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WELCOME BACK!! WE'VE MISSED YOU!!

BIG NEWS!!! We will be having in-person worship on Sunday July 5th. This will be Pastor Grace's first Sunday here and we hope that you will come join us and make her feel as welcome as you can while social distancing. If you don't feel comfortable coming out, Facebook Live will also be resuming! You will be able to watch it next day on our website. Please take a few minutes and read what you need to know to join us at in-person worship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO JOIN US AT IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- Please enter through the wooden doors on either the north or south side of the building. All other doors will be locked.
- Greeters will be at the doors to open them for you and instruct you where to sit.
- Masks are appreciated. There will be masks available if you need one.
- Bulletins will be placed on the table for you to take as you enter the sanctuary. There will also be offering plates on the table for you to leave your donation either before or after the service.
- Service will start at 9:30 am.
- We will have communion on July 5th. This will be done at the altar at the front of the church. Juice and bread will be placed in individual cups and you will be asked to serve yourself.
- Once service is over, the ushers will dismiss you. Please wait patiently for them.
- Please use the handicap or the men's/women's restrooms down the west hall by the office ONLY. There will be Lysol spray in each restroom, it would be appreciated to spray down surfaces after you have washed your hands.
- There will be **no** coffee available. You may bring your own if you so choose.
- Facebook Live will resume!
- If you are not feeling well, or have been with someone who has been ill, please stay home and join us online.



WELCOME PASTOR GRACE!! She comes to us from Glen Elder & Cawker City UMC in Kansas. She is originally from Kenya Africa and has been in the United States for the last 20 years. She is widowed and the mother of 2 sons, Amos age 25 and Jesse age 23. She attended Asbury Seminary as well as Kenya Methodist University, St. Paul's University-Kenya, and University of Kentucky Hospital. She has a passion for Pastoral care, and enjoys crafting sermons and preaching. We truly hope that her time here will be fulfilling for all of us.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1— Kevin Lunkwitz, Pat Ambler
- 2— Kendra Humphrey
- 7— Lindsey Tederman, Shane Houchin, Ross Ostergard
- 11— Addison Bartels, Micha Edson
- 14— Anne Anderson
- 17— Kayla Weyers, Paul Peterson
- 18— Gracie Stienike, Phil Kuhlman
- 19— Becky Boson, Bella Sabin
- 21— Alexandra Abramson, Christian Houchin, Shannon Peterson
- 22— Wendy Bartels
- 23— Devyn Ostendorf
- 24— Gary Garner
- 25— Carmen Ackerman
- 28— Janet Kranau
- 30— Jack Loostrom
- 31— Tasha Kruse



THANKSGIVING IN AUGUST

It is with heavy hearts and with much prayer and consideration that we have decided to cancel our Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Without being able to see into the future, and not knowing what the Directed Health Measures will be at that time, we feel that this is the best decision for this year. However, monetary donations will still be accepted for this outreach project. If enough money is collected we will still distribute food boxes for Thanksgiving. Covid-19 has put a financial strain on folks and there will still be a need in our community. If you would like to donate to this mission, please put "Thanksgiving" on the memo line or your preferred donation method. We will be back better than ever and ready for 2021!!





HUGE thanks for all of the work that went into getting the parsonage “move-in ready” for Grace’s arrival! These folks spent many long and hot hours ripping up carpet, scrubbing floors, painting, hanging curtains, and overall making the place shine!! It takes a team and this was definitely an All Star bunch: Page & Karen Peterson, Evan Peterson, Devin & Jami Brundage, Matt & Shannon Sell, Kevin & Jodi Hinds, Robin & Lynnette Stevens, Randy & Amber Burge, Todd Larson, Anne Anderson, Karla Bartruff, and also to Dennis & Carol VanOverbeke for supplying refreshments to keep everyone hydrated!! **THANK YOU!!!!**

“Say, Pooh, why aren’t *you* busy?” I said.
“Because it’s a nice day,” said Pooh.
“Yes, but___”
“Why ruin it?” he said.
“But you could be doing something important,” I said.
“I am,” said Pooh.
“Oh? Doing what?”
“Listening,” he said.
“Listening to what?”
“To the birds. And that squirrel over there.”
“What are they saying?” I asked.
“That it’s a nice day,” said Pooh.
“But you know that already,” I said.
“Yes, but it’s always good to hear that somebody else thinks so, too,” he replied.



****Note**** This is an F.Y.I for anyone who will be needing ice for any reason at the church. Our ice machine has finally reached the point of not being able to be repaired. We have priced a new one for \$3500. Hopefully we can purchase a new one in the future, but for now, you will have to purchase ice and bring it to the church if needed. Thank you and we apologize for the inconvenience.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CR is now meeting each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. They have also added a Zoom option if you don’t feel comfortable or cant’ attend in person. If you need more information of have questions please contact Kevin or Jodi Hinds.

The Beat

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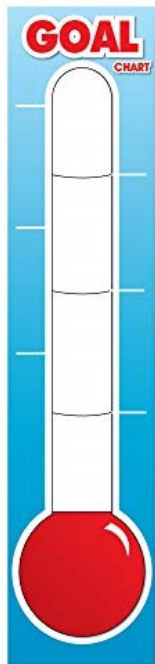


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FUNDS FOR A FURNACE

Fundraising is still ongoing to help cover the cost of a new compressor and other repairs for the unit that supplies our fellowship hall with climate control. Our goal is to raise \$9,999 which will cover the cost of the new compressor and then give us some “left over” to save for a new unit...because that is coming!! These units are old and in need of attention, so if you want to donate to the cause, please mark “furnace” on the memo line of your preferred donation method and help us raise the temperature on the thermometer and track the progress in the Narthex!! If you have any questions about this please contact any member of the Trustees.



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“The Greatest gift you can give someone is your time.”

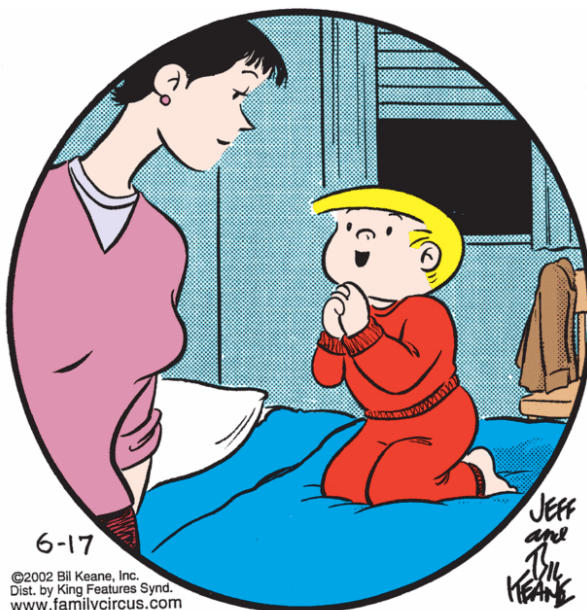
Learning Adventures Learning Center is looking to have people who are willing to interact with the kids at the center occasionally. In the past, our members have read books, done music time, and things of that nature. The kids really enjoyed that time and have been asking to get back into those activities. We are aware that for some, navigating the stairs can be an issue. The fellowship hall can be used if needed.

Thank you!!

Thank you for your **faith** in our Church, your prayers, generosity, and presence during the Covid-19 shutdown has been **such** an **INCREDIBLE BLESSING** and we are extremely grateful!

In Memoriam

Gerald “Jerry” Jobman
August 25, 1938– June 26, 2020



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“Sayin’ ‘Amen’ is like pressing the ‘SEND’ button for your prayers.”