

***“Do not judge so that you will not be judged
... So then, you will know them by their fruits.”***

—Matthew 7 : 1, 20

It's Fair season! All over the region, State and County Fairs are kicking into high gear. Preparations have now been underway for some time. People of all ages are readying themselves for a couple of weeks of high energy work and fun. For some, it's the culmination of a year's worth of dedication and toil. For others, who may not have had to put in so many long hours, it can be just as stressful. Many groups such as 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Jr. Fair Boards will be represented by their members. Young people will present their projects for all to see. Some will have livestock: Horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, and many other critters will be shown. Others will bring their "hands on" types of projects: Sewing, Fine Arts, Cooking and countless other types of works will be displayed.



I was in 4-H as a teen. Several of my friends and I met once a month at the library where my mom worked. She was our advisor. We did all sorts of projects. One guy took photography. He fell in love with the camera, and it became a lifelong hobby. Another did fine arts. He was able to show off his artistic talents, and he won several awards. My best project was First Aid.



However, no one's project was complete until it was judged. That was always a stressful event. Each participant had to meet one-on-one with a judge to explain what they had done, how they did it, and what they learned from the experience. Judges would examine the project very closely. They would ask tough questions. They wanted to make sure that each participant had done their own work, and had put in the required time and energy.



I remember being judged on my First Aid project. I had assembled a First Aid kit. I had taken some required training on basic first aid. But, I had also taken some additional training at school that increased my knowledge on the subject. One class was on Advance First Aid – they taught us what to do in case of a mass casualty situation (back



then, it was in case of a Nuclear attack). I learned how to put splints on broken limbs, how to treat burns, and how to deliver babies, as well as other skills. Another class I was able to take was for sports trainers. In that class, we learned how to identify certain injuries, and how to tape up ankles, knees and other body parts in preparation for sporting events. Putting all of that information together into my 4-H project helped me earn a "Best in the County" ribbon.



It's all well and good to talk about being judged if the topic of conversation revolves around County Fair participation. But, a lot of folks tend to get upset if they feel they are being judged about their habits or their lifestyle. No one wants to hear what is wrong about their life. Most folks aren't interested in what another believes about what they do in their spare time. "It's none of your business," they'll say.

And, for the most part, they're right. It's absolutely none of my business (or anyone else's) what some people do or how they live. But, when it comes to a brother or sister in Christ, that's a different story. If I encounter a fellow disciple who is engaging in some questionable activities, it becomes my responsibility to try to lovingly steer them away from that and back to the Lord. It's not judging. Judging involves pronouncing sentence, and that is God's job. My job is to look for fruit. If I don't see any fruit, I need to know why. If I go to an orchard and the fruit trees are bare, I'm going to inquire of the caretaker why there is no fruit. It could be that the trees haven't received proper nourishment. It could be that a late freeze killed the blossoms. Or, it could be that the tree is diseased and needs to be pruned or cut down. Whatever the case, knowing what the truth is can help determine what course of action is needed to rectify the situation.



Jesus was very clear about judging and looking for fruit. There is a difference. And it's our responsibility to make sure we do it all correctly.

Pastor Pete

Church Leadership Meeting

Monday
August 14, 2023
at 6:30 PM
in the Fellowship Room

Please plan to attend this monthly meeting if you are part of the Leadership Team.



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LOOK

Something New! An OCC Amazon Wish List Is In The Works! and will be shared via e-mail and Facebook. You can choose what you would like to purchase and it will be shipped to the church. You can also contact Trish (740)727-3284 and she can text you the link.

Included on the wish list are: wash cloths, scissors, pencil sharpeners, large pink erasers, Water color paint sets, slap bracelets colored pencils, markers, small squishy toys, hair combs, glue sticks and rulers. The bulk items are priced from \$9.00 - \$46.00.



It's a baby Shower!!!

