



Newsletter August 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

Many years ago a nurse reached out to a small child with many acts of love. The child was in an institution and considered a hopeless case. Her behavior was like that of a “wild beast.” This nurse believed there was hope for this child and she felt she could communicate that hope by loving her. She visited “Little Annie” each day. Even though her presence was not acknowledged by the little girl, the nurse persisted, leaving a plate of cookies with each visit. Soon the doctors noticed a change in the little girl. She was moved out of isolation to a regular floor in the hospital. The day came when this seemingly “hopeless case” was released. “Little Annie” grew up to be Ann Sullivan, who played a crucial role in the life of Helen Keller. It was Ann who saw hope and potential in this little blind, deaf, and rebellious child. She loved her, disciplined her, played, prayed, pushed, and worked with her until Helen Keller became an inspiration to the entire world.

Love is a never-ending gift. The Apostle Paul calls love “eternal” in 1 Corinthians 13. In this story, love is passed from a nurse, to “Little Annie,” and on to Helen Keller, who passed love on to many people she came in contact with throughout their lives. And each of these persons whose life was touched by Helen continue to pass of the wondrous gift to others. Yet, even before the nurse, we have to go all the way back to the beginning when God first loved His creation.

We each are touched by the love of God through many people in our lives. Join in the chain, the eternal gift of God’s love. Pass love on to someone today.

God’s peace be with you,
Larry

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

Another Community Play Date has come and gone. Your clerk was able to attend this event, missed the last one because I was in Reno, NV, attending the Shriner’s International 150th Imperial Session. At the play date, many children (and adults) were in attendance, games and refreshments were plentiful. The Magic Show was a hit judging from the reaction of the audience. Games and events ranged from giant soap bubbles to hula hoops, to tick tack toe to corn hole games plus others. There was even an early childhood education specialist available to provide individual attention. The church yard(s) were full on both sides of the church as well as the parking lot.

What a great community outreach event this was! It was also very impressive to see many of our (adult) members in attendance lending a hand where necessary.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry (continued)

Thanks to all who made this event possible spearheaded by our Session Christian Education Committee with David Mowry as Chair, Carri McCandlish and Corey Riley as members. Thanks also to the Service Committee with Cinda Keller as Chair and to the Mission Committee with Judy Turner as Chair.

The next community play date will be in August. Come out and see what your church is doing.

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

2024 Community Play Dates Saturdays: August 10 is the last date; 10:00 am -11:30 am. This is our 1st ever Community Play Dates! Our grounds will be open to the community for activities and refreshments. This will be an opportunity for our church family to connect with our community in an informal setting. ***If you would like to help***, please sign-up on the sheet located on the back table of the Sanctuary. There is a flyer on back page of this newsletter. Please share it with friends, family and neighbors. Additional copies are available on the back table in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Kathy Mowry at (740-503-8945) or any of the Session committee chairs.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner

THE BREMEN FOOD PANTRY IS HAVING A GIVEAWAY, FOOD & SCHOOL SUPPLIES, on Saturday, August 3.

The food giveaway will be at the Bremen Calvary Methodist Church located at 124 Purvis Ave., Bremen, Ohio, from 9 am to 11 am.

Lunch and school supply giveaway will occur at the Bremen Community Methodist Church, 205 Walnut St., Bremen, Ohio, from 12:00 pm to 2 pm. Children who need school supplies from the Bremen and Rushville areas are welcome to attend.

Calendar of Events

Aug 11th – Zeta Alpha will meet in the church basement at 9 am.
Lesson 9 of Sacred Encounters Bible Study

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 1st – Johnathon & Kayla McCandlish

Aug 2nd – James McCandlish

Aug 8th – Johnathon McCandlish

Aug 9th – Loretta Dawson

Aug 18th – Tom & Sharon Ankrom

Aug 19th – Ron Cullumber

Aug 20th – Ann Nutter

Aug 21st – George & Linda Shreyer



August Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

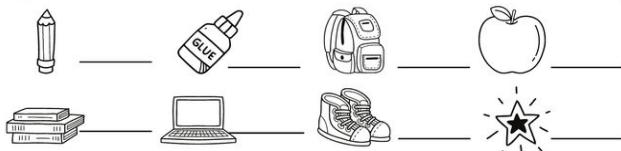
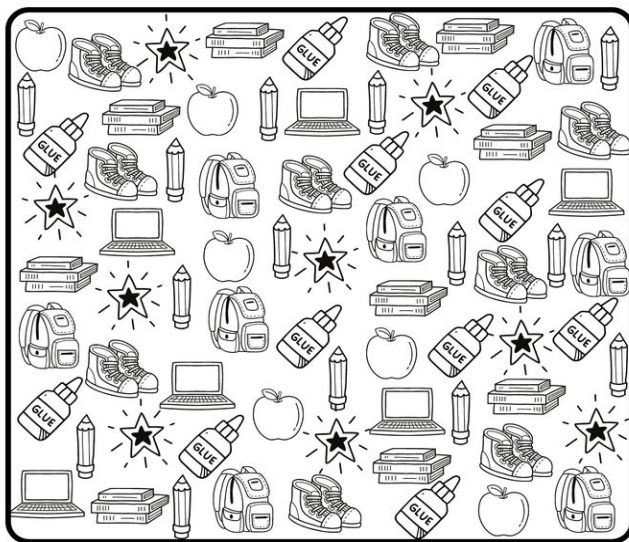
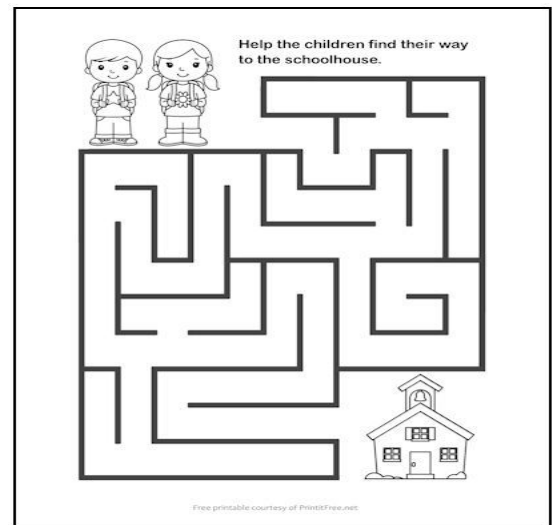
Aug 4th – Sharon Ankrom: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
Tom Ankrom: Communion Server & Usher

Aug 11th – Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers
Cinda Keller: Lay Reader

Aug 18th – Judy Turner: Lay Reader & Usher
Jane Griffith: Usher

Aug 25th – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher
George Shreyer: Usher

Kids' Section



Name: _____ Date: _____

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Please join us on the lawn of the
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FOR

2024 Community Play Date(s)

Second Saturday of June, July & August

August 10

10-11:30am

Coffee, Juice & Donuts

For the adults

Snacks & Beverages for children*

****Children MUST be accompanied by a parent, babysitter
or responsible adult***

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: outdoor games, crafts, Hula Hoops, jump ropes,
bubbles, chalk drawing & craft table with professional staffer!

August 10: Enjoy complimentary Kona Ice.

ALL COMPLIMENTARY
FREE – FREE – FREE – FREE