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JULY 2021 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
June 27	42
July 4 Independence Day	25
July 11	49
July 18	47

MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
COLLECTION

(See detailed information regarding the collection process inside the Newsletter)



FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS AT: plattsburgucc@woh.rr.com or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox or call the church and leave a phone message on the Church answering machine. Thank you.

AUGUST 2021

Aug 1 Worship Service & Sunday School
9:30 am
Aug 8 Annual Outdoor Worship Service &
Picnic 9:30 am at the home of Mike &
Peggy Bellows
Aug 14 Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot
8:00 am at the Agle Farm
Aug 15 Worship Service & Sunday School
9:30 am - Last Day to contribute to the
School Supply Collection Fund
Aug 16 **September Call Deadline**
Aug 19 First Day of School for
Northeastern Local School District
Students
Aug 22 Worship Service & Sunday School
9:30 am
Aug 24 Call Collators 11:00 am
Aug 26 First Day of School for
Southeastern Local School District
Students
Aug 29 Worship Service & Sunday School
9:30 am - Annual Congregational Meeting
after worship service



FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending **June 30th 2021:**

Income was **81.9%** of the expenses and Year-To-Date Income was **104.0%** of the expenses.

This congregation supports all the missions of the church: financial, with donations to benefit all the many special projects, and with their time and talents. We appreciate all the wonderful support provided.

A detailed report of the Church expenses, by month, is always posted on the church bulletin board outside of the pastor's office.

Your generous and regular financial support makes it possible for our church to do great things for our members, our neighbors, our community and our world.

Thank you for all **YOU** do as we walk together loving and serving our Lord and Savior.

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2021 Clark County Fair Participant Results

We would like to know about your fair projects and/or exhibits. Please send us an email with your name, what your project or exhibit was, how you did at the fair, and a photo if you like by **Monday, August 19th**. We want to publish your information and celebrate with you in our September Call Newsletter. If you have any questions, just call the church office and leave a message.



The Outreach Committee's Mission Focus for August School Supplies Collection for South Vienna Elementary and Miami View Elementary

Once again this year, due to the current concerns for safety, the Outreach Committee will be using the same process for the school supplies collection as used last year.

Instead of buying supplies and bringing them to church, the Outreach Committee is asking for monetary donations. They will be able to order the supplies and have them delivered to the schools. This will allow for less handling and more safety.

The date to wrap up the collection will be **Sunday, August 15th**.

Thank you for your contributions. We know that many families will be very grateful.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact anyone on the Board of Outreach Committee.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar, on **Sunday, August 29th**, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship service.

Church Contributions: We are slowly coming out of the pandemic and we understand that there still may be concerns about gatherings and attending worship service. If you are unable to attend worship service in person, you may mail your contributions to: **Mike Judy, 8439 Whitridge Road, South Charleston OH 45368**

REMINDER: PLEASE cash any expense-reimbursement checks from the church in a timely manner. Checks that have not been cashed for two or three months make record keeping more difficult. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers who will help serve on a committee to help organize and submit information for the church website. We have a wonderful couple who will update our website for the church, but we are looking for help for those who will help relay and create content to provide to the web masters. See Pastor Jeff or Official Board Members if interested in helping serve in this area.

ALSO

We are looking for volunteers to be **Greeters and Ushers** on Sunday mornings.
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Jeff or Richard Flax.
Thank you.

KIDS HOPE USA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After a very challenging 2020-2021 school year, the 2021-2022 School year will soon be back in session and it's that time of year again to think about becoming a mentor for the **"Kids Hope USA Mentoring Program"**.

You would be mentoring a child just one hour each week. Think about the impact that you could have on a small child and the wonderful feeling of knowing that you were helping this child as they learn and grow. The rewards are **amazing!**

Please contact Jeanne Troxell or Mitzi Holloway if you are interested. Thank you.



This year is our church's **175th Anniversary** and we want to do something extra special to celebrate. A committee is forming to help organize and plan this wonderful time.

