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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT – SEARCH TEAM  
NEEDS YOUR INPUT – PLEASE RETURN  
ENCLOSED SURVEY BY AUGUST 8**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AUGUST 22**

Kids and Teachers – bring your backpacks for a special blessing as school begins



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 St. John's United Church of Christ  
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**AUGUST 2021**

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

Betty (Bob) Rettig, Admin. Asst.  
 Fax: (419) 264-1460

**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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**Growing In Prayer**



*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
 - Colossians 4:2-3

Last month I wrote about some of the basics of prayer. I focused mainly on the requests we make of God. We seek God's help for ourselves and others in prayers of petition and intercession. Now let's consider the four types of prayer which we might practice as we grow and mature spiritually.

**Transactional Prayer** - Like children asking for things from their parents, our life of prayer is initially focused on what we need for our survival, health, and wellbeing. We pray, "Please let me find a job." We ask for healing and help. We reach out to God with all kinds of needs and turn to God whenever we are in crisis. "O God, help me pass this test," or "Please don't let my mother find out..."

These "please and thank you" prayers are the natural starting point in our relationship with God. But, just as children grow, our relationship with God deepens as we mature and the scope of our prayer broadens.

**Conversational Prayer** - Recently our youngest grandson has started spontaneously telling people he loves them. One "I love you grandpa!" is enough to brighten my whole day. As we mature in prayer, we begin to tell God things. "I have had a terrible day." "That was a beautiful sunrise." "I love you, Lord!"

Like growing children, we also begin to ask questions. "Why did that happen?" "How can I go on?" "What do you want me to do?" God answers these prayers, sometimes in things we hear in our spirits or in our hearts, often in the words of others or the unfolding circumstances of life. In talking with God, our relationship deepens.

**Listening Prayer** - People who have been together for a long time develop a sensitivity to each other. They are attentive to thoughts, even before they are spoken. As we grow in our life of prayer, it becomes important to take time regularly just to listen to God. Just as Eli advised young Samuel, we need to listen for the word God has for us, not in response to our need or question but out of the blue. "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening,"

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**Growing In Prayer**



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**Abiding in the Presence of God** - In a deep, mature, and loving relationship, sometimes the need for words just falls away. Without a lot of conversation, we find joy and peace just being together. As we reach maturity in our life of prayer, we find that the thing that really matters is just being in God's presence. As you grow in your life of prayer, be sure to take time just to be with God, mindful of God's holy presence in every moment of your life.

Of course, these types of prayer are not exclusive. We may be abiding in God's presence at one moment and asking urgently for God's help the next. But take care that you don't get stuck in one mode of prayer, constantly asking for things, and missing out on a deepening life with God.

Your partner in Christ's work,  
 Pastor David

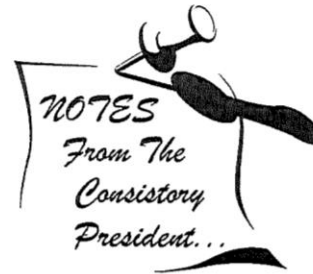
**Amelia Sue Waisner**  
 July 13, 3021



**Parents:** Denton and Wendy Waisner  
**Grandparents:** Kevin and Beth Waisner  
 Kurt and Teresa Wilhelm  
 Mark and Mary Ann Kidd  
**Great Grandparents:** Jim and Sue Waisner  
 Don and Suzi Slight

**Save the Date**

- August 1** – Safe Church Training – call office to RSVP
- September 12** – Ice Cream Social after worship
- September 26** – Safe Church Training – call office to RSVP
- December 3** from 4:30-7 p.m. – Reception for Pastor and Sharon Orr Retirement



**AUGUST**  
**A COUNTY FAIR**

The months in 2021, seem to have flown by, and here we are in August, already! When you think of August in Henry County, most folks will immediately think about the upcoming county fair.

A county fair is a wonderful time for so many reasons...the 4-H members show visitors to the fair the results of their hard work with various projects, such as sewing, cooking, growing produce or commodity crops, and the myriad of other opportunities 4-H provides. The FFA members show their results of working with metal and wood to make items for the shop and home or their crops that they have grown. And we can't forget all the talented residents of the county who bring their baked goods, jellies, garden vegetables, and flowers for us to see.

A county fair is a great place where folks, who don't get to see each other regularly, get an opportunity to sit a spell on a bench in a gazebo and chat about their lives over the past year. The fair allows kids to have fun with amusement rides, eating "fair food", and seeing and petting animals that they see in the barns.