Saturday, August 19th
2:00 PM

for Sheena Clevenger and Nathan Lauder

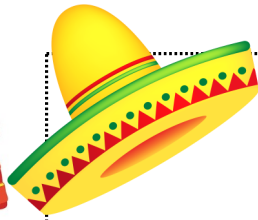
Washington Township Fire Department

Everyone is invited to come and help Nathan and Sheena celebrate the much anticipated arrival of baby Gracie Nicole!

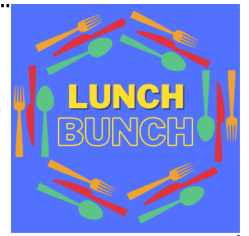
Questions?? Contact Kima Lauder at
740-357-0889

Registered at Walmart.





Lunch Bunch
will be going to
Toro Loco
701 Washington St.
Portsmouth
Tuesday, August 8th at 1:00 p.m.



SUNDAY

August 20, 2023



It's Time To Shop For School Supplies
For Operation Christmas Child

We are in need of *all school supplies*, for OCC, but the **big need at the moment is crayons and notebooks**. You can save over \$1.00 each Now. They are too heavy to order and pay shipping costs and can be bought inexpensively at **Walmart** and other discount stores. The sale will only last a few weeks into August.

- Walmart Crayons:** Penn & Gear 25¢ , Crazy Art 40¢, Crayola 50¢
- 70 Page Note book:** Penn & Gear 35¢

Another Much Needed Item is BARS of SOAP We can no longer order these at a discount price.

***Thank You to everyone who has already been purchasing items for OCC!
You Are Awesome!***

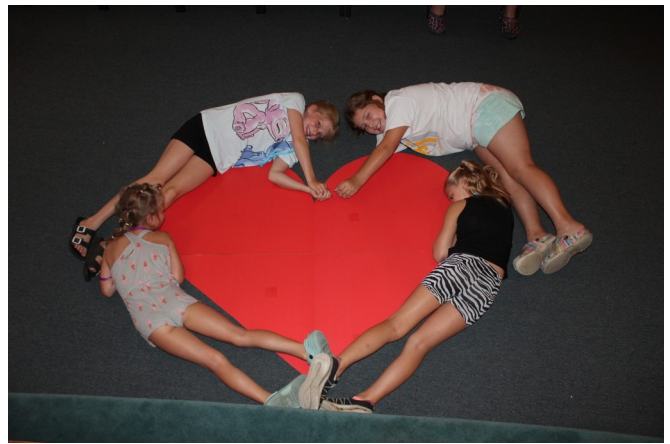


- 1 — Brandon Entler
- 4 — Garnet Renn
- 4 — Kima Lauder
- 5 — Silas Horner
- 7 — Sarah Reese
- 9 — Butch Cook
- 9 — Zoe Niekamp
- 14 — Judy Browning
- 16 — Ethan Kingrey
- 19 — Noah Livingston Lituchy
- 27 — Brian Howard
- 28 — Mason Book
- 28 — Rhonda Hammond
- 29 — Roger Cunningham



Happy Anniversary!

- 6 — Austin & Bobbie Jo Bricker
- 11 — Chuck & Linda Horner
- 26 — Craig & Tammi Castle




**Scenes from
VBS**

July 12 and 13, 2023





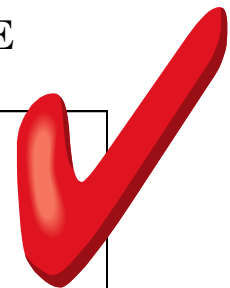


OFFERINGS

July 2	\$3,899.00
July 9	\$3,292.00
July 16	\$8,425.00
July 23	\$4,455.00

ATTENDANCE

July 2	47
July 9	56
July 16	84
July 23	58



With Thanks

Blessings to each and everyone who has stood by me with your prayers, cards, visits and delicious food. I am so thankful to have the Lord, family, and my church family with me during this difficult time. Love and thanks to all. See you soon.
Wilma Gore

Thank you for celebrating my graduation with me. It means so much to me to know my Nauvoo Church family loves and supports me! Thank you, *Emily Hammond* ♥

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I appreciate it so much and hope that I will make you all proud. It will definitely be put to good use. Thank you, *Mitchell Irwin*

Thank you for your gift to help further the mission of the Central Appalachian Missionary Conference (formerly Red Bird Missionary Conference). This is a time of constant and wonderful transformation. God is at work in our area changing lives, and we are working with those transformed lives to change our churches and our communities.