See Bill Agle, Ed Kranz, Richard Flax or Pastor Jeff if interested in helping.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC

On Sunday, August 8th, we will be holding our Annual Outdoor Worship Service at the home of Mike and Peggy Bellows at 388 North Houston Pike at 9:30 am. We have extended an invitation to South Vienna Church to join us for worship and fellowship. A picnic will follow the worship service. The Board of Outreach will be providing fried chicken, water and lemonade for the event. Please bring a covered dish to share and your lawn chairs. If weather does not permit the outdoor service, the event will be moved back to the church.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the church and leave a message.

Please note..... For those of you that receive your newsletter via postal service, the 2nd Quarter

Benevolent Report can be found printed on the back of the 2021 August Calendar.

Thank you.

Men's Breakfast Trap Shoot

On **Saturday, August 14th**, at **8:00 am**, a men's breakfast and trap shoot will be held at the Agle Farm. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship and a delicious breakfast.
Bring your gun, your ammo and a big appetite.

A Prayer for our students, teachers and staff as they begin another school year.

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com

Board of Outreach Minutes

July 6, 2021

Those in attendance were Beth Brightman, Peggy Bellows, Georgeann Mullins, Joanna Rittenhouse, Jeanne Troxell, and Amy Zimmerman.

Jeanne moved to do away with the revolving quarterly donation and Joanna seconded it. Beth moved to make a 10% donation to the Nihemiah Foundation. Peggy seconded.

Jeanne moved to leave the others percentage donations the same. Joanna seconded it.

When we tried to deliver the personal hygiene products to IHN from the first quarter mission, no one was there so they were taken to the soup kitchen who were excited to get them. There will not be any meals prepared for IHN this because they are not open.

In July and August are mission is to do school supplies. We will be collecting monetary donations to order the school supplies like we did last year. We will need to check for the new lists at the schools. Last year we bought over \$300 of items for the schools.

Family picnic tentative date is August 8th. We will order chicken (80 pieces) and provide water and lemonade for the event. Amy will get 100 bottles of water and bring coolers and ice. Also Joanna will check the paper supplies to make sure there are enough and let Peggy Flax know if we need some more. Peggy and Joanna both have some pop up tents that can be used. Hopefully some of the youth will be available to help with the setup of tables and chairs and clean up.

The fourth quarter mission will be to collect items the soup kitchen is need of: toiletries, tooth brushes and paste, deodorants for both men and women, liquid bath soap , lotions, plastic silverware, paper plates/bowls and coffee and creamers.

After the meeting we sorted the First Responder supplies into three groups for Pleasant, Harmony and Madison Township Fire Departments. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you that donated.

Next meeting will be in October.

GeorgeAnn made motion to adjourn the meeting, Joanna seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

Matthew 13:23 (NRSV)

FARMERS..... When I read today's parable, I find myself wondering, *How can I spread the seeds of faith everywhere I go?* We can spread the seeds of faith on any soil and leave the rest to God, but having grown up in a farming community I can't help but think of farmers when I read the parable. Every farmer I know prepares the soil, clears out rocks and weeds, and lays down fertilizer before planting seeds. The farmer then tends the crops to give them the best chance of thriving.

Thinking about planting from this perspective reminds me that while it is important to share my faith widely, I should not be disheartened if some seeds do not take root. I can leave those to God and focus on nurturing the budding faith of those ready for a deeper relationship with God. Jesus spread his message everywhere he went and excluded no one. But like a farmer preparing land for planting, Jesus also invested much time in the first disciples and those closest to him. The parable of the sower invites us to consider how we are planting seeds of faith each day. And the example of the careful farmer invites us to go further: *How am I investing in specific people and helping them to grow in faith?* We can follow Jesus' example and share our faith with the wider world but also take time to nurture the faith of those around us.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

How will I be intentional in the way I spread the gospel?

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to be intentional in the ways we use our gifts to share our faith with others. Amen.

Paul Cillo (Pennsylvania, USA) - Upper Room August 2021