionate Care, 10:30 AM Fireside
 - Oct. 8 Disabilities Awareness Week
 - Oct. 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - Oct. 12 Men's Breakfast, Quarry Café, 9:30 AM
Preschool Board Mtg., 6:30 PM
 - Oct. 21-22 AHS Cemetary Walk, 3-5PM, \$5
Pastor Chris will once again have a part in this.
 - Oct. 29 **Consecration Sunday of monetary pledges and time & talent form.**
- Communion Visits: Mondays, from 1-4PM
Bible Study: 7 PM, Tuesdays, Zoom
YOGA with Mary-K, St. Peter's lower level
Wed. 8:30-9:45 AM & Thurs. 6:00-7:15 PM

Coffee Chats



Sandstone Coffee House
Wednesdays 9-11AM

Join us!

Coffee Chats with
Pastor Chris continue to be
enjoyable and fun. Food is
available as well as coffee.
Everyone is welcome!



Altar Guild Needs Help!

The Altar Guild desperately needs help and are looking for new members, **including couples**. We help with tasks in the Sanctuary and also prepare Communion. Please call the church office at **(440) 988-4965** or email admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org if interested.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Psalms 91:11 - For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.



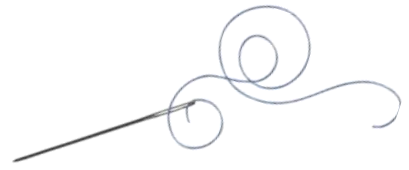
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- Luen BealeOctober 07
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- Kay ClarkOctober 16
- Janet SironOctober 16
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- Cynthia Bring.....October 25
- Vincent NedinaOctober 25
- Edna BerryOctober 29

St. Peter's



Craft Club

TUESDAY | OCT. 31 | 6:30 PM



Craft Club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. Bring your current (or old) craft project to work on and to have some fun fellowship with other crafters! All are welcome. Can't wait to see you!



St. Peter's UCC
FOOD
pantry

In September
we collected
64
food items!

If you want to donate to the Weekend Children's Backpack Program, below are some suggestions. Also, you can still donate 'regular food items' in addition to the Backpack Program. Many families are in need.

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. We greatly appreciate your donations, along with Good Shepherd and those receiving food items. Thank you to Pam and everyone who donates!

We received a call from the family of a neighbor 5 houses down that their loved one passed away. They donated all the canned & boxed food to the Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry....instead of delivering it here and then having Pam deliver once again. He said there was tons of food and wanted to help the hungry.

Single Serving PB & Jelly

Canned Soup (Pop top lids)

Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)

Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)

Peanut Butter Crackers

Individual Cereals

Granola Bars

Oatmeal Packages

Small Bag Chips

Small Bag Pretzels

Fruit Cups

Jello Cups

Compassionate Care Meeting is Oct. 5 at 10:30 AM

Joan Whitman, Team Leader | 440-320-8923 | rwhitman1@oh.rr.com

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month in the Fireside Room at 10:30 AM. Joan Whitman is the Team Leader. If you have any questions regarding Compassionate Care, or would like to join our group please contact Joan. We would love to have you join us as we minister to those in our church that need care.

Are you in need of Prayer?

Call Joan Whitman, contact person for the Prayer Team at 440-320-8923

Please call Joan if you would like to be added or removed from **THE KEY** prayer list shown below. Also, if you want to keep your prayer request confidential, we can also add your name to the list for our Prayer Team.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Karin Andy
Lois Barnes
Roger Becker
Richard Berry
Joyce Darakis
Tudy Diaz
Valentino Dziak

Don Flock
Jim Koler
Jean Marsh
Richard McCurdy
Tom McKinley
Bev Mischka
Glenn Miskov

Audrey Montgomery
Darlene Mudrich
Carol Murphy
June Nau & Family
Rich Orseno
Kaye Oswald & Family
Serita Reyes

Sharon
Janet Siron
Sue Smith
Sherry Spratt
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