



September 2021 Timely Notes

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SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

We invite everyone to join in Tuesday Noon Bible Study, Sunday School 9:15 am or the MPW Circle Study Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 pm. Join in discussion and learning about God's word. No experience is necessary!

OUTDOOR SERVICES

TIME CHANGE SEPT. 12TH!

Our last early worship at **9:30 am** is September 5th. **On September 12th service will change to 10:30 am.**



It's easy to tune in over Zoom, on Facebook, or watch later on YouTube. If you would like to attend over zoom but have not received the email link, please let us know by reaching us at [**miltonpreschurch@gmail.com.**](mailto:miltonpreschurch@gmail.com)

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in writing down your prayers, pastor Alex has a prayer journal that you can use. If you are interested in joining a prayer group, please let him know. If you are interested in cross-church community prayer and revival, please see more information about Awaken Ohio on page 5.

CAR SHOW!

Saturday, October 9th
11 am—5 pm



Milton Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a car show. This should be a fun event. Tell your friends and family. Contact pastor Alex for more information.

COMMUNITY MEALS

MEALS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM—SPEAKERS 7:00 PM

SUPPER'S READY!

Monday, July 26th, featured Bill Robertson as speaker on the Rittman S.A.L.T. coalition and Rittman's William Robertson Nature Preserve. Chefs Bill and Linda served pulled pork, potato salad, and coleslaw. Delicious!

Upcoming meal: Monday, August 30 - Our speaker will be Dr. Shawna DeVoe, principal from Rittman Elementary Schools.



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Every year around September, two aspects of church life are re-established so people can grow closer to Christ. One is the beginning of Sunday School. The other is when members of the Nominating committee begin asking church members if they feel ready to undertake ordained ministry in the church – in other words, whether they sense that God is calling them to be an Elder or a Deacon.

Some of you who are reading this might know *all too well* the tasks of being an Elder or Deacon. Some of you have been an Elder or a Deacon for years ever since someone asked you to do so, probably only a year or two into being a member of the church! Some of you attend church faithfully and might not be full members or ordained as Elder or Deacon, but help out in so many other ways. Others have served as Elders or Deacons but may not have attended church in a while, and still others might just be reading this to keep up with news from the church.

Regardless of what your knowledge of these positions might be as you read this, there is one phrase I hear consistently whenever anyone first takes on a position of official leadership when it comes to church: 'I didn't know that there was so much to do to help lead the church ...'

If you've had the pleasure of attending a meeting in the life of the church, you know that there always seem to be a lot of things that need to get done, from cleaning the church to coordinating Junior Church and family events to getting the Audio/Visuals set up to making sure that someone is there to unlock and open the church for events to the budget to look after. If you didn't think of all of these things, that is OK – because Cindy Mann ends up taking care of most of it. Then there are also programs to run, people to visit, meals to host – and this isn't even to mention everything that the Milton Presbyterian Women do for missions.

When it all adds up, it can be very tiring, and also very time consuming. Yet people found the time because it was a priority. People also have become burnt out when everything becomes too overwhelming.

There are always things to be done – and this extends far beyond the life of the church. In fact, the office of Deacon is specifically geared towards actively helping society's most vulnerable and for helping church members. Ruling Elders have also often found a large number of tasks sitting on their plate ... but as we think about everything that needs done and how much it can seem at times, we have to remember what forms the backbone of our *church*. Not just the church's leadership, but the Church as a whole.

The Greek Word for Elder is *Presbuteros*. This might sound familiar, because it is where we get the title of our denomination from – *Presbyterian*. No, it's *not* because we are an *elderly* congregation ... it's because we are wise and authoritative like our elders!

It is actually because the decision makers of the church are a group of Elders that are elected by the congregation. It goes deeper than this, though. There is a commitment the entire congregation has to fulfill in the two basic tasks of an Elder: to seek understanding in God's word and apply it to your life through the power of prayer. These are things that must be practiced by *everyone*.

