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### *Our Mission*

*To Share the Good News of God's grace through worshipping, teaching and reaching out to all in need of God's love.*

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## **Pastor's Message**

May  
2021

THE MESSENGER

There are a couple of things I want to make you aware of and one of them is something that is happening in just a few weeks. On May 23, Pentecost Sunday, during the worship service there will be a tribute to Alene Oliver who passed away months ago at the age of 101. Please be sure to come to church that day and wear something red. Not only is 'red' the color for Pentecost but it was Alene's favorite color as well. More news about a meal that will follow worship is soon to come.

The other thing I want to announce is that I am retiring the end of August. Since I will have some remaining vacation time my last Sunday will be August 15. I am retiring with many good thoughts regarding the last 5+ years at Good Shepherd. Lori and I will be moving to South Carolina to be close to our family and we look forward to that move. However, it's not easy to say "good-by" and this time is no different. Fortunately, we don't have to do that for a few more months but we certainly wish to express our thanks for all the kindness you have shown us.

Many other pastors and deacons will serve Good Shepherd in many and various ways and our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to bless you as well.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

## 2021 Pledged Giving Update

Pledges Over: 9

Pledges Short: 5

Pledges Even: 19

Year to Date Over: \$2,240

Short for 2020: \$6511.88

### Social Hour and Panera Bread

We are re-establishing the social hour with coffee and Panera Bread sweets. Please feel welcome to stay and visit and enjoy some refreshment.



We need volunteers to pick up the Panera Bread donation on Saturday evenings. For more information talk to Russ or Ann Siler.



### A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE SENIOR SHEPHERDS!

Just an update about our Personal Care Kit Project. Thanks to all who contributed, we received almost \$1,000 in donations and a \$250 grant from Thrivent.

Soon the shopping will begin and the kits will be assembled for distribution. God Is Good!

### ELCA Email List

New information on Lutherans will be sent out periodically if you ELECT to receive messages from our national ELCA bishop, our SOS bishop, and other selected sources. This will not be our prayer and announcement email list. But you can respond to that announcement IF you have time to read emails, and are interested in being a more informed member of our national and synodical (Southern Ohio) relationships. Pastor John will send these out as they arrive, if you would like to read them. Or, you can ask Pr. John, or email him at [jjbljohan@aol.com](mailto:jjbljohan@aol.com) if you have questions or you want to sign up.

# Backpack Jesus Sunday School—April 2021

The Backpack Jesus Sunday School class decorated wreaths for Holy Week last month! Barbara Cecil

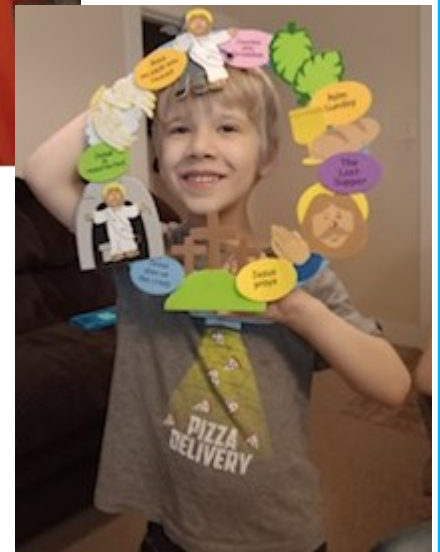


Above: Audrey made a wreath for Easter!

Below: Molly with her wreath!



Above: TJ and Michael made their wreaths.



Below: Liam and Emma also made wreaths.



## Paddock Family Update

The Paddock's wanted to update everyone on the status of the summer orphan hosting program through Project143.

After collecting the bills from the donation jar and hosting a yard sale with the Pleasant Hill community yard sale event, we have a combined \$787! We are so excited! Nearly a 1/3 of our goal met in one weekend! Thank you so much for donating to our jar and cause!

We will be participating in the West Milton community yard sale next. If you would like to donate any unwanted items please let us know! Thank you for your help!

Unfortunately, the teen girl we intended to host from Ukraine is no longer available for unspecified reasons. We have now chosen a 14 year old orphan girl from Columbia. Attached is her bio.

Thank you so much for your kindness and support! We hope to make this dream a reality for an orphan who desperately wants a family.

### **C100 SOL (14)**

“ SOL loves the outdoors, singing, dancing, reading, watching movies, and playing sports.

