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From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hello again! Since we combine the July and August newsletters into one publication, it is always kind of uplifting to think we have a month off from the process of developing the newsletter. Wanda always does an excellent job of the layout and paging of our publication. THANK YOU, WANDA!!!! Since we produce the newsletter the third week of the month so that it is available for the last Sunday of the month, we have not focused on Bly Lines since the middle of June. It always seems like we will have a good, lengthy reprise from producing a newsletter. But, that time off has quickly expired and it is time to produce the September publication.

So, HAPPY LABOR DAY!!! And since Labor Day is the last unofficial holiday of summer, we hope that any plans you may have are safe and enjoyable. With the rising numbers of COVID among us, I think most of us are leery about doing much out in public. We pray that no one contracts the Delta variant because it is more viral than last year. Please all, stay healthy and stay safe!

In the last message I did share a good bit of information about the HUGS program. In this newsletter there are two pages which explains a bit more about what we are planning. Again, WE NEED YOU to share names and contact information with us about friends, neighbors, family members who may be interested in exploring the spiritual offerings of your church! So, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE give us names of people that we can contact. And, if you feel comfortable, please talk with others about what we are offering. If you cannot answer a question they may have, just contact me or any member of the HUGS Team - Joel Frey, Curt Weber, Sterling Boyd, Marti Leader, or Cindy Axe.

One of the items I mentioned that we gleaned from the webinars was that many churches need to re-examine programming and perhaps retire some long term traditions and offer new and different programs for the faith family and the community. Actually, the summer concert series that Marti Leader organized in 2019 falls into this directive. We definitely could not offer concerts in 2020, but Marti heard from many groups that they were so ready to perform again that she had a full slate of performers within days of planning concerts for this summer. Check the list to see the concerts we have available in September and October.

Also, in that line of thinking, I shared with the Thursday morning Bible Study group that I have something floating around in my grey



matter (brain). A few weeks ago while checking my email, I opened a message of news from Penn Central Conference. In that review of happenings in the conference, there was a link to a resolution that was passed during our denomination's General Synod meeting in July. The resolution focuses on building up Spiritual Prayer Methods in our churches. That same morning on my commute to the office, I had thought about the prayer by the flagpole that we offered last year as COVID was spreading wildly throughout the world. We gathered and with a small bit of pre-planned direction, we offered names of people and items of community concern and offered our combined prayers.

I again feel the nudge to offer prayer groups not only for our church family, but for the community as well. I want to offer both a daytime group and an evening time for people to gather in prayer time. The intention for these prayer groups will be very similar. We will gather indoors and join in prayer for anything we need to uplift.

I am thinking about offering the evening prayer group meeting the same time as the Men's group—the second Tuesday of the month. My thinking here is that as the men gather for their time, their significant other can join in the prayer group. I still need to zero in on the daytime session, so please, if you are interested in this Spiritual Prayer group, let me know what day and time is best for you. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will pray for one and all!!!

GOD BLESS in whatever way you need!!! With love, Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5 - Pentecost 15

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "The Power of the Lord!"

Sept. 12 - Pentecost 16

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Mindset: Divine or Human Things?"

Sept. 19- Pentecost 17

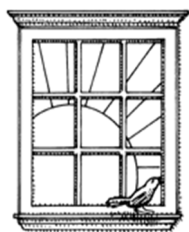
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: "The Greatest Welcome Mat"

Sept. 26 - Pentecost 18

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: "Have Salt in Yourselves"



Red Brick Church Will Have New Windows Installed

The decision to replace the windows in the Red Brick Church comes because of evaluation of the windows by the Trustees and the Red Brick church committee. Evaluation of the window conditions found two of the windows have cracked panes and the windows on the south side of the church have warped so that they cannot be closed without a mechanical assist.

Building contractor, James E. Henry, of Dallastown, received the winning bid to replace the windows from among the three companies that were contacted. Ten windows in the sanctuary and two windows in the foyer will be replaced. The window design is a Low E double-hung window with a grid and insect screens. The cost for the windows and installation is \$16,600. Installation will occur late October or early November.

