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9:00AM - CHRISTIAN ETHICS
9:00AM - BIG WORDS OF THE BIBLE
10:00AM - FELLOWSHIP TIME
10:30AM - WORSHIP SERVICE



You should always pray and not give up.
Luke 18:1

In the King James translation of the Bible, “lose heart” (as found in Luke 18:1) is translated as “faint”. And I believe that is a fitting description of what happens to us when we do not pray: we faint. We are only able to be strong and stand firm in the Lord and in his mighty power unless we fortify our hearts with prayer on a daily basis.

In writing to the believers at Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul even goes so far as to tell them to pray continually. The reason that prayer is so strongly encouraged by Jesus and the Apostles is not that our words are powerful or effective; they are simply finite, feeble human muttering. The power found in fervent, continual prayer comes from the fact that earnest prayer gives us access to the power of God. If we were strong, all-capable, and all-powerful we wouldn't need to pray - but we are not all those things! We are weak; we are limited; we lack wisdom. Without prayer, our spiritual knees become weak and our motivation collapses under us. We fall down. We faint. And, when our faith fails and we are weak and helpless, we can rest assured that the vultures are always close by, ready to prey on us because we have not fortified ourselves with the Lord's power.

Living a life pleasing to God is about acquiring many new behaviors. Each day, we are asked to confront the long-held habit patterns that have kept us in defeat and despair. Whether we are learning something new or confronting something old, each time we face a challenge we need to remind ourselves that we have a choice. We can either pray for God's strength as we face and conquer our resistance, or we can faint and fall back into the rut of self-sabotage. We either triumph or we faint; we either pray or we fall prey to the wiles of the evil one. When we pray we can stand firm in the Lord's power, confident that he will fight for us. When we fail to pray, we fall prey to the destructive habit patterns that keep us from cooperating with the process of grace.

Today it is my hope that all of us will pray, lest we fall prey to the things that threaten our commitment to living a life worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus. We have been given divine weapons to demolish the strongholds that block our path and hinder our progress. We are assured that the Lord is on our side. We are invited to come boldly before God to find help in our time of need.

Today each of us has a choice: we can either pray or be prey. My hope is that we pray and not faint as we stand firm in our faith. There is victory in Jesus—and it be ours today.

Elizabeth Crews

My Winning Words®

Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees.
--William Cowper

The Administrative Council met on September 23, 2014 in the old sanctuary with the following present: Connie Czacherski, David Smith, Fred & Rose Ogrinc, Dennis & Lilly Coz, Kevin Phile, Frank Bosak, Jim Toth, Eugene Mach, Judy Lombardo, Andy Juchnowski, Denise Villers, Pastor Chuck and Becky Horvath, Diane Beeman.

Dennis Coz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and Frank Bosak opened with prayer.

Minutes of the August 26, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Average attendance for August, 2013 - 58 Average attendance for August, 2014 - 48

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report shows a checking account balance of \$3,840.72 as of July 31, 2014 after receipts of \$13,061.91 and checks written and transfers in the amount of \$12,492.95 leaving a balance of \$4,409.68 as of August 31, 2014. The savings account had a beginning balance of \$11,549.12 with a transfer from the checking account in the amount of \$3,000 and ending balance of \$11,549.12 as of August 31, 2014. Jim Toth asked about setting a meeting date for the budget committee. The Budget Committee meeting will meet on **October 21, 2014** being made up of the Trustees, a representative of each committee, and Dave Smith, Church Treasurer.

Facilities Ministry – The south-side basement entrance door has been replaced. The Trustees are continuing to work on replacing/repainting railing by the parsonage and other routine maintenance (filters, light bulbs, etc.) around the church and parsonage.

Elders' Report – The Board continues to work and study with Pastor Chuck.

Deacons' Report – The Board is working on a welcome packet; visitation and assistance to Al Horvath; received responses for assistance with transportation and meal needs. Becky Horvath mentioned that Al Horvath needs help with cleaning & yard work. Possibly the 20's – 30's group would be able to help on a Saturday.

