



# Trinity Times

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

When I was in elementary school we learned highlights of history. I was sure that I would have been an abolitionist during the Civil War and would have been involved with the underground railroad. When we read The Diary of Anne Frank, I knew I wanted to be like the family that helped hide them. When I heard about people banning and burning books (HORROR to a young bookworm!) I was aghast and couldn't believe that people would think a book was so bad it needed to be burned instead of ignored. And then, I got older and was naturally oblivious to the world. I knew about the Berlin wall falling, I saw the picture of the guy standing in front of a tank in China, I was scared of the radiation cloud that might come from Chernobyl. Yet, in all honesty, those things passed me by along with so many other things.. (The Challenger explosion was a different story) The first war in Iraq started on my birthday so I was aware of that, but I was so busy with the immediate things of my life that I thought very little of world events going on. Even in college, it was the early days of the internet. News was either presented on TV, magazines, or newspapers; not something that a college student at the time really paid much attention to. I saw more of the world news and listened but never thought beyond my small world. We didn't have instant news, and all my views came from only the lens that the American media presented.

Today, news is instant. Videos are recorded by EVERYONE and we can see the world through so many different lenses. In reflection, I realize that I probably wouldn't have been one of the heroes in history. More than likely I'd have been quietly overwhelmed with the daily tasks of living and with the ideas of the community I was raised in. I had very little exposure to people, ideas, cultures, foods, faiths, and more that differed from my small bubble. Yet with college, seminary, and life experiences my small bubble has grown so much larger. I have the ability to see and hear the world in so many different ways. The bubble that we live in is only as small as we allow it to be. You have to actually work at ignoring things sometimes. And I know for our daily lives, sometimes we desperately need to make our bubble small so that the enormity of the world doesn't overwhelm us. Still, I wonder if 9-year-old me would hear my reactions to the world's history and be embarrassed that I didn't do or say more. As naive and idealistic as 9-year-old me was, she knew what side she wanted to be on. How easy it is to let the problems of this world just be watched on videos, have memes, thoughts, and prayers shared and then we move on.

I don't have the answers to the world's problems. Dear friends, this is when the Sunday school answer of "Jesus" doesn't cut it alone. As a follower of Christ, Jesus is my example, model, and so much more of course. My faith is what leads me into the belief of the intrinsic value of every human life, it has convicted me to stand with the outsider, it is what empowers my hope, and makes me want to be that kind of person that the 9-year-old me would want to cheer on. If Jesus is the answer, it means that my hands, feet, mind, heart need to be *doing* the work. Shouting from the sidelines John 3:16 helps no one! (And that is NOT what it means to be unashamed of the gospel) If Jesus is the answer, I must remember that I am the body of Christ, and it is that which is meant to compel me to action. If I want to be unashamed of the gospel, I must stand with the oppressed, the outsider, the hurt, the hungry, the ones with no power. If I want Jesus to be the answer, then it is my responsibility to live the answer.

I can't always tell what I should be doing about the world's problems. I don't have the ability to drop everything of my immediate life and give myself completely to one cause or another. I don't have the billions of dollars to influence the world in a way that would be closer aligned to justice and righteousness. And I certainly don't want the arrogance of simply proclaiming that Jesus is the answer, saying a prayer, and shaking my head when the world doesn't like me. What I can do is break my heart open and do what I can. I may never be a hero of history, but I don't want to be found complicit because of my silence, fear, or hopelessness. I still believe that love and kindness can change the world.

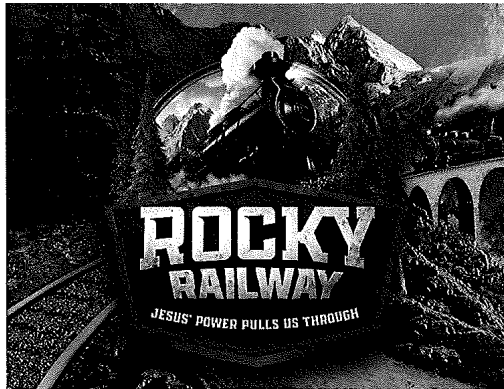
As Jesus said, Go and do likewise. (Luke 10:37)

Pastor Jen

# Youth and Family

Trinity will be joining with Zion, Sandusky and St. Stephen United Church of Christ for Vacation Bible School this year. Below are the dates and times for VBS. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Please see Sally Warner or Pat Wiedenheft if you have any questions on the program.

