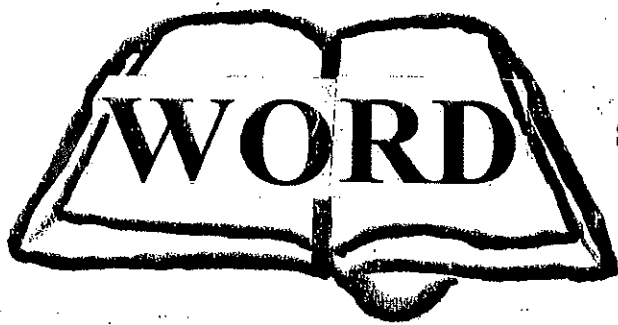


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The "Good News" and "Happenings" of

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SUMMER VACATION.

Summer is June 21 through Labor Day according to the calendar, but we start celebrating it on Memorial Day

Vacation is taking time for the purpose of rest, relaxation and to recharge is of critical importance, so dedicating time away to unplug can help us to reset.

-Merriam-Webster

With the joys of summer here, vacation and family gatherings are here. As we enjoy ourselves, we often change our routine of studying the Word. As a result our intake of God's Word is put in the background..

The Power of Rest and Refreshment.

Power Prayers to start your day-Donna Maltese

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened and I will cause you to rest. (I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls)

Matthew 11:28

Some days we are pulled and pushed and stretched every which way. And the pressures of living mount, we feel our sense of well-being slowly disintegrating. During such adversity our true colors tend to show, revealing who we are and where we are putting our trust.

Stress is not a new problem. The first protective measure against stress is to make sure we take a weekly Sabbath rest. Spend time in His presence, reading God's word and Christian literature. Free

your mind as you rest your body. In your quiet time give the Spirit a chance to light upon you, giving you discernment, realigning your priorities and allowing you to see your life, circumstances, needs and desires through the eyes of God.

Second, take a daily Sabbath rest, something our Lord did on a regular basis. Luke 5:16, says "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed". When you eagerly seek the Lord throughout the day, you will find Him and He will give you rest on every side (2-Chronicles 15:15)

Third, focus on and trust in God. In times of anxiety we tend to let fear replace faith. We feel like Job "What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil (Job 3:25-26). Constantly remind yourself that with Jesus, you have nothing to fear. You can trust in the One who will never leave you nor forsake you.

Fourth, daily ask God to help you feel your peace and give you joy on the journey through life, knowing that stress, although tortuous at times, can make you a stronger person.

Finally give your burdens to Jesus and leave them there. His shoulders were made to carry them.

Have a relaxing and recharged summer vacation!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

WELCA NEWS.....

The July outing (all church members and guests are invited) will be at Creno's near the vocational school The date is Tuesday, July 11 at 6PM. Attendees are asked to bring a white elephant gift to be used as Bingo prizes. Please plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

The Basement Sale will be July 28 & 29 If possible, please wait to bring items the week of July 23, and take to the basement. Thank you. The monies raised help us on various community outreach projects so thank you for your participation.

WELCA is accepting donations until the end of August to send school and personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief.

The school kits consist of the following items: 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide and college-ruled), rulers with inches and centimeters, pencil sharpeners (for individual), blunt school scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, blue/black ballpoint pens, (no gel ink), boxes of 16-24 crayons, 2.5-inch erasers, and sturdy drawstring backpacks (no standard backpacks)

The personal care kits consist of the following items; lightweight bath sized towels; bath size bars of soap; single adult sized toothbrushes in original packaging (no multi-packs), sturdy combs, and metal nail clippers.

Please do not donate items with religious symbols, US flags, messages, or group names.

You may also donate cash for purchases and to cover shipping cost. Please mark your envelope "LWR kits" if you are making a cash contribution.

You may put donations on the table in the basement of the church

For more information, contact Kay Wilson or Joy Pletcher

THANK YOU.....

Ida Lane wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers she received at Gordon's passing.

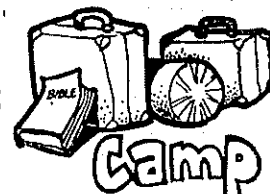
MID-OHIO PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY

Will be held on Tuesday, July 18, from 9AM-11AM. Volunteers need to arrive by 8AM or earlier. Last month in May a total of 119 families were helped.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH JULY.....

Birthdays: July 11---Delores Wolfe
13---Shirley Kessler
21---Kathy Jenkins

Anniversaries: July 5---Megan & Matt Fraunfelter
10---Pastor & Andrea Lease
31---Robert & Renee Deitrick



ST JOHN'S STOVERTOWN COUNCIL MINUTES -June 1, 2023

Members present were: Tom Gibson ,Bob Pletcher, Joe Pletcher, Gary Williams, Bill Thomas, and Pastor Al Lease

Gary Williams led devotions stressing service to others, personal sacrifice, and a path to overflowing joy

Pastor Lease read the secretary's report and it was approved.

Pastor Lease is registered for the Synod Assembly on June 3 from 9-4. His May activities were as follows: Worship and Sunday School-4, Leading Manna Bible Study-3, Hosted a cluster meeting and 4 regular, Funeral-1, church council-1, Miles for May 232. Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

The May Produce event served 119 families, including 9 new families. 25 Helpers prepared and served the produce

The mower received a new bearing and new belt. The elevator repair will happen soon.

There was no Old Business

New Business:

Gary Williams moved to waive the building rental and custodial fees for funerals of non-members who grew up in our congregation or have family ties here or community ties here. The organist fee and the Pastor's fee remains unchanged or private treaty. Our church will pay the custodial fee. Tom Gibson seconded this motion. After discussion of how our congregation is becoming more visibly service oriented, the motion carried.

Tom Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Bill Thomas

Secretary Pro-Temp

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Al 740-541-2823	Church 740-697-0202					1
Holy Communion Worship 10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	3		4	5 Council 8PM	6	7
9 Worship 10AM SCS-9AM	10	11 WELCA Outing 6PM Creno's		12	13	14
16 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA Change Collection	17	18 Mid-Ohio Food Give-A-Way		19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship-10M SCS-9AM	31				Basement Sale	Basement Sale
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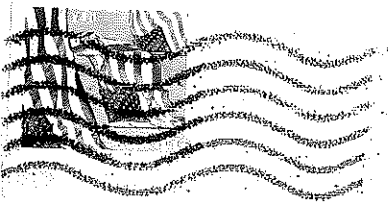
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