

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got.  
Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.

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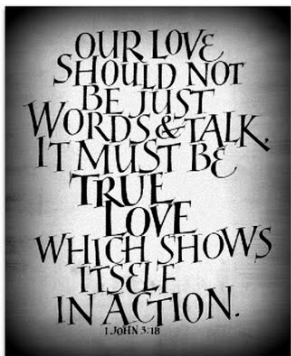
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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

**From Jeremiah 29 ... "I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."**

We are so blessed to be witnesses to what God has in store for the future of this church; to prayerfully seek his will and his way, as his plans are daily unveiled. We've just completed a Stewardship Journey through the month of July in which a team of 20 congregants, dedicated to the vision, values, and life of this church, met weekly to evaluate the entirety of what takes place here. Decidedly focused on growth by **"Putting God's Love into Action; Connecting Our Community in Christ"** (that's our new mission statement, remember it!), we have assessed, created, and structured programming we feel will help us grow in a Christ-centered, Spirit-led manner. Just a few of the new programs being initiated in the near future include:

**-Children's Sunday School!!** Started this week! Led by Mrs. Kayla Hershberger, to be held every Sunday during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Worship, for kids from 3-12 yrs.

**-Adult Sunday School!!** 8:30-9:30am Every Sunday. Starts Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> ... and, I'm sure coffee will be provided.

**-An Adults' Group** (sorry, no name yet) will begin meeting at 10am, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, starting September 13<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

**-Men's Monthly Manly Meeting** will start October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, and meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, to grow in fellowship with topic-focused evenings held in a Christian atmosphere. Topics to include things like metals, meat, motors, maintenance, and other miscellaneous manliness! ;) )

**-Bible Study** We will continue to meet on Thursday Mornings at 10am. But, we'll again be offering an evening session on Wednesdays at 7pm, starting September 7<sup>th</sup>! Hope to see you there!

That's just a glimpse of the things to come! Thank you all for your continued prayers and efforts in seeing this through. Stay tuned for more details, and invite a friend to join in an activity you think might interest them. You could even invite them to church! May God continue to bless this church and this community, as we seek to grow in his will and his way.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Nate Starkey*

# Special Missions and Offerings

## August “Noisy Offering” will help support Blessings in a Backpack

More than 16 million children in the United States live in food insecure homes. 3 out of 5 teachers say they have children in their classrooms who regularly come to school hungry. Three prevalent consequences of hunger in schools: Inability to concentrate, poor academic performance, & headaches and stomach aches.

\$80 – \$100 feeds one child on the weekends for one 38-week school year through the Blessings in a Backpack program. The Results: Nourished Kids Ready to Learn.



## September “Noisy Offering” will help support missionary Robert Amundsen at the Red Bird Mission

Robert Amundsen is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries assigned to the Red Bird Missionary Conference where he serves as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Thousandsticks, KY. Whatever you have to offer, God will use, to meet needs in the heart of Appalachia. This outreach provides services that minister to the whole person (spiritual, physical, social, and economic).

# Women’s Fellowship

### School Time is Approaching!!

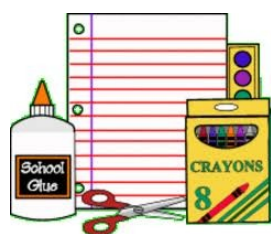
As you all know, the stores are beginning to stock their shelves with school supplies---and running many super specials! Again this year, we are donating supplies to ACTS. We are able to purchase more variety as each child does not need to get the exact same things. Plus, we do not need the things to be in bags.

### Here are the items that ACTS would like to receive from us:

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| Pencils with erasers                   | Glue Sticks     |
| Box of Crayons 24 pkg.                 | Ruler---12inch  |
| Blunt Scissors (no pointed)            | Pencil Case     |
| Spiral Notebooks, wide-lined           | Colored Pencils |
| Packages of Notebook Paper, wide-lined |                 |

Bring your items no later the August 14th and place in the tub under the Mission Board.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**



### Acme Fall Festival Saturday, Sept 24 10am-4pm



### Women’s Fellowship Meeting Sunday, Sept 25 following Brunch

### Save the date!



### Saturday, November 12th Long Lake Craft Show

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samari- tas  6-9pm Evenings on River Street	<b>4</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10am Worship Service & Com- munion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samari- tas	<b>11</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10am Worship Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samari- tas	<b>18</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10am Worship Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samari- tas	<b>25</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10am Worship Service  <a href="#">Potluck</a>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samari- tas	AA Schedule: Mon. 8pm everyone welcome Wed. 7pm Women only Sat. 10am Men only, 7pm everyone welcome		

**August Birthdays and Celebrations!**

1st Courtney Day  
 1st Kyle Hershberger  
 5th Larry & Vonnie Everts' Anniversary  
 6th Pat Erway  
 9th Diana Wright  
 14th Carol Hockin  
 15th Joe Huver  
 17th Brandon John  
 17th Doug Bronkema



19th Evie Peters  
 23rd Jim & Diana Wright's Anniversary  
 24th Alice Sinko  
 25th Ernie Orchard  
 30th Judy Avitts

**September Birthdays and Celebrations!**

2nd Stephen Donkers Jr  
 6th Isaac Gogolin  
 11th Ernie & Barb Orchard's Anniversary  
 12th Clint Drummond  
 12th Seth Gogolin  
 13th Tom Bloxsom  
 14th Brad Ochs  
 14th Ron Reinhold  
 15th Jane White  
 17th Dirk Renzema  
 20th Pastor Nate Starkey

21st Chelsea Lloyd  
 22nd Linda Slopesma  
 25th Pearl Morgan  
 27th Kim Kuncaitis  
 28th Carolyn Slopesma  
 28th Sara Ochs

**Love Your Neighbor**

An anthropologist was winding up several months of research in a small village, the story is told. While waiting for a ride to the airport for his return flight home, he decided to pass the time by making up a game for some children. His idea was to create a race for a basket of fruit and candy that he placed near a tree. But when he gave the signal to run, no one made a dash for the finish line. Instead the children joined hands and ran together to the tree.

When asked why they chose to run as a group rather than each racing for the prize, a little girl spoke up and said: "How could one of us be happy when all of the others are sad?" Because these children cared about each other, they wanted all to share the basket of fruit and candy.

After years of studying the law of Moses, the apostle Paul found that all of God's laws could be summed up in one: "*Love your neighbor as yourself*" (Gal. 5:14; see also Rom. 13:9). In Christ, Paul saw not only the reason to encourage, comfort, and care for one another but also the spiritual enablement to do it.

Because He cares for us, we care for each other.

*Father, thank You for the love You shower on us day by day.  
 Teach us, in turn, to care for others.  
 Open our eyes to see their need and respond as You want us to.*



We show our love for God when we love one another.

*INSIGHT: Paul's words in today's passage remind us of Jesus's words to the young teacher of the law who asked what he needed to do to inherit eternal life (Luke 10:25-29). Love for God and neighbor is the fulfillment of all the laws of the Old Testament. In Luke, Jesus defines who our neighbor is and what love for that person should look like (vv. 30-37). Paul provides thoughts about this to the people at the church in Rome. After telling them to love their neighbor in chapter 13, he goes on to tell them in chapter 14 to consider the effect their actions will have on their neighbor. Love is to guide everything we do.*

# September 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 10am Worship Service & Communion	5 <b>Labor Day</b>	6 <b>**1st Day of School in ER</b>	7 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samaritans 7pm Bible Study	8 10am Bible Study	9	10
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