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## The Sentinel

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July Calendar

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SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

### WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL Cancelled - WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

### **Wednesday Night Schedule**

Adult and Youth Bell Choir No practice Sanctuary Choir No practice Children's Zoom Session 7:00 P.M.

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### **Questions About Praver**



The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. - James 5:16

Why do we need to pray? - It is important to ask God for what we want or need. There is no record of Jesus healing people who never came to him or had others make requests on their behalf. Prayer is an expression of our trust in God. Through it, we place our hands in God's hand and create an environment in which the power of God can be received. Where faith was absent, even Jesus couldn't do miracles (Mark 6:4-6),

What if I don't know what to pray for? - Some situations in life are confusing and we are not sure how to pray. What should we ask concerning the person who hurts or upsets us? Should we pray for healing for an elderly person or ask that they may pass peacefully into the life to come? That we pray is more important than exactly what we pray. Romans 8:26 promises that the Holy Spirit prays for us when we do not know what to pray for. It is always all right to tell God the desires of our heart, even if we are asking for something that cannot or will not be granted. In the garden, Jesus knew the cross lay unalterably before him and yet he asked God to spare him from his passion.

When prayers aren't answered, what went wrong? - We are all used to the disappointment and frustration a vending machine causes when we put in our money and our pretzels fail to drop. It can feel like that when we don't get what we ask for in prayer. Sometimes, we pray like little children, asking for something that is not good for us. At other times God may have a better plan. Paul prayed three times for the "thorn in his flesh" to be removed. His request was not granted. Instead, he was told, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

I have seen prayers answered in wonderful, even miraculous ways. I have also seen them appear to go unanswered, seemingly unheard. I have joined, the psalmist in asking God, "Why do you hide yourself in time of trouble?" It is important to remember that we live in a broken world. Bad things happen that are against God's will. We are all mortal. Sooner or later, everyone in this world dies. So, it is important to remember that the answer to some prayers has already been given: Christ's promise of life eternal.

Asking Is just the beginning - Just as little children begin asking and even demanding things of their parents, for most people prayer starts with making requests of God through prayers of petition and intercession. As we mature in our relationship with God our life of prayer deepens and extends beyond "making all our wants and wishes known." More on that later!

Your partner in Christ's work, Pastor David

## July...Our Summer Month Of Celebrating Our Independence



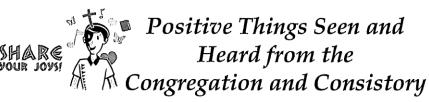
Independence Day is a national holiday marked by patriotic displays and activities. Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a picnic or barbecue; many take advantage of the day off and, in some years, a long weekend to gather with relatives or friends. Decorations and clothing are generally colored red, white, and blue, the colors of the American flag. Parades are often held in the morning, before family get-togethers, while fireworks displays occur in the evening after dark at such places as parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.

Last year, we were not able to celebrate Independence Day as we usually would. We were "stuck at home", not able to be with extended family and friends, feeling bummed-out that local fireworks displays had been cancelled. Nothing seemed like it should be for the Fourth of July! Well, this year is bringing *some* changes...notice I said some. We are still being cautious, wearing masks, distancing ourselves, and practicing good hand hygiene. But, you know what...at least we are here, and are able to enjoy some of the fun Summer activities we have been used to doing over the years.

Most of you have probably heard Lee Greenwood sing "God Bless the USA" at one time or another on the radio, on a YouTube video, or Facebook posting. The words in the song, "I am proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free", feel so fitting when we celebrate July Fourth. And the words, "I won't forget the men who died, who gave that life to me", make me think not only about our military heroes, but also our Christian faith.

Just as we are enjoying the freedom of living in the USA, we can also enjoy the freedom of our hearts being cleansed by the forgiveness of our sins. When we look at Fourth of July symbols, we see the flags flying. We can look at the symbol of our Christian faith by merely looking to the cross. God blessed us with his only Son, Jesus, and through His death on the cross, we can truly be free, just by asking Jesus to come into our heart.