Your donation helps to find ministries that feed children and addresses food insecurity, clothe families, and educate people. With the continued support of donors such as yourself, we will continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in this area and to do God's work in our mountains and valleys.


Hope is rising as we take the next faithful step to live into the new future God has laid before us. We invite you to partner in prayer with us as we seek to continue to be a witness for Christ in the heart of Central Appalachia. To keep up with the exciting work being done in our conference.

We are grateful to be a source of God's transformational love, power, and grace in Central Appalachia.
Thank you, *Operational Team of CAMC*



Our Sympathy To The Friends and Family of:

Dave Lester, husband of Pam, father/in-law of Cinamon and Tim Wellington, grandfather of Zoe and Paisley



Leadership Team Meeting Highlights for – Monday, July 10, 2023

Attendance (12): Pastor Pete , Tim Renn, Paul Conley, Sondi Conley, Roger Cunningham, Rhonda Hammond, Donnie Richards, Jennie Entler, Jamie Prater, Allison Hurst, Linda Horner, and Butch Cook.

TREASURER REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$23,313.19
Offerings: 75,207.05
Expenses: (72,715.22)
Ending Balance: \$25,805.02

- Offerings are under \$543.75 per week.
- Transferred \$50,000 from savings to checking in order to pay our disaffiliation fees. Loan has still not been approved due to not getting the deeds with our correct name on them.
- \$10,000 donation for the elevator. Now have about \$32,000 in the elevator fund and anticipating the new downstairs lift to be about \$25,000. It was suggested to maybe put an awning over the ramp to the sanctuary. Trustees going to look at it and see if it's possible. Anti-slip strips will be installed as soon as the weather and the dryness of the ramp permits.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Pete Shaffer

MON	7/17	7:30 PM	OVFA @ NBFD
SUN	7/23	3:30 PM	Vespers @ Hillview
TUE	8/1	7:30 PM	WTFD Business Meeting
MON	8/7	12:00 PM	Cluster @ VUMC
SUN	8/13	11:00 AM	Terri Cash in Worship
SUN	8/20	11:00 AM	Back to School Sunday

TRUSTEE REPORT: Roger Cunningham

- Randy Mullens, architect for the basement lift, is working on the drawings. He said not to order the lift now because we need to make sure we get the right one.
- Handicap spots marked.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT: Allison Hurst

- Getting ready for VBS Children's church doing OK
- She wants to look at a Sunday School Curriculum--\$40 a quarter for 20 kids

SERVICE STEWARDS: Sondi Conley

- The Lester dinner went very well. Plenty of food for the 48 guests and those serving.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Finance committee met with Oldtown—working on salary and insurance.
- Working with the bank and not going too well.
- Trying to get all accounts changed over has not been an easy process. Pete needs to contact AT&T, Spectrum, and Sam's Club as they are all in his name. Pete will also call FM Solutions—webpage.
- Jennie has many accounts to change.
- Van needs the title changed
- Roger will call the insurance company when we get the deeds back.
- Secretary of State has all been taken care of.
- Electric bill is still way too high—Jennie going to see about changing electric suppliers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Oldtown is interested in doing stuff together with Nauvoo. Light the Night, Live Nativity, etc.

Tim closed the meeting. Pete said the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 14th at 6:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Hammond

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*"Be strong and
courageous. Do not be
frightened, and do not be
dismayed, for the Lord
your God is with you
wherever you go."*

-Joshua 1:9