SEPTEMBER **BIRTHDAYS**



***May God
Bless You
On Your
Birthday!***

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1. | Brent Barley | 23. | Tim Sleeth |
| | Kimberly Dilling | 24. | Beth March |
| 2. | Connie Hays | 25. | Andrew Mickey |
| 3. | Susan Knaub | 26. | Michele Leader |
| | Linda Eichelberger | 27. | Madeline Heindel |
| 4. | Anjuli Shane | | Shyanne Luckenbaugh |
| 5. | Debra Forbes | 28. | Joan Henry |
| 6. | Beverly Troop | | Linda King |
| 10. | Eric John | 30. | Lou Ann Jones |
| | Orion Valentino- | | Aiden Bowen |
| | Charlton | | |
| | Timothy | | |
| | Luckenbaugh Jr. | | |
| 12. | Joyce Horning | | |
| 14. | Sally Bosley | | |
| | Braydon Picking | | |
| 22. | Meagan Bowen | | |
| | Bodie Barley | | |

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Sept. 21 - Jaron and Caitlin Picking- 2 years
Sept. 22 - Nicholas and Tina Innerst - 14 years
Sept. 23 - Gene and Trudy Wise - 59 years
Sept. 24 - Troy and Jane Picking - 27 years
Sept. 26 - Mike and Cindy Axe - 23 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2021	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$8,700.59	\$8,680.74	\$0.47	\$269.88	\$1,645.35	\$1,826.80
February	\$7,297.86	\$10,776.85	\$0.48	\$311.54	\$0.35	\$10,906.97
March	\$12,966.59	\$15,290.39	\$0.41	\$514.91	\$500.20	\$3,166.46
April	\$10,456.00	\$11,584.36	\$0.43	\$225.92	\$0.18	\$2,351.48
May	\$9,569.61	\$9,490.24	\$0.43	\$141.68	\$100.11	\$2,187.50
June	\$10,829.82	\$12,779.61	\$1,400.98	\$350.47	\$1,400.60	\$3,278.75
July	\$7,781.00	\$9,790.40	\$0.45	\$115.23	\$907.02	\$2,255.92
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$67,601.47	\$78,392.59	\$1,403.65	\$1,929.63	\$4,553.81	\$25,973.88

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ August 1, 2021

\$1,299.45

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ August 1, 2021

(Includes \$64,666.22 Endowment)

\$82,748.05

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ August 1, 2021

(Includes \$913,786.86 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation. Transferred \$15,000 in January and \$10,000 in June from Foundation to People's Bank)

\$922,758.82

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2021

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 651.73
January	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 21.47	\$ 623.29
February				
March	2	\$ 136.75	\$ 79.00	\$ 565.45
April	1	\$ 79.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 531.45
May	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 52.89	\$ 559.34
June	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 536.34
July	1	\$ 233.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 386.34
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	7	\$ 573.75	\$ 458.36	

H.U.G.S. Team Spiritual Outreach Program

From January 2021, we have been working on Congregational Empowerment through Penn Central Conference. The H.U.G.S. (Helping Us Grow Spiritually) team has been working on programming to reach out to our community in order to meet and/or address some of their needs or concerns. We hope through this focus to bring new people into our faith family and to see the return of some of our inactive members. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! If you know of anyone - friend, neighbor, family member, who may be interested in this program, please give us their name and contact information by September 25, 2021. THANK YOU!

The HUGS Team: Joel Frey, Rev. Curt Weber, Marti Leader, Sterling Boyd, Cindy Innerst-Axe, Pastor Lou Ann

HUGS Congregational Empowerment Community Sessions

October 10: "Sharing Our Stories"

This session will be an opportunity for HUGS Team to introduce ourselves in a few minute talk and for those in attendance to introduce themselves. We will also talk about the other sessions as well as distribute a Ministry Profile sheet for the participants to fill out. We will receive questions and if we cannot answer them immediately, we will address them in other sessions.

October 24: "Building on Sharing Our Stories - Sharing Struggles and Joys"

We hope to have some of our members share some of life's events and how the church, especially Blymire's, helped them through. If not a part of session 1, we hope to highlight Blymire's heritage in the Dallastown Community.