And of course...the milk shake stand, the pork stand, and the beef stand! The dairy, pork and beef producers in Henry County work hard throughout the year milking cows, feeding out market animals, and all the chores that go with being in milk and meat production. Their hard work throughout the year is certainly appreciated as it seems there is always a line of folks waiting to support them at their stands.

What a blessing it is that we have this time to celebrate agriculture here in Henry County. Our church is often referred in a joking manner as sitting at the corner of "corn field and wheat field". Well, that corn and wheat that grows here supplies food to America and throughout the world. When we sit at our table, we bless our food and those who have prepared it. How about blessing everyone who provides the nourishment we need everyday? Let's all be thankful to be a part of an agricultural county!

I have a prayer that I would like to share with you, but I ask that rather than just reading it, please sing it! (to the tune of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".)

Bless the food provided for us, bless our family, home and friends,  
 What a privilege to thank Thee, for Thy grace that never ends.

Christine Rettig, President of Consistory





## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

July 12, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes from June.

Motion to let the congregation know the needs of Crossroad allowing the Congregation to bring in items and/or make a monetary donation. Crossroad Children and Family Services is our mission in August.

Motion to accept financial reports pending audit.

Safe Church Classes will be held on 1 Aug and 26 September after services and are required for all teachers and other leaders including Consistory.

Rally Day with Ice Cream Social to follow on 12 September.

Motion to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge*

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**Please use your best judgment protecting yourself and others when out in public as well as when coming into and leaving church. There has been a recent upsurge in COVID cases in the Napoleon and Defiance zip codes.**

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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 [Facebook](#). This allows those who wish to worship from home to join with others virtually at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. The service is also recorded, so you can watch it at your convenience.



## DEACONS' BENCH

July 11, 2021  
Lori Clady, Scribe

Head Deacon – Christopher called the meeting to order.

Christine Rettig made a motion to accept the June minutes.

Pat Kirk seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Deacon schedule for August was filled.

C.E. Board event for July 18 for children and parents was discussed.

Still in need of Sunday School teachers for this Fall.

**Technology Team** met. Additional wifi access points to be installed. New equipment being discussed.

**Mission and Stewardship** - Asking Crossroad for a needs list for donations from our church members.

Pat Kirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jeri Hoellrich seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting:** August 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Safe Church Training is a required training to assure we are protecting the children and youth of our church as well as the adults working with the young people. Due to COVID restrictions last year, no training was held. It is required every two years. All church leadership staff and folks who work with children and youth in our church, in any capacity, are required to attend.

The training, led by Amanda Rettig, will occur on **Sunday, August 1, and Sunday, September 26**, immediately after worship. You will only need to attend one of the training sessions. We ask that you notify the office which date works best for you so that adequate materials and space will be available. Please notify Betty (Bob) Rettig of the date you select to attend. She can be reached through the church office at 419-264-4401 or by email [holgateucc@metalink.net](mailto:holgateucc@metalink.net).





*Mission and  
Stewardship*



**CROSSROAD**

**AUGUST MISSION**

## Crossroad Christmas in August!

Our mission focus for August is Crossroad, so mission donations during the month will go to support the work of Crossroad. In addition, we will be privileged to have a speaker from Crossroad share in the message for Sunday, August, 15.

The Worship and Music Team requested and Consistory has supported a project to help Crossroad provide items that are especially needed for the children and young adults served by Crossroad. The Mission and Stewardship Team is assisting in coordinating this project.

To support Christmas in August, there will be a box in the gathering area from August 1 - 15, where donations may be placed. The items will then be sent to Crossroad when the speaker is with us on August 15. The items on this list are their most pressing needs.

### **Crossroad Wish List:**

- **Writing Journals** (these are small notebooks that can be used for writing thoughts), they would like them to be appropriate for any gender
- **Underwear** (Men's/Women's S/M/L/XL)
- **Socks** (Men's/Women's S/M/L/XL)
- **MP3 Players** (Used for therapeutic assistance to relieve stress and calm anxiety. We request that all MP3 players include AM/FM radio capabilities, please.)
- **Joggers** (Men's/Women's S/M/L/XL)

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



### **August 1 - Communion and Baptism**

John 6:24-35

*The Bread of Life*

When we receive Christ's bread in Holy Communion, we reorder the priorities of our lives.

### **August 8**

John 6:35, 41-51

*Hearing and Learning*

When we are attentive to the word of God and learn from Christ, we will find life.

