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Pastor's Epistle September 2022 – Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah

It Won't Always Be Night.

The year 2020 and part of 2021 brought an unexpected COVID lockdown that stunned the world. The world suffered a no-visit, no-work, no-gathering, no-schooling, no-fun, etc., existence. It was depressing, to say the least. Everybody yearned for freedom; but people were helpless. Most folks, Christians and other faiths, resorted to prayers. Medical professionals sprang into action seeking answers to the peril. Today our lockdown is over, and we are enjoying outdoor activities again. Churches are open and schools are open. People seem to be enjoying life again.

THE WORKS OF HIS HANDS



----- ARE -----
**FAITHFUL
and JUST.**

PSALM 111:7

Recall that Noah, his family, and other living creatures endured a flood lockdown and quarantine inside a boat which God commanded Noah to build. We all know the story about God's disappointment when what the people He created were doing frustrated him. And when God saw that things were not going right with the whole world, he decided to end everything. Thankfully, Noah's family impressed God, and He decided to save Noah and his family from the impending destruction. He asked Noah to build an Ark that would provide a safety net for him, his family, and some of the animals.

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Weekday Bible Study

The Fall 2022 Bible Study will focus on the

**Book of Revelation
and will begin on
Thursday, September 22.**

Meetings will be held both at 10 am in the Boardroom at Church and at 7 pm via Zoom. All are welcome to join in at either time! Watch for additional details your email and in the weekly bulletin.



There shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be
any more pain:
for the former things
are passed away.

Revelation 21:4, KJV

"Church isn't just a place we go.



The Church is who we are."

—anonymous

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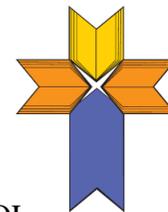
***** SESSION NOTES *****

Your Session met, using Zoom, on Tuesday evening, August 16, 2022, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Following the opportunity for Formal Examination for Membership, elected to receive Chinelo Nelly Njoku into membership by Re-Affirmation of Faith during worship on August 21.
- Sadly, reported the passing away of longtime member Donald E. Schwartz (Chron. #216), on July 21, 2022. Services were held at the Fisher Funeral Home Chapel on July 28.
- Learned that our church elevator may soon be operational.
- Learned of an invitation to an All-Presbytery Picnic at Geneva Center on September 8.
- Heard preparation for Friendship Month in September with Sunday School Kickoff, Grandparents day, BBQ lunch, on 9/11, outside worship on 9/18 with special music, and Golden Girl recognition on 9/25.
- Learned that Sunday School opening will return, and that adult classes will meet in the Boardroom.

Michael E. Grimes,
Clerk of Session

CE NOTES!



KICK-OFF

MOMUMENTAL KICK OFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

New friends and old friends – please join us September 11 at 9:00 as we revisit our VBS themes with crafts and games. There are fun activities for all ages to enjoy as we Celebrate God’s Greatness together at the start of a new year of Sunday School.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU, JULIE AND MURIEL

After many years of teaching and leading our Jr/Sr High Sunday School class and Youth Group, Julie Boles and Muriel Grimes are stepping down. We are so grateful for their dedication to sharing the love and word of God with our kids as they loved, mentored, and played with our youth. Thank you for being a blessing in our children’s lives.

CE NEWS

Sunday School

D AND D Donuts and Drinks Fuel for the tummy, heart and soul! A simple continental breakfast of donuts, juice, milk and coffee will be available.



TEACHERS

THANK YOU to Zonda Bryant and Jane Coleman for continuing to teach and lead Sunday School classes.



We are looking for someone to lead the Jr/Sr. High Class. Please prayerfully consider being that someone to guide and lead this group of wonderful young people.

Schedule

- 9:00 – Donuts and Drinks
- 9:05 – 9:10 – Opening Gathering in the Sanctuary with Prayer, Birthdays and Songs.
- 9:15 – 10:00 Classes
 - Kdg – Gr. 5 with Zonda Bryant in the balcony
 - Gr. 6 – 12, Nancy Grimes and Susan Gibson to start
 - Adults – Jane Coleman



Content

Youth – Our young people will be continuing to use the PCUSA series “Follow Me”. They will also be learning The Lord’s Prayer and others texts central to our faith.

Adults – Jane will continue to use videos of the dynamic teaching of Brandon Robbins.



Save the Date!!
Jubilee Christmas
Saturday,
December 10, 2022
For more information on
LUM’s Jubilee program:
<https://www.lumserve.org/programs/children-families/jubilee-christmas/>

Friendship September!



The Seed Planting committee is hosting Friendship September, and we need your help to invite guests! Here is a quick overview.....

- ❖ **September 11th: Friendship Sunday, followed by a barbeque lunch. Grandparent recognition. Bring your kids/grandkids to Sunday School Kickoff.**
- ❖ **September 18th: Casual service outside! Bring your friends and lawn chairs to enjoy the fall weather. No need to dress up!**
- ❖ **September 25th: Golden Girls recognition.**

Be thinking about who you can invite to one or all of these special services. 82% of unchurched people are somewhat likely to attend church if they are invited.

“Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.” Psalm 66:5

Service: The Essence Of Glorifying God

Think of all the things that go on at Memorial Presbyterian Church: not just the worship service on Sunday but the mission work like supporting Habitat for Humanity, supporting Lafayette Urban Ministry, Kid’s Closet, Food Pantry, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, supporting funerals, weddings, connecting with shut in people, maintaining and upgrading church facilities and more. All of these functions occur not by chance but because we are a vibrant community that wants to be of service to others. Our challenge is to be of service to others.

Our charge is to love and glorify God by loving one another and serving others. Romans 12:11 tells us to work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. For MPC to continue to serve the Lord we need servants. Your church needs you to step up and serve. The process of nominating a slate of officers to serve the church starting in 2023 is about to begin. Officers include Deacons, Elders, Trustees, Church school leaders and others. The Nominating Committee will soon start to identify candidates for church offices. If you would like to serve as an officer, please let us know. If you are asked to serve by a nomination committee member, please give the request careful and prayerful consideration

to serve. Note that if you are asked to serve in a certain capacity it is only after careful consideration by the committee. If you are asked, it is because we think you have the skills to help the church in a certain capacity, and we need your help.

Nominating Committee Chmn,
Steve Hancock



Let’s see who we can invite to come to our friendly church:



- ___ Someone I work with
- ___ Someone who I see every day
- ___ Someone who lives to the left of my house
- ___ Someone who lives to the right of my house
- ___ Someone who hasn’t been to our church for awhile
- ___ Someone who used to sit in my pew
- ___ Someone who lives alone
- ___ Someone new to Dayton
- ___ A new classmate at school (let’s get the kids involved)
- ___ Someone in my last year’s class
- ___ Someone who likes to sing
- ___ A new family in town – someone who just moved in
- ___ Someone looking for a new church

It Won’t Always Be Night

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Noah and his family waited for the flood to recede to enjoy their freedom outside the Ark. It happened and life was restored again for them.

Much as we have survived the COVID lockdown and restrictions, the story of Noah and his family in the Ark comes alive for us.

Remember also the case of Jesus and His disciples on that Passover night when it seemed as though the trouble of the night would never be over. Jesus was troubled, the disciples were afraid and panicky, and the atmosphere was gloomy. But on that resurrection morning, Jesus triumphed!

It won’t always be night. *Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning, Psalm 30:5b.* We are always victorious in Jesus. But we must not forget that when things are going well for us, we must remember to reflect on how we got to where we are and be thankful to God who made it happen for us!



Church Office Hours & Contact Info:

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Phone: 765.296.3199

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secretary@daytonpres.org

Website: www.daytonpres.org

Facebook: Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church Group (private page)

and Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church /Religious Organization (public page)



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Sunday, October 2

The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us during A

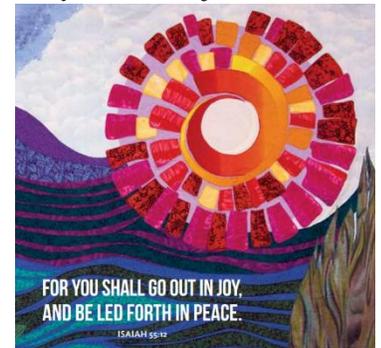
Season of Peace: *“For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.”*

Go out in joy. When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible.

Be led forth in peace. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.

Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own.

So let us go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Please give whatever you can. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



KIDS' CLOSET

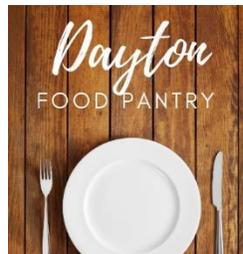


Clothing appropriate for school is now needed. New or gently-used donations are accepted during office hours.

We are asking that the donations are clean, placed in clean containers, and the containers/bags are dated. We are making a special request for **children's underclothing** (new, please) which are frequently needed by our families.

Our pre-order & pick-up system continues to operate smoothly. KC order forms are available through Facebook, our website, and in the Church office during office hours (below). Please keep watch in our newsletters, on our Facebook page and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



Food Pantry

Please encourage anyone in need in our area to visit our Food Pantry, using either the traditional walk-in option from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings OR the pre-order & pick-up option on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. The new option operates it in a way similar to the current Kids' Closet process. We are asking individuals to submit their

names, phone numbers, addresses, and number of people in their families to let us know they would like to use our pick-up option. We will do our best to fill orders received by Friday to be ready for pick up on Thursday of the following week. However, we will also contact individuals by phone to confirm when their orders will be ready. **NOTE: All restrictions on geographic area served and number of times individuals can come in will continue to apply. Order forms are available through the Church's Facebook pages and website, as well as on the Dayton and Mulberry town Facebook pages.**

Donations that have been made of food items and grocery bags continue to be most greatly appreciated! Just drop off donations at the office any Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. **Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.**

If you have ideas of how we can better reach families in need about our Thursday morning and afternoon programs at the Dayton Food Pantry, please contact the office (see right for contact information).

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:
Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317



*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders, persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence;

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| Russell Lucas | Joy Schwartz | Valerie McCain |
| Jackie Ginther | Jack Norris | Heidy Haynes |
| Kevin Konrad | Jean McGill | Sherri Stewart |
| Bob Yost | Fred Reichart | Jerry Jo Carter |
| Kennedy Alkire | James Franks | Terry Lynn Pfeiffer |
| Cindy DeGolyer | Mary Dillman | Betty Pfeiffer |
| Tracey Harris | Levi Chisholm | Janet Arvin |
| Jon Grimes | Bob Parker | Jerry Arvin |
| Sandi Stingley | Becca Schultz | The family of Don Schwartz |
| Zachary King | Peggy Fields | The family of Beverly Bryant |
| Terry McKillip | Nancy Hammond | Beth Barger |
| Jeff Smith | Jim Mitchell | Mike Grimes |
| Ron Berry | Paul Clevenger | |
| LuAlice Huston | Judianne Chester | |



... and all who are dealing with the effects of COVID—health-related, financial challenges, separation from family and friends.

A Beautiful Morning of Worship with Bethany, Central, and Elston Presbyterian Churches at

Ft. Ouatennon



DEACON'S SMOCK FOUNDATION FUNDS:

If you know someone who is a church member, who lives in Indiana, and who may need economic help due to an emergency, job loss, death of a family member, etc.,

please let a deacon know of the need.

The Smock Family has generously given funds for emergency needs. Priorities are given to senior adults within our church family.



The funds are given anonymously to the person.

Updates to our prayer list will be posted each week on our PRIVATE Church Facebook page.



Please contact the Church office to add someone to the Church's prayer list.

(See contact info on page 4.)

Our Church Family



ELDERS: STEVE HANCOOK, COMMUNION
PAUL HAYNES, DEVOTIONS

DEACONS: BETH BARGER, CAPTAIN; BERNIE PARMELY

- 1 ERIC SHAW
- 2 MARY MARGARET SUGAR
- 3 ESTHER MILLER
- 4 ASHLEY STEVENSON
- 5 BILL EDWARDS
- 6 ADAM GIBSON
- 6 CAROL LANE
- 6 LISA STEVENSON
- 7 KAMERON LITTLE
- 7 CHERYL RICHARD
- 9 ELIZABETH BARGER
- 9 MOLLY (BULL) CHILDERS



September
BIRTHDAYS

- 13 JERRY AVERY
- 13 MATTHEW CAMPBELL
- 15 CAROLE KEMMER
- 15 TAMMY WEBBER
- 16 JOHN BRAND
- 17 TRACEY HARRIS
- 20 JAKOB SNYDER
- 21 MAX BIERY
- 25 PHILLIP SNYDER
- 26 TAYLOR FOGARTY
- 27 ANITA AMIAYA
- 27 ADAM FRANKLIN
- 30 HEATHER (REID) STENE



September
ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 SCOTT & HILLARY BASDEN
- 6 JIM & JENNIFER MURRAY
- 7 KEN & CINDY STANFORD
- 10 CHRIS & STEPHANIE VALENTA
- 12 ASHLEY & LISA STEVENSON
- 19 KELLY & KIM LITTLE
- 22 PAUL & MARY HOUSER
- 23 ZECH & EMILY (SPRAY) WORLEY
- 24 JIM & HELEN JACKSON
- 27 DAVID & JANE COLEMAN
- 27 RANDY & TAMMY WEBBER

OMISSIONS AND/OR ERRORS

IF YOU NOTICE ANY OMISSIONS OR INCORRECT ENTRIES IN THE BIRTHDATES AND ANNIVERSARIES EACH MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT MARY HOUSER AT SECRETARY@DAYTONPRES.ORG OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 296-3199.



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	2	3
4 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys	5	6 Trustees Mtg; 7:15 pm	7	8 Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	9	10
11 9 am Sunday School Kick Off! 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys Friendship Sunday After worship: Cookout!	12	13 CE Meeting, 7 pm Masons, 7pm	14	15 Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up Golden Girls, 10:45 am	16	17
18 9 am Donuts & Drinks 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Outdoor Worship with Pastor Gladys After worship Prayer Team	19 Order of Eastern Star	20 Session Meeting, 7 pm	21	22 Bible Study Begins!! 10 am in Boardroom; 7 pm via Zoom Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	23	24
25 9 am Donuts & Drinks 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys Golden Girls Recognition After worship Prayer Team	26	27 Knights of Pythias	28	29 Bible Study, 10am & 7pm Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	30	

Food Pantry is open Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.
3-5 p.m. pre-order & pick up.
Kids' Closet is providing services curbside. See page 4 for details on both.

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Beginning September 18
Drinks & Donuts at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
In-Person Worship
with Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.



**October 2022
Newsletter
DEADLINE
Please have
submissions sent
in by Tuesday,
September 20**