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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**

It was the first Sunday in June last year that we held in-person worship at Good Shepherd after being closed for 2 1/2 months. This year, on the first Sunday in June, worship will feel like it did prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for your patience and compliance as we went through some strange times together.

The 3rd Sunday in June is of course Father's Day. So I would like to share this Father's Day prayer:

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches that some father's excel while others fail. We ask for your blessings for them all - and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways - both big and small - they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Steve

June  
2021

THE MESSENGER

# 2021 Pledged Giving Update

Pledges Over: 10

Pledges Short: 6

Pledges Even: 18

Year to Date Over: \$2,127

Short for 2020: \$6511.88

## God's Beautiful Landscape in the Back of Our Church!



## Backpack Jesus Sunday School—May 2021

The Backpack Jesus Sunday School class had three projects to do in the month of May — make a Mother's Day card, put stickers on a spring picture and do a Springtime Activity Pad! I hope you have enjoyed seeing the children do their various projects this school year as much as I have — even though we didn't have in-person classes due to Covid 19, hopefully they have learned more about Jesus and His love. We'll be taking our summertime break and will re-group next Fall. Barbara Cecil



Above: Audrey made a Mother's Day card!



TJ and Michael doing their projects.→

## Paddock Family Update

Thank you to those who donated to the sale. Unfortunately, we did not have the turn out we had hoped for, but we will continue to save for the orphan hosting program. As the deadline approaches, it is unlikely we will be hosting the summer, but will try for the December hosting program.

A memorial tribute during church service followed by a lunch was held on Sunday May 23 in memory of Alene Oliver, long time member and great friend. She passed away at the age of 101 on February 17, 2021 and loved to sing in the choir for many years. She was a lovely lady and is greatly missed!



## 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.

IT'S A

**HAPPY RETIREMENT**

and FAREWELL LUNCHEON

FOR

PASTOR STEVE AND LORI GELLATLY

ON

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

**IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ROOM**

**RIGHT AFTER CHURCH SERVICES**

WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AND A SHORT PROGRAM TO WISH THEM WELL ON THEIR NEW JOURNEY IN LIFE – RETIREMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND WE'LL BE TAKING RESERVATIONS SOON – HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY!!



## **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

# Congratulations to our 2021 Graduate!



Katelyn Jebens graduated from Northmont High School and Miami Valley Career Technology Center in May. Her studies at MVCTC were Media & Video Production. Katie was a member of the Northmont Marching Band for four years. She was a youth member at Good Shepherd and served as acolyte for many years.

## Preschool Update

After being closed last year due to Covid, the preschool is open for the 2021-2022 school year. The 3 year old class is now full and we are starting a waitlist for that group. We still have spots left for the 4/5 year old group. The Open House is scheduled for August 24th, with classes beginning August 30th. We are excited to begin this new chapter.

Becky Garrett will begin her Director position June 1, so all inquiries will be directed to her. I want to thank the preschool board and the church council for all their support. We have worked hard to update the preschool to state guidelines and to update and improve the curriculum and technology.

-Lori Gellatly



## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES

J

1 Annette Stein  
8 Linda Tinnerman  
9 Matt Paddock  
12 Ethan Tinnerman  
15 Myra Paddock  
20 Logan Lightcap

21 Judy Moncrief  
Judi Franks  
23 Pr. Steve Gellatly  
Austin Menker  
30 Steve Louis

7 Jason & Nikki Tinnerman  
14 Russ & Ann Siler  
19 Ray & Susan Landis  
Chuck & Linda Tinnerman  
25 Lester & Paula Barker

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

## SERVING

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### ASSISTING MINISTER

Ric Warner

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

### ALTAR GUILD

Amy Grile

### LECTOR

6 Amy Grile  
13 Amy Grile  
20 Ric Warner  
27 Ric Warner

### USHER CAPTAIN

6  
13 Jarrett Grile  
20 Dave Vagedes  
27 Lori Gellatly & Barbara Cecil

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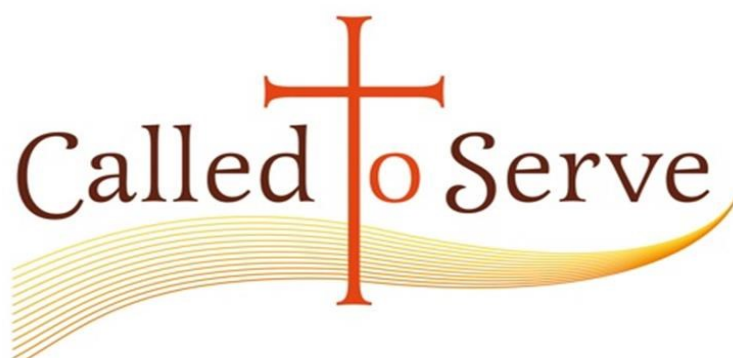
### NURSERY

6 Marla Baker  
13 Marla Baker  
20 Suzie Vagedes  
27 Suzie Vagedes

### SOUND

Les Barker

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



# June 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 3-5p - Plarn	<b>3</b> 9:00a - Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:30a - Holy Communion	<b>7</b> 7:30p - AA Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3-5p - Plarn	<b>10</b> 9:00a - Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30a - Holy Communion	<b>14</b> 7:30p - AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00p - Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 3-5p - Plarn	<b>17</b> 9:00a - Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:30a - Holy Communion	<b>21</b> 7:30p - AA Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 3-5p - Plarn	<b>24</b> 9:00a - Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30a - Holy Communion	<b>28</b> 7:30p - AA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3-5p - Plarn			

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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, David Hayes,  
Susan Tully, David Stein, Drew  
Protzman, Molly Paddock



- 6 Kelly Jones - In memory of his mother.
- 13 Russ & Ann Siler - In celebration of their anniversary!
- 20 Lori Gellatly - In celebration of Pr. Steve's birthday!
- 27 Kea & Ron Blankenship - In celebration of their 40th anniversary!