### **August 15**

*Guest Speaker:* Liz Bergren,  
Development Director, Crossroad Child  
and Family Services

### **August 22 - Blessing of the Backpacks Confirmation Bible Presentation**

Ephesians 6:10-20

*Well Equipped*

As children are prepared for school,  
Christians need to be prepared for the life of faith.

### **August 29**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Pollution Control*

Humans focus on the appearance of purity  
while God is concerned with purity of the heart.

## AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Aug. 1			John Hahn Amanda Rettig
	No Ushers In August	No Acolytes In August	
Aug. 8			Amanda Rettig Christine Rettig
Aug. 15			Christopher Clady Lori Clady
Aug. 22			Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich
Aug. 29			Rick Desgranges Pat Kirk



FROM  
THE SHALOM  
FOOD PANTRY

### FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - June 2021

#### INCOME

St. John's UCC May Giving	\$ 746.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	65.00
Individual Donation	100.00
Chief Receipts	<u>252.72</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,163.72</b>

*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...**

**Zach Waisner** (Tim and Amy's son) recovering at Cleveland Clinic following a second stem cell infusion

**Dona Sonnenberg** recovering at the Lutheran Home from a broken hip

**Devon Abshire** (son of Donna Abshire and grandson of Earl and Marilyn) recovering from back surgery

**George Medina** heart procedure in Ann Arbor

**Marlene Rettig** recovering at Vancrest after brief hospitalization

**Izzy Leininger** 4 year old who will be having bladder surgery at Cleveland Clinic on August 3

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.

### **Sympathies to:**

**The family of Charla Jean Brentlinger** who passed away on June 18 and was laid to rest Friday, June 25 here at St. John's.

**The family of Marilyn Rayle** with the celebration of a memorial service on Saturday, June 26 here at St. John's.

**The family of Cornie Crossland** a former member of St. John's, who passed away July 12.





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

**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 43527
Shirley Huber	E251 St. Rt 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Jim and Sue Waisner	1542 St. Rt. 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Bernard Zimmer	1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37	Napoleon, Ohio 43545

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
JUNE REPORT**

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

	2021 JUNE 2021 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL YTD	2021 ANNUAL BUDGET
Accounts			
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$15,072.58	\$92,291.54	\$211,835.69
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$2,216.70	\$16,696.00	\$39,000.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$697.51	\$2,269.18	\$7,800.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$3,225.00	\$6,950.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$2,327.16	\$30,635.26	\$64,565.51
Total PASTORIAL	\$3,789.47	\$40,174.41	\$93,520.18
Total EXPENSES	\$9,568.34	\$92,999.85	\$211,835.69
Net Total	<u>\$5,504.24</u>	<u>(\$708.31)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Operating Checking Account Balance 6/30/2021			\$ 25,434.46
Missions:			
Mission To Go		\$ 745.00	
SHALOM		\$ 460.00	
Strengthen the Church		\$ 56.00	
Zach Waisner Donations		\$ 1,540.00	



## Trustees Report Meeting July 18, 2021

There were about 10 men attending the Trustee Meeting Sunday. There were many projects discussed that need attention. We prioritized some of them.

1. Replacing the cement at the South door - Upon inspection it was discovered the cement is part of the door jam so we cannot remove all of it. We decided to cut the cement at the beginning of the building. The remainder is in good shape. The curb we will cut at a point where it is in good shape. The sidewalk will then be tapered outward to meet the curb and slope it to meet it. Thus snow plowing will ride up over the curb. Chad has an air hammer, Doug has a cement saw and rebar, Tim will bring his front loader. So the only cost should be the cement. We plan to start this project after the fair and hope to be done by Labor Day. Big question will be when we can get the cement delivered.
2. The south side is in need of soffit. Andrew is willing to install it. Price is yet to be determined.
3. Major work is needed on the garage area. The door needs installed, plywood replaced, siding put on. No date for this yet. Cost will be the plywood.
4. The office needs new outlets on the counter and wires under the desk moved off the floor. No date yet. Cost minimal.
5. Dead tree behind the parsonage needs taken down. We would like to cut the low branches of the pine trees up 6-8 feet to get weeds out and maybe some grass under them.
6. Discussed relabeling all the fuse box circuits and compiling a written list for quick reference.
7. Refurbishing outer doors with new stain and paint.
8. Removing the last section of water pipe from the latest break to the bathrooms. Since there is nothing to stand on we will replace the pipe with Pex tubing.
9. Need a check valve on the water line to the boilers.