Come join the fun!



## Vacation Bible School!

A Joint Mission of Zion Lutheran Church and  
St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Monday - Friday, **June 24th to 28th, 2024**

9:00 am to 11:30 am

St. Stephen UCC

905 E. Perkins Ave.

Sandusky, OH 44870

**FREE** registration is open to children ages 4-10.

Must be 4 by June 24<sup>th</sup>

An exciting fun-filled week with Bible lessons based on the stories of the Apostle Paul, Music, Games, Snacks, Crafts, and Friendship! Children and family are all welcome to attend the VBS wrap-up during the 10:15 am church service at St. Stephen's on Sunday, June 30th.

**Register by calling 419-626-1612 or 419-625-2112 or scanning the  
QR code below**





## Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

The Young At Heart are scheduled for a "cruise" on The Mystic Belle in Vermilion, Ohio on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 pm. This is the cruise we were rained out of last August. We will meet at the church at 1:00 pm on that day and carpool to Vermilion. The cruise is limited to 22 people. There is a sign up sheet on the Young At Heart bulletin board. There is a \$15 fee for the ride per person.

The Young At Heart are collecting donations for Cancer Bags for the Cancer Services in Sandusky. Below is a list of items being collected for the bags. We will be collecting through June and July. Bags will be assembled in early August. Items may be placed in the baskets in the upstairs hall. Monetary donations to the Young At Heart will be used to purchase needed items. Thank you very much.

Chapstick	Water Bottles
Individually Wrapped Hard Candies/Lemon Drops	
Hand Sanitizer	Tissues
Individually Wrapped Chocolates	Gum
Hats	Unscented Hand Lotion
Comfy Socks	Face Masks
Adult Coloring Books	
Small Devotions	Puzzle Books
Notebook and Pen/Journal and Pen	
Pencils, Crayons, Markers	Fleece Blanket (used during treatment)

**July 10** – East Harbor and Marblehead Lighthouse Picnic

**August 14 – 1:00 pm** – Assemble Cancer Kits

**September 11 – 11:30 am** - Lunch Downtown then Tour Care and Share

**October 9** – Tour Family Health Services

**November 13** – Lunch at the Senior Center – Jane Anne Cummings, leader

**December 11** – TBD



# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - May 26, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, P. Jen, Betsy Stierhoff, Kathy Bango, Nancy Vollmer, Gayle Thompson, Barb Sessler, Secretary Carol Dahs Absent: Carrie Wiedenheft & Bill Bertsch

Meeting called to order by Vice-President – Nancy Vollmer

Opening devotions were given by Betsy Stierhoff

Minutes of previous meeting (April 2024) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for April 2024 was reviewed. Trinity received another grant from the Charles Wiedenheft estate for \$1,579.56 to use as needed. It was deposited into Current Funds. Pat made a motion to accept the April treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb. Motion passed.

President's Report: N/A

Pastor's Report: P. Jen thanked all who attended the parsonage open house. It went very well. She also thanked Pastor Mike Shelley for filling in for her while she was in Indiana and to Jim for keeping her lawn mowed. She enjoyed her weeklong visit with her friends from the Netherlands. Tim Miller will be preaching one Sunday in August when he is in town. She will be confirming three youth on Sunday. She has been contacting Faith members and shut-ins and presided over Sonny Schonhardt's funeral. P. Jen is setting up a "Church Calendar" for council and herself to reference throughout the year.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – Mother's Day gifts were passed out on May 12 and Kathy has the gifts ready for Father's Day.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Will be celebrating first time drivers in June. Looking at doing VBS with Zion on June 24-28 from 9-11:30 am. More information on these to come.

Community Mission – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy's group met and discussed some activities for the year. They are looking at a Chili Cookoff in October with other church's participating. Donations would go to Care and Share.

