

ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

The Visitor
June 2023

The Summer 100 Challenge!

"Help me, Help You!"

What famous movie is this quote from?

Help me, Help You, by keeping the church super strong through the summer.

We are really doing great in our church! For the past few months the average attendance has been over 100 and headed to 120! Children participating in Sunday School and in church has been fantastic, 20+ children almost every Sunday! Thank you, parents and kids!
Let us not lose momentum over the summer.

Going to Church Makes God Happy!
Church is important for each of us!
Church is important for our family!
You are important to church!

Help me keep our church strong over the summer!

"Help Me, Help You!"

By

Keeping the attendance above 100

Summer 100 Challenge

If you're in town, you're in church!

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"Grace and Peace in the Storm"

Can we represent grace in a cultural climate that is getting hotter and hotter by the day over the issue of gender identity and all that it entails from restroom use in our schools to youth taking steps to change their sex. That is a tall order because we are passionate about issues related to children. Most of our members can get their head around issues of homosexuality although opinions vary greatly within our church, but this is another matter completely. It would seem an appropriate faith response might be to call for an end of any such matters. If only it was that simple.

Our members are often in places of responsible leadership roles, serving on school boards and city councils and other public leadership roles. Our commitment is to be a part of shaping society. In that way our faith is brought into the

community. In that vein our faith community is on the front line of this debate. This topic also hits home as some families have transgender or gay family members. A member of my family has a thirteen-year-old daughter that identifies as a boy. This started when he was eleven years old. His parents have opted against any changes that would affect his development, but they have done their best to affirm their child's choice to identify as a boy in his female body. Our children will likely have classmates that are gay and transgender, and they will likely be friends. A Valmeyer alum that was openly gay was a frequent guest in our house and remains good friends to this day with my daughter. I was proud of the way the community related to this young man, treating him no differently than any other kid. These issues, as complex as they are when met within a relationship, become navigable with love, compassion and lots of listening. I asked my family member that is going through this if she thought a lot of this was attention seeking behavior. She believed it was, stating "although the only way to get to the other side of the challenges is listening." We may feel compelled as Christians to stand up against what is called out as a sin in the bible, namely homosexuality.

There are theologians on both sides of this issue. The bible has only a few verses that are often used to make the case against homosexuality, seven in fact. None in the four gospels, none from Jesus' teachings. Three from the Old Testament and four from Paul's letters. This is a paper written by Dr. Baker, professor at Eden Seminary. Dr. Baker gives some of the historical context for the scripture and the importance they then played at the time they were written.

Genesis 19:1-11

19The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground. ²He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square." ³But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; ⁵and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them." ⁶Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, ⁷and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. ⁸Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." ⁹But they replied, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near the door to break it down. ¹⁰But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. ¹¹And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

Dr. Baker's detailed explanation.

Genesis 19:1-11 (Sodom and Gomorrah)- Ancient Hebrews were obligated to extend hospitality, and these cities were condemned because of a lack of hospitality. Sex was about power in ancient times (and still can be). This is a story about rape, an act meant to humiliate and harm the foreigners or angels, depending on which translation you read. Men raping other men in Biblical times was about violence, control and disrespect, because it put one of them in the submissive, or "female" role. It was commonly used against enemies defeated in war (and still is). It was frequently used by Emperors to show their superiority and control.

What the men of Sodom did in this story is an extreme example of the exact opposite of hospitality. See also Leviticus 19:33-34 talks about welcoming the alien, because the Hebrews were once aliens in Egypt, and Ezekiel 16:49 which names the sins of Sodom. Nothing in this passage refers to same-sex loving people we know today. It's about violent rape expressing a lack of hospitality, not loving gay relationships that we talk about in modern times.

Leviticus 18:22 ("abomination")

²²You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

Leviticus 20:13 (“abomination” again)

¹³If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death; their blood is upon them.

Dr. Bakers detailed explanation.

Chapter 18 has several laws referring to not worshipping Molech, a pagan fertility god, which would have been idolatry to ancient Hebrews. Verse 18:21 says not to sacrifice, or dedicate, your children to Molech. Verse 18: 23 says don't have sex with animals, which was as known to be part of worshipping Molech.