November 7: "Worship and Prayer"

We will present "Worship 101" in order to get the attendees familiar with what we do in worship and a little bit of why. Also, we will share with them our understanding of the power of prayer and how easy it is to approach God in prayer.

November 21: "Opportunities to Serve"

Using the responses from the Ministry Profile form, we hope to draw on the attendees' interests and excitement to respond to God's gifts in their lives. We hope they will share their gifts in our Faith Family and/or the community.



St John's Blymire's United Church of Christ
1009 Blymire Road, Dallastown, PA 17313
ph: 717-244-0655
Email: stjohnsblymiresucc@comcast.net

GREETINGS!

We would like to introduce to you our faith family. We are a friendly, casual faith family. St. John's is offering four special sessions for you to get to know Blymire's church. These 45 minute sessions will be offered on October 10—"Sharing our Stories"; October 24—"Building on Sharing our Stories"; November 7- "Worship and Prayer"; November 21-"Opportunities to Serve" and a light luncheon. Sunday mornings from 11:15 to noon. We would like to dialog with you about faith and if it is or is not a factor in your daily life. We will answer questions you may present to us as you seek to understand more about God, about faith, about how we face issues prevalent today. We want to get to know you! Please, plan to attend or, at least, give us your feedback. Children's activities will be available. Our church building is ADA compliant and we also have Hearing Assistance devices available.

In Christian Love, Pastor Rev. Lou Ann Jones and the H.U.G.S. team
(HUGS stands for: Helping Us Grow Spiritually)

*Our mission is to **Know and Love, Serve and Share Christ.***

This is the postcard we are asking you to hand out for us.

St John's Blymire's United Church of Christ
1009 Blymire Road
Dallastown, PA 17313

A question I
have about God
is.....

I really miss being a part of a
church family. Is there a church
nearby I would like to attend?

I'm new to the
community and
would like to get
more involved...

Where can I
turn to get
guidance on
life's issues?



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Peggy Luckenbaugh
Room 704B
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403

Linda Trone
Room 604
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403



Carolyn Innerst
Room 111
Senior Commons@Powder Mill
1775 Powder Mill Road
York, PA 17403

Keeping in our prayers
Dolores Barley
Jeanette Black
Maddie & Ron Heindel
Friends battling cancer
Covid 19 patients



Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military

A1C Ness, Brandon
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad
Tucson, AZ 85756



Last year we had to cancel our concert series because of the pandemic, but we have started back up again this year and so far all of the concerts have been well received. They will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 PM (unless otherwise noted). In case of inclement weather, they will be moved indoors to the church. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Snacks will be available for purchase. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets or sit at one of our picnic tables. Below is a list of the remaining concerts for this year.

SEPTEMBER 5 - DOWN HOME GOSPEL SINGERS (Hillbilly)

SEPTEMBER 12 - ANDY ANGEL - AMERICAN SONGBOOK

SEPTEMBER 26 - FIRST CAPITAL BRASS (Brass ensemble)

OCTOBER 2 - DOCKENSPIELERS (German band)

This concert will be held in the pavilion on Saturday night from 5:00-7:00 PM. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved indoors. German food (hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, etc) will be available for purchase.

OCTOBER 10 - THEN SINGS MY SOUL (Billy Graham music-indoors)



MEN'S GROUP



We invite you to join the men of Blymire on Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. Come join us for a time of sharing. **REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.**



Our choir will hold its first practice of the season on Wednesday, September 1, at 7:00 PM and continue thereafter each Wednesday evening. Anyone who enjoys singing praises to our Lord is invited to join us.



We are getting a crew together to give the Red Brick Chapel a good cleaning on Wednesday, September 8. If you would like to volunteer, just show up at the Red Brick Chapel starting at 8:30 AM that morning. Thank you.



Our next chicken barbecue will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce and roll and butter all for \$9.00. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the slip below and turn it in to the church office or call 244-0655. We sold out almost every month this year, so to be sure to get a dinner, please pre-order.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Dinners ____ x \$9.00 = _____

SISTERS OF SERVICE



Please join the SOS on Monday, September 27, at 6:30 PM. The main topic of discussion will be the bazaar, which will take place on November 13. See article below for more details.

The decision has been made to discontinue the annual December Cookie Walk.



Our 2021 bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We will be selling crafts, plants, jewelry, books, baked goods, and serving lunch.

We are hoping for lots of plants, but we know sometimes containers are hard to find. If you have flowerpots, mugs, cups and saucers, candle holders, or anything else appropriate to hold plants, please bring them to the church and put them on the table marked "Plant Holders." No Styrofoam, please!

All baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Everyone looks forward to our fresh baked items.

The Men's Group will be making lunch. There will be NO breakfast. More information to follow.

Please work on those crafts! When finished, we are asking you to price your crafts and place them on the designated craft table.

We appreciate any help you can give us to make this bazaar a success.

SOS (Sisters of Service)

Historically Book Clubs began as reading circles when women, excluded from universities and other intellectual endeavors, formed these circles to delve into who they were and what they wanted to do. Discussions went beyond their books into social concerns. As time progressed, Book Clubs became a safe place where women found support through difficult times. Our Women's Book Club gives women a chance share the book they're reading and to receive needed support from friends. Come join us. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 11:00. We have changed the venue to Lions Pride Restaurant. If you need a lift or have questions, let Ginny Weber know.



Make a Masterpiece

WOOD SIGN PAINTING PARTY



WHEN & WHERE

Sunday, September 19th at 2:00pm
St. John's Blymire's
1009 Blymire Rd., York, PA 17313

SCAN ME FOR
EVENT INFO



REGISTRATION

Please email Hilarie Bohdel at hilariebohdel@gmail.com with which sign(s) you would like to make, or message directly via Facebook.

Payment can be made via PayPal, Venmo, cash, or check

HOW IT WORKS

DESIGN OPTIONS: There are 250+ wood sign design options to choose from. They are linked within this post and throughout the event posts. Size and price options are listed on each photo. Include your choice(s) when registering.

DIY KITS: Are available if you are unable to attend the event in person. The kits include the custom cut wood, stencil, paints, and a step-by-step video tutorial.

COLORS: A full assortment of paint colors will be available. Your wood sign does not need to match the sample photo.

PLEASE NOTE: Orders cannot be cancelled or refunded due to their custom nature. A DIY Kit will be provided should your plans change.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TIME WITH YOU!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES.



Sticky Bun Sale

St. John's Blymire's UCC

1009 Blymire Road

Dallastown, PA

244-0655

The FUN Team is selling Sticky Buns to raise money for our concert series and other events. The delicious buns are made by Mr. Sticky's and are the same ones that attract long lines at the York Fair each year.

The cost is \$3.50 each.

If you would like to place an order, you may call the church office at the above number.

Orders are due by Sunday, September 26. Pickup will be Wednesday, October 6, from 3:00-5:00 PM at the church.



September
2021

Churches are good for prayer, but so
are garages and cars and mountains
and showers and dance floors.

Anne LaMott

COMMONPLACE MIRACLES

If I could continue to gain anything in life, all through my life, it would be wisdom. After all, wisdom is an attribute that can help me to live my life better, be more helpful to others, and to enjoy this experience of life more. And one of the most important elements of wisdom, I believe, is that with it, we no longer can take life for granted. We no longer can look at things as "ordinary" or "boring." Wisdom tells me that every single thing in my life has a purpose and a specialness that is there for me to love and appreciate, even if I don't usually recognize it.

Wisdom tells me that many things in this world—no matter how ordinary they may seem—have special importance and significance, and that I grow poorer when I'm no longer able to see that.

When I can't see just how miraculous this world is, and just how miraculous the common things are, then I grow poorer.

If there's a bush in our yard, most of us stop seeing it after a while, noticing it only when it's covered with flowers or buds in the spring, or when its leaves have turned in the fall. And if it doesn't flower or if its leaves don't turn, it's easy just to forget it completely. Yet that bush is a living thing, full of life and supporting all sorts of other living things. It's producing oxygen that helps us to survive. It's common and ordinary, but it's miraculous. The books we read, the Internet we surf, the computers we use, the cars we drive—all are miraculous inventions that we tend to take for granted.