Worship – Pat Bosak will continue to be unavailable for 1-2 months as she recovers from her fall – continuing to work service around the absence of pianist. Equipment has been purchased for sound in toddler room – requested assistance from Trustees with installation to ensure job is done correctly. Rose questioned the ability to teach/work with children if service is heard in toddler room. Frank noted the volume will be adjustable.

Outreach – The Missions group is reaching out to work with Charity Children's organization in Middlefield; boxes will be placed for collection of diapers and additional needs. (Details on page 7). Outreach is talking with Denise Villers to help organize outreach through fellowship activities. Re-starting the Pie Brigade was discussed. Jim Toth encouraged doing it again even if on a much smaller scale than in the past. The rewards are well worth the effort.

Women's Fellowship – Fall baking is returning; order sheets are available at the church and in the October newsletter. Plans are being made for the Election Day dinner – flyers are being posted. Plans are being made to make the Christmas Centerpieces; coordinating with Kathy Imhof and Barb Thorn for a time. Women's Fellowship has been asked once again to do a dinner in January for the Geauga Township Association; it has not yet been decided if the dinner will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall or at the Parkman Community House. The next meeting will be at Cherie Villers on October 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Christian Fellowship: See page 6 in this Newsletter

Discipleship – Currently in the third week of two different 8-week Sunday School classes. Within the next couple weeks, Gail Duchscherer will be looking for people to lead new 8-week classes.

Ministry Placement Team – The meeting of the Elders with Pastor Chuck has been moved from Monday, September 29, 2014 to Monday, October 6, 2014. Jim Toth stated that the pastoral candidate is to inform the church of his decision by the end of September.

Other Business – Pastor Chuck noted the attempt of aligning all the committees to meet on the same evening followed by the Administrative Council meeting did not seem to have encouraging results. He questioned if the practice should continue this way or if committees should meet at their own times. After some discussion, acknowledging how some people are serving on multiple committees as well as conflicting schedules, it was decided that each committee will meet according to the members' availability and the Administrative Council meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of each month.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Those in attendance circled for prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Beeman for Denise Toth, Clerk



Steve and Martha Larson - Newark

are our featured Missionaries for October

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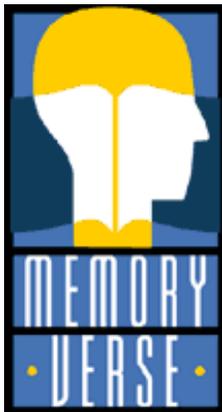
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The Washington Times declared **Newark, NJ**, the most unfriendly city in the world. How does that affect World Impact's East Coast ministry? Despite that reputation, connections in **Newark** have continued to grow and develop. Connecting is a part of life. People are always looking for connections - friend to friend, neighbor to neighbor, parent to child - connections make us better.

**World Impact** sites in Chester and Newark work against the statistics connecting with former inmates, **The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI)** students, the **Newark Christian School** community, neighbors, and cell group members.

**World Impact** believes in the potential of urban children. They are often failed by the educational system in inner cities across America. In order to provide access to quality education in the inner city, **World Impact** began to open urban Christian schools in 1982. Our schools believe in working the triangle, the parent, the teacher and the pastor, the three most important adults in a child's life. They all labor together, on the same page, for the holistic benefit of the children. By engaging the adults in a child's life **NCS** are giving each student the life examples, encouragement and tools needed to grow in all areas of life.

In a world where radical Muslims use guns to force acceptance of their faith, we have a different kind of assurance. Jesus is the Way.



Peter states this clearly here in Acts. We do not have to be afraid for our Christianity nor do we have to force it on others.

God will take care of that. We just have to hold on to this truth:

**Acts 4.11-12:** *"Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*



### **Feed-A- Friend Free Meal**

This months Free Meal will be on  
Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**Come join us for Baked Chicken**  
Call 440-548-4829 with any questions.  
Everyone is welcome!

