



October
2021

THE MESSENGER

Our Mission

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

Pastor's Message

Lori and I certainly wish to express great thanks for the retirement celebration, the great meal, the wonderful program, the very generous gift, and the many years of love, patience, and caring. We look forward to moving to South Carolina where we will be close to family (especially Knox) but the downside of that is that we will be leaving a place that we have grown to love. But, you will remain in God's care which is the best so we will again say thanks and strive to be the people that God intends for you to be. Words of thanks also to the choir for the special music, words, practice, and presentation.

*Blessings,
Pastor Steve*



Senior Shepherds News

Pr. John, Betty Lou, Barb, Eva, and Margaret met on August 24 to review past activity and to plan for the future!

Were Back

Save the Date

Next Meeting

September 28, 2021, 2 p.m.

All plans are "tentative" and subject to the growing DELTA/COVID virus, and the information from the CDC and the Southern Ohio Synod

We hope our seniors, and others from the community, will join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month for social, educational and service activities.

If we can meet on September 28 we hope to have someone from the city office update us on the Stillwater Crossing development. Other programs may help us put current health concerns in focus. And we hope to talk about Lutheran relationships with other Christian denominations. In December we hope we can meet at the Old Mason Winery for a Christmas program and social sharing, and perhaps, an after Christmas service project.

Dessert hostesses have volunteered for 2021. We will have just snacks and beverages this fall.

Watch for announcements about the West Milton Sr. Center re-opening. Carol Garver will be making notifications.

Service projects were discussed, and will be on the agenda for the September 28 meeting at 2:00 p.m. We will also celebrate birthdays. We have missed an entire year because of COVID. We all hope for many more birthdays!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our Preschool Program Started August 30th and we are very excited to have our new director, Becky Garrett, as well as all the new and returning teachers and assistants. They have all done an amazing job of adjusting to meet covid concerns and provide a safe learning environment.

Please keep our teachers and children in your prayers. Our church is very blessed to be able to share our building for this much needed community outreach.

Thank You

Milton Union Council of Churches once again provided backpacks and supplies to students of Milton-Union Schools and children of area churches. Good Shepherd collected 100 boxes of tissues to help with this mission. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help the children of our community have a successful school year.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHANGE

Our Administrative Assistant, Breanna Ely, will be on maternity leave until the end of this year. We wish her all the best while the Ely family awaits the new addition.

Amy Grile has agreed to be the interim Administrative Assistant while Breanna is on her leave. Amy will be in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. She will be off duty on Saturdays & Sundays. If you need her help on these days, there are "Office Request" forms available in the Narthex. You can fill one out and leave on her desk in the office or email your request to the church and she will address it during her weekly office time.



REMEMBER FREE MONEY!!!

There are several organizations that are willing to give us money if we just take the time to get things set up. This article hopes to remind us all of what is available.

Probably the rebate program with the most potential is one that many of us are now using on a regular basis. How many of you do your online shopping with Amazon? This is to remind you to make the switch to Amazon Smile before you shop.



It takes just a couple of minutes to arrange it. Go to smile.amazon.com and set it up. The toughest part is finding Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, West Milton on the list of eligible non-profits. There were something like twelve pages of eligible Good Shepherds and our Good Shepherd was on the 9th or 10th page. Don't give up – it's there.

Once you designate our church as your charity of choice, you need to access Amazon via the smile.amazon.com website. You can make that website a "favorite" making it easier to access each time. Once there, everything looks exactly the same as if you went via amazon.com. All your preference lists, buying history, prior history, etc. are there. The only difference is now when you buy something, Amazon will send us money!! They donate .05% of whatever you buy to our church.



And don't forget the Kroger rebates! Good Shepherd Lutheran is getting close to \$300 a year because some of our members took the time to sign up for the rebates on the Kroger website. Anytime they shop at Kroger now, Kroger sends us money! Tapping into free money is a no brainer.

Finally, our local IGA also has a program that will send us a rebate at the end of the year. Just bring your IGA receipts to church and deposit them in the box for IGA receipts. At the end of the year we will total them up and we'll get a check.

During our time without a pastor, Deacon Nancy Trimble will be available for Pastoral Care. You can reach her at 937-269-6359 or nancytrimble@abidingchrist.net

From Pr. Emeritus John Johansen -

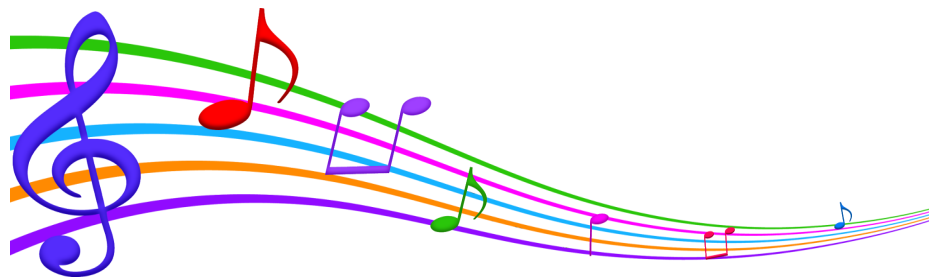
Today, Sunday, August 29, I tried one of the 4 hearing amplifiers that the church provides. I usually sit in one of the dead spots, next to Betty Lou, under the south eve. I was amazed at how it helped me hear every word. I still may have to learn to adjust it during different times in the service. But I will certainly try it again. If you sit in a dead spot or have difficulty hearing, I would certainly encourage you to try one of these devices in the future.

son with it.

Ask the sound person for the device and help



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS...



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR MUSIC PROGRAM

Sing in our Chancel Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Play in our Bell Choir Practice 1st & 3rd Sundays 9:15 a.m.
(You do need to read music to be in the bell choir)

Our first practice for Chancel Choir is Wed. Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Our first practice for Bell Choir is Sun. Oct. 3 at 9:15 a.m.

Please contact Marsha Fischbach for more information



OUR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL WILL BE BACK THIS DECEMBER!

The musical will be presented on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:00 p.m.

You, your family, and friends are all invited to participate.

You don't need to be a member of our congregation.

Practice will begin on October 10 after our worship service.

Those attending other churches will arrive as soon as they can.

All practices are on Sunday until production week.

A practice schedule will be available at our first practice.

Holy Baptism

Mia Daisy Paddock

September 15th, 2021



Blessing of the Plarn Mats

These beautiful mats were blessed and are now ready to be given to the homeless. They will not only provide comfort but will also serve as a reminder that God (and others) care. *Want to learn to plarn? The plarning group meets on Wednesdays and everyone is welcome.*



Mark your Calendars

for Barbara and Bob Cecil's
60th Wedding Anniversary

Open House

on Sunday, October 10

from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

at the Hale House

(right next to Hale-Sarver Funeral Home),
284 North Miami Street, West Milton!

LSIM RETREAT

October 2

Abiding Christ Church in Fairborn
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Lunch will be provided.

Please let Diana Frye know if you would like to attend or have any questions or let Amy know in the office. We need to know how many are attending by Sept. 26 in order to prepare enough for lunch.

We will be discussing the Post-COVID Church and future planning. Rev. Tim Johnson from KAIROS will be leading.

Please consider attending this important retreat.

All materials and lunch will be provided.

We're Not Just Here on Sunday!

We currently host several programs here at Good Shepherd but there is room for more! Our church is blessed to welcome groups like Girl Scouts, AA and Young Spirits. We also have a three-day-a-week preschool as well as a Bible study group, planning group, a group to help support young parents and a senior ministry. Do you have a program, group or outreach that needs a place to meet? Do you have an idea for a program or ministry that would be of a benefit to our community? Let us know! You can call the office at

937-698-5826 or email us at office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org.



We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

Wow...

This last year has been unlike anything we've ever seen. We have not been able to be together as often or as freely but God's mission kept going. Some things we have had to adjust or delay, but we are back up and running and excited to resume and improve our programs. Of course it takes a lot of people to make it all happen. No matter your interests, talents or abilities there's a project/mission/job that you are the perfect fit for. Not sure how to get started? Just ask a busy person on Sunday morning! They'll get you started right away. 😊

We have an immediate need for:

Ushers and Audio/Video Assistants to serve on Sunday mornings during our 10:30 service. If you can help please let Ric Warner or Amy Grile know and they will get you to the right person.

Help us Find our next Pastor!

We have had a few Good Shepherd members step up and volunteer to serve on the Call Committee but we would like to have a couple more.

Serving on a Call Committee involves reading the candidates' profiles, participating in candidate interviews, watching sermons, and deliberation among the Call Committee members.

I can't emphasize enough how important it is that we find the right individual to be our next pastor. The person we find will lead us to what we are going to be in the future. Please prayerfully consider making a personal contribution to that search. If you can lend a hand, please call Ric Warner at 734-740-1958 at your earliest opportunity.

