

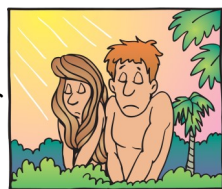
“But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.”

— Luke 10 : 33—34 (NASB)

Many of us have been following the recent storm events that have affected millions in the U.S. mainland; Hurricane Hilary in southern California, and Hurricane Idalia in the Florida panhandle and southeastern coastal states. We have watched and prayed as devastating winds, rains, and tornados wreaked havoc across these regions. I suspect that most of us know someone who lives in one or both of the areas. Anxious silence has filled our homes and our hearts as we waited for news. For Trish and I, it was especially hard because Trish’s sister lives directly in the path that Hilary took traveling north through California. Thankfully, Tammi escaped unharmed and with very minimal damage to her property. And in Florida and North Carolina, friends have been displaced by the temporary loss of electricity, but are praising God for His divine protection.



I struggle sometimes when people ask me where hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes and the like all fit into God’s ultimate plan. And I guess I’m not the only one. Jesus told His followers that there would be “famines and earthquakes” prior to God’s judgment (MT 24:7). I really don’t believe that natural disasters were supposed to be a part of this world’s existence in the beginning. Had Adam and Eve (and all who followed them) stayed the original course and not committed original sin, I suspect things would have been different. I’m of the opinion that all of these disaster occurrences are a result of humanity’s sin. The Apostle Paul wrote, “the creation itself will be set free from its slavery to corruption to the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now” (ROM 8:21-22).



Now, I realize that’s a lot to contemplate, and the topic deserves so much more discernment. Our reality is that we live in a world that is not perfect ... far from the perfection it once knew when God began the creation process. So, we have to learn how to deal

with living in a broken world .. one that has its flaws and sometimes creates chaos for those of us who dwell here. I have some suggestions.

First, we must respond as Jesus would when disaster happens. We can offer acts of love and support to those affected negatively. Short-term mission trips and Emergency Response groups are constantly being organized after crises. These give us a chance to offer a presence and a purpose.



Second, we can give financially toward relief and recovery work. There are many agencies who are equipped to put boots on the ground immediately following a disaster. The Salvation Army, UMCOR and others have, time after time, provided that first wave of bringing hope to hopeless situations. Donations are always welcome and help these groups do what they do best.



Third, we must be people of prayer in times of trouble. Whether we pray before disaster strikes, or during the aftermath, we must boldly Approach the Throne of Grace. Jesus told us to pray that God would raise up workers for the harvest. Paul said that we must pray without ceasing. Prayer moves the heart of God. When people’s lives have been turned upside down, we must bend the ear of our Heavenly Father more than just a little bit.



As a Chaplain and First Responder, I cannot tell you in just a few words how important it is to help in a crisis. Too often, I am thrust into situations where people have literally been shaken to their core. Those who are victims, or who have had their lives and/or property destroyed, usually go into a state of shock. They can’t think or function. They struggle to just speak in clear, concise, short sentences. More often than not, all they can do is ask, “Why?” over and over again. Those of us who claim Jesus as Lord must be ready to handle the tough assignments when they arise. Let’s all seek to find ways to be ready in season or out. Let’s follow the example of the Good Samaritan to be the hands and feet of Jesus when it really counts.



Pastor Pete



Church Leadership Meeting

Monday
September 11, 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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- 1 — Kenna Renn
- 2 — Sarah Livingston
- 4 — Joey Preston
- 6 — Brooke Bauer McNutt
- 6 — Sophia Terry
- 8 — April Skaggs
- 12 — Peggy Weghorst
- 15 — John Hill
- 19 — Sondi Conley
- 20 — Melissa Lucas
- 20 — Amber Dicus
- 21 — Anna Davis
- 23 — Emma Kingrey
- 24 — Kelsey Book
- 24 — Morgan Wartluft
- 24 — Brennan Bauer
- 28 — Grace Lucas
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- 28 — Mitchell Irwin



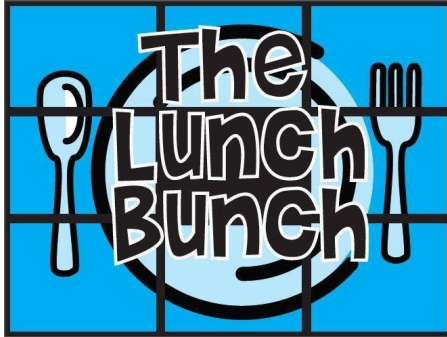
September

- 2 — Jim & Barb Richter
- 6 — Brock & Jennie Entler
- 9 — Chris & Laura Lyon
- 10 — Mark & Rhonda Hammond
- 20 — Brandon & Jennifer Entler
- 27 — Mike & Barb Warner
- 29 — Tim & Angie Renn

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Tuesday, Sept 5th at 1:00 PM.

