



Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA



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July 2021

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The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor
Steven K. Weiss – Organist
Brenda Godson – Church Secretary

Worship Times:

Sunday

10:00a.m. Worship Service

Saturday July 31st

Pilgrim Journey Band
(Prayer and Praise)
5:00p.m.

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321-951-0166

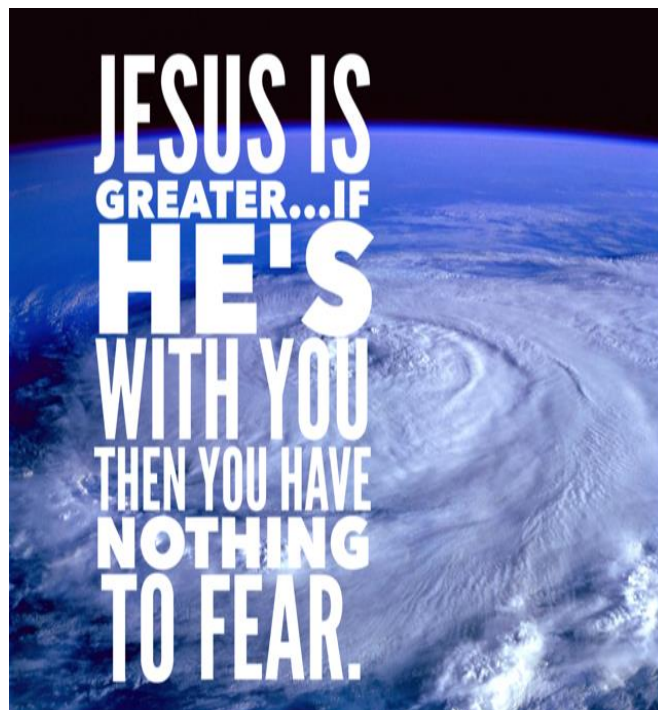
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www.joylutheranelca.com

John 6:20

He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."



O Lord God, heavenly Father, in this perilous season of the year our region is often visited with tempest and gales, calamities and distresses by land and sea.

From such evil spare us, we pray. But if you loosen the wings of the gale and the earth trembles at your bidding – your will, O Lord, be done.

Almighty Creator and heavenly Father, keep us in your mercy through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one true God, forever and ever. Amen.

--prayer from the Danish Missionaries in the Caribbean

"Office Hours: Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays except for 3rd Monday of the month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."

Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends in Christ---

The cantankerous *Teacher* in Ecclesiastes says, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit." (7:8)

For over a year, we've been vigilant and cautious. As a consequence, we near the end of a thing. We near the place where we can say with the Teacher, "Better is the end than the beginning." We are not at the end, but it appears that the end draws nearer.

Based on new guidelines from the CDC and our denomination, some pandemic practices are nearing their end. Specific details will be presented to the congregation by Church Council President Marjorie Maenpaa. Church Council has initiated a gradual approach that moves us in the direction of pre-pandemic worship patterns. While it may seem like we should move quickly forward, Church Council believes a gradual approach to be best. How come? Because, candidly, we JOY members have many and varied comfort levels.

We each have our own particular comfort level because none of us has experienced a pandemic. We're each experiencing a trauma, processing it at different rates, through different means. To be "patient in spirit," is our best tact. As we move forward gradually, we are not throwing caution to the wind, nor are we acting out of wild abandon. JOY will remain prudent and responsible, making faithful, solid decisions together.

To this end, know that singing will be reintroduced as part of Sunday morning worship. We will start gradually with two hymns at first, beginning July 4th. The goal is that we transition 100% back to where we were pre-pandemic in terms of both hymns and liturgical music.

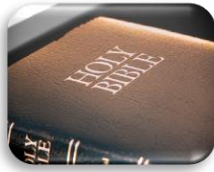
Further, know that receiving Holy Communion in both kinds will be reintroduced as part of Sunday morning worship. We will start gradually with intinction and individual cup, beginning July 4th. Again, the goal is that we transition 100% back to where we were pre-pandemic in terms of reception and celebration modes.

Each Sunday, 10am worship will be live streamed. For a season, 11am-11:30am drive-thru communion will remain available. For a season, youtube abbreviated worship will be provided. In July, Pilgrim Journey Rockin' Praise services will return to the sanctuary.

The pandemic is still with us. This is our reality. Each must do as seems best for self and for neighbor. This pandemic has been, and remains, hard on us. When it comes to the pandemic, we can truly say, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning!"

Stay well. Continue to make wise choices. Thanks for being so very faithful.

God bless and keep you,
JDB+



Gospel Readings

Lectionary "B" for July 2021

July 4.....Mark 6:1-13
July 11.....Mark 6:14-29
July 18.....Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25.....John 6:1-21



Effective as of now, those who are vaccinated for coronavirus have the option of not wearing masks at either indoor or outdoor JOY activities. This is your option.

This is on the honor system. Given how faithfully JOY members and visitors are following current guidelines, we continue to trust members and visitors to follow this new one.

DAY CAMP 2021

THEME: **"THIS IS OUR PRAYER"**

JULY 5-9: M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9am-12pm

Cost: \$5 per child

For registration forms or more information, contact Pr. Bryant.

Email: prbryant4tide@gmail.com

Phone: (321) 951-0166

Registration forms are also available to print from Joy website: www.joylutheranelca.com

Donations of the following are most welcome.

- 60 sheets of card stock
- 30 Ziploc bags
- 10 packs of markers (10 or more in each packet)
- 12 pairs of scissors
- 2 packs of 100 popsicle sticks
- 15 skeins of yarn - differing colors
- 6 containers of modge podge
- 30 paint brushes
- 8 containers of liquid glue
- 6 packets of beads (large)
- 60 smooth rocks
- 10 containers of acrylic paint - Differing in color
- 4 packs of sharpies (various colors)
- 200 sheets of construction paper
- 30 ballpoint pens

Did you miss church on Sunday or were unable to attend? Check out our website.

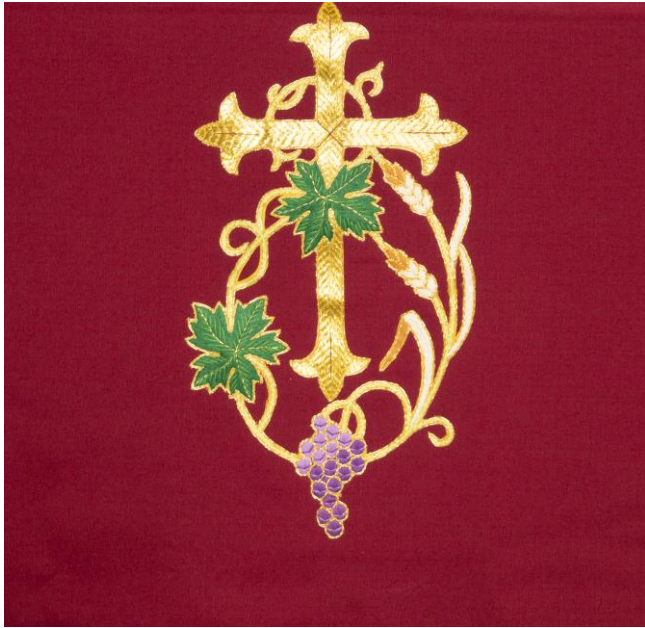


Audios of Sunday sermons or "Live Stream" of the service are available on our Joy website at:

www.joylutheranelca.com

Joy Consecrates New Holy Week Paraments

At the Sunday service on June 20, Pastor Bryant received and consecrated the new scarlet paraments for Holy Week and Martyr Sundays. Our Altar Guild team designed the paraments which were produced for us by David Hensley, an artist in North Carolina.



Joy's New Holy Week Paraments.

The following paragraphs explain the symbolism of the appliques on each of the components *our* New Holy Week Paraments.

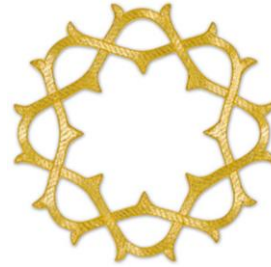
The Cross and Grape

Located on the Pulpit and left side of the altar Superfrontal is a Latin Cross intertwined with grapes Symbol of the Eucharist.



Crown of Thorns

Located in the center of the Altar Superfrontal
Crown of Thorns
Symbol of the Crucifixion



Agnus Dei

Located on the Lectern and right side of the altar Superfrontal
The Lamb of God with the Flag of Victory
Symbolizes Christ's Sacrifice and Resurrection



Passion Flower

Located on the Veil, Yoke and Chasuble
The various parts of the passion flower represent aspects of Christ's Life and Crucifixion
A Legendary symbol of Christ's Passion





815 E. Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901
Phone: (321) 723-1060

Every day, Daily Bread serves the basic needs of our hungry and homeless, and helps them move forward in their lives. This is done with love and help from volunteers, churches and local businesses.

Daily Bread's mission is to face hunger and homelessness together with the local community. Through Daily Bread, they can get mail, clothing, showers and hot meals. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm and Weekends 8:00 am – 11:00 am. in the Main Building.