This coming month, there are more organized opportunities to pursue each of these things. I have asked each Ruling Elder to stay committed to praying daily and recording their prayers by journaling. I heard from Northside Christian Church in Wadsworth about a joint church prayer/renewal practice called *Awaken Ohio* that starts September 12 that you can find more details about in this newsletter. When it comes to studying God's story, we are starting *30 Days to Understanding the Bible* for our Sunday School classes.

Still, the fact remains that for many of these things, it is just one *more* thing to put on your plate. I understand that organized commitments such as these are difficult for some of you, and that is why, if it all seems overwhelming, start with the basics. Set a time aside to simply *pray* and *read scripture*. Pray for family, friends, and through the church list. Make it a practice to read scripture, and if you don't know where to start, try Mark's gospel – the shortest record of Jesus' life.

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There will be plenty of opportunity to participate in programs at church that help direct these activities – and it would be *excellent* for you to take these up. The most *important* thing that you can do, however, is to simply start – and if you have questions along the way, ask a trusted person who goes to church.

I hope that when you *read* this, you too become curious and committed to learning more about *yourself* and God's design for you life as a part of His story.

- Rev. Alex Barnes

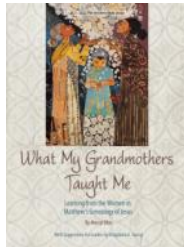


MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETINGS

Thursday,

September 9, 7:00 p.m.

Contact Kim Hart for information. Meetings are open to everyone.



THIS FALL: On September 9th MPW will kick off the fall gathering with the latest Bible Study from Horizons, “*What My Grandmothers Taught Me*” by Merryl Blair. This study covers women in the Bible. Please join us for an uplifting study and fellowship time.



RUMMAGE SALE! Saturday, September 18th.

Thurs., September 16th, 7 pm
-SET UP/DROP OFF

Fri., September 17th, 9 am. - PRICING

Sat., September 18th, 9 am - 1 pm SALE!

Items may be brought to the Church starting Sunday, September 12th and placed in the “Seniors” Youth Room (in basement). Contact Cindy Mann or the church office for more information.

SAFETY FIRST

Don't know what to do with all those left over medicines? Check out the “Deterra” Drug Deactivation System bags in the narthex. It is a safe, effective way to dispose of medicine while keeping it safe from children and possible misuse of the medication.

LASAGNA MEALS TO GO Sunday, October 17

Ticket Sale - Begins
Sunday, September 12.



Lasagna prep day -
Saturday, October 16th - Helpers are needed!

Contact Cindy Mann for more information or to help (330) 927-3710 or (330) 835-8913.

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.” - Mother Teresa

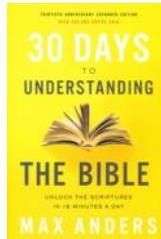
God may not be asking you to take on the world, but He does invite you to take on your corner of it. You have the privilege of touching lives with warmth, friendliness, and willingness to listen. You see things that need fixing, and you can help fix them by sharing your time, abilities, and resources. Wherever you are right now, you can make a God-given difference. So what are you going to do?

- From *Inspired by Faith*, Written and Compiled by authors for Product Concept Manf., Inc.

Christian Education

Tuesday Book Study and Sunday School

Beginning **September 7th at noon** the Book Study group and **September 12th at 9:15 am** the Sunday School class will be studying "30 Days to Understanding the Bible" by Max Anders.



If you'd like to join either group call or email the office -
rev.alexbarne@gmail.com or
miltonpreshchurch@gmail.com.

JUNIOR CHURCH

JUNIOR CHURCH HAS STARTED BACK UP AGAIN. WE HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES WILL JOIN US FOR WORSHIP WHEN YOU CAN!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for keeping up the donations! Everyone has been so generous.

Summary of July Revenue & Expenses

Financial Update – Budgeted Accounts Only:

Income from month of July \$ 7,040

HeadStart Deposit 2,150
 \$ 9,190

Expenses from July - \$ 8,456

Net Income/Expense \$ 734

Boiler Donation Update:

July 2021: \$ 275

Total donations to date: \$38,739

Balance of Lance Fund loan: \$32,686

Thank you for all your donations!

Noah's Ark



On Saturday, October 2nd the Seville Presbyterian Church, 101 Center Street, is hosting a "Noah's Ark". Stay tuned for more information.

CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 13



CRAFTERS—NOTICE!

Milton Church will again be hosting a Craft show in Fellowship Hall. Contact Nancy Leach for more information at (330) 925-9356. Call her also if you want to help but you need craft ideas or crafting items.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING BOOKS

At the last leadership training session we had Donna Robertson left a *very* nice box of books that she acquired from the Muskingham Valley Presbytery's Resource Center. These books cover a wide variety of topics. They are available to HAVE and SHARE.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wooster, is hosting the Blackwood Brothers Quartet on Sunday, September 19th at 6 pm. Check with Wayne Presbyterian Church for more information at (330) 345-6071.

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Believing in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, the Milton Presbyterian Church, as the Body of Christ, will carry out the ministry of Jesus within the congregation, within our community, and to the world.

To accomplish this mission we will:

*Experience God's presence through worship, prayer, Bible study, the sacraments, fellowship, and service;

*Demonstrate our Savior's compassion through our daily lives to those in need;

*Give our time, our talents, and our material possessions according to God's gifts of them;

*Share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed to all the world.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, our mission as a congregation of forgiven and loved disciples will be carried out in the Name of Christ.

Congratulations to Maureen Raczko and David Schrenk who were wed Saturday, August 28, 2021 at our church. Maureen is the daughter of Sue and Bill Timmons.

**AWAKEN****Beginning September 12**

Awaken is a multi-church movement of prayer and fasting unifying hundreds of people to strategically pray for Medina County households by name.

To get more information or download prayer guides, visit their website at

www.awakenmedinaco.org



Our thoughts and prayers go to Kim, Dana, and Zane Stanger after the passing of Kim's stepmother Terri Hughes.

Also keep in prayer the family of Jared Ulinski upon his death. His parents, John and Sandy Ulinski, are members at Seville Presbyterian Church.

Prayers also for Hal and Nancy Leach after the loss of Hal's sister Loretta.

***Please remember our church family members who are in our local area nursing homes:**

Inn at Coal Ridge , (1300 Coalridge Rd., Wadsworth, 44281): Elsie Richards, Ray Chittum

Apostolic Christian Homes, (10680 Steiner Rd., Rittman, OH) - Barbara Ramsier

(10710 Steiner Rd, Apt. 14, Rittman, OH) Harry & Dorothy Johnson

Oak Point Nursing & Rehab (130 Buena Vista, Baltic, OH 43804): Gus Brandes

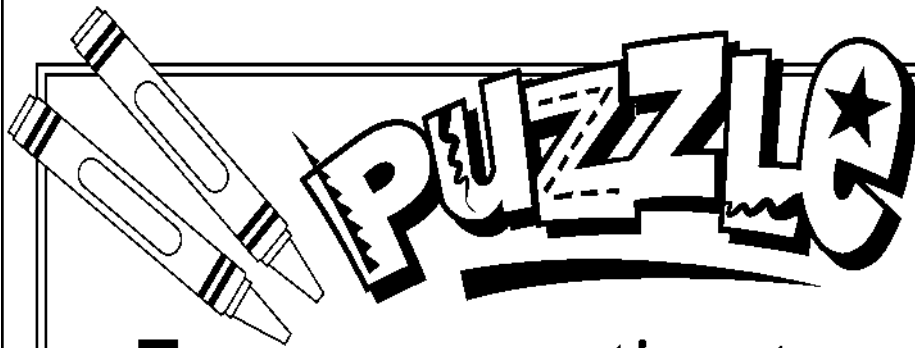
Danbury Columbus Senior Living, (2870 Snouffer Rd., Apt. 210, Columbus, OH 43235):

Donna Yoder

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Karen & Gerry Aberegg, Dale Alexander, Shawn Aronhalt, Jessica Austin, Sally Barnes, Linda Beddow, James Bennett, Bill & Judy Beuth, Jane Bishop, Bill & Jackie Boak, the Brigham family, Gracelyn Burgess family, Pam Burres, Tanya Coleman, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Linda Crawford, Megan Crawford, Lonnie Fletcher, Vickie Fox, Shawn Gammell, Marcia Geyer, Chris Goodman, Laurie Halliwell, Dwayne Hopton, Harry Johnson, Debbie Keel, Larry Kollert, Tom Langton, Abbey Lentine, Bob Ludolph, Helen (Grubb) Mann, Lisa Martin, Gemma Matthews, Linda Melenbacker, Frances Nichols, Nancy Phillips, Barbara Ramsier, John Ramsier, Jim Roberts, David Robey (Debbie Russell's brother), Sancy Robey (Debbie Russell's sister-in-law), Bill & Donna Robertson, Haylee Rufener, Jay Russell, Linda Rutter, Anne Schumacher, Todd Shreve, Tina Simcox, Rick Singleton, Ed Steele, Todd Stephan, Patti Stuart, Sandy & John Ulinski, Anita Vohar, Scott Wilson, and Robert Young.





From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**.
You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words

3-letter words

4-letter words

5+ letters

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Add up the total number of words you found. >>>

Answers will vary.

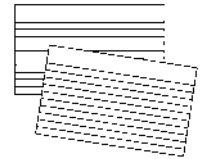


Keepsake **BOOK**

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



SEPTEMBER

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September Birthdays

1st Sheri Wachtel
 3rd Kris Fetter
 5th Aaron Aberegg
 5th Lisa Miller
 6th August (Gus) Barnes
 6th Christie Yoho
 7th Amy Fletcher
 15th Michael Williams
 16th Kristen Shreve
 19th Tammy Wilson
 20th Bodie Wm. Freeman
 22nd Samantha Labo
 24th Cora Wilson
 25th Kelly Thomas
 29th Tracy (Pyle) Wilson
 30th Cassie Shreve

September Anniversaries

2nd Aaron & Karie Ide — 15 yrs.
 2nd Rev. Alex & Andrea Barnes – 5 yrs.
 5th Drew & Melanie Fetter – 6 yrs.
 6th Jay & Debbie Russell – 51 yrs.
 7th Doug & Sally Schar – 25yrs.
 11th Tim & Kris Fetter – 39 yrs.
 12th Carly & Matt Hawk - 3 yrs.
 21st Rick & Tammie Shreve – 46 yrs.
 21st Gretchen & Charles Dixon - 2 yrs.

Flower Schedule

5 - Sue & Bill Timmons
 12 - Marge & Larry Boggs
 19 - Cindy & Ken Mann
 26 - Linda & Geoffrey Pyle

Junior Church Schedule

5 - Tammy Wilson
 12 - Vickie Schumacher
 19 - Cindy Mann
 26 - Angel Mackey

Please let the church office know of address or telephone number changes. If your birthday or anniversary was missed or is incorrect we will gladly update our records. Thank you!

THANK YOU!!

Nursery workers are needed! Please contact Cindy Mann to help at (330) 925-2651.



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30 am Worship	30 6:30pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)	31 5:00 pm Head Start Mtg. (Sanctuary)	1 HeadStart Resumes	2 10:00 am Worship & Music (Library)	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship	6 Labor Day - Office closed	7 Noon— Book Study (Library)	8 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Bldg. & Grounds	9 11:45 am Nominating Committee 7:00 pm MPW Circle	10	11
12 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion)	13 7:00 pm Rittman Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)	14 Noon— Book Study (Library)	15 7:00 pm Session - (Library)	16 7:00 pm Setup for Rummage Sale	17 9:00 am Rummage Sale Pricing	18 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Rummage Sale
19 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Blackwood Bros.-Wayne Pres.	20	21 Noon— Book Study (Library)	22	23 Noon - 6:00 pm Bloodmobile at Methodist Church	24	25
26 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27 6:30pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)	28 Noon— Book Study (Library)	29	30		

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