We are going to Gatti's Pizza, 1658 11th St, Portsmouth.

There is a sign-up sheet on the information table at the church if you think you might come!

Have any Questions? Contact Mary Maple at (740) 464-0628 or Trish Shaffer at (740) 727-3284.



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We were blessed to have Missionary Terri Cash with us during the worship service on August 13th. She is serving in Mozambique, Africa, and shared exciting news with us about the ministry of *Hands of Grace, Africa!* In January, she will be resigning from Tariro, (a vocational school for young adults), where she is a teacher and school administrator. Then, she can focus fully on the teaching compound and cooking school that she has been dreaming of, obtaining materials for, and building for 9 years. The second floor concrete has been poured, but the walls are not completed. Also, after several years

of talking to the owner of a vacant property next to the ministry, they were finally able to purchase the land! This will open up new opportunities to a possible court yard for weddings and parties to be catered by the school!

Terri is an independent missionary and not affiliated with any church or organization. She depends completely on donations from area churches and on her salary from the Tariro. The salary will be gone in January as she answers God's call again; to step out into the unknown, with courage, trust and faith in God, to minister to the poor and untrained that suffer in Mozambique. If you would like to assist Terri further, you can donate in one of several ways shown below. You can email Terri at: tcash2001@gmail.com

Mail Checks Payable:

Hands of Grace-Africa
PO Box 236
Proctorville, OH 45669

Offering at church marked:

Hands of Grace-Africa or Terri Cash

Web Page:

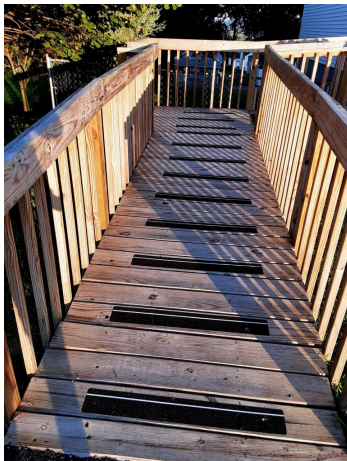
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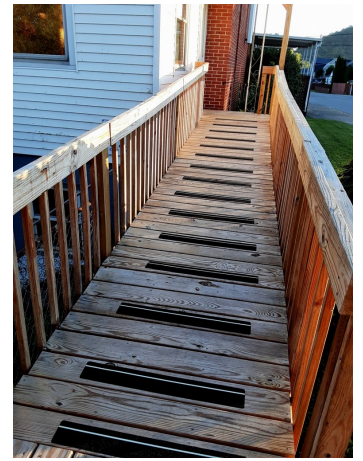
New Non-Slip Weather Strips

Added to Ramp

A BIG THANKS

goes to Trustee Paul Conley
for adding the non-slip weather strips
and varnish to the ramp.

It will make it
much safer on rainy days.



A Few Views From The Pet Blessing In July



Pastor Pete



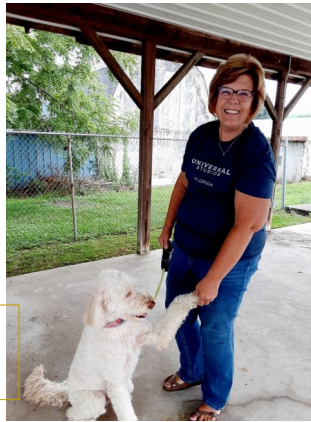
Jennie Entler with Max



Kimmy, Gabby, & Becky Sparks



Roger Cunningham

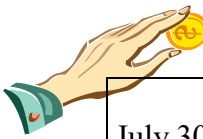


Honky Cat & his mom Windy (not pictured) were the only cats. They reside with Pastor Pete & Trish



September Word Find

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Books	Teacher	Z	Z	C	N	V	X	F	L	E	T	D	Z	M	R	Z	D	V	R	D	A	Q	Q	U
Homework	Breeze	Y	N	S	E	V	A	E	L	I	W	C	Q	I	N	Z	R	Q	O	I	J	K	A	B
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OFFERINGS

July 30	\$1,453.12
August 6	\$5,794.00
August 13	\$4,035.00
August 20	\$2,693.00
August 27	\$3,346.00



ATTENDANCE

July 30	64
August 6	74
August 13	61
August 20	60
August 27	72



With Thanks

Thank you for your faithful love and support! It is felt and cherished more than you know. I look forward to sharing what God is up to in Mozambique. I pray it encourages and strengthens you to follow Him in faith and love. May the Lord Bless and keep you until we are together again.

Terri Cash

A Love Offering of \$355 was taken for Terri on her August visit with us.

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 live to change our churches and our communities.

Your donation helps to fund 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. We are grateful to be a source of God's transformational love, power, and grace in Central Appalachia.

Thank you for your generosity, *The CAMC Operational Team*



Wednesday Night
BIBLE STUDY
 @ 7:00PM
 Resumes September 6th



Would you like to help in the concession stand at the West/Minford Football Game on Friday, Sept 22?

If so, there is a sign-up sheet on the information table at the church. Arrival time will be announced closer to game time.

Questions?? See Pastor Pete.

Slow Stretch Gentle Yoga

Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM
 Beginning September 10th

No fee—mats provided
 If you have your own mat, you can bring it.

The class can also be modified to Chair Yoga.

Everyone Welcome!!

For more information, contact Leichia Davis



Leadership Team Meeting Highlights for Monday, August 14, 2023

Attendance (8): Pastor Pete Shaffer, Tim Renn, Sonni Conley, Rhonda Hammond, Jennie Entler, Linda Horner, Karen Ciraso, and Butch Cook.

TREASURER REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$25,805.02
Offerings: 25,554.66
Expenses: (32,959.66)
Ending Balance: \$18,400.02

\$18,295 has been paid towards the Disaffiliation loan so far. Therefore, we changed the loan to \$30,000. The loan has been approved with stipulations. Jennie has to meet with the loan officer at Peoples Bank. Jennie contacted the IRS and was told that she could send out W-2s at the end of the year from Nauvoo UMC and Nauvoo Methodist Church. Each employee of the church will receive 2 W-2s. Jennie called Church Mutual Select about changing the name on our insurance policies and they said they would have to issue new policies. Coverage is going to increase just not sure how much at this time. However, the cost is significantly higher at about \$1,400 more a year than our old policy. Wondering if there was a discount because of being under the umbrella of the UMC. Going to review old policies and get them to Roger and see what he says. Jennie called all utilities and got the name changed. Pete talked to the Webmaster and he is working on it. He talked to Spectrum and they said they would change the name. He still needs to talk to AT&T.

Budget Jennie Entler

Jennie presented our new budget as Nauvoo Methodist Church. All approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Pete Shaffer

Pastor's Schedule

SAT	8/19	10AM—2 PM	Drive Thru Prayer @ Oldtown
MON	8/21	7:30 PM	OVFA @ Nile FD
TUE	9/5	7:30 PM	WTFD Business Meeting
WED	9/6	7:00 PM	Bible Study resumes
MON	9/11	12:00 PM	Cluster @ VUMC

Clergy Cluster is going to continue to meet each month at Valley UMC, even though ½ the clergy are GMC and the other is UMC.

It is thought that there will be more churches disaffiliating in the Fall than anticipated.

So far 22% of all UMC's in the country have left and it's not done yet.

GMC is trying to catch up with all the paperwork as fast as possible.

GMC Annual Conference will be October 12, 13, & 14 at the Reynoldsburg Community Church. Going to have training sessions, business meetings, etc. A dual charge preacher can bring 1 lay person with them, which would be Paul Conley or Pat Ciraso.

They say that this will be the largest Ordination class in the history of Methodism.

FINANCE REPORT: Karen Ciraso

Going to get check with lawyer about the deeds and can hopefully get them secured by the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Electric bill is still high over \$900 this last bill. Jennie has changed service providers, but that will not come into effect until our next bill. Pete is finding lights left on in the basement frequently. Junior Church teachers need to make sure that the lights are off before they leave.

NEW BUSINESS:

Church would like to help out in the concession stand for one of the home games. It was decided to help out on Sept. 22, they will be playing Minford.

Grandparents Sunday and Fellowship meal will be recognized on September 10th.

We no longer support Central Appalachian Missionary Conference (former Redbird Mission)

Jennie made a motion to increase Terri Cash donation by \$50 each month. Linda seconded. All approved.

Tim closed the meeting. Pete said the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Hammond

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Grandparents' DAY

**Sunday, September 10th
11:00 AM**

A catered Fellowship Meal to follow

A sign-up sheet is on the information table at the church. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet or let Jennie Entler or Sondi Conley know by Sunday evening on September 3rd. They have to give a final count to the caterer on Monday morning.