A hot mid-day meal is served daily from 11 am to 1:00 pm. in the Dining Hall.

NOTE: JOY Lutheran Church Team serves the 4th Friday of each month from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391) if you can help. Thanks to each of you for your support in this ministry. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.

Hygiene Kits: Twelve (12) hygiene kits were taken to Daily Bread in June. Miscellaneous items are always needed, i.e., sample/motel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions), deodorant, tooth paste & tooth brushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors, sanitary pads, wash cloths. Bug Spray and Sunscreen are also needed. Thank you everyone, for your support.

JOY's Team for June: Renee, Marilyn, Chris, Connie, Elaine, & Bob with Asst. Mgr. at DB (Six)



ABOUT ELCA WORLD HUNGER



Working with and through ELCA congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, plus Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, from water wells to animal husbandry, and from community meals to advocacy, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that attack the root causes of hunger and poverty.

As part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) ongoing response to hunger in communities across the United States and the Caribbean, our congregation is partnering with ELCA World Hunger to raise funds for our feeding ministry through a Daily Bread Matching Grant. Note: This does not refer to Daily Bread in Melbourne, FL.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER DAILY BREAD MATCHING GRANT FUNDRAISER

Through Pastor Bryant's initiative, we qualified for an ELCA Matching Grant that supports food provision programs that are either fully funded or sponsored through JOY, e.g., Bread of Life Backpack program, etc. This grant is for \$500.

A quick update on the ELCA matching grant. Through your help, \$650 was donated to match the grant from ELCA World Hunger. **With the \$500 grant added to the \$650 in donations, we have raised \$1,150 for JOY's food provision programs.** This money will go towards food provision programs that happen through/with the support of JOY.

Together, we will be able to provide daily bread for our community. Together, we are making an impact and working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your generosity!

"Daily Bread July 4th Drive"

Through the help of Pastor Bryant, Joy has received \$250 from Thrivent for Daily Bread. Thrivent's most recent push is to have people do action teams that directly (or indirectly) benefit U.S. Veterans, because those qualify for up to \$500 in funds. Per Thrivent, to qualify for the \$500, the action team would have to do its work between Memorial Day '21 and July 4th '21.

Action team proposal to Thrivent. The \$500 has been requested. A credit card for \$250 has already been approved and received from Thrivent. It is now under review by Thrivent for the additional \$250. The project is called "Daily Bread July 4th Drive."

THIS IS HOW THE PROJECT IS DESCRIBED:

Who will be the action team and who will head it?

The Rachel Circle is the action team. Connie S., Millie S., and Pastor JDB+ are the action team heads. Twelve t-shirts have already been received from Thrivent (with their logo).

What will the action team do?

Provide a list of items (to jog memories) on the Sunday Announcement's Slide, Church Bulletin Insert, and Monthly Newsletter. Ask current Daily Bread supporters to consider giving the items that they regularly donate, during the week before July 4th. After collection, the Rachel Circle bags and delivers the same to Daily Bread during the week after July 4th.

When do we do this?

The actual project date reported to Thrivent is July 4th.

Where do we do this?

At JOY. An area has been designated at JOY by Connie S. and Millie S. for the receipt of items.

Why do we do this?

To benefit our homeless neighbors, quite a few of whom are U.S. Veterans.

How do we do this?

By taking the \$250 from Thrivent (hopefully, the full \$500), plus donations from regular supporters, we should be able to easily complete 25-35+ hygiene bags.

With Thrivent's \$250, some items specifically requested by Daily Bread, to include men's shorts, bug spray, sunscreen and underwear have already been purchased.

This project, drawing on its current supporters in JOY, should not prove to be an additional or competing project for JOY.

This is a good thing. Yay, team! Yay, God!

WANTED

Dorcas circle is in need of quilting supplies.



If you can help, we are collecting any and all gently used, no stains" cotton bed sheets. If you have any that you are thinking of parting with, consider donating them to the Dorcas circle? Also, we can use any cotton fabric for the top of the quilt.

We are having trouble purchasing them at regular source, I can only get grey & tan for now, but as usual, prices are jumping up!

If you spot some at a thrift store, or a garage sale, and they meet the LWR qualifications, either let me or Marjorie know and we can run over & purchase them or reimburse them (with receipt). Right now, we pay about \$7.00 per sheet.

Requirements for the sheets:

1. Any color or print but no white or black, as they show dirt too easy.
2. Flat twin or double, or either flat or fitted Queen or King
3. Sheets need to be cotton, as they are the easiest to clean & sew on.

We usually finish two quilts per week, so that is between 90-100 sheets per year.

If you have any questions, call, text or email either MaryAnn or Linda. Also, Marjorie is available to answer any questions.