In the middle of these is 18:22, which is a prohibition against having sex with temple “prostitutes” or temple functionaries as part of worshipping Molech. All the people at the temple participating in these rites were male. “Don't lie with a male as with a woman” is speaking to Hebrew men who might be tempted to seek a fertility blessing on children or crops by going to Molech's temple and participating in a sex act as a kind of worship. To do so was an abomination, or ritually unclean; it was wrong for cultural reasons. There are many prohibitions against things labeled abominations in the Bible. Hebrews also had many rules to set themselves apart from other people, be they Greeks, pagans, or anyone else. This passage was not written with the word sin, nor with the word “anomia” which means against the law. Imagining temple sex as part of worshipping a god may sound odd to us today, but it was part of what Molech followers did. The Hebrews sacrificed animals, avoided certain foods and did ritual bathing during these times to worship their God, which may sound odd to those outside Judaism and Christianity. We can't judge these acts, but we can understand their historical context.

These verses are basically saying no matter how bad things get, don't do anything to worship this fertility god. Chapter 20 is a restating of Chapter 18, and it refers to the punishment for these types of idolatry. Nothing in this passage talks about same-sex relationships as we define them now.

Romans 1:26 (only reference to women)

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural,

Romans 1:27 (“men receive their punishment in their person”)

²⁷and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

Dr. Bakers detailed explanation.

Paul uses the word “phyisken” here- most often translated as nature. It's where we get the word “physical” from. It means to act as expected for your nature. The passages mean “beyond the regular” and “outside the ordinary”. “Paraphysiken” means “over and above” or “beyond”, so it should be translated as “out of the ordinary” “unusual” or “uncharacteristic” for a person's nature. A gay person should not pretend to be straight, and a straight person should not pretend to be gay. Neither passage means “against the laws of nature”. Don't do what is outside the ordinary for your nature.

I Corinthians 6:9-10 (in a list of vices)

⁹Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived! Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, sodomites, ¹⁰thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, robbers—none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.

I Timothy 1:9-10 (also a list of vices)

⁹This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, ¹⁰fornicators, sodomites, slave traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching

Dr. Bakers detailed explanation.

Both these passages use the Greek words “malakoi” and “arsenokoitai”. They do not mean “sexual perverts”, or “male prostitutes or sodomites” as some translations may misstate. Based on their use in other places in the text, these words instead refer to sexually wanton or lewd people, and abusive sex between men meant to show dominance. That’s rape. They are listed as part of vice lists, where Paul is encouraging men to behave well in society. You can understand why Paul would admonish men not to rape or be lewd.

This kind of detailed theological research and thinking is necessary. Without it we lose the original intent. Clearly the intent of these passages was to stop abusive behaviors or behaviors used to worship false gods. Before slavery was abolished arguments using text from the bible were used to keep slavery in place. The bible was also used in its fuller context to end slavery. Before women had the right to vote the bible was used out of context to keep women from being able to vote. To be the image of Christ in a changing world we must look for the spirit of the law and lean heavily on what Jesus teaches.

I respect our members’ abilities to make up their own minds if homosexuality is a sin/life choice/or the way a person was born. I do not feel the need for us to all be of the same mind. We need only to care for one another regardless of our differences. The issue of gender identity is going to rage for the next 20+ years I would bet. Politicians will use this to win elections and TV personalities will use it to get ratings. The truth of the families that are going through what must be a terrible time will be of no consequence to them. However, the families do matter to us. Can the face of Christianity be more loving, more accepting, more compassionate? Can we have less of calling out the others’ sins and more about giving care when families need it most? We do not have to have the answers, we just need to care.

I am so proud of our congregation and their ability to not get lost in the drama of the politics. This is an issue we will be sorting out for years to come. We can be kind even when we have strongly differing opinions. We can even love and have compassion for their struggle.

With love, grace and peace!

Pastor

St. John’s UCC Church Council Minutes - May 8, 2023

Pastor Poole opened the meeting with a prayer. President Christy Muertz called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. Those in attendance were Lisa Schwarze, Amy Rohlfing, Cheri Langsdorf, Drew Watts and Sandy Tutka. Absent from the meeting were Susan Koesterer, Fay Ross, and Mark Rey.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 17, 2023 MEETING

The minutes from the April 17, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Lisa Schwarze made a motion to accept the minutes and Drew Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT/BILLS/TIMECARD/PASTORS EXPENSES

The treasurer’s report/bills/timecard and Pastor’s expenses were presented and reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Cheri Langsdorf made a motion to approve the reports as presented and Amy Rohlfing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PASTOR’S REPORT

- Pastor thanked the council for their support for his article in the Visitor. He discussed briefly his reasoning for putting the article out there and the meaning behind it.

- He also told us there will be a confirmation class coming up in the fall. Confirmation will now be a 2yr. commitment before being confirmed. More information will be forthcoming on the class. Mrs. Cheryl Prange will once again be helping with confirmation.
- St. John's Day will be held at the Civic Park this year. A "Save The Date" will be coming out soon so everyone can get it on their calendars.
- Michelle Vogt has 25 children already registered for Vacation Bible School this year. Pastor is very happy that we at St. John's know the importance of Bible School and are still able to hold it as it has been done in the past.
- Summer Sunday school usually has a low attendance, but we will try to keep families interested and coming regularly.
- Pastor's vacation will be June 14 – June 21, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Cheri Langsdorf brought up that she would like some help ushering and counting money that Sunday as she, Lisa and Fay will be getting communion ready. Drew Watts and Sandy Tutka volunteered to help.

SOUND SYSTEM

Pastor was very happy to report, that the final part for the sound system will be installed on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Pastor, Drew Watts and Tim Burns plan to be there to get instructions on the operation of the system. A big thank you should go out to Mark Rey for making some phone calls to get this final piece of the system completed. THANK YOU, MARK!!

GLENN/LINDA COATS BUILDING

A letter has been drafted as to the church's liability and desire for the 2 buildings located on church property but have been used by the Coats'. Sandy Tutka will present the letter to the Coats', President Christy Muertz will sign it and it will be notarized.

NEW BUSINESS

Drew Watts is going to look for some kind of protective cover that could be placed on the ceiling in back of church where the steps going up to the balcony come down. Many a person has come in contact with it and he felt some kind of protective cover could be placed there to prevent that from happening.

A motion was made by Cheri Langsdorf and seconded by Lisa Schwarze to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Sandy Tutka, Secretary

Women's Fellowship Meeting – April 8, 2023

President Faye Birke called the April 8th Women's Fellowship meeting to order with 16 members and Pastor present. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Sue gave the treasurer's balance of \$2460.37. A motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

Ellen read the secretary's report. Faye made a correction that Kristy Edler also brought corn bread to the March 8th potluck. Connie and Sharon made the motion to accept. Motion carried.

Connie said she had an article in the Visitor about the Back Pack food drive that we will be conducting in April and May.

Easter Sunrise service to be at 6:30 with breakfast at 7:00. Faye will be in charge with several others volunteering to help.

May 13th will be the Hike and Bike. The motion was made by Anna and Nancy to pay for a sign and advertising for the back of the t shirt. Motion carried.

Sue went to Sessions to check out a new cart and pancake dispenser. The pancake dispenser was 76.99 on line which was about 40.00 dollars cheaper than Sessions. Motion was made by Barb and Kristy to purchase on line. Motion carried.

Sue found a stainless-steel cart for 141.41 at Sessions. The motion was made by Barb and Connie to buy 2 carts. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Pat and Joyce to put the 188.00 that was received at the Lenten potluck dinner toward the cost of the carts. Motion carried.

Joyce brought to our attention the windows need washing so anyone who can help will come early on May 4th before our next meeting to help with this job.

The question was asked if we wanted to paint the bottom panel of the counter a color to match the cabinet that Sandy painted. Thank You Sandy for painting the cabinet and doors for the closet. It was decided to leave the bottom of the counter the way it is now.

Joyce said there would be a group of people coming from Germany to tour in Maeystown on May 9th and was asking if we could serve a noon luncheon for the group. Possibly up to 30 people. A motion was made by Pat and Anna to purchase pulled pork and ham tray. Motion carried. Sides will be supplied by Women's Guild members.

Pastor's comments were about the book he is looking for pictures and articles about how the church continued through Covid. Joyce will be assisting with this project.

On April 23rd Terry and Tim will be playing music at the hall and 2:00 PM. They will also be playing at 9:30 before church for the next several weeks.

St. John's Day will be 9/17 at the Civic Park. More info will be coming on this event.

Sue reminded everyone about Pew Sisters on the 3rd Monday of every month and how all are welcome.

Sharon and Jean had birthdays so Happy Birthday was sung to them. Connie and Barb made the motion to adjourn and motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ellen Edler Secretary

Our Hassloch Germany Visitors.

Dave Braswell brought about nine folks that were visiting Mascoutah from Hassloch, Germany and a few others from Mascoutah for a tour of Maeystown.

Since the Maeystown Rahn family originally came from Hassloch, Germany many of the Rahn cousins came to a meet and greet at our church hall on May 9th.

The Women's Fellowship organized a lunch for all the visitors as part of their day in Maeystown. I want to thank everyone that prepared/or brought food, set up everything and served and cleaned up afterwards. We have a wonderful and very dependable bunch of women in this group!

I heard many kudos on the entire event.

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Some of the German visitors said 'thank you' to me and, of course, I started talking to them about something or the other and they again nodded and repeated 'thank you' again. Therefore, I was thinking that was the extent of the English language for them, and I'm thinking it's comparable to me speaking German. Danke Schon. LOL

I also spoke to some of the other German visitors that spoke English, so it wasn't a complete failure in the language department.

Thanks so much to all of you that helped. It was a hit!

Joyce

Announcements, News and Notes

Sunday School Parents - You are invited to join Pastor in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, after your drop off the kids for Sunday School, for coffee, juice, fruit, Danish and conversation. This will continue every Sunday through the end of the school year.

There will not be Sunday School May 28 and June 4. Summer Sunday School will begin June 11. Parent volunteers are needed for Summer Sunday School.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the **2023 Hike, Bike, and Run** successful. From the t-shirt and mile marker sponsors to the volunteers the day of and of course the planning committee, the event could not be successful without all of you!

Upcoming Events:

- We will recognize our graduates (high school and post-high school) on Sunday, June 4. Please email the name of your graduate to Nicole at maeystownucc@gmail.com so we can be sure to recognize your graduate.
- Pew Sisters will meet on Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. Watch Facebook and the Sunday bulletin for meeting location.

Special Birthdays:

- Curtis Rusteberg will be 77 on June 6.
- Reagan Rohlfing celebrates her 1st birthday on June 9.
- Randy Coats turns 67 on June 26.

- William Roseman turns 82 years young June 28.
- Lauren Hesterberg celebrates her 65th birthday on July 4th.
- Paula Bundy turns 67 on July 5.
- Jim Maurer turns 66 on July 8.
- And Lloyd Schwarze turns 66 the next day on July 9.
- Mona Mothershead turns 84 years young on July 11.
- Very special birthday wishes to Florence Feldmeier who turns 99 years young on July 14.
- And our very own Kaylee Muertz celebrates a very special 14th birthday on July 16.

Special Anniversaries:

- Randy & Michelle Coats celebrate 45 years of marriage on June 3, while Mark & Brenda Rey celebrate 40 years of marriage the same day.
- Paul & Jackie Hoffmann will celebrate 51 wonderful years of marriage on June 10.

Acolyte Schedule:

June

- 4 - Tanner Rosenkranz & Lilly Carron
- 11 - Lucas Blackwell & Derek Knoll
- 18 - Evan Hill & Cody Schmitz
- 25 - Hudson Brandt & Jake Coats

July

- 2 - Ashlyn Crouch & Andrew Stafford
- 9 - Landon Johnson & Owen Carron
- 16 - Dallen Edler & Lilly Carron
- 23 - Jake Coats & Caden Huddleston
- 30 - Drake Coats & Jackie Keller

Thank You Notes:

Dear Women's Fellowship,
Thank you so much for providing the luncheon for the guests from Hassloch, Germany, and Mascoutah Historical Society. It was delicious and so appreciated by everyone. They were so touched by your kindness. Please accept this check as a small token of appreciation.

David and Marcia Braswell

Thank You to the group of Women's Fellowship ladies that washed the windows and curtains in the downstairs hall. Those nasty triple track storm windows are a drag to clean but sparkle they do once again! And I'm sure if you asked any of us that was on that cleaning crew, we will tell you it will be a while before we tackle that job again.

Thanks a million!

(Joyce)

Prayer List:

- *Kaylee is home from the hospital but still has a long road ahead.*
- *Evelyn Gauch, Lisa Maurer's mother, has 3 fractured vertebrae, a compound fracture in her spine and torn ligaments. Please keep her in your prayers.*
- *Allyn Rohlfing had surgery on his neck.*
- *Darlene Yancy has a back issue*
- *Debbie Barnes has heart concerns.*
- *Virginia Borcharding is recovering at home after complications.*
- *7th grader Elsa Wiemerslage is receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *Bob Sales, Sr is on hospice. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.*
- *Lynn Ahrens as she recovers from a terrible fall and surgery.*
- *Allison Ford has a non-cancerous brain tumor with great complications.*
- *Tim Branson in his battle with cancer.*
- *Scott Stoeckel, as he battles cancer.*
- *Reyesmae Brown, she is 3 yrs. old, has autism and now seizures.*
- *Aileen Neeley in your prayers as she battles cancer.*
- *Mary Kay Richards as she recovers from lung surgery.*
- *Sarah Schmitz's sister, Cheryl Steiner, she has been diagnosed with kidney disease.*
- *Denise Farmer as she seeks answers for some neurological issues.*

Church Financial:

April 2023 Beginning balance:	\$18,453.78;
Income	\$19,332.44;
Expenses	\$14,254.50
Ending Balance April 30, 2-23	\$23,531.72

The Visitor Report:

Beginning Balance -	\$151.96
Income -	\$0
Expense -	\$53.18
U. S. Postmaster -	\$53.18
Ending Balance -	\$98.78

We are getting low on funds. If anyone would be interested in making a donation it would be greatly appreciated!!

Faye Birk, Treasurer

Sunday School – Checking Account

Beginning Balance -	\$1125.42
Income -	
Offering -	\$47.00
Expenses -	
Children's Intern'l (child sponsor) -	\$66.00
Michelle Vogt (SS & VBS Material) -	\$603.00
Ending Balance -	\$503.42

Sunday School – Savings Account

Beginning Balance -	\$7476.41
Income -	\$0
Expense -	\$0
Ending Balance -	\$7476.41

Faye Birk, Treasurer

Happy
Father's
Day

What in the World is the YPL Up To?

It's no secret, our Youth Group is **AMAZING!**

After helping to plan the Eggs-travaganza, making sandwiches, setting up activities, and participating in all the fun at Hoyleton last month, our youth are at it again! During the May YPL Meeting, the group decided to tackle **3** more activities in the upcoming months.



There's still planning left to do but here's a *sneak peek* of what's coming:

Parent Appreciation Dinner

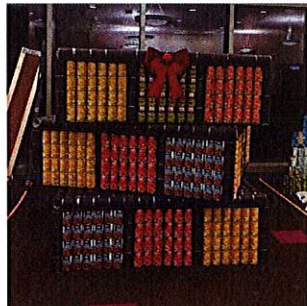
Our youth want to show how grateful they are for the love and support of their parents. They are planning a wonderful dinner where their parents will sit down and enjoy a delicious meal and dessert, all prepared with lots of love by our youth.

Food Drive Fun

How do have fun with food but not get into trouble, AND feed hundreds of people? You pull together friends and family, collect food, and build something awesome! Once the structure is built it will only be intact for short time before the youth tears it down, loads it up, and delivers it to a local food pantry.



The structures below were built with packaged and canned foods before being delivered to the St. Louis Food Bank.



Ukraine Care Packages


We've all seen the images and heard reports of the ongoing war in Ukraine. So many lives lost and others turned upside down. Our youth will be collecting specific household items and food to send over to Poland, to an organization helping the Ukrainian refugees and those still in Ukraine.

As you can see, our youth never stop caring and giving – they truly are amazing! Be on the lookout for additional information in the Church Bulletin and The Visitor on how you can help our youth to help others in need. Thank you!



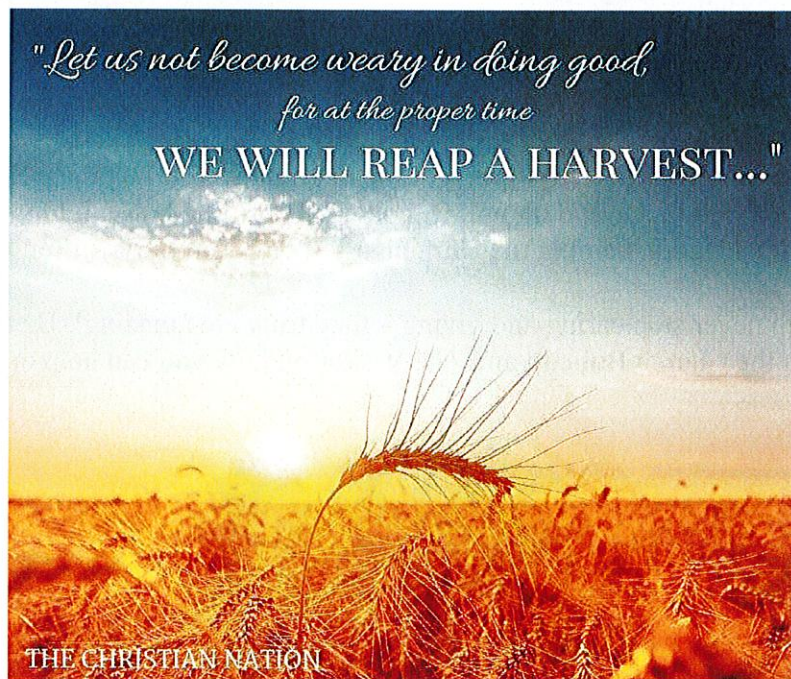
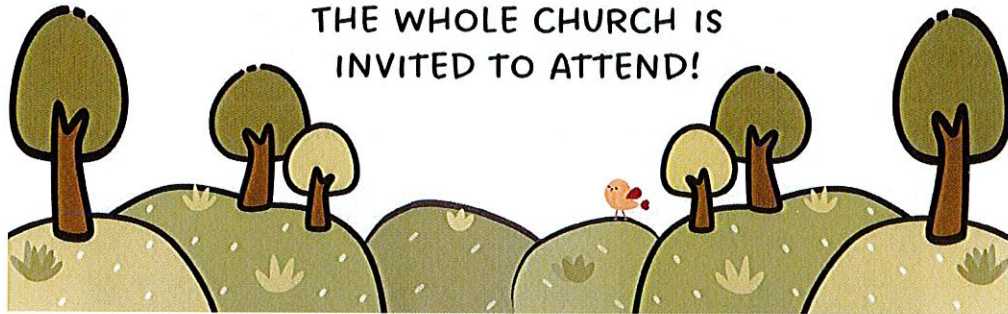


Save the Date!

 St. John's Day
September 17, 2023

MAEYSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION PARK 
More information to come

THE WHOLE CHURCH IS
INVITED TO ATTEND!



Prairie Du Rocher Saddle Club presents:

Benefit Speed Show

Saturday, June 24 @ 1pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds

Proceeds to benefit:

Family of Kaylee Muertz

to aid in their battle with Aplastic Anemia

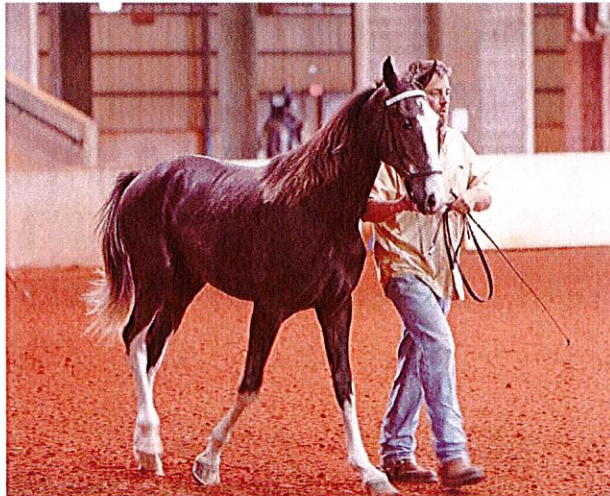
50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction!

Still Accepting Auction Items & Sponsorships:

Bronze (\$50) – Silver (\$100) – Gold (\$150)

Please Reach out to Amanda Braun (618-806-1378)

For questions or Donations!



Shoes can also be brought to church



GLOBAL MEDICAL BRIGADES AT SEMO IS PAIRING
WITH GOTSNEAKERS, A SNEAKER RECYCLING
COMPANY WHO WORKS WITH NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP RAISE MONEY.

GOTSNEAKERS SHIPS THE COLLECTED SHOES OFF TO A
DEVELOPING COUNTRY TO MAKE A POSITIVE
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF IMPOVERISHED
INDIVIDUALS WHO DESPERATELY NEED SHOES.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Julie Ann Birk	June 2
Curtis Rusteberg	June 6
Wesley Kuergeleis	June 6
Breck Rohlfing	June 8
Aaron Esker	June 9
Reagan Rohlfing	June 9
Gretchen Brandt	June 11
David Alan Berg, Jr.	June 12
Ripken Voelker	June 13
Wyatt Braun	June 13
David Asselmeier	June 14
Parker Brandt	June 14
Sharon Ann Reese	June 16
Scott Rohlfing	June 16
Reagan Louise Skaggs	June 16
Harper Lynn Floarke	June 16
Lance Howard Edler	June 20
Ron Richeson	June 21
Landon Johnson	June 21
Kristine Voelker	June 22
Carley Hoffmann	June 22
Kevin Wischmeyer	June 23
Ryan Dean Hesterberg	June 23
Bear Engbring	June 24
Kate Louise Edler	June 25
Amy Burns Hicks	June 25
Randy Coats	June 26
William Roseman	June 28
Travis Branson	June 28
Gemma Nolan	June 28
Jeffrey Hoffmann	June 29
Logan Whitlock	June 30
Amy Faus	June 30
Jacqueline Keller	June 30
Julie Upchurch	June 30
Jaclyn Knobloch	July 2
Kyle Wandro	July 2
Cierra Goldschmidt	July 3
Shawn Hicks	July 3
Lauren Hesterberg	July 4
Brian Edler	July 4
Chrissy Eckerty	July 4
Brooks Birk	July 4
Paula Bundy	July 5
Kathy Asselmeier	July 5
Amy Juelfs	July 5
Michelle Vogt	July 5
Cody Rohlfing	July 5
Jason Crouch	July 7
Jim Maurer	July 8
Nora Matthews	July 8
Claire Hoffmann	July 8
Lloyd Schwarze	July 9

Margaret Vogt	July 10
Mona Mothershead	July 11
Amanda Schultheis	July 12
John Evans	July 13
Dane Barnes	July 13
Florence Feldmeier	July 14
Jennifer Albat	July 14
Calen Schaefer	July 14
Ella Matzenbacher	July 14
Henry Hicks	July 14
Lenny Schwarze	July 15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jonathan & Jessica Liefer	June 1
LJ & Jennifer Rosenkranz	June 1
Wesley & Andrea Kuergeleis	June 2
Randy & Michelle Coats	June 3
Mark & Brenda Rey	June 3
David & Amanda Rusteberg	June 5
Mike & Dr. Shannon Krebel	June 6
Aaron & Katie Esker	June 6
Matt & Paige Galligos	June 6
Greg & Jaclyn Knobloch	June 9
Paul & Jackie Hoffmann	June 10
Scott & Hannah Rohlfing	June 10
Brent & Cherie Langsdorf	June 11
Ryan Dean & Lauren Hesterberg	June 13
Ryan & Emily Richeson	June 13
Lynden & Karen Prange	June 14
Marvin & Nancy Schilling	June 17
Scott & Leslie Rush	June 18
Caleb & Amy Hicks	June 18
Matthew & Gretchen Brandt	June 25
John & Sharon Glessner	June 27
Matthew & Jennifer Albat	June 28
Michael & Samantha Datema	June 29
Luke & Kristy Edler	July 2
Arthur & Julie Rusteberg	July 4
Adam & Paige Jackson	July 10
Alex & Laurie Knoll	July 12
Steve & Dana Hicks	July 14

It's
SUMMER
Time

Women's Fellowship 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

President: Faye Birk	Secretary: Ellen Edler
Vice President:	Treasurer: Sue Taylor
Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Faye Birk Sheryl Prange	Discussions: Christkindlmarkt/Quilt Show Oktoberfest 8, 2023 - Pie Stand Pastor Appreciation Day-Oct. 8
Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sue Taylor Anna Massie	Discussions: Pie Stand Shut-in Bags
Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Linda Schmidt Joyce Kuergeleis	Discussions: December 3, 2023 Christkindlmarkt/Quilt Show Decorate Church for Christmas
Thursday, December 2, 2023 NO Meeting Assemble Shut-in Bags	Discussions:
Thursday, January 4, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Nancy Voelker Patty Brandt	Discussions: February 13, 2024-Fastnacht Country Store/Raffle Donations-Hoyleton/DuBois
Thursday, February 1, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sharon Glessner/Twyla & Cathy Hoffmann	Discussions: February 13, 2024-Fastnacht Country Store/Raffle UCC Women's Sunday
Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Barb Wischmeyer Sharon Bergher	Discussions: Easter-March 31, 2024-Breakfast Women's Banquet
Thursday, April 4, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Brenda Johnson Marietta Schneider	Discussions: Hike n Bike – May 11, 2024
Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Connie Turner Ellen Edler	Discussions: Hike n Bike – May 11, 2024 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule



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Thought for the day

When someone does something wrong, don't forget all the things they did right.