### *October Ladies Tea*

*This month's Ladies Tea Program will be held on October 16th beginning at 2:00 pm.  
We will watch a short film and reminisce about our first tea parties.  
Please bring a snack to share. All women are welcome to join in.*



We met at the home of Kathy Imhof on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed the success of our Trash & Treasure Sale. Many thanks to those that donated, worked, and made purchases. We realized a net profit of over \$1,800.00. We also discussed our upcoming fall activities: Fall Baking (Pumpkin Rolls and Nut Rolls) as well as our annual Election Day turkey dinner.

#### **FALL BAKING**

We intend to scale back our baking output – There will be an order sign-up sheet posted for anyone within the church that would like to purchase. If you have a friend that has been ordering from us for years, feel free to contact them about ordering. Orders should all be in by October 26<sup>th</sup>. Nut Rolls and Pumpkin Rolls will then be ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving.

#### **ELECTION DAY DINNER**

A sign-up sheet will be posted asking for help with our annual Election Day (Turkey) Dinner (Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Parkman Community House). Check out the sign-up sheet and let us know how you would be willing to help with this endeavor. We appreciate the continued support of our church family.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cherie Villers (16420 Vernon Drive, Parkman). Please join us – all women of the church are welcome!

Submitted by Denise Villers

### **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.**

The Christmas Shoe Box Ministry will be kicking off on October 5th.

Our goal this year is to collect 100 shoe boxes!

Please pick up your labels and packing information from the Church Narthex.

#### **GIFT SUGGESTIONS**

**TOYS:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, blow-up sport balls (Soccer, Basketball, play balls) including hand-pump with needle, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**ACCESSORIES:** t-shirts, socks, hats, spoons, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; toothpaste; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**PRAYER:** Pray for the child who will receive your gift.

**Shoeboxes will be collected between Sunday, October 10th and Sunday, November 16th.**

**No boxes can be accepted after November 17th.**

Please see Barb Thorn if you have any questions.

### **October Birthday's and Anniversaries**

2nd - Gerald Mitchell

8th - Ronald Gates

10th - Ora Barcikowski

12th - Brian & Chris Lanstrum♥

Sam & Judee Lombardo♥

14th - Patrick Lanstrum

15th - Kevin Phile

20th - Denise Toth

21st—Abby Whelchel

22nd - Gail Duchscherer

27th - Jim Toth

28th - Lucas Whelchel





### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 32 of us gathered at the home of Jim & Denise Toth for a Snipe Hunt/Dinner. The weather was iffy most the day so we skipped the snipe hunt and enjoyed a delicious meal and fun fellowship. We learned a couple new board games and simply enjoyed the company of some great people (who happen to all attend our church!)

Join us on **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** here in our Social Hall for our very own **OCTOBERFEST!**

We'll gather for dinner (6:30 p.m.) and then have some fun playing board games, etc. Please sign-up at the bulletin board so that we know for how many to plan. Feel free to bring any games that you would enjoy playing/sharing!

Mark your calendar! We've made autumnal plans for **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Meet us at the church at 1:30 p.m. and travel to **Derthick's Corn Maze** in Mantua. We'll enjoy the Farm Experience as well as their 17-acre corn maze. The cost is \$10.00/person. If we have time, we'll head over to Pioneer Trail/Monroe Orchards to pick some apples and select your pumpkin. Our rain date will be Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

*If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our church's social activities, please contact a member of our committee.*

Team Leader: Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

## Women's Fellowship Pumpkin & Nut Roll Order Form

Order by October 26, 2014. Orders will be filled as we make the pastries.

Order early! Quantities are limited!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity Total

Large Pumpkin Roll (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Small Pumpkin Roll (\$6.00) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Nut Roll (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due (make checks payable to Women's Fellowship) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: All orders to be paid at the time of placing the order please.**

Drop form off at church or mail to: Parkman Congregational Church, Attention:  
WF, PO Box 655,



Charity Children's  
P. O. Box 1145  
Middlefield, Ohio 44062

Our Mission's Team has been working with Barb Coury of Charity Children's Ministries to organize a Baby and Small Children's clothing drive at Parkman Congregational Church beginning on Sunday, October 5th through Sunday, October

12th. Please help if you can.