Happy Fourth, and enjoy your time celebrating! Christine Rettig, President of Consistory Page 4 - The Sentinel - July 2021



Thankful that the microphone situation was much better for the folks in the parking lot on Sunday.

Commend the CEB for everything they are doing to keep the children engaged.

Many thanks to Ron and Jeri Hoellrich for the meal for the Confirmation banquet and to Chris and Lucy Coppes for the congregational meal on Confirmation Sunday.

Thanks to Shawn Elberle for mowing the church and parsonage..

Thanks to the Deacons for their parking lot duty.

Thanks to Griffin Tanner for helping in the Peace Garden.

Thankful for the beautiful flowers in the flower box.

Enjoyed Lucy Coppes for her insight and presentation on June 13.

Thanks to St John's for the cards of remembrance for those who have passed.

Glad to be singing again in the sanctuary



VanCrest of Holgate Worship Service

Due to restrictions the Worship Service is resuming with limited number of participants



### CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

June 14, 2021

Motion made to appoint Lucy Coppes as St. John's representative to Heartland Conference meeting.

Motion to allow the work study students to come to St John's to work with our custodian.

Motion to affirm the search team members as selected by Consistory.

Motion to offer to the congregation the ability to donate to Zach Waisner's medical care through the church.

Motion to transfer the money left in the Round Table Project Fund to the Funeral Dinner Fund thus closing the Round Table Fund.

Motion to accept Christopher Clady's volunteering to take down the platform.

Motion to move \$1,198.74 from Major Maintenance to Operating Fund to pay for the repair to refrigerator in the kitchen.

Approved recommendation from Spiritual Council to start a class of three for Confirmation this Fall and a class of five plus to start Fall of 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge

Our worship service will be available on Facebook Live. **You do not need a Facebook account to view this.** Go to the St. John's UCC Facebook page at <u>Facebook.</u> This allows those who wish to worship from home to join with others virtually at 9:30 am on Sundays. The service is also recorded, so you can watch it at your convenience.

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### **Spiritual Council**

## Meeting Excerpts June 8, 2021

Present: Pastor, David Orr Communion: Betty (Bob) Rettig (2022)

Head Elder: Betty (Don) Rettig (2022)

Visitation: Maggie Prigge (2024) Scribe: Pam Desgranges (2023) Membership: Rick Fruth (2023) Confirmation: Kevin Waisner (2024)

Our meeting began with Pastor Orr leading us in prayer. Then Franell Nelson joined the meeting to discuss the Confirmation Class recommendations for the next year. Recommendations will be submitted to Consistory for their approval.

Congregational concerns were discussed. The microphone issues that we have been experiencing may be resolved soon. Pastor Orr gave his report and his vacation requests have been approved by Spiritual Council. Thank you to the Worship and Music Team for securing pulpit replacement in Pastor's absence. We will need to increase our music licensing to include streaming to allow us to stream music we might want to use in worship legally.

Marilyn Rayle's memorial service will be June 26 and Ralph Zimmerman, Jr. memorial service will be July 31. We have a membership request from Janet Hoff Scheele to return to St. John's. Spiritual Council voted to accept Janet's request, either by letter of transfer or affirmation of her Baptism, depending on whether St. Paul's will send a transfer. Pastor Orr also reported future weddings on the 2022 and 2023 schedule. Randy and Marsha Lambert will be moving to Massilon, Ohio where with Haley and her family live so we will be in need of replacements for Communion Stewards. We will contact Elders to see if anyone is interested in assuming these duties

There have been some reopening concerns. At this time we are encouraging mask wearing due to the fact that the younger folks are having a spike in cases and our team has encouraged us to continue to wear our masks.

At this time, we have Search Team recommendations for Consistory approval.

**Upcoming Communion Dates:** July 4, August 1, September 12-Rally Day, October 3-World Communion, November 7-All Saints/Totenfest, December 5, and December 24-Christmas Eve.

Meeting closed with Prayer. - Next Meeting is July 6, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Pam Desgranges, Scribe



### **DEACONS' BENCH**

June 13, 2021 Lori Clady, Scribe

Head Deacon - Christopher called the meeting to order.

Rick Desgranges made the motion to accept the May minutes, Christine Rettig seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deacon schedule for July was filled.

No need to dismiss congregation at the end of service.

Repairs in the kitchen to be addressed with the Trustees.

Technology meeting for updates needed for online services.

Need Sunday School teachers for this Fall.

Lori Clady made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeri Hoellrich seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: July 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### AMELIA EVELYN RETTIG May 27, 2021

Parents: Nicholas and Aspen Rettig Grandparents: Rob and Brenda Rettig

Great Grandparents: Roland and Janice Rettig





Parents: Tim and Brooke Eberly Grandparents: Dee and Greg Pepple,

Larry Eberly,

Craig Anderson, Melanie Anderson

**Great Grandparents:** May Kay and the late John Altman, Cindy and Gary Anderson,

Brenda and Bill Haglawetz

### KAELEN SHANE ROBERTS June 10, 2021

Parents: Gabe and Alexia Roberts

Great Grandparents: Richard and Janet Stoner

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From the Pulpit...
Worship Services 9:30 a.m.



### July 4 - Communion

Mark 6:1-13

Receiving the Word with Faith

We open ourselves to the power of God among
us when we trust Jesus.

### July 11

The Search and Call Process

Betty Rettig will give an update on the pastoral search process with a time for questions and answers.

### July 18

Guest Speaker: Tim Shiarla

### July 25

John 6:1-21 Multiplied by Faith

With faith little is more than enough.



### JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
July 4			Christine Rettig Jeri Hellrich
	No Ushers In July	No Acolytes In July	
July 11			Christopher Clady Lori Clady
July 18			Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich
July 25			Rick Desgranges Pat Kirk



# FROM THE SHALOM FOOD PANTRY

### FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - May 2021

#### INCOME

St. John's UCC April Giving		\$ 583.00
Memorials		120.00
Hope Lutheran Church		150.00
Pleasant Bend UMC		90.00
Individual Donation		100.00
	Total	\$ 1,043.00

Submitted by Norma Nagel



Remember Those Who Are Ill, Undergoing Treatment, In Grief, Or Are Recovering With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

### Within the Fellowship:

Please hold the following persons in your daily prayers...

William Behnfeldt (Brother-in-law of Peg and Caig Franz) throat cancer

Julie Rees, beginning new chemo regimen

Zach Waisner (Tim and Amy's son), recovering at home from stem cell transplant before returning to Cleveland for another month of treatment

Dona Sonnenberg recovering from a broken hip

Please pray for our **members and others who are isolated at home or in care facilities**. They would welcome a phone call or card.

Prayers for church members who are working with or near COVID-19 patients and all healthcare workers

Those who are anticipating procedures, testing, and/or test results, or recovering from procedures

- Let us pray for those of St. John's Faith Family who are dealing with health issues or other changes in their lives.
- · Let us pray for the church and its leaders and people.
- Let us pray for our service men and women and their families.



## Kids Corner 🥢





## **JULY**

7 - 8	Ezra Medina
7 - 10	Ethan Saneholtz
7 - 11	Riley Miller
7 - 15	Annissah Franz
7 - 20	Zoe Lulfs



## Kids Corner



#### SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of inside activity in the church we will not have Vacation Bible School this summer. Instead, the Christian Ed. Board will host one outside event each month for the whole family. This is what we have planned for you:

- July 18 Family Noah Jeopardy, playground games for all and maybe a special surprise. Lunch is pizza, fruit and cookies
- August 22 Noah scavenger hunt, kickball game for big kids and little kids, lunch menu is Sub sandwiches and "make your own" ice cream sundaes.

Events will begin right after 9:30 worship and activities should wrap up around 12:15 p.m, plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the afternoon.

**Sign up sheets will be available** or call the church so we know how many to plan for. Notices will come out each month. Hope to see you there!



### Remember With Prayers, Cards and Visits Those Not Always With Us Especially For Services

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2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

ACTUAL YTD

MAY 2021 CTUAL

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY REPORT

### **NURSING HOMES**

INDIAN MEADOWS NURSING HOME, 303 West Leggett, Wauseon, OH 43567 Thelma Breese

LOGAN ACRES CARE CENTER, 2739 County Road 91, Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Janet Bichan

THE LUTHERAN HOME, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545 Sue Mohr - #116A

NORTHCREST, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, OH 43545

Don Huber - #107

**SKLD,** 28546 Starbright Blvd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 **Betty Yaichner** 

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

**GEORGETOWN PLACE,** Apt. 226, 1717 Maplecrest Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46815 *Ken Rayle* 

VANCREST NURSING HOME, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527

Marlene Rettig - #33

### HOME - Send a greeting to these folks or drop by and visit!

Peggy Franz	15396 St. Rt. 281	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Herbert Fruth	13567 Co Rd. H	Holgate, Ohio 43567
Shirley Huber	E251 St. Rt 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Jim and Sue Waisner	1542 St. Rt. 108	Holgate, Ohio 43567
Bernard Zimmer	1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37	Napoleon, Ohio 43545

ST JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary Fund: GENERAL FUND

Accounts			
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$17,992.51	\$77,218.96	\$211,835.69
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$2,376.49	\$14,479.30	\$39,000.00
Total MINISTRIES	(\$452.33)	\$1,571.67	\$7,800.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$2,687.50	\$6,950.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$7,600.67	\$28,308.10	\$64,565.51
Total PASTORIAL	\$8,510.84	\$36,384.94	\$93,520.18
Total EXPENSES	\$18,573.17	\$83,431.51	\$211,835.69
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Net Total (\$580.66)	Operating Checking Account Balance as of 5/31/2021

Mission Giving: SHALOM
Strengthen the Church \$ 746.00

some of the funds from the Payroll Protection Loan for COVID19

expenes and will contine to do so as expenses arise.



### **ZACH WAISNER SUPPORT**

Zach Waisner has been in our prayer concerns as he is undergoing treatment for cancer. Zach recently had a stem cell transplant, and came home for five weeks of respite. During this time, he is resting to allow his body to prepare for another month of treatment in July.

Zach has incurred medical expenses, travel and lodging expenses, providing for the needs of his daughter, in addition to normal day-to-day expenses of life in general.

Members have asked, "how can we donate money to help Zach and his daughter during this time of his treatment?" Consistory has approved to allow donations to be given through the church for those who are interested in contributing to provide for Zach's ongoing expenses. The money donated will then be forwarded to Zach to assist him with his expenses.

If you would like to make a contribution in support of Zach Waisner, you can give through your regular giving envelope. Mark on the front where is says "Other" and indicate the donation to Zach Waisner. If you write a check, please make the check payable to St. John's UCC, and indicate on the memo line, Zach Waisner support. If you wish to have an acknowledgment of your contribution, indicate that when you make your donation. We will also have envelopes available in the gathering area for those who wish to make a contribution, but may not have a giving envelope.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support of Zach Waisner and his daughter as they go through this difficult time in their lives.



There are some important projects around the church that need to be tackled in the next few months. If you are willing to help with one or more of the projects, please contact Greg Nelson, Doug Rettig or the church office.

You are also invited to join the Trustees on July 18 as they talk about these and other upcoming projects.

Skill in the building trades is appreciated but a willingness to help is the most important skill.



### Mission and Stewardship



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING JULY MISSION

Whoa, is it July already? Whoever said <u>time</u> flies surely was not joking. Time: it is kind of unique concept. There are so many ways <u>time</u> is measured: seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years. And yet, do we really even know what <u>time</u> is? Ok, ok, I may be getting a bit off topic, but I want to focus on an hour. Yeah, now you're probably thinking, "An hour? I could get this done, that done--maybe watch an episode or two of a show or sports broadcast, and boy--hopefully it doesn't take an hour to read this article."

No, no trust me: I only ask for a few minutes of your time.

The July mission for the month is One Great Hour of Sharing. What role does time play in the OGHS mission? Well, a brief history of OGHS tells us that practically 75 years ago, right after World War II, was its origin. The goal: to raise relief and reconstruction funds of one million dollars per year. The how: challenge on radio nationwide to raise "one million dollars in one hour" by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Henry Knox Sherrill. One hour, sixty minutes, thirty-six hundred seconds, that's it. To raise one million dollars nationwide. But the one-hour campaign had a much greater role than just fundraising. This was the proving grounds of Christian unity from all over, and just what great power that has when a common cause is presented. I can say for certainty that the challenge was accepted head on with almost \$3.8 million collected in 3 years.

As <u>time</u> moved forward into the 50's, the OGHS mission did change names a few times. Between "One Great Time of Sharing" and then back to "One Great Hour of Sharing". Just like the mission name change, denominations changed too. Between merging and changing, OGHS has seen eight to twenty-nine communions, and currently there are nine denominations part of the committee. One thing that did not change was that the challenge continued to be accepted year after year with no lack of support.

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## Mission and Stewardship



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING JULY MISSION

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Even though <u>time</u> has changed, along with some denominations, the ultimate goal and purpose of OGHS has not. Opening our hearts and sharing our gifts with those in need. What we may have in plenty others may not or may have lost. The special OGHS mission helps in refugee assistance, development aid and disaster relief, near and far. Today, the mission is more locally announced inside church than broadcast over the radio waves it once was. <u>Time</u> may have changed the ways Christians communicate and share their gifts, but the power of Christian unity has not. Here at St. Johns UCC, when we see a <u>time</u> of need, our outpouring of love and support is never ending.

I will close with Ecclesiastes 3:11 "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

So, why is <u>time</u> underlined throughout the article, you may be wondering? To make a clear point on "Hour" in the mission focus? Well, no not exactly. <u>Time</u>, in this case is not making an hour strictly the point. "One Great Hour of Sharing" is the unity of Christians, past, present, and future, sharing their gifts and, not just your time or my time, but God's time as <u>ONE!</u>

## Thank You

Thank You to Pastor Orr and the St. John's Faith Family for your prayers, cards, and support during my surgeries and recovery and up coming treatments.

God Bless You All Pat Kirk Page 16 - The Sentinel - July 2021





"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Birthdays

### **Shirley Tobias**

will celebrate her 81st Birthday on July 4

10011Co. Rd. Y Hamler, OH 43524

### **Sharon Hoff**

will celebrate her 87th Birthday on July 9

489 Independence Dr. Apt. 4 Napoleon , OH 43545

### **Charlotte Rettia**

will celebrate her 82nd Birthday on July 13

316 S. Wilhelm St Holgate, OH 43527

### **Clifford Raines**

will celebrate her 93rd Birthday on July 18

4741 73rd St. LaMesa, CA 91942

### Jim Waisner

will celebrate his 82nd Birthday on July 27

61542 St. Rd. 108 Holgate, OH 43527



"Senior Saints" Their 50+ Anniversaries

#### Junior and Minnie Hoff

will celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary on July 6

895 Kenilworth Ave. Napoleon, OH 43545

### **Ron and Carol Lulfs**

will celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on July 18

> 11862 Co. Rd. J Napoleon, OH 43545



## Celebrate Noah Family Gathering Sunday, July 18

Kids, moms, dads, grands, families in any shape or form are invited to our next "Noah" gathering on Sunday, July 18 right after worship.

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall and see how much we remember about Noah in a friendly game of "Noah Jeopardy".

Then we'll enjoy pizza for lunch. The rest of our time together will be playing outside games.

**Sign up sheet is in the Narthex** - please sign up so we know how much food we need.

Christian Education Board

**ATTENTION:** Past and present military families, or if you know of someone who has been in the military from St. John's United Church of Christ, we need your help. We have a list of those who served in the military in World War II and before. We would like to try to find out who has or is currently serving our country since then. We would like their name, branch of service, and years served and a contact person if we need more information. Please send or e-mail the information to the church.



### **Highlights**

May 16, 2021 Submitted By Caryn Lulfs

- Thank you to our families who participated in the "Celebrate Noah" contest. The Kobilis Family came in first, winning the Toledo Zoo pass. Griffin Tanner and Mason Franz were second and third respectively, winning certificates from Johnsons' Ice Cream.
- 34 adults and kids attended the June 13 Celebrate Noah Family Gathering. The kids got to ask questions about Noah, ark and animals. We enjoyed lunch and hammered together boats. Our next family gathering is July 18.
- Sunday school materials (Celebrate Wonder) will be ordered soon. There will be three classes: Nursery-Kindergarten, Grades 1-4 and 5/6. Teachers are needed. Safe church training will be held in August.
- Blessing of the Backpacks will be during worship August 22.
- Board members will get the rooms in order after the August 22 Noah event.
- Next meeting is July 18.

Franell Nelson, acting scribe

### Sunday School Teachers Are Needed!!

It will be good to hear the sound of little voices in the Sunday School wing this Fall. We plan to have a Nursery-Kindergarten class and combined classes for grades 1-4 and 5-6.

We need teachers. Please see a Board member or contact the office to volunteer to teach or help, even if it's one Sunday a month. All materials you need are provided. It's an opportunity to make a difference in our children's lives by teaching them about our faith.



## JULY

7-1	Steve Thomas	7-13	Amanda Rettig
7-1	Michael Haldy	7-13	Charlotte Rettig
7-2	Frank Wetmore	7-13	Robert Rettig
7-4	Shirley Tobias	7-13	Cheryl Woodring
7-4	Karen Brown	7-16	Chris Morgan
7-5	Sue Abshire	7-18	Kirk Zimmerman
7-5	Mike Plotts	7-18	Clifford Raines
7-6	Kristen Anderson	7-20	Kortney Hahn
7-7	Heather Cutlip	7-20	Jen Rettig
7-7	Ryan Fruth	7-22	Rachel Desgranges
7-8	Sara Bortz	7-27	Jim Waisner
7-9	Sharon Hoff	7-27	Daniel Shank
7-10	Pastor David Orr	7-29	Linda Rettig
7-10	Jared Clady	7-30	Joan Waisner
7-10	Lucy Coppes	7-30	Dennis Wetmore
7-12	Kevin Vajen	7-30	John Eberle
7-12	Tom Eberle		

This is the list of birthdays that are recorded in the church office. If we have missed anyone, please contact the office so we can add his or her name to our list.

If anyone, for personal reasons, does not want his or her name and birthday listed, please contact the church office and make your wishes known.

(See the Kids Corner pages for the children and youth birthdays.)



## PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Contact the Prayer Chain if you have any needs.
This Prayer Chain has been updated; they will faithfully pray for you. Contact one of the following persons:
Betty (Don) R. at 419-264-4321 Kay A. at 419-592-0589
Church Office at 419-264-4401

### PLAN AHEAD FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

See Calendar on Inside Mailing Cover

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for news articles to appear in the AUGUST Newsletter is Sunday, July 18, 2021

Please leave your article in the folder in the wall file on the South wall (Directly across from the door) of the church office marked

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** 



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