



# The Hive

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD . . .

for the transforming work of your Spirit within, among and through us, for your comforting presence with: **the families of Roberta Hockman and Loretta Allen.**

for renewed health: **Sue Nichols, Bev Chipman, Nancy Keller, Jim Crawford, and Jerry Irwin.**

for those homebound and in care facilities: **Dorothy Donley, Lucille Estridge and Geneva Slanker.**

for family and friends: **Judy Phillips, Sue Hostetler, Ruth Keller, Bob Kiblinger, Nancy Spinning and Jane Adams.**

for those in military service: **Matt Flora, James Rath and Jesse Daniel.**

**August 1**

**August 7**

**August 9**

**August 9**

**August 11**

**August 24**

**August 25**

**August 28**

**Sue Nichols**

**Lena Picek**

**Cindi Cook**

**Dottie Teach**

**Pat Paul**

**Larry Allingham**

**Jon Vanderglas**

**Bob Baker**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA**

**July 4th**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**July 1**

**Harold Dusko**

**July 7**

**Stu Cummins**

**July 13**

**Janice Cook**

**July 20**

**Barb Meyerhoeffer**

**July 22**

**Sara Deem**

**July 29**

**Scott Rittenhouse**



## Pastor's Column:

I read a column recently that looked at the word disciple, and compared it to the word intern. A disciple is one who learns from and follows a particular teacher, but if we let it, it can simply focus on "book learning," or "static learning." This column suggested that we might think of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ more on the order of internships. Interns learn "on-the-job," applying concepts they have learned from their teacher, or from books, in real-life settings. I was immediately drawn to this idea. All of us always need to learn more what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and thinking of ourselves as interns along the way gets us out of just our heads or hearts and involves our whole selves. Our lives are always unfolding in terms of what God's claim on us means in different times of our lives, and in different places. We are, indeed, interns, always learning more and more about who we are as members of the body of Christ, and that learning takes place best when we put it into practice in all areas of our lives. We are always "on-the-job" in our spiritual growth, and in trying to live so that we are following the teachings of Jesus Christ. We have scripture and prayer and the Holy Spirit and interactions with others and worship and service to help guide us along the way. This summer will give us plenty of opportunities to be active in our internships as we worship, learn, fellowship, lead, serve and grow together. Praise be to God that we can be on this journey.

Blessings, Shelley

There was no Session Meeting  
for June

## MISSION, OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **Summer Lunch Program -**

Financial contributions as well as donations of paper products and bulk food items such as individual servings of pudding and applesauce are now being accepted. Food donations may be left at Smith Park, Monday thru Friday from 12:00 to 12:30 P.M. Monetary donations may be given at church and designated for Summer Lunch Program. The program began June 9th and will end August 8th.

### **ALL CHURCH WOMEN -**

#### **Save the Date - September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM**

A potluck dinner is being planned for ALL Church Women to kick off the fall season. There will be time to renew friendships and share ideas about future women's activities. More will come in the September Hive.

Mary Jane Sterrett,  
Chairperson

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## CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE

June ushers and greeters were the following: Gilbert and Mildred Doggett, Hal and Janet Dusko, Libby McCabe and Linda Oliver, Ray Ruhrmund and Ron Sterrett, Judy Lee and Cindi Cook. Thank you for your services.

The choir was recognized during the June 1<sup>st</sup> worship service, and the children were recognized on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks were also expressed to Taylor Ball, Cindi Cook and

Carol Bicknell at the reception following worship on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Both of these groups will begin again the September.

Communion was served to 31 persons at the June 1<sup>st</sup> worship service.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-10 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. If you can aid with this in some way, please let Shelley, Mary Quinn or Ann Peters know.

Mission Outreach and Membership Committee hosted the coffee hour in June. The Facilities Committee will host in July. There is a posted help list in the kitchen for those interested in doing one of the 4/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday "coffees".

The next Christian Nurture Committee meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Peters  
Chairperson

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## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee did not meet in June. However, we continue to work on our ongoing projects: Sanctuary windows, the lift in the Education Building, (it will start soon) having areas of our parking lot repaved, and the repair of the steps leading into the Memorial Room.

We also continue to monitor our finances during these summer months when giving is traditionally less due to summer travels and other events.

Jane Fowler,  
Chairperson

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## Presbyterian Women

**Circle Meetings:** The Ruth Circle and Martha Circle will resume their monthly meetings in September.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Peters, PW Secretary

## HIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Photo needed**

We finally have the collage of photos celebrating the music leadership of Lita Holloway hung in the Memorial Room kitchen, but we need one more photo. All of the pictures we have of Lita are of the back of her head, as she was directing the choir! Does anyone have a nice photo of her face? We have saved a spot in the collage, and would like to include it there.

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### **Romans during the summer...**

#### **read up!**

The Revised Common Lectionary, starting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, spends 13 weeks in the book of Romans with readings starting in chapter 6 and going through chapter 14. Shelley encourages everyone to read through the entire book of Romans, paying special attention to those chapters, as she works on a sermon series following the lectionary texts.