Thank you & God Bless you!

Linda Kratzer

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

*"I may have all the faith needed to move mountains
but if I have no love, I am nothing." Corinthians 13:2b GNT*

Women of the ELCA 2021 Fall Gathering (All Women are Invited)

Hosted by the Florida-Bahamas Women of the ELCA
November 12 - 14, 2021 • Leesburg, FL

Registration forms (writable PDF) are now available online at www.flwelca.com , for you to copy and share, or to submit via mail or email to our conference registrar, Diane Cummings, at sworegistrar1@gmail.com. Online registration will be available soon.

Visit the website for workshop titles, descriptions, and presenters.

The registration deadline is August 31, 2021 .

Did you know that we have a scholarship program for the Fall Gathering?

We know it's not always easy being you.

We don't want you to choose between paying for prescriptions, groceries, or daycare and being in fellowship and worship with your sisters in Christ. Learn more about SHARE THE SPIRIT at www.flwelca.com.

Even though the school year has ended, please remember this outreach program.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM"

The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So, please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for as many as seven families each weekend. This program is so very important, especially at this time with families barely making ends meet. The cost is approximately \$175 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks,

See Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great outreach program.

Reopening Task Force Report

At the last meeting of the Task Force, the latest CDC recommendations were reviewed and the following recommendations were accepted by the committee to be presented to the council for review and action.

1. Opening up the church to full capacity worship services.
2. Eliminate the need to call in for reservations.
3. Eliminate the need to have worshippers sign in.
4. Remove all social distancing requirements;
 - a. Remove red tape markings from parking lot and Sanctuary
 - b. Remove numbers from back of seats
 - c. Remove white paper signs from seats
5. Resume all indoor activities including fellowship
6. Resume Holy Communion as recommended by the Worship and Music Committee;
 - a. The pastor would continue to stand in front of the Altar and hand out wafers as he has been doing.
 - b. The worshippers would then go to the right and have the choice of individual cup or intinction.

Erik U. Mäenpää

Property Committee

The painting of the Sanctuary has finally been completed and the painting project has now moved to the offices. The pastor's office was painted and now the old nursery/Sunday school room and the secretary's office will be next. Once the offices are completed, the quilting/knitting room will be next followed by the Narthex and the fellowship room. The project will then move to the Narthex, sacristy, kitchen and Wollom-Jackson room. The last rooms to be painted, will be the restrooms.

The parking lot repair work is ready to start as soon as the contractor receives the permit from the City of Palm Bay.

As with most parts and supplies today, there are some delays in getting the parts needed for the completion of the new front doors resulting in unanticipated delays. When the required parts are received by the manufacturer, the project will be able to proceed to completion.

The furnishings in the pastor's office have served the pastor's well, but they are now showing their age and wear and it may be time to look at new furnishings to present a more professional appearance. The current furnishings are from a collection of mismatched items as a result of members over the years donating items they were planning to discard.

Donations of plants to "JOY Memorial Garden" and "Church Property":

All plant donations should be approved by the Memorial Garden Committee prior to planting. The Garden Committee will determine the appropriateness of the plant being donated and the proposed location. All material donations of furnishings, equipment, books and household items, should be approved by the Property Committee before being donated and stored at the church.

Erik U. Mäenpää

Monthly Church Council Report

Marjorie Maenpaa, Council President

I would like to thank you for all your patience and understanding during this Pandemic and for trusting your Task Force and Church Council for safety guiding us through these uncertain and stressful times. Your Task Force worked tirelessly and had many sleepless nights over these past months to get us to where we are today.

I know some of you thought we were being ridiculous. Some of you thought we didn't go far enough and some thought we did the right things. Your Church Council, on recommendations from the Task Force, made all the right calls. All I know is that it was a hard job.

All that said I hope, I have some good news. As of July 4th, we will be doing the following:

1. No more phone reservations
2. No more sign in sheets
3. All chairs will be put back and the numbers and the "no sit" papers will be removed.
4. All indoor activities may resume including:
 - a. Coffee fellowship after the church service
 - b. WELCA'S Pancake Breakfast.
 - c. Young at Hearts Luncheons
 - d. Pot Luck Dinners
 - e. Evening Fellowship Meals and entertainment
 - f. Reception meals

Now for the really good news: Communion will be both wine and bread. Explanation of how this will work will be given on Sunday July 4th.

The Second good news is we will begin LIMITED singing. LIMITED singing. We will sing one hymn to open the service and one hymn to close the service.

All these changes take place next Sunday July 4th. The Church Council knows some of you will be happy with these changes and some will be unsure. The Council understands this, and their goal is still to continue to keep everyone safe and still try to get us back to Pre-Pandemic.