Below is a full list of their needs at this time

Items needed are:

Premature and Newborns in all clothing.

Sizes 0-12 in winter, 0-6 in summer.

Gently used clothing is welcome (in above sizes only).

Pampers size Newborn, size one and size four.

Also, Some little girl clothing for fall/winter, size 24 months and winter/spring 36 months are needed.

Could also use . . .

Receiving blankets, crib sheets, bib and burp cloths, bottles and liners.

Other needs are Regulation Cribs, Regulation High Chairs, Coats, Snowsuits, Boots, Wipes, Lotion, Q-Tips, Wash Cloths, Towels, & Blankets.

Monetary donations are always welcome.

. . . And Prayer!!!

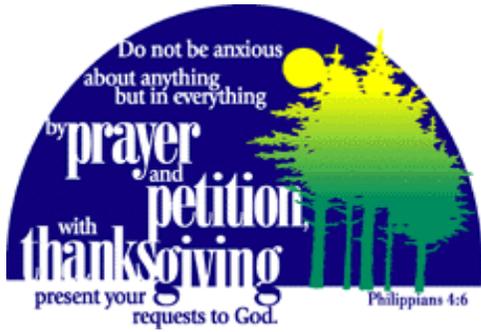
Thank you!

## Pie Brigade



We will be restarting the Pie Brigade outreach project from a few years ago.

Please see Eugene Mach with the Outreach Ministry if you can help with this project.



**FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING:**



Remember our Shut-ins

Golden Living Center - Gary Parnaby

Woodlands- Ida Kukuljevic

Brooks House - Anne Ungard

Briar Hill - Laura Dietrich, Elmer Stall

**THOSE DEALING WITH LONG TERM ILLNESS**



**PRAYERS  
of the  
CHURCH**

- † Remember 911-Pray for revival in this Nation
- † Jeanne-Financial resolve & health answers
- † Kevin & Bonnie S. -housefire, looking for a place to rent
- † Families that are struggling
- † Shannon L.- possible torn ligament - Thank you Lord it is not broken
- † Christy Gates—surgery Tuesday (9/9) for brain tumor.
- † Healing for Pat Bosak - Rehab. At Burton Healthcare after surgery.
- † Rosie - Healing for her voice
- † Travel mercies
- † Roger & Glenda Kruse— 5-wk Mission trip to S. Pacific & India
- † Gene-Seizures causing blackouts
- † Daryl S.—Healing after stomach surgery
- † Laurie-Strength & wisdom in raising her children
- † Al - Healing and strength
- † Healing for a young girl with a bad infection
- † Amber's State test



**RICHARD GATES  
ANNE UNGARD  
GEORGE WEBB  
LAURA DIETRICH  
JEAN GILES  
AL HORWATH**

**DALE GATES  
CHARLIE DALE  
ANN R.  
RICH THORN  
VICKIE SALTER  
ROSE DALE  
SHANNON COOK  
DAN PATTERSON  
PAT BOSAK  
MATT HERING  
PHYLLIS THOMAS  
IRENE PEAIRS  
IDA KUKULIEVEC  
ELMER STALL  
JOYCE U.**

*do not be anxious about anything  
but in everything by prayer ...  
with thanksgiving present your  
requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*



The families of:  
  
Great Grandmother Mach

Please contact the church office at (440) 548-4829 if you know of church members or friends who have been hospitalized, or with updates to our above "long term prayer list." Urgent requests (when the office is closed) can be called into our church Prayer Chain through Bev Gates at (440) 548-8020 or Jan Gotham at (440) 548-3941.

## Calendar of Events ~ OCTOBER, 2014

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                      | Tuesday                                                                 | Wednesday                                                   | