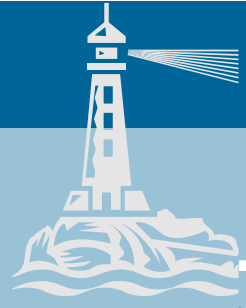


What's Going On This Week?						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				15	16	17
FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary K = Kitchen				8 AM - Retirees' Breakfast @ Christo's 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Practice	6:30 PM Fun and Fellowship	2:00 PM Lindsey Howell (FH/K)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 AM - Prayer (Rm203) 8:30 AM - Praise Team Practice 9:00 AM - Traditional Worship 10:15 AM - Sunday School 11:15 AM - Contemporary Worship			3-10 PM - Atwell (S) 2:00 PM Food Finders Pick-up	8 AM - Retirees' Breakfast @ Christo's 7:00 PM Gutwein meeting (FH) 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Practice		

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Join Us Each Sunday

Traditional Worship
9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15 AM

Contemporary Worship
11:15 AM

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The Missions Committee is planning for our third annual school supply event, designed to provide school supplies for children whose families may not be able to afford them. Our event this year will be held on Saturday, August 7th and also during the Food Pantry hours on Tuesday, August 10th. Even though summer vacation has just begun, it is time to be preparing for this event. A list of needed school supplies is attached – as you shop this summer look for sales and think of this worthy project! Thanks!



- o Backpack (no wheeled ones)
- o Thin markers (8 colors [Crayola])
- o Large crayons (8-count box)
- o School box (plastic or cardboard, about 8" x 5" x 2")
- o #2 pencils
- o Zippered pencil pouch
- o Pocket folders with prongs (blue, orange, red, yellow, green, purple)
- o 3-ring binders (1" and 1 1/2")
- o Prang watercolors (8 colors)
- o Scotch tape
- o Pink erasers
- o Yellow highlighters
- o Glue sticks (large and small)
- o Protractors
- o Elmer's School glue (4 oz)
- o Colored pencils (12-count)
- o Dry erase markers
- o Lafayette primary paper tablets
- o Spiral notebooks (8 1/2 x 11", wide rule and college rule)
- o Lafayette second/third grade paper tablets
- o Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide rule and college rule)
- o Lafayette letter sheet and penmanship tablets
- o Ball point pens (blue, black, red, erasable, non-retractable)
- o Socks (for ages 5-10)
- o Scissors (blunt end and pointed)
- o Underwear (for ages 5-10)



Elder on Call
For July 11 - July 117
Roy Sloan 474-8586

Notes

Help! Our next food pick-up at Food Finders is scheduled for next Wednesday, July 21st at 2:00 PM. If you could help with the loading or have a truck to bring please give Bob Betty a call. Thanks.

We are getting ready for Fall! Enrollment forms for **Good Shepherd Learning Center** are available at the church office or online. Our annual Open House is scheduled for August 22nd, 2 – 4 PM. Help us spread the word about our pre-school!

The new July **Directory** is available on the Welcome Desk. Please make sure you pick up a copy for the most up to date information.

We have several items left from recent meals and our family fun day that are looking for their owners! Please check the coat racks for your items. Thanks.

We always appreciate **donations of food items** for our pantry. However, new government regulations require that we weigh any donations that are made through the congregation or from the community. When you bring items, please do not put them on the food storage shelves in the pantry. Your items can be left at the Welcome Desk or placed on the work table in the pantry. Our pantry volunteers will weight the items before they are shelved. Thanks

Add to Your Prayer List



Sympathy: Family of **Jeanette Swan** (Tracy Hieatt's mother); Family of **Anita** (Sue Betty's aunt); Family of **Inos Letson** (Beth Tarr's extended family)

Now Home: Norm Snoddy

Health Concerns: **Dolores Fulk** (Glenn's mother, having tests); **Lester Davis** (Gail Heriges uncle, heart problems); **Cheryl Alcock** (surgery to remove thyroid because of lump); **Donte Hampton** (friend of Nicole Klinger, recovering from eye surgery); **Kawana Houchens** (Judie Clawson's Sister-in-law, illness); **Kirsten Kluzyzsci** (friend of Diane Bible, head injuries from an assault); **Ralph Patrick**; **Brandon Hollingsworth** (Nephew of Walkup's, biopsy on his lung);

Cancer Patients: **Melanie Hartnell** (Tiffany Allen's friend, stage 4 colon cancer, 10-36 months to live); **Alden Brooks**; **Donna Dyer**; **Shauna Foltz** (second brain tumor)

Special Needs: **Aaryn Snyder** (job search); **Lynn Bradford** (job search); **Nathan Pritchard** (youth ministry internship);

Serving in the Military: **Doug Fulk** (Glenn's Son, in Afghanistan); **Belinda Mullen** (Glenn Fulk's daughter, Navy Aircraft Carrier to North Korea in November); **Jerry Bill Allen** (Afghanistan); **Nathan Sorensen** (stationed in Anchorage, AK); **Rusty Johnson** (Afghanistan)

Other: TSC Teachers; Haiti; Our Grads



Family Camp
Illiana at Washington
Sept. 3—6
We have registration info!

Minister's Minute

This past month I have had several interesting conversations with individuals who came to our food pantry. They each held a common opinion.

The first conversation came as the gentlemen told me he was just like a member of our congregation. He had been coming to our pantry for over six years!

A second conversation started when one of our guests found the flyer we had enclosed describing the up-coming School Supply project. She had three children to outfit for school and was now a newly divorced mother with no support.

A third family was newly unemployed with a new baby.

A fourth conversation involved a woman who had just lost her husband. The conversation seemed to be as important as the food we shared.

Each of these individuals said they were just a "little short." It's an oft thought and repeated mindset. "If I had just a little more, I could....." In fact it is a mindset that strikes almost all individuals and can be a great hindrance to any organization. It happens at church too!

To be clear, the problem is not in the shortage, but in the resulting excuse making that follows the problem.

This may seem like bad news, but here is a quick church reality check:

- We will probably never have enough volunteers.
- We will probably never have enough money to underwrite fully every ministry.

- We will never have enough space to offer all the programs we need to offer.
- We will never have a program to address every need.
- We will probably never get everything on our to-do list accomplished.
- We will never have the resources to live up to everyone expectations.
- We will always be pressed for time and talent.

The shortage mentality is actually very important in a church. It is not a sign of failure, but a sign that we understand the nature of our calling. God has literally called us to change the world. That requires a big vision, a big commitment, and a big budget! If we take seriously this call to change the world we will be by necessity always facing a shortage of resources.

Tim Stevens suggests in a recent book that we must meet this shortage mentality five ways:

- Rally the Team. The church is a team. We do not do ministry alone. Our number one recourse will always be people.
- Trust God. He has all the resources we need. Pray often.
- Stand Tall. Shortages are not failures; but opportunities. Continue to encourage, lead, affirm, volunteer, and be involved. Be faithful.
- Prioritize. We cant do everything, but we can do some things very well. Use the resources we have wisely and well.
- Take a deep breath! We are in this for the long haul. Be patient. Let God work.

Bill

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." -1 Corinthians 10:13



The June *Faithful To The Future* offering totaled \$ 4,746.54

Our monthly goal: \$5,800.

Thanks.

National Missionary Convention
November 18 -21
Lexington, KY