Property – Bill Bertsch – The two doors for the basement fellowship hall are in but need to be installed yet. Carol asked if we could get Mike Sabo to come and look at P. Jen's two ceiling fans as the weather heats up, she would like to use them.

Witness and Welcome – Gayle Thompson – Gayle and P. Jen are looking at doing more visits, possibly next Friday.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Communion seems to be going well.


Young at Heart – They will be attending the Firelands Concert on Friday. In June they will be taking their Mystic Belle Boat tour. The signup sheet is in the hallway.

Old Business – We have P. Ralph and P. Cathy's photos for the wall now. P. Jen will get us hers soon. Carol will contact Cathy Wobser and see if we can find the frames now. Chris Nielsen was made a member via Affirmation of Faith on March 21, 2024, per council agreement.

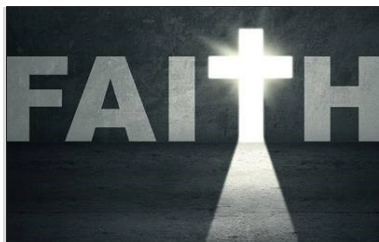
New Business – Carol will be on vacation from July 15 through July 26. She will not be here for the July 18 council meeting. Jim will contact Ronnie Van Zandt on looking at the big tree at the parsonage as it is losing bark rather badly.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Pat Wiedenheft

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Jim Bertsch

6  Adjournment made by Barb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betsy. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.





# FAITH Member Ministry

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

## FAITH Members (as of 1/12/2024)

### **At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruth Sieb                      Apt #107    Birthday - Sept. 19

### **At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruby Stierhoff              Rm #114    Birthday - July 26

### **At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870**

Ray Remy                      Apt. 112    Birthday - Feb 9

### **At Portland House, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870**

Mary Ann Neidler      Rm #123    Birthday - Dec 30

### **At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

### **At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839**

### **At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440**

### **At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

### **At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811**

### **At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410**

### **In their homes:**

Brian Hickman	51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton	419-732-7398	May 25
Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky	419-684-5627	June 6
Judy Welsler	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-684-7232	Feb. 11
Nancy Sessler	6520 Heywood Rd, Sandusky		Oct 5
Laura Allen	2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky		

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.



**Crossroads Homeless Shelter  
Meal  
for June 19, 2024**

**Pork Roast  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Bread  
Cupcakes**

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



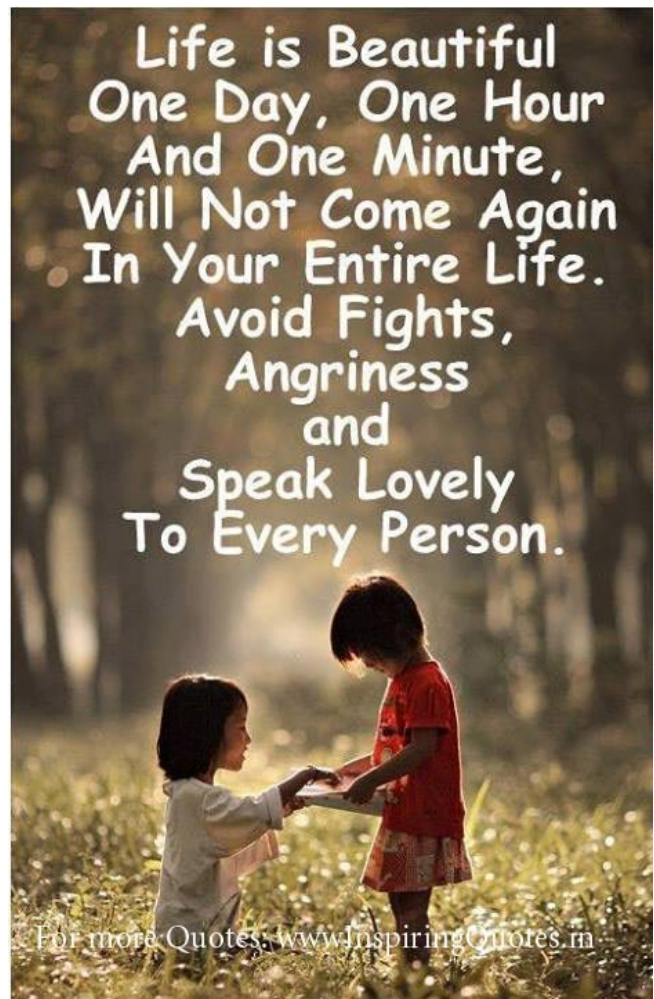
# **JAM!**

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED  
ATMOSPHERE!  
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

**JUNE 9, 2024**

**BETWEEN SERVICES**

**Life is Beautiful  
One Day, One Hour  
And One Minute,  
Will Not Come Again  
In Your Entire Life.  
Avoid Fights,  
Angriness  
and  
Speak Lovely  
To Every Person.**





# JUNE MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Weston Miller
- 5 Patty Swartz
- 6 Patricia Nielsen
- 7 Trevor Ramsdell  
Rodney Velliquette
- 9 Kaitlin Miller
- 10 Rebecca Miller
- 11 Elaine Drossman  
Rex Stierhoff
- 13 Angela Ramon  
Lou Neill  
Bryce Davie
- 14 Nathan Smith
- 15 Laura Miller  
Hannah Wright
- 16 Jude Hacker
- 20 Michael Markley
- 21 Kaiden Rose



- 24 Vincent Carrozzino  
Annette Siverling
- 25 Richard Miller
- 26 Grace Heilmann  
Jamie Opfer
- 27 Marilee Werner
- 28 Claire Miller
- 29 Jennifer Lesch
- 30 Carol Radebaugh  
Breanna Neill

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Tal & Ann Streen - 23rd
- 18 Pete & Gail Lococo - 69th
- 24 Scott & Sharon Swartz - 29th  
Michael & Regina Strauss - 7th
- 28 Richard & Sheryl Miller - 49th



## MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Tom & Shirley Sigman, Patty Swartz, Sue & Don Zenser, Don & Alice Kuns, Jim Bertsch, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Larry & Linda Velliquette, David Wiedenheft, Wendy Wiedenheft, Patsy & Diana Troike, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Denny & Barb Sessler, Robert & Alice Bertsch, Cindy Norman, David & Sally Warner, David & Cathy Wobser, Gene & Adele Hoffman, The Margaretta High School Class of 1956, Nancy Vollmer, Jack & Brenda Ried, Fred Wobser, Cheryl Biehl, Bob & Kathy Brouse, Alice & Dick Kuns & Family, Marcy Manion & Manny's Tavern & Grille, Rosemarie Canter, Cynthia & Nick Zappa, Roy & Joyce Patterson in memory of Sonny Schonhardt



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Matt & Jill Conner in honor of Grandma Anna Stockman's 90th birthday

Marilyn Oury, Carl & Roslyn Albersmeyer in memory of Paul Herrmann

Charles & Sandy Paseka, Patsy & Diana Troike in memory of Linda Huff

Dave & Sally Warner, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in celebration of Terrie Hirt's 75th birthday



Nancy Sessler is currently at The Willows in Bellevue for rehab. Below is her address if you would like to send her a card.

Nancy Sessler, Rm 209  
c/o The Willows  
101 Auxiliary Drive  
Bellevue OH 44811

Barb Wobser is also on the move to a new home.

Barb Wobser  
223 E Parish St.  
Sandusky OH 44870  
419-627-1269



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- To all mothers/grandmothers, youth and Sunday School teachers who participated in the Mother's Day celebration.



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!

Margaretta Township and the surrounding community is once again participating in Wreaths Across America this year where we'll place a remembrance wreath on every veteran's grave in our four township cemeteries. Our goal is to honor, remember, and teach others about the sacrifice that our 980+ veterans and their families have made so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Last year, our community ranked #17 in Ohio with over 200 groups participating and #288 nationally with over 2300 groups participating. The ranking was based on the number of wreaths sponsored. Margaretta Township proudly placed a wreath on every veteran's grave last year at Castalia, Graves, Sand Hill, and Venice. We even had a few extra that were donated to the Ohio Veterans' Cemetery on Columbus Ave in Sandusky.

This great success never would have happened without the support of folks like you. A \$17.00 donation will sponsor a wreath again this year and you may do it specifically for a veteran of your choosing or a general donation of any amount.

Starting on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial Day weekend, we will have the paper wreaths for you to fill out again this year by the tree outside the office in the educational wing. Please follow the instructions on the wall for filling out your wreath. We will do this during the month of June and end on the Fourth of July. We have chosen to do this earlier this year to stay away from the busy time of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Wreaths will not be placed at gravesites until December.

Once again, Thank You for your past support and Thank You again this year for your continued support!



# JUNE 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 P. Jen to Synod
Second Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Congratulations Graduates			NA 7:00 pm			8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Third Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am JAM Session 9:30 am			Young at Heart 2 pm Mystic Bell Boat Tour NA 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Father's Day			Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	Council Mtg 7:00 pm		NA 11:00 am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am			NA 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 am
30						
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am						

# HELPERS AT WORSHIP - June 2024 and July 2024

Date	8:00 am Service		10:30 am Service				
	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	
<b>Altar Care for June: Cathy Wobser</b>							
June 2	Faith Builders	Shelby Koch	Carrie Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Barb Sessler	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
June 9	Guy & Laura Miller	Wendy Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Lincoln Smith	Barb Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
June 16	Millie McCready		Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Barb Sessler	Candy Beatty	Malachi Herrmann
June 23	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough		Guy Miller	Carlie Wiedenheft	Barb Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Eli Conner
June 30	Jen Herrmann	Cindy Norman	Joyce Patterson	Mariska Farlow	Barb Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Mason Russell
<b>Altar Care for July: Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser, &amp; Candy Beatty</b>							
July 7			Cindy Norman Rich Miller	Zane Warner	David Wobser Denny Sessler	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
July 14			Cindy Norman Rich Miller	Russ Stephens	David Wobser Denny Sessler	Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell
July 21	Dave & Sally Warner		Cindy Norman Rich Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	David Wobser Denny Sessler	Jim Bertsch	Eli Conner
July 28	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff	Cindy Norman Rich Miller	Sally Warner	David Wobser Denny Sessler	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of June

## June 2 - Second Sunday of Pentecost

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15** - *The commandment regarding the sabbath*

**Psalm 81:1-10** - Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (*Ps. 81:1*)

**2 Corinthians 4:5-12** - *Treasure in clay jars*

**Mark 2:23—3:6** - *Doing the work of God on the sabbath*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## June 9 - Third Sunday of Pentecost

**Genesis 3:8-15** - *God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

**Psalm 130** - Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (*Ps. 130:7*)

**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1** - *Renewed in the inner nature*

**Mark 3:20-35** - *Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

**Prayer of the Day:** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## June 16 - Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

**Ezekiel 17:22-24** -

*The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel*

**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15** - The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (*Ps. 92:12*)

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17** - *In Christ, a new creation*

**Mark 4:26-34** - *The parable of the mustard seed*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## June 23 - Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

**Job 38:1-11** - *The creator of earth and sea*

**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32** - You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (*Ps. 107:29*)

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13** - *Paul's defense of his ministry*

**Mark 4:35-41** - *Christ calming the sea*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## June 30 - Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

**Lamentations 3:22-33** - *Great is the LORD's faithfulness*

**Psalm 30** - I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (*Ps. 30:1*)

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15** - *Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus*

**Mark 5:21-43** - *Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



# FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

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## MENU:

**BBQ PORK SANDWICH, POTATO  
SALAD, FRESH VEGETABLES  
& ICE CREAM**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH**

**5:00 - 6:00 PM (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)**

**FREE DRIVE-THRU PICKUP IN BACK OF CHURCH**

**PSALM 107:9** "FOR HE SATISFIES THE  
THIRSTY AND FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH  
GOOD THINGS."

**DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE FOR SHUT-INS  
CALL 419-357-3672 TO SCHEDULE A DELIVERY**