Her perfect day: One where she and a family get to have fun together and get to know each other.

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Kind :: Strong sense of self :: Defender



18 likes

p143host We met SOL at the beginning of 2020 and we were drawn to her sweet and outgoing personality. She is placed in an institution where children are being prepared for adoption and she has watched each of her friends go home with their forever families.

Now one year has passed and this precious girl remains alone!

Just yesterday she met us with tears in her eyes, wondering what she has done wrong that she does not have a family of her own. "Why doesn't anyone want me?" she asked. My heart broke for her as I held her; explaining that the most special family is out there just waiting for her.

- Tammy Cannon, P143 Founder

Are you that family?

Religion is very important to SOL and she would love a family to go to church with! She even sang us a beautiful song about God during our time with her. This kind, disciplined teen needs a family to offer her unconditional love, support, and hope.



## Guiding Light Advocates Birth Announcement!



GLA is happy to announce the birth of baby Wyatt! With your help, and generous donations we have been able to provide diapers, baby wipes and hope to baby Wyatt's mom and sisters. We are so happy Wyatt's mom chose life, despite being pressured to abort. God has plans for this sweet boy and I'm excited to see them unfold.

Please keep Wyatt's mom in your prayers as she is navigating through parenthood as a single mom with three children. I can't imagine how daunting that must feel at times. Also, Wyatt is colicky and had issues with jaundice. Let us pray that he feels better soon.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you feel called to volunteer your time in support of our mission please contact the church office or Mindy Paddock.

## Luth Youth Greeting Cards

There are still greeting card packs left. They are \$7 per pack. These are beautiful cards that are blank inside for you to write anything you would like. If you are interested, see Jeff Barth or email the church and we will get you your cards.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ric Warner, David Stein, Dianna Frye, Susan Jebens, Marsha Fischbach, Pastor Gellatly, Amy Grile, Les Barker, and Judy Tipton

Devotions were led by Amy Grile

Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion Pastor Steve Second: Susan Jebens All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Dianna Frye Second: Amy Grile All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Approved with changes. Motion: David Stine Second: Les Barker All were in favor

Pastor's Report:

We will have bulletins on Easter Sunday and perhaps a baptism Our Pentecost Service, on May 23, will include a memorial service for Alene Oliver. Council members will be installed on March 21.

New Business:

We will be reopening our Nursery for use during our worship service. Barb Cecil will be asked to organize volunteers for the nursery.

Our chairs in the sanctuary will be reconfigured to accommodate different size groups on Easter Sunday.

Endowment Fund: A discussion was held concerning how we use the interest money earned from our Endowment Fund.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Worship: Choir practice has begun for both choirs. The Chancel Choir and Shepherd's Bells will sing and play on Easter. Les Barker and Rusty Baker continue to work on broadcasting our YouTube videos each Sunday.

Mission/Outreach/LSIM: The Milton-Union Council of Churches may run their Back Pack Program through our church this year.

Property:

Youth/Christian Education: Amy Grile is working to get our Sunday School functioning again. She has contacted several parents; and they don't feel they will have their children return just yet. Amy will continue to plan and wait until Fall to open our Sunday School Program.

Stewardship:

A motion to adjourn was made by Les Barker, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Fischbach

## **F.I.S.H. of Union Township**

We still will be participating in the **Meijer Simply Give Program** from Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this time frame \$10 gift cards will be available on a display rack with our name on it at the **Troy Meijer Store only**. The purchase of these cards will then be given to us in the form of gift cards of which we can purchase food at the Meijer store for our pantry.

On **Saturday June 19th**, they will be doing what they call "**Double Match Day**". When a \$10 gift card is purchased Meijer`s will double it and add to the \$10 purchased and we get the total of \$30 worth of gift cards for our pantry.

If you want to participate in this program and don`t want to go to Meijer`s you can write a check to FISH- Union Township, 30 Marjorie Ct. West Milton, Ohio 45383 and in memo line put Meijer Simply Give.

**We will invest the money donated on June the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Thanks for all the support you have given us.*

Ralph Warner (Treasurer) Cell 937-672-7303

## **DOING YOUR PART**

What do churches, social clubs, and charitable groups have in common? They are all organizations that rely heavily on volunteers to operate successfully. As a matter of fact, without volunteers these groups would probably cease to exist.

A church like Good Shepherd is no different. We rely, for the most part, on volunteers to get things done around the church. Yardwork, lay ministries, technical support, good works . . . all these things get done because someone in the church steps up and does them.

Being a volunteer costs you very little. It certainly doesn't cost as much as having to hire done what volunteers accomplish. It does cost you some time but it is time well spent especially when you consider what you get in return. It's the rare person, indeed, who doesn't derive a personal joy from giving of yourself contributing to a good cause. If you like feeling good about yourself find a job at church and lend a hand.

Good Shepherd is like many organizations relying on volunteers. 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. Are you part of the 20%? If not, could you be doing more? We could use some help before the 20% begin to feel overused and burned out.

## **HELP NEEDED**

There are several openings here at Good Shepherd and we are looking for a couple of people to help us out:

**SOUND BOOTH ASSISTANT** – Les Barker and Rusty Baker have been providing steadfast service for the last several months for which we cannot thank them enough. However, they could use some help especially with summer coming on. Both Les and Rusty are avid campers and there will be several Sundays during the warm months ahead when they will be attending the Church of God Outdoors. Jarrett and Trevor Grile are willing to fill in from time to time but it would be good if we had a couple more people who would be willing to volunteer an hour of their time to help us handle sound booth duties. It's not as complicated as it sounds and training will be provided.

**LSIM REPRESENTATIVE** – We need one person who is willing to serve as a Good Shepherd representative on the LSIM Board. We need three and this person would be joining Pastor John Johansen and Diane Frye as our representatives. The Board meets 6 times a year with virtual participation an option. The representatives would also be asked to update the GSLC Council following a meeting of the LSIM Board. Please see Pastor John or Pastor Steve if you have questions.

**LUNCH BUNCH DIRECTOR** – After several years heading up our 5/3 Lunch Bunch program, Arlene Warner has decided that someone else needs to step up and run the Good Shepherd portion of this worthwhile program. This program runs during the months when the Milton Union schools are not in session. The goal is to provide lunch and/or food for students and families who qualify for food assistance during the school year. The primary organization, planning, and food preparation is provided by Hoffman Methodist. The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch Director serves as the contact person with Hoffman. He or she also arranges to have the food picked up from Hoffman and lines up our workers to serve on lunch days. In the past lunch has been served three days a week. If you have questions call Arlene Warner or Becky Garrett at Hoffman Methodist (937-524-7220).

## BIRTHDAYS

- 5** Susan Landis  
**6** Bob Spitler  
**7** Dawson Tinnerman  
**12** Jeff Barth  
**16** Phyllis Crowe  
**28** Barbara Menker  
**29** Susan Jebens

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 9** David and Annette Stein  
**19** Mark and Susan Knife  
**21** Jerry and Peri Bonner

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*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know! Send an email to:  
office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org*

## SERVING

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine Hayes

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

### ALTAR GUILD

Kristine Hayes  
Becky Black

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### LECTOR

- 2** Judy Moncrief  
**9** Judy Moncrief  
**16** Judy Tipton  
**23** Jeff Barth  
**30** Jeff Barth

### USHER CAPTAIN

- 2**  
**9** Jarrett Grile  
**16** Dave Vagedes  
**23** Lori Gellatly & Barbara Cecil  
**30**

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### NURSERY

- 2** Lori Gellatly  
**9** Amy Grile  
**16** Barbara Cecil  
**23** Barbara Cecil  
**30** Heidi Spitler

### SOUND

Jarrett Grile



*If you cannot serve on an appointed day,  
It is your responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.*



# May 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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2 9am - Confirmation Class 10:30a - Holy Communion	3 7:30p - AA Meeting	4	5 3-5p - Plarn	6 9:00a - Bible Study	7	8
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30 10:30a - Holy Communion w/ Confirmation Celebration	31 7:30p - AA Meeting					

## Our Church Staff

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## Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks,  
Carol Simcox, Mary Jane Smith,  
Grant Hibner, Matt Louis, Dick  
Stalinsky, Nicole Tipton, Carol  
Garver, Kelly Jones, Abby  
Bonner, Bill Sims, Marsha  
Fischbach, Kathryn Grisso,  
Marie Kopp



- 2 Open
- 9 David & Annette Stein - In celebration of their 40th anniversary!
- 16 Jeff & Jodi Barth - In celebration of Jeff's birthday!
- 23 Ric & Arlene Warner - In memory of Alene Oliver.
- 30 Open