With wisdom comes recognition of the beauty and specialness of all people, and all things. That recognition can help me to live a more complete life based in awareness of the amazing blessings that are all around me. If I want to live my life fully, then I must be aware of just how full my life already is.

Tom Walsh

*The invariable mark of wisdom is to see
the miraculous in the common.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We can never untangle all the woes in other people's lives. We can't produce miracles overnight. But we can bring a cup of cool water to a thirsty soul, or a scoop of laughter to a lonely heart.

Barbara Johnson

It's funny how we outgrow what we once thought we couldn't live without, and then we fall in love with what we didn't even know we wanted. Life keeps leading us on journeys we would never go on if it were up to us.

Don't be afraid. Have faith. Find the lessons. Trust the journey.

Marcandangel

WARNING LABELS

My favorite label is the warning label. As a kid, I was captivated by power tools and flammable objects. Anything that could create a minor explosion was on my Christmas list. I spent most of my younger years with my eyebrows burned off. My buddies and I saw warning labels as windows into a world of possibilities, while the adults around us reminded us they were there for a reason. We continue to assume the reason was to alert us to the possibility of massive amounts of fun.

When I got older, especially when I had kids, I began to realize warning labels were actually a pretty good idea. I also picked up on a different kind of warning label that creates its own kind of destruction: the warning labels we put on people. We often speak about certain kinds of people as "issues" or "problems". And we're usually referring to people who are different from us, have different beliefs, or rub us the wrong way.

The warning labels are less overt than the ones on heavy equipment, but they nevertheless say we're better off not getting too close to these people. Perhaps we think engaging them in friendship could cause an explosion because we'll be misunderstood for reaching out. When I look at Jesus, though, He didn't seem very concerned about what onlookers might think about Him. He went to the fringes and found the ne'er-do-wells, the dropouts, and the junkies... the rejected, the odd, and the disenfranchised, and He drew them in close. He touched them who no one else would.

Loving people like Jesus means doing the unlikely. If people look confused when they look at your life, you're probably on the right track.

If they're distancing themselves from you because of who you're getting close to, that's a pretty good sign you're living out your faith the way Jesus did.

Bob Goff



ANGELS AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN



I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. *Gregory, age 5*

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. *Olive, age 9*

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight raining to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. *Matthew, age 9*

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. *Mitchell, age 7*

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. *Henry, age 8*

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!! *Jack, age 6*

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. *Daniel, age 8*

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. *Antonio, age 9*

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. *Sarah age 7*



"If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present... gratefully.

Maya Angelou

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.

Albert Camus

THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Every person needs to hear "wonderful." Here is why. Companies spend billions of dollars to convince us that we are chubby, smelly, ugly and out-of-date. Inadequacy indwells a billion hearts.

Would you distribute encouragement?
Will you make some happiness happen?
Will you remind humanity that we are made in God's image? That we are chosen, destined, and loved?

Start by listening intently. Ask someone to tell you his, or her, story. Give the rarest of gifts— your full attention.

Praise abundantly. Biblical encouragement is no casual, kind word but rather a premeditated resolve to lift the spirit of another person. Everyone needs a cheerleader.

Give the gift that God loves to give—the gift of encouragement.

Max Lucado

I speak to you continually. My nature is to communicate, though not always in words. I fling glorious sunsets across the sky, day after day after day. I speak in the faces and voices of loved ones. I caress you with a gentle breeze that refreshes and delights you.

I speak softly in the depths of your spirit, where I have taken up residence.

You can find Me in each moment, when you have eyes that see and ears that hear. Ask My Spirit to sharpen your spiritual eye-sight and hearing. I rejoice each time you discover My Presence.

Practice looking and listening for Me during quiet intervals. Gradually you will find Me in more and more of your moments. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me above all else.

Sarah Young from *Jesus Calling*

You were not a doodle on the divine drawing board, but a miracle of engineering conceived to fit snugly in the wheels of the Grand Scheme.

11:11 Progress Group

EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

September 2021

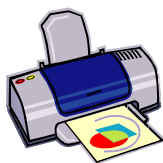
Changes Due to Coronavirus

In order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus we have temporarily closed our Clothing and Household room. Therefore, at this time we are not accepting any of this type of donation.

We are still accepting donations of food, cleaning products and toiletries. We are giving them out by having the clients come to the parking lot door rather than inside St. Paul's. Donations of food and other products may be dropped off at Blymire's church on Sunday mornings or weekdays during office hours. Thank you for helping your neighbors in this time of need.

School Supplies

We have decided to discontinue our annual back-to-school project. Any supplies left from previous years were offered to our clients in June. Altogether we gave out 39 backpacks and lots of loose school supplies. Thank you for your support of this project through the years.



Cartridge Recycling

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."

Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:

Canned Sloppy Joe
Pancake syrup
Assorted cake icing
Jelly
Mac and cheese
Jello
Pudding
Assorted Helper Meals
Canned Beef Stew

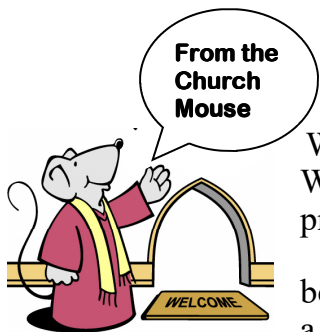
E.C. Continuing Needs

Juice
Cereal/Oatmeal
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Pancake Mix
Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed Dry Pastas
Helper Meals
Dessert Items
Condiment Items
Canned Tuna/Meats
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Soap
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dish Washing Liquid
Laundry Detergent
All-Purpose Cleaners

Please, NO Expired Food Items



THANKS FOR CARING!



Revelations for SEPTEMBER from “Bly Mire” Mouse

Did I say in my last message that numbers were on the downswing? Well, guess again. The Delta variant is wreaking havoc everywhere. Oh My!!! Will we ever get COVID under control? I sure pray we do. Join me in praying for protection from COVID for all people, everywhere!!!

As children are hoping to return to the classroom (and many have already begun their school year) we need to allow all to choose wisely for the wearing of a mask or not. Many children are harmed by having to wear a mask and I think that harm may be worse than having COVID would be. Over the years I have had problems with stress and exercise induced asthma and wearing a mask caused me some difficulty. Not much, but I did have a time when I felt like I was going to pass out in a store. I quickly got a bottle of cold water and drank most of it while in line waiting to check out. So, I definitely feel for little ones and parents who are resisting wearing a mask.

But, enough about COVID! I want to say... How great has the spirit of Blymire's been this summer? With the concerts the FUN Team has arranged.... KUDOS!!!! Every concert has been terrific!!! We still have a few to go and I am just as excited about the upcoming concerts!

And, the special music on Sunday mornings has been awesome too! THANK YOU to IDA MICHAEL for arranging our special music for many years. BUT..... Ida said this was the last time for her to line up our performers. THANK YOU IDA FOR ALL THE TIME YOU GAVE TO ARRANGING OUR SPECIAL MUSIC!!!!!! You did a fabulous job!!! TRUDY WISE has stepped up and said she will take charge of arranging music for 2022. THANK YOU TRUDY!!!

My next topic is.... How awesome have our outdoor services been???? I have REALLY enjoyed having indoor worship and outdoor worship both. This is one very good thing that COVID brought into our faith fellowship! And, speaking of fellowship,....Crafty Chicks (now being called CRAFTERNOONERS) will be meeting again for a time of crafting and chatting! I am excited about the craft offering in September where you choose what wood plaque you want to make and then you paint over the stencil to produce a professional looking piece!!!! I can handle that! I want to do this one and Mire said she does too. QUESTION..... Does anyone want to watch all our little ones while we do this activity???? Let me know or tell Pastor Lou Ann.

September humor:

Knock Knock

Who's there!

B4!

B4 who?

B4 you leave for school, make sure you have your backpack!

Why did the boy canary make the girl canary pay for her own meal on their date?

Because he was CHEEP.

God Bless!

Love, Bly and Mire



Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r A y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit