



The Christian Visitor

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Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God

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"Contagious Faith" Small Group Sign-Up

Discover your natural style of sharing Jesus with others

Sign-up for a 6 week Small Group to explore "Contagious Faith". Sign-up sheets are on the welcome table in the entrance way or simply contact the church office (574-223-5812). Fill in your name and select up to three choices of day/time when you would like to meet. You can also indicate if you are available to host and/or lead one of the groups.



Service Sunday September 20th

September 20 will not be your usual Sunday. The preacher will not even be wearing a tie. On "Service Sunday" we will roll up our sleeves and take some time to be a gift to others. We will gather in the sanctuary for a song, a prayer, communion and a blessing before splitting up into work groups for the morning. Everyone will return to fellowship hall at noon for lunch.

Project List

Assembling CWS Hygiene Kits

-5 people working in Fellowship Hall

Cards for birthdays and anniversaries

-5 people working in Fellowship Hall

Annette Young's garden to lawn project

-5 people to clean up large garden area

Rochester City Park

-cleaning, raking and picking up sticks
-bring own work gloves

Columbia Elementary School

- 6 people, edging, pulling weeds, trim trees, raking mulch

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project-Build a Bed

- 5 people, need to be able to lift and stack bed frames in storage area

Church Kitchen

-assembly casseroles for Youth Outlet and church members
-make lunch
-Amanda Hooker plus 8 people

Project sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall or contact the office.

Elder Reflection



The church is inviting us all to participate in a church study. The book is entitled *Contagious Faith* (communicating your faith in ways that catch on). The book tells us we were created for so much more, we were made to share God's love with others in ways that impact their lives.

We have done other book studies in the past and they have been successful in many ways. We bring different groups together, to learn, pray and achieve.

One of the last studies we did was "40 Days of Community". I was in a group that came up with the idea of Kroger gift cards to cancer patients. A \$25.00 gift card for either gas or groceries. We have continued this program and have given out 105 gift cards totaling \$2,675. Leann Pollock sends people to us from Webbs Pharmacy who have cancer and could use some help. We also have a contact at Woodlawn Hospital that sends people to us. All are Fulton County residents.

When we do things together great things can happen.

I just want to encourage each and every one to sign up for a group. Let us build more relationships and find a way to share our faith.

Letty McKee

Teaching Moment Tuesday

STUDYING the GOSPEL OF JOHN. Join Pastor Mike each Tuesday at noon on Facebook or watch the recording anytime.



Disciple Women's group will resume their monthly meetings on September 21st at noon in fellowship hall. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship, discussion and project planning.

Music is one of the ways we lift our hearts to God in worship. We tend to sing louder and more joyously when we sing songs we enjoy singing. What hymns do you enjoy singing? Reminder to write down up to seven of your favorite songs from the "Praise Songs" book and hymnal.



*Key: Name, date added/updated,
description, who submitted request

Our Mission Co-Workers in India and Palestine

Mark Hayden 9/8 having a defibrillator placed in his chest today, September 8; brother of Melinda Burkett

Ella Brooks 9/7 treating intestinal issues with medication. Surgery is not needed at this time; daughter of Amanda Hooker

Allen Glassburn 9/7 consulting with a doctor for shoulder injury

Jennifer Glassburn 9/7 in the hospital with UTI and trouble swallowing; wife of Allen Glassburn

Pat Dorisse 9/6 cancer surgery on September 28

Zoe Ulshafer newborn using a feeding tube, needs to gain weight; daughter of Elayna Blacketor

Prayers for families due to the devastation in Nepal

Lisa Nichols 8/31 fell and fractured 10 ribs and 2 vertebrae, Trauma Center, Plymouth: sister of Denny Mikesell

Jon Martin 8/19 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma affecting his liver and pancreas; great nephew of Stan and Judy Musgrave

Dylann Elise Hayden 8/17 one month old is now home with health issues; by Melinda Burkett

Cathy St. Clair 7/2 diagnosed with stage 4 oral cancer; friend of John and Eve Overmars

Phil Samuelson 6/28 advanced prostate cancer, metastasized to other organs, also stenosis of the spine; brother of Joyce Sroufe



Joyce Jeffries 6/26 continued prayer for healing and other health concerns

Denny Tyler 5/18 cancer treatments paused to let body recover, esophageal/stomach cancer

Bill Abbott 5/4 home with congestive heart failure; Rick Abbott's father

Mike Hammel 4/20 seizures, his throat is limiting his talking and swallowing; Lois Hammel's son

Barbara Tibbets 4/16 is having positive results from her cancer therapy, continued prayers

Dick Hamm 4/12 former DOC General Minister, aggressive cancer diagnosis, prayers for peace and comfort; by Ted Waggoner

Prayers for families of service members who lost their lives overseas and to all who are being sent; by Christy Bennett

Robbie Payne 3/30 Hospice care; cousin of Gayle Rodriguez

Sula Smith 1/19 health battles

Carlene Musselman 12/8 Congestive heart failure; by Judy Evans

Mike Messick diagnosed with Alzheimer's, battling squamous cell skin cancer; Sara Story's father

Russia and Ukraine conflict



Wynnfield Bible study meets each Monday at 3:00 p.m.
Jan Houlihan leads the study on heaven.



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays:

9/09 Lois Morton
9/10 Barb McGee
9/12 Helen Enyart
9/18 Margaret Bryant

9/25 Sharon Border

9/28 Liam Taylor
9/28 Marci Murphy
9/29 Rich Murphy
9/30 Cheri Hogan

September Anniversaries:

9/09 Matt & Stacey Harsh
9/22 Robert & Mary Kay Jance
9/28 Mick & Judy Evans

Special Thanks to:

The Membership Team for planning as well as Glen and Amy Bode for hosting our church picnic. A little bit of weather didn't dampen our spirits. Linda Overmyer and Paula Murphy for sharing their 4 handed piano duet as our final Special Music of the summer.

Ted Waggoner and Doug Miller for introducing our new congregational study and inviting us to be a part of it.

August 2026

<u>August Financials</u>		<u>Year to Date Financials</u>	
Income	\$26,312.64	Income	\$146,310.61
Expenses	\$17,634.37	Expenses	\$159,587.17
<u>Worship Attendance</u>		<u>In-person</u>	<u>On-line</u>
August Average		88	15
Year to Date Average		78	19

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 8

Noon Teaching Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Praise Team

Sunday, September 13

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:50 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Monday, September 14

3:00 p.m. Wynnfield Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Membership Team

Tuesday, September 15

Noon Teaching Tuesday

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Team
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 17

5:00 p.m. Property Team
6:00 p.m. Praise Team

Sunday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Worship and Service Sunday
Projects
Noon Lunch

Monday, September 21

Noon Ladies Lunch
3:00 p.m. Wynnfield Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22

Noon Teaching Tuesday