If you have any questions, concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me.

Marjorie Maenpaa
Church Council President



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) – 4th Tuesday, July 27 @ 11:15am, Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00am

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00am

WELCA Meeting: August 7, 2021 @ 10:00am

YOUNG AT HEART: July 15, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be potluck.

LAKE YALE Fall Gathering - Florida-Bahamas women of the ELCA meet November 12-14 at Lake Yale, Leesburg, FL.



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL /CRAFT SALE and SILENT AUCTION- Sat., Nov. 6, 2021, outside under canopies



Twelve personal hygiene kits to **DAILY BREAD** in June - Thank you for your support in this monthly project. **DAILY BREAD** Hygiene Kits: miscellaneous items needed, i.e., sample/motel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions), deodorant, tooth paste & tooth brushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors, sanitary pads, wash cloths. Also needed are bug spray and sunscreen.



TURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) school supply campaign runs June 27 thru July 25

Bible Study: Summer 2021: Just love, Part 2–Just L.I.F.E. Session 2 (July) explores “Just Truth.” We will travel with Paul on the road to Damascus and experience his life-changing transformation. We will also take a closer look at how our Savior chose to share difficult truths with God’s people, and we will witness his boldness in speaking truth to power.

Young at Heart ❤️ WE'RE BACK

Young at Heart" will be meeting on Thursday **July 15, 2021 17th, 2018 at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert).

We have a great time getting to know each other. So, please come out and join us.

IMPORTANT: Contact Marjorie Maenpaa at 321-327-8400 for additional information. Hope to see you there!!!

Newsletter

Tidings of Joy is only as good as the input received from Church Council, WELCA, Men's Group, Various Committees, Circles, etc. Please provide David Steinhorst with your news, thankyou's, updates, etc. for the **August 2021 Tidings no later than July 26th**.

Email David Steinhorst
dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com or provide a printed copy.

HAPPY FOURTH of JULY



Let us take a little time away from our 4th of July festivities to give thanks, for having the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior without reprisal.

Online giving is an option for us, and also for others visiting our website.

A link to our online giving portal is found on the JOY website. The secure link to that portal is:

<https://www.joylutheranelca.com>

Scroll down to the purple box that says "online giving." Feel free to check it out, even if you do not elect to use it. What can it hurt to learn about something new, right?

Again, this is an option, not just for ourselves but for others beyond JOY. Participate if you feel so led. Don't participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



HELP WANTED



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service. Since our entire service is projected on our screen, this is obviously an important job.

If you are interested, contact Barbara Herndon or David Steinhorst.

We care about you!



If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a visit from Pastor Bryant, a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



We especially pray for Friends, Family, and Members of Joy.

WHO ARE:

- Suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Suffering from pain or illness.
- Suffering from depression or loneliness.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

JOY CORE VALUES

Worship: Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament and prayer

Property: Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

Outreach: Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

Fellowship: Enjoying each other's company

Welcoming: There is a place at Joy for everyone

Education: Getting to know the Word

Relationships: Everyone is worthy of care and respect

2021 Church Council

Pastor - Rev. John David Bryant

President – Marjorie Mäenpää

Vice President – Don Heine

Secretary - Kelly Arner

Treasurer - Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary - Renee Harper

Council Members at Large:

Dudley Bowling

Sue Getter

Barbara Herndon

Gary Krause

Peggy Marion

Joy Peters



July Birthday Blessings

07/02	Patsy Steger
07/05	Al Kongsjord
07/05	Matthew Peters
07/07	Ethan Arner
07/11	Patricia Muth
07/12	David Steinhorst
07/13	Mary Ann Jones
07/13	Bob Lindner
07/20	Barbara Herndon
07/22	Cathy Fisher
07/24	Chris Peters
07/25	Kelly Arner
07/27	Constance Church
07/27	Jerrilyn Krause
07/28	Chris Allebaugh

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for \$20.00 in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by "**Emma's Flowers.**"



Eternal Candle

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle** you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is \$5.00 weekly.

January - May 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Budgeted each Month	\$14,810	Budgeted YTD	\$74,050
Received in May	\$16,071	Received YTD	\$63,281
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted YTD	\$7,090
Received in May	\$2,076	Received YTD	\$6,392

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship	DAY CAMP 9am – 4pm	DAY CAMP 9am – 4pm	DAY CAMP 9am – 4pm	DAY CAMP 9am – 4pm	DAY CAMP 9am – 12pm 8:30am Property Work Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm "Young at Heart" Potluck	8:30am Property Work Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:15am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	5:00pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.