Other Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer to help with Worship service:

Assisting Minister

Greeter

Usher

Audio/Video

Nursery

Altar Guild

Lector

Or volunteer to help with:

Sunday School

Luth Youth

Yard Work/Upkeep

Other Ministries

Chancel Choir

Son Rise Breakfast

Clothesline

Planning Group

Panera Bread

Senior Shepherds

Guiding Light Advocate

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 2021

Present: David Stein, Les Barker, Judy Tipton, Susan Jebens, Diana Frye, Amy Grile, Pastor Steve Gellatly, and Marsha Fischbach

Devotions were led by Les Barker.

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

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Pastor Steve Second: Judy Tipton
All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read Motion: David Stein Second: Amy Grile
All were in favor.

Pastor's Report:

Mia Paddock will be baptized on August 15.

Pastor said his 5 ½ years at Good Shepherd have been good.

New Business:

After discussion concerning quotes from cleaning companies, Council voted to hire Thompson Cleaning. Motion: Marsha Fischbach Second: Diana Frye

All were in favor.

Our preschool has asked to use the bulletin board in the hallway by their classroom.

Amy Grile made a motion to let them post things there and David Stein seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Old Business:

Council will look into fencing a preschool play area.

Committee Reports:

Worship: Our Christmas musical will be on December 17 this year.

The Chancel Choir will begin practice on Wednesday, September 8.

Mission/Outreach/LSIM:

LSIM is hosting a back pack program on August 5. Any LSIM church can participate in filling them at Saint Mark's Church in Fairborn.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Vandalia has been asked to become an LSIM congregation.

Marsha Fischbach will update our information in the LSIM brochure.

The Milton-Union Council of Churches is asking us to donate tissues for the back to school program at Milton-Union Schools.

Property: A deadbolt will be put on the preschool door.

Youth/Christian Education: No report

Stewardship: No report

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Jebens and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Fischbach

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BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Lynne Lopez
- 14 Raymond Landis
- 16 Beckett Ely
- 27 Katelyn Jebens
Heidi Spitler
- 30 Scott Moncrief
Kathy Williams

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Rob & Kathy Williams
- 10 John & Michaelle Lightcap
Jack & Debbie Bredeson

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Let us know. Just send an email to:
office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org*

SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Barbara Cecil

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Tobi Thies

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Langley
Susan Landis

LECTOR

- 3 Heidi Spitler
- 10 Heidi Spitler
- 17 Barbara Cecil
- 24 Barbara Cecil
- 31 Barbara Cecil

USHER CAPTAIN

- 3 Molly Franks
- 10 Jarrett Grile
- 17 Dave Vagedes
- 24
- 31

SOUND

Les Barker

FLOWERS

- 3 Gloria Shellhammer
- 10 Barb & Bob Cecil
- 17 Jeff & Jodi Barth
- 24 David Hayes
- 31 OPEN



Pledge Giving Report
through the end of September
Pledges over 12
Pledges under 6
Pledges even 16
Year to date pledge giving over \$4,584.00

October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 10:30 am Holy Communion	4 7:30 pm AA Meeting	5	6 3 -5 pm Plarn 7:00pm Choir Practice	7 9am-10am Bible Study	8	9
10 10:30 am Holy Communion	11 7:30 pm AA Meeting	12	13 3 -5 pm Plarn 7:00pm Choir Practice	14 9am-10am Bible Study	15	16
17 10:30 am Holy Communion	18 Lydia Bible Study 11:30am 7:30 pm AA Meeting	19 7:00 Council Meeting	20 3 -5 pm Plarn 7:00pm Choir Practice	21 9am-10am Bible Study	22	23
24 10:30 am Holy Communion	25 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm MUCC Meeting	26 2:00 pm Senior Shepherds	27 3 -5 pm Plarn 7:00pm Choir Practice	28 9am-10am Bible Study	29	30
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Our Church Staff

Ric Warner
Church Council
President

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Betty Lou Johansen
Pianist

Amy Grile
Administrative Asst.

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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Carol Simcox,
Grant Hibner, Abby Bonner, Dick Stalinsky,
Bill Sims, Marie Kopp, Susan Tully,
Drew Protzman, Judy Gardner, Butch Traylor,
Ron Timmons, Bill Brown, Jill Ferdelman,
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