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Church Chatter

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Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." - Acts 6:1-4

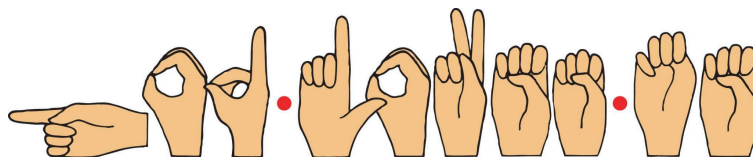
I daydream about living a glamorous life, filled with daring adventure and glorious accomplishments. We celebrate the people who have the power to make great things happen. We are in awe of those who dedicate their lives to pushing for and achieving stupendous things in our world. We are even starry-eyed just to be able to say we have met one of these people, or even to say we know someone who knows someone who met someone who was even distantly related to such a person. And, let's not forget the rabbit hole that is the media coverage that accompanies them. As a society, we seem insatiable for news stories, magazine articles, inside gossip, personal reveals, etc. about famous and fabulous people. Face it, we're jealous.

Some of you will tell me how none of all this noise means one thing to you. You could care less about the overblown hype and the objects of its attention. Fair enough. But I'm sure that at least some part of you has wished for a moment of recognition for the special person that you are, and the reassurance that your life has made a difference in this world. We all need affirmation.

It's a problem, though, when we assume affirmation comes to only those who do the great things. That results in our putting priorities on what kinds of tasks we do, or don't do. I have a lot of time-consuming little tasks on my to-do list that I know won't garner me any praise from this world, so I push them aside to focus on bigger accomplishments. But that does not mean they are not valuable to do. In fact, postponing some of them actually impedes my success at the other things.

Our judgment of the values of different tasks also affects our judgment of people who do them. It is natural to put a higher value on people who do higher value tasks. Unfortunately, we end up failing to still judge lower tasks as valuable, which means we can fail at seeing all people as valuable. Know that your life makes a difference in this world, and there is no one who falls outside of God's love.

- Pastor Craig



GOD LOVES ME

Celebrations



Remaining April Birthday

April 27th: Lindsay Manson, Abigail Walters

April 28th: Kathy Miller

April 29th: Brian Hoshor, Laura Walters

April 30th: Paul Beery II, Curtis Weaver, Alice Tobin



May Birthdays

May 3rd: Amy Boggs, Oliver May

May 4th: Devin O'Connor

May 10th: Ryan Guisinger, Sheila Thomas

May 11th: Adam Garner, Lindsay Dunlap

May 12th: Shannon Lovelett

May 15th: Ben May

May 16th: Terry Landis

May 17th: Terry Thomas

May 19th: Allison Flanagan

May 20th: Kylee Arnold, Kolton O'Connor

May 21st: Gunnar Lamb

May 22nd: Ron Bibler

May 23rd: Brian Bibler

May 26th: Tonia O'Conner, Donna Keller

May 27th: Kay Hanna

May 29th: Tammi Beyer

May 30th: Missy Bibler

May 31st: Misty Kocher

May Anniversaries

May 7th: Bob and Carla Kazlauskys

May 12th: Rob and Joanne Kanet

May 14th: Terry and Connie Landis

May 24th: Eric and Kathy Miller

May 31st: Brian & Missy Bibler

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Nick Congrove, grandson of Theresa and Dan Kalb. Nick will be graduating May 4th from Muskingum University. He has a double major in Business Marketing & Economics, with a minor in History.



Groups and Gathering



Breakfast Club - Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Breakfast Club continues to meet each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. We hope you will join us for the next casual gathering.

Youth Event - May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

The Elementary Youth Group will be attending the Volunteer Event at the Fairfield County Area Humane Society and presenting their donation from the March and April Noisy Offering! We will meet at the Humane Society at 9:45! After this program, we will travel to Schaffner's to have lunch and of course ice cream! If you have an elementary aged student who would like to attend, please contact Julie Walter at (740) 243-2209!



Youth Event



Church Grounds Clean-Up Day- May 5th at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Trustee's have scheduled a Church Grounds Clean-Up Day and we need every available hand to join in! We will use this time to clean out flower beds and complete typical spring maintenance projects for our beautiful Trinity buildings! We hope to see you there!

Crafter's Club - May 8th and May 22nd at 12:00 p.m.

The Crafter's Club will continue to meet on May 8th and May 22nd at Noon. Please come and join us for this time of fellowship as we make items to be added to our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. It is great to get new ideas for items that can be made!



Crafters Group

Consistory & Committee Meetings



Church Committees

Consistory:

May 15th- 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting

Fellowship Committee:

May 11th- 11:00 a.m. Event Preparations

May 21st - 1:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting

Lemon Shake Committee:

April 30th - 7:00 p.m. Planning meeting

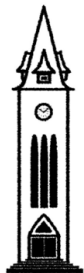
Sewing Committee:

May 7th - 9:30 a.m.

May 21st - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Committee:

May 18th - 11:00 a.m. Removal of the Easter decorations.



Christian Education News

Sunday School Classes ~ Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Adult Class ~ Led by Rev. Craig Showalter
Youth Class ~ Led by Julie Walter

Save the Date for VBS!

Team Jesus
Community Vacation Bible School
June 23rd - June 27th

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Vacation Bible School! Please contact Julie Walter if you are willing to volunteer as a Group Chaperone or Craft Volunteer!



Mission & Outreach



Meijer Simply Give Program

Did you know that you can donate to the Baltimore-Thurston Area Food Pantry at Meijer? During the months of April, May, and June you can purchase \$10 Simply Give Cards from the gift card stand or in the check out aisles. Funds received for the Simply Give cards are sent to the food pantry to support their outreach to our community.

On June 15th, Meijer will double match all donations received that day! This means that for every \$10 card purchased, Meijer will donate \$30 to the food pantry!

If you would like to make a donation to the food pantry, feel free to drop your donation in the soup kettle in the fellowship room (on the bookcase between the two pews. We will take these funds to Meijer on June 15th to purchase the Simply Give cards and maximize your gift!

Changes to the Church Chatter

This is the first MONTHLY Church Chatter! Your next Church Chatter Newsletter will come the last Friday in May and will include information and events for June!