There may be and probably will be more but these are all needed before winter sets in and the search for a new pastor is done. Please consider helping if you can.

*Greg Nelson*



### *"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members*

#### **Betty Yaichner**

will celebrate her  
86th Birthday  
on August 2

%Karen Yaichner  
109 S Pleasantview Dr#1  
Liberty Center, OH 43532

#### **Marlene Rettig**

will celebrate her  
84th Birthday  
on August 19

600 Joe E Brown Ave - Rm 33  
Holgate, OH 43527

#### **Florence Snyder**

will celebrate her  
81st Birthday  
on August 21

14224 Co Rd L2  
Napoleon, OH 43545

#### **Janell Honeck**

will celebrate her  
91st Birthday  
on August 27

6400 Oilfield Rd Apt 236  
Sugar Land TX 77479

#### **Janet Bichan**

will celebrate her  
84th Birthday  
on August 28

Logan Acres Care Center  
2739 County Road 91  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311

#### **Patsy Yaichner**

will celebrate her  
83rd Birthday  
on August 30

615 E Washington St  
Napoleon OH 43545



**In Loving Memory**  
**Charla J. Brentlinger**  
August 13, 1926 - June 18, 2021

Charla Jean (Herge) Brentlinger, age 94, a life-long resident of Henry County, Ohio, and formerly of Malinta and Napoleon, Ohio, died on June 18, 2021.

Her legacy ... Jean was born on August 13, 1926, in Monroe Township, Henry County, Ohio, to Clement (Clem) and Ethel (Billing) Eberle. In 1944, after graduating from Malinta-Grelton High School she married her first husband, James Frederick Herge of Malinta, Ohio, (deceased on December 18, 1973.) In 1977, Jean married her second husband James Andrew Brentlinger of Swanton, Ohio, (deceased March 24, 2016.)

Jean worked for 21 years at the Campbell Soup Supply Company in Napoleon, Ohio, and helped with her parents' farm located in Elery, Ohio. Her interests included traveling, dancing, sewing, crafts, and flowers. Jean was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio, and she had worked on various Church Committees. Being involved in other community activities for many years, Jean also volunteered at the Henry County Hospital Gift Shop, served as a 4-H Advisor, and was a Malinta-Grelton Band Booster.

Her family ... Jean was devoted to her beloved family, and is survived by her daughter, Candice Elliott (Walter Calmese) of Tucson, Arizona; two grandchildren, Shari L. Blackwood (Scott) of Sylvania, Ohio, and Nicholas Elliott of Wenatchee, Washington; five great-grandchildren, twins Justin Michael Blackwood of Cleveland, Ohio, and Jared Evan Blackwood of Jackson, Michigan, Cameron E. Blackwood (Ashley) of Gahanna, Ohio, Sage Elliott Keller of Chandler, Arizona, and Tyla Ames of Mesa, Arizona; one great-great-grandchild Rowan Blackwood of Gahanna, Ohio; along with two step sons, Tom Brentlinger, and Terry Brentlinger; one step daughter, Beth Tanner; six step grandchildren, Andrew Brentlinger, Adam Brentlinger, Sarah LaBerdia, Tiffani Brentlinger, Brian Brentlinger, and Remi Brentlinger, and their families; and her nephew, Terry Dachenhaus of Danville, Kentucky.

Jean is preceded in death by her first husband, Janes Frederick Herge; her second husband James Andrew Brentlinger; her oldest daughter, Kay Ann (Bauer) Hanefeld; her sister, Neila Dachenhaus; and her parents Ethel and Clement Eberle.

Her farewell services ... Family and friends were received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio, on Friday, June 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. After this service, a luncheon was held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio, for family and friends, from noon-1 p.m. The Celebration of Jean's life was held immediately thereafter at the Church, with Pastor David Orr officiation, along with Pastor Genter, soloist. Burial was held at the Mausoleum Chapel, Riverview Memorial Gardens, Defiance, Ohio, following the Celebration of Life service.

*Contributions can be made in Memory of Jean to  
St. John's United Church of Christ*



**Jim and Sue Waisner**

will celebrate their  
58th Wedding Anniversary  
on August 4

1542 St. Rt. 108  
Holgate, OH 43527

**Did you know?** While people who reach 70 <sup>1/2</sup> years of age this year do not need to begin making required minimum distributions from their IRA, they may still make a gift to a charity without paying taxes on that money. This is a win for you and for the charity of your choice. Talk with your tax professional to see if this could reduce your taxes while benefiting St. John's or another charity.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
**Rally Day**  
**September 12, 2021**

The Bell And Sanctuary Choirs  
Invite You To Attend  
The Annual Ice Cream Social

Please Plan To Attend  
Same Delicious Ice Cream As In The Past!!

We Will Need Donations Of Desserts  
Look For The Sign-up Sheet In The Narthex

More Details To Come



## *Memorial Service*

**Marilyn R. Rayle**

January 22, 1932 - August 2, 2020

Marilyn Rose Rayle, 88, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Friends and family of Marilyn Rayle were received for a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. on Saturday June 26, 2021, at St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate.

*Memorial donations are suggested to  
St. John's United Church of Christ Endowment Fund  
or  
The Henry County Hospital Foundation*

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## *Thank You!*

Thank You to Pastor Orr for the wonderful service you had for Marilyn. It was great to have such a service. Thank You to the people for meal we had afterwards. It was delicious. Thanks to everyone.

*Ken Rayle,  
Mary Kay and Steve Foos,  
Kendyll Foos*

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Our family extends our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors, friends and relatives for their many acts of kindness at the time of and during the days that followed the death of our loved one, Jean Brentlinger. We deeply appreciated the beautiful flowers, memorials for Shalom, sympathy cards, wonderful luncheon food, Pastor David's comforting words and prayers, the organist, and Pastor Genter's lovely music. Words cannot express how much everything meant to us.

*Shari and Scott Blackwood and family*



## *In Loving Memory*

**Cornie L. Crossland**

February 22, 1933, 1926 - July 12, 2021

Cornie L. Crossland, 88, of Defiance, Ohio, passed away on July 12, 2021.

She was born on February 22, 1933, in Henry County, Ohio, to Clarence and Lavina (Agler) Gessner. Cornie married Franklin Crossland on August 30, 1952, and they shared 67 years together.

Cornie was a former member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio. She liked playing cards with family and friends. Cornie enjoyed going to Canada for the family fishing trips for almost 50 years. She loved spending time with her friends and family; and watching birds and other critters in her backyard.

Cornie is survived by her daughters, Joy (John) Sizemore and Lisa Crossland; grandchildren, Shanna Crossland, Edwin (Ashley) Kimmel III, Mollie (Greg) Gibson, and Frankie Alvarado, Jr; great-grandchildren, Faith, Addie, Grace and Mason Gibson, Caiton, Cassidy, Deja and Destiney Kimmell and Peyton and Paisley Alvarado; and brother, Gary Gessner. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Frank; son, Kevin; half-brothers, Robert (Marie) Gessner and Warren (Kathleen) Gessner; and sister-in-law, Linda Gessner.

Funeral services were private. Interment for Frank and Cornie will take place at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance, where military honors were held for Frank.

*Contributions can be made in Memory of Cornie to  
CHIP Defiance Inpatient Hospice*



# AUGUST

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| 8-2  | Stephen Breece      | 8-20 | Jane Fruth           |
| 8-2  | Betty Yaichner      | 8-21 | Florence Snyder      |
| 8-6  | Kim Behnfeldt       | 8-21 | Jean Dietrich        |
| 8-8  | Anita Sidle         | 8-22 | David Rettig         |
| 8-8  | Jim Hoffman         | 8-22 | Scott Sidle          |
| 8-8  | Cindy Mengerink     | 8-22 | Kay Armbruster       |
| 8-9  | Beth Saneholtz      | 8-23 | Ronda Brink          |
| 8-10 | Stephany Hall       | 8-24 | LaTasha Newsome      |
| 8-10 | Dan Dietrich        | 8-24 | Matthew Brown        |
| 8-12 | Pam Wetmore         | 8-25 | Lynette Fruth        |
| 8-12 | Zachary Brown       | 8-26 | Christopher Houchins |
| 8-14 | Rachel Lawson       | 8-26 | Jacob Bortz          |
| 8-16 | Ashley Lawson Moyer | 8-27 | Kevin Waisner        |
| 8-16 | Rebecca Meyer       | 8-27 | Janell Honeck        |
| 8-18 | Lennis Prigge       | 8-28 | Janet Bichan         |
| 8-18 | Ruth Ann Durham     | 8-28 | Carolyn Clady        |
| 8-19 | Franell Nelson      | 8-30 | Patsy Yaichner       |
| 8-19 | Marlene Rettig      | 8-31 | Morgan Parcher       |
| 8-19 | Lori Shank          |      |                      |

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

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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



**MISSIONS CORNER**

*August Mission*

**CROSSROAD**

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