## Remembering our Military

With new addresses to report, and the celebration of a marriage, we thought it was time to give thanks for the young men connected to our congregation who serve in the military. Ann Peter's granddaughter Shanna and her husband Robbie Bragg are members of the Air National Guard, and serve here in Ohio. Dottie Flora's grandson Matt Flora has received specialized training from the Navy SEALs and is on special assignment. Jerry Irwin's grandson Jessie Daniel is back from serving in Afghanistan and is stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Jessie has decided to leave the military, and the end of August will become an inactive member. He hopes to return to this area, and can receive mail at Jerry's address. Dottie Bennett's grandson James Rath is home from service in South Korea and is stationed at Fort Benning in Georgia. James was recently married, and we rejoice with them; they are living in her hometown. May God continue to hold close all our service members. As Dottie Flora said, it does a grandmother's heart good to know we are praying for these young men!

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## Calling all bulletin helpers!

Jane will be gone from the church office for four weeks this summer, and it would be a big help to Shelley to have folks participate in the bulletin preparation. It can be as simple as copying, cutting, folding and stuffing, or if anyone would like to learn more details, Shelley would be happy to show someone how to create the document in the computer before doing all of the above. We will need someone the last week of July and the first two weeks of August. Speak to Shelley if you are interested in helping!

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## July 13 Worship on the Farm

Sasha and Scott Rittenhouse have graciously offered to host the church at their home on School Road on Sunday, July 13 for worship and a pot-luck lunch afterwards. We will gather a group of volunteers together on July 12<sup>th</sup> to take chairs and tables out to the farm. Worship will begin at 11:00 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to meet at the church at 10:30 to carpool out to the farm, or just come directly there. We'll have our electronic keyboard for singing, enjoy worship in their beautiful farm setting, and then share lunch together. There is a large paved area for people to park, especially those who need a secure walkway. If there is a light rain, we will go forward with a tent, but if it is storming badly, we will simply have regular worship at the church.

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## Shelley's Fall Teaching Schedule

A note from Shelley: I will only be teaching one 8-week class for Urbana University this fall. It is a Tuesday evening class beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> and ending October 14<sup>th</sup>. It meets in the classroom, but also has an online component, allowing a full semester's worth of work to be completed in half the time. That means I will be unavailable on the Tuesday evenings of those 8 weeks. I was asked to teach the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week block as well, but took the approach of "just say no."

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### What is Shelley's church schedule again? And Why?

With summer schedules on us again, it is time for a reminder about our pastor's work schedule. We contract with Shelley to work 30 hours per week, which is a 2/3 time position. Shelley normally comes to New Carlisle on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and she is a Saturday sermon-writer, which she does at home. On Tuesdays she participates in the New Carlisle Rotary lunch and meeting, and divides the remainder of her time at the church in administrative work, worship and sermon preparation, committee meetings, and then visitation. We ask that you remember that a 2/3 time position for a pastor does not mean taking 1/3 of the Sundays of a year off, and so she devotes regular time to sermon study and preparation. The session has been very clear that during those weeks when work piles up and she works more than 30 hours (for example, extra hours during Lent, weeks when there is heavy visitation, extra service preparation, etc.), she is to take

time off at other times. When able, she participates in monthly breakfasts or lunches with the New Carlisle area ministers and the Presbytery of the Miami Valley's Northwest minister's group. Right now she is not on a presbytery committee, though she does attend the four meetings of the presbytery each year. Her contract with us also includes vacation and study leave. Our denomination requires that pastors who work regular schedules like this receive four weeks of vacation and two weeks of study leave. Since we have not been able to raise the pastor's salary since she began with us in November of 2008, the session voted three years ago to give her an additional week of vacation in lieu of a salary increase. She tries to take Mondays and Fridays off, so as not to go over her 30-hour/week covenant with us, though she is always willing to make calls if there are emergencies on those days. She wants us to call whenever any member goes to the hospital or for other pastoral emergencies, no matter what day of the week, but to save routine work for Tuesday-Thursdays.

So where are we for 2014? Shelley took one week of vacation at the end of January, and one week of study leave in early March. Since her June trip to Haiti ended up not having other participants as a mission trip, she will be using her time there for study leave, making it her 2<sup>nd</sup> week of study leave for this year. She will take her second week of vacation for this year in late July, and is planning to take the remaining three weeks of vacation spread out between a 2-week fall vacation after her class at Urbana is over, and some time after Christmas Eve to visit her mother. This is slightly different from having a full-time pastor because it is a contract relationship between the session, the pastor, and the presbytery, but Shelley hopes that if anyone has questions about her work, you'll ask her about it!



**Our Sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday**

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**August Session Meeting**

The next stated meeting of the session is Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Session members are reminded of their homework assignment distributed at the May meeting! Please read up and come prepared to discuss what you learned...and whether you're ready to write a sermon!

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**VBS**

“God’s Beautiful Creation” is our Vacation Bible School this year, and it runs July 7-10, 5:30-7:00 PM. There will be Bible stories, arts & crafts, music, and a light supper. Children age 4 through completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Please invite your friends and family to participate. Still needed from the crafts list: Glitter, Posterboard (multicolored and white), Cardboard, Magazines with lots of photographs, Crepe Paper, and Yarn.

**HIVE TIDBITS**

**Tree Seedlings Available**

Stu Cummins has some 1 year Buckeye seedlings available. Also a few Tulip Poplar 2 year seedlings. Contact Stu if interested at [stucummins@woh.rr.com](mailto:stucummins@woh.rr.com) or 937-845-0654.

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**Pastoral Care Emergency**

In case of pastoral care emergency, please contact Rev. Shelley Wiley at her cellular phone (937-654-0078). Shelley will be here at the church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**HIVE INPUT**

Please submit inputs and suggested articles for the HIVE to [honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net) The deadline for the September HIVE is August 25<sup>th</sup>.