



Chimes

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According to
II Timothy 2:15,
all Christians need to
“study to show thyself
approved unto God.”

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Greetings in the Lord,

August is upon us and children everywhere are growing increasingly forlorn as they get ready to return to school. With the possible exception of school teachers, most parents are looking at back-to-school with an attitude similar to a Staples TV commercial from a few years ago, where a father enters an office supply store with his two children to do some school supply shopping. The two little ones look very sad as school approaches, while the father is dancing and singing to the tune, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year.”

I seem to be feeling a little nostalgic as kids head back to school this year. Maybe it’s because I just realized I’m not middle-aged anymore, unless of course I live to be 122. Or maybe it’s because this time of the year with kids returning to school reminds me of my younger days. For whatever reason, I have taken to writing my own memoirs for my adult children. I hope you will indulge me as I share an excerpt from that work-in-progress:

“When I was four years old, we moved to Milford, Ohio for the nicer neighborhood and for me to start kindergarten in a better school system. The elementary school I attended, Milford South, was about a half mile away. I walked to

and from school each day, rain or shine. One of the most embarrassing moments of my life required my mom picking me up from school early one day. I was unable to hold my bladder until the end of class that day and accidentally wet myself right there at my desk in front of God and all my classmates. They all laughed even though I counted at least a half dozen or more of them that experienced similar accidents that school year.”

Despite that early memory, I look back fondly on my younger days attending school. In fact, as summer draws to a close and as students prepare to return to school, I find myself thinking in terms of back-to-school matters myself. Even though I’ve been out of school for many years, there’s something exhilarating about the start of a new school year. The fact of the matter is we never really stop learning. Whether I’m trying to figure all the nuances of features on my laptop or simply trying to learn how to better live out my faith, I’m thankful for the opportunities to learn.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we will never fully understand everything there is to know about the Christian life. But, we should not let that discourage us. Rather, we should let it inspire and challenge us

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J.D. Young—Assistant Pastor of Family Life Ministry



We will begin a new series for youth in August, called “The Greatest”. Sometimes following God feels a little complicated. With so many rules to remember, prayers to pray, and guidelines for how we’re supposed to live, it’s easy for it all to feel overwhelming. In this series, as we look at how Jesus kept faith simple, we’ll see that it’s really all about doing one thing—the greatest thing. Remember, although geared towards youth, The 314 Life Sunday School class is open to all. Feel free to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.



Join us on August 12 for our 4th Annual Prayer Walk. Parents, grandparents and students are invited to offer prayers over the students, administration and faculty of schools most associated with their family. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., we will be praying for God’s blessings and protection upon the 2018 - 2019 school year. We will have sign up sheets available in the lobby on July 29 and August 5, 2018.



Stick around a church long enough and all the faces will change. God leads all of us according to His plan and purpose. While we trust in that, it’s not always easy. As the church moves forward with Carol Oetzel as our new Children’s Director, we lose an incredible person with a tremendous servant heart. For three years, Allyson Moorman has served as the Family Life Ministry Assistant. In this role, she has blessed this church, children and youth with her gentle spirit, friendship and dedication. Her ministry often placed her behind the scenes doing countless things to make programming possible at Bethel United Methodist Church. Please be sure to offer your thanks to this devoted employee and sister in Christ. May God’s blessings keep you always. -JD



Carol Oetzel, Children's Director



Getting to Know Carol



I've trusted in Jesus and God's perfect timing all my life! I consider my life a circle, like a pie with many pieces that make up my life: my church family, my friends and family, my Mary Kay

directorship business, my grandchildren, and my working with moms to help them become better moms, which gives the children happier moms!

I loved the Lord at a very early age and tried to be involved in as many things as possible early on in life. I led our youth group singing it up in a mini praise band and had a passion for getting young people to the Lord, especially people that I knew that I wanted to spend with, which made me very passionate about loving them to Christ! I also learned (through my friends who weren't necessarily so supportive) to take on the attitude that if I'm right, they have everything to lose; and if I'm wrong, I have nothing to lose! We are still friends to this day because I loved people *first*--and then I talked about my faith or they asked me about my faith, which is what I prefer!

At age 13, I accepted the Lord and was baptized in a creek. After that, I began teaching Sunday School, working with children's church, and being mentored by my pastor's wife, Bonnie Moody. And she was an awesome mentor. By the time I turned 16, I made the decision to go to Asbury College and that God would be in control of the

finances! I have a degree in Christian Ministries and at *times my life has been shaped by the things we did as children in our churches and extracurricular activities.*

Over the years, I have served in many capacities from Children's Director leading Christmas plays, to singing in the praise band, to teaching Sunday School classes, to working with youth and adults in small group sessions. My passion is still to help moms be the best mom they can be. And I believe the way to get through to moms and dads is just to get through to their children's hearts and love them to the Lord.

I have many tidbits and stories I'd love to share some time about our mission trip to Uganda

Africa and how I remain involved through my friend's daughter who continues the mission outreach in Kenya.

I look forward to working with Happy Days daycare and reaching out to children there that have need of a church family and encouraging those who do have a

church family, too.

I am so blessed to be at this church. Thank you! I'm honored to be a part of such a great church. Follow-up is a key to everything you do in life and I'm going to make follow-up a priority for people I meet and children who need to know their normal teacher every week! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your congregation. I am already blessed!

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Getting to Know Carol (Cont'd. from pg. 3)

The pictures (below) are reflective of the fun in my life and the people—grandkids, family and friends—who are important to me.



One of my biggest accomplishments was earning the pink Cadillac in Mary Kay for two years and I've driven 14 years of Mary Kay cars. Many of the teachings I've learned have taught me to be the best in Christ and to reach out and touch families in a way that most pastors and church evangelism teams cannot do. Because I can get in their home and in their hearts and see their life from the inside, I get to witness to them. I find that exciting!



Memory Verse for August

"Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23a, NIV

THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INITIATIVE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

When God saw our sin, He took the initiative to send Jesus to make things right. When we see a need and choose to do something about it, people can see the reality of God's love for them. All month long, we'll be taking a closer look at one of the best examples of someone who showed initiative even when he didn't have to.



Kid's Gym Games will be offered on **August 12** during the 9:15 Sunday School hour. Join us as we dive into the Bible stories in a fun, interactive way. **INVITE A FRIEND TO HAVE FUN!**

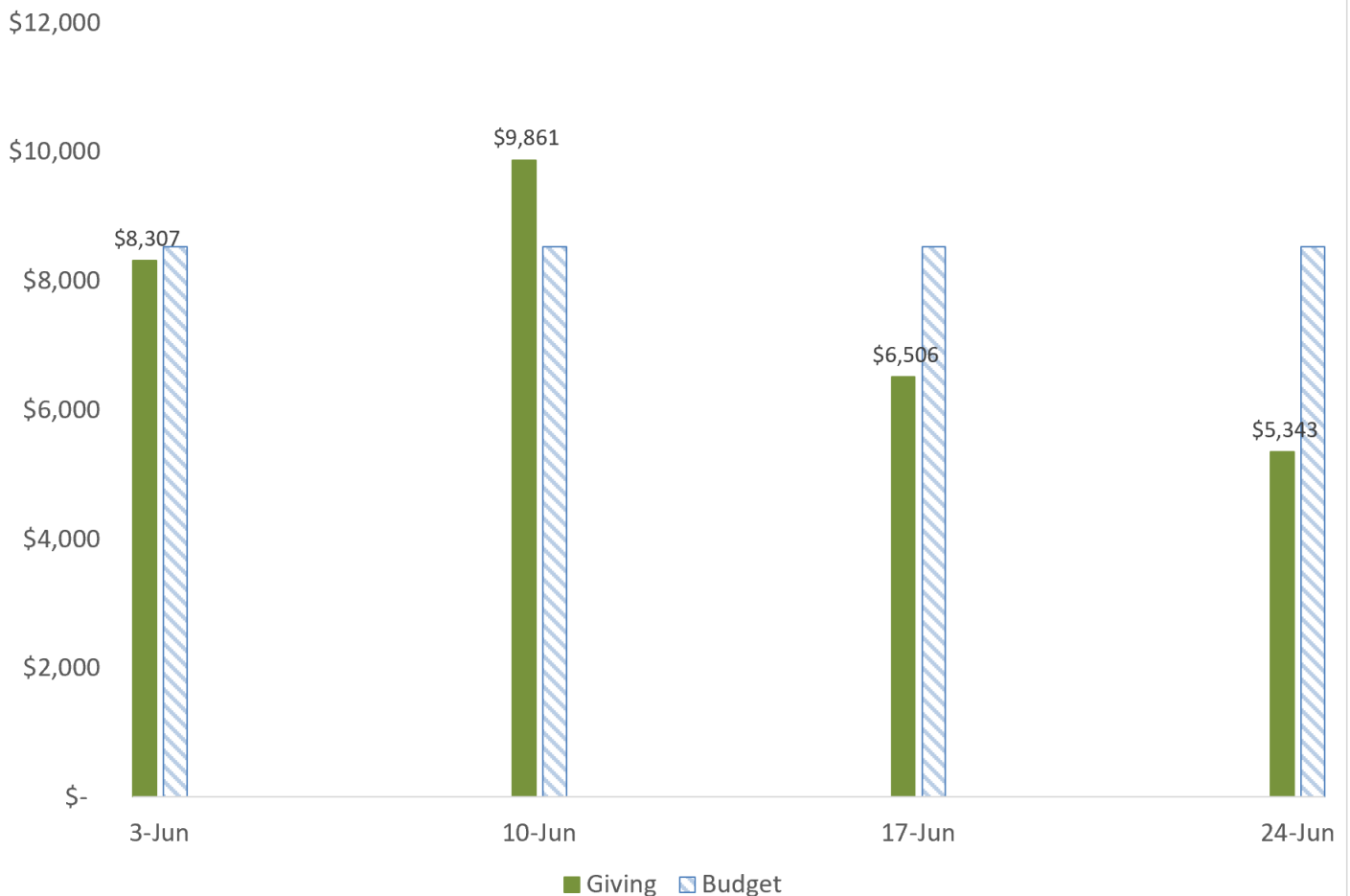


Thanks to Bob Vanderwoude for taking the initiative to create fun games for the children!

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 2018 Weekly Giving vs. Weekly Budget Need



The chart above shows June information on giving and brings us to the half-way point of the year. We are still running behind our budgeted need by just over \$15,000. We will continue to chug along and see what God has in store for us.

Budget requests are needed in the church office by Tuesday, September 11, from all staff and committee chairpersons. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

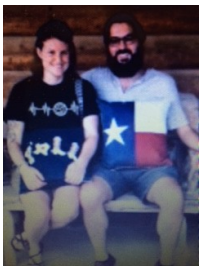
Please keep the leadership of BUMC in your prayers as we look to a glorious future serving God and seeking his direction.

As always, we appreciate your gifts and your tithes. God Bless!

If you have questions or suggestions for the Finance Committee, please contact Debby Redden 513-257-7709 (10:30 Service).



It will be a special Christmas for many children around the world thanks to the Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child mission. Last year we collected 87 boxes. Hopefully, we will contribute even more this year. We will collect boxes or items to help fill boxes until November when they will be taken to a drop off center. As you know, we are not to include religious materials. The \$9.00 you include for shipping also makes available trained leaders to share the message of the Gospel. It also provides a Gospel story booklet, The Greatest Gift, a follow-up discipleship program. Wherever the boxes are given, children know that someone sent a gift because they care for them and that God loves them. If you bring a packed box or Christmas item later than the last Sunday in August, please put these items on the shelf above the coat rack. We will check every Sunday and take boxes and items to a secure area. Keep an eye on the Mission bulletin board Christmas count to see how many boxes have been donated.



We were blessed to have Josh and Ali Hargrave, missionaries in Kenya, stop in for a visit in July. Ali has local family connections. (She is the niece of Connie Spears and Mike Kilgore.) Both are teachers in West Nairobi School. We have been able to help support their mission for the past few years through Oasis International Schools. We were so pleased to receive a lovely basket from them.

You will see it when it is used to collect freewill offerings. They are dedicated to spreading the news of God's love. They ask that we pray for their safety and health.



In August we will be collecting school supplies and items for cleaning buckets for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). You will be able to pick up a school bag that has been made with love by our Sew Blest group. A list of needed materials will be available.

If you would like to donate items for the flood buckets they will be on display with information about where we have found it at a good price. If you would like to put together an entire bucket, a list of needed materials will be available. Thank you to Dewey and Gerry Ingle for donating buckets with lids.



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The Mission Committee appreciates your faithful giving. To make sure your donation is correctly documented, please designate on your check in the memo line, or if cash, on the green envelope; for example, "Haiti TLC School," or "Haiti orphanage." These are two different missions.



BUMC Safety Ministry

Back to School Safety Checklist



As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Getting to School

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is vitally important that they – and the motorists around them – take proper safety precautions.

Walkers



- Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.

- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available.
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.
- Do not walk while using headphones.

Bike Riders

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly.
- Children need to know the rules of the road: ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across.
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Wear bright-colored clothing



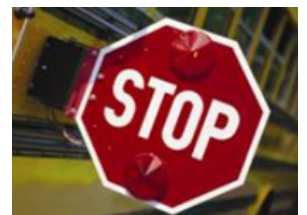
Bus Riders



- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Line up six feet away from the curb as the bus approaches.
- If seat belts are available, buckle up.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers.

Drivers, Share the Road

- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones.



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- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

Teen Drivers



Teens crash most often because they are inexperienced. They struggle judging gaps in traffic, driving the right speed for conditions and turning safely, among other things. As your teen becomes a new driver, learn about what you can do as a parent to keep them safe.

Prevent Injuries at School

Following are more discussion topics for parents of school-age children:

- Backpack safety
- Playground safety
- Head up, phone down
- Concussion risk from sports



ALARM SYSTEM UPDATE

The BUMC alarm installation is due to start on July 26 and will be completed near the first day of August. Everyone who has a key to the church **MUST** contact Dawn Herbolt and give her your personal four digit code you want to use. If you no longer need a key, then please drop them off to Dawn at your earliest convenience. Once the alarm system is active, you will need your four digit code to turn the alarm off when you enter the building with your key. Upon leaving you will again punch in your four digit code to reset the alarm, providing no one else is in the building, of course!

To help anyone interested on the new system and how to use it, the Safety Committee is holding an orientation on Sunday, July 29, immediately after the 2nd service in the sanctuary. Although it is not difficult, you may want to attend if you need to keep your key so that you can enter when the church alarm is set. Once the new alarm system is active, it will no longer be automatically set at 10:00 p.m. and off at 6:00 a.m. The alarm will be set whenever the church is empty.

There is no doubt there will be some initial confusion; but once the kinks are worked out, it will be a much better system than we have, which is 25 years old. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at burke@rxdiversion.com or on my cell at 513-623-3278.

Thank you,
John Burke, Admin. Council Chair



August Birthdays

- 1: Bonnie Beckelhymer, Shannon Davis
- 2: Dan Chaney, Jacob Dahlheimer, DeeAnna Dameron, Shelby Rose, Benjamin Hall
- 3: Rachel Hacker, Hannah Hansford, Brian Webb, Kristi Braden
- 4: Dusty Weeks
- 5: Zachary Marcum, Kasie Sand, Ben Schuster, Max Taylor
- 6: Jeff McDaniel
- 7: Bonnie Murphy, Ashley Taylor
- 8: Cortney Schuler, Kaiden Balzhiser
- 10: David C. Gray, Dylan Anderson, Logan Smith, Lisa Heflin, Bonnie Meeks, Eli Race
- 11: Amie Tiemeyer, Dylan Foster, Brandon Brown, William Lewis, Molly Kemper
- 12: Brandon Davisson, David Houlihan, Katelyn Wyandt, Cara Bowen
- 13: Claire Weeks, Diana Shamblin, Korbin McCloud
- 14: Brian Schaeffer, Kimberly Combs, Jim Rees, Alvin Davidson III, Tarin Neufarth, Kinlie McCloud
- 15: John Burke, Mark DeBord, Melissa Stricker
- 16: Jeff Grause
- 17: Joan Taylor
- 18: Jason Lang, Rachel Brown
- 19: Josiah Luke
- 20: Weston Dick
- 21: Lisa Houlihan, Cindy Alsip
- 23: Zachary Chandler, Susan Leshner, Michelle Randolph
- 24: Mark McIntyre, Teresa Baudendistel Gordo Dickerson
- 25: Vicki Holland, John Bauer, Kason Dickhaus, Phylis Steger
- 26: Kendall Egan, Gabrielle Miller, Ian Race
- 27: Susan Foster
- 28: Sherry Napier, Roy Catron
- 29: Sharon Philhower, Timothy Philhower, Robert Freudenberger
- 30: McKayla Kirschner, David Kretzer
- 31: Lucas Holland, Doug Martin, Jan Gregory, Blace Haviland, Melissa Davidson, Gavin Schuler, Lynn Brown, Cathy Frey



August Prayer Calendar

- 1: John, Julie, Christopher & Lauren Bauer
- 2: Gary & Kathy Beach
- 3: Bonnie Beckelhymer
- 4: Justin, Amber & Lucas Beckelhymer
- 5: Ben & Elizabeth Beighle
- 6: Lawrence Bennett
- 7: Rhonda Bennett
- 8: Danny, Lillian Bennington & family, Avahanna Brown
- 9: Bentley, Linda
- 10: Glenn, Becky, Zachary, Nathan & Ryan Beyer
- 11: William & Janet Bick
- 12: Casey, Devon, David & Shelby Blankenship
- 13: Tonia, Molly, Victoria, Raymond & Sarah Bloomfield
- 14: Dwight & Bonnie Bogart
- 15: Ryan & Betsy Boggs
- 16: Connie & Linda Bolar & Tyler Dickhaus
- 17: Bill, Janet & Philip Bowdle & Faith Powers
- 18: Lee & Brenda Braden
- 19: Sandra Bradford
- 20: David Brannock
- 21: Brittany & Stephanie Brannock
- 22: James & Pat Brannock
- 23: Kathy Brannock
- 24: Mike Brannock
- 25: Eric, Tina, Morgan, Jacob & Caleb Brink
- 26: Charlotte, Casey, Colton Broach and family
- 27: Chris, Lynn, Ally & Tony Brown
- 28: Georgia Brown
- 29: Rowena Brown
- 30: Gary & Vicki Browning
- 31: Jason, Jennifer & Brooklyn Bryant

A graphic with the text "Let's ROLL" in a playful, bubbly font. The word "Let's" is in blue and "ROLL" is in pink. Below the text is a grey wireframe globe. Two roller skates are shown: a pink one on the left and a blue one on the right. The skates are surrounded by several colorful stars in blue, green, and pink. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

Preschool through High School

Open House

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Nola Camery



Church Master Calendar

Aug 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	1pm - Clothing Store	8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store 6pm - Finance Mtg. 7pm - Ad. Bd. Mtg.	1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir 6:30pm - Skate-Bmt	10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive 6pm - Endowment	6pm - V. Crew 7pm - V Crew	8am - Men' -Frisch's 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
F.O.S. 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	9am - Sew Blest 1pm - Clothing Store	8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive 6:30pm - Mission	5:30pm - 50+ Dinner	10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Collect F.O.S. 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	9am - Sew Blest 1pm - Clothing Store	8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store 7pm - Trustee Mtg. 7:30pm - Sisters in	1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir 6:30pm - Skate-Bmt	10am - Ladies B.		10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope 4pm - M/P Rm in use
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Collect F.O.S. Evang. Moment 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	1pm - Clothing Store	H.Days Open House 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	HDays 1st Day 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	10am - Ladies B. 6:15pm - Evang.	7pm - V Crew	8am - Men' -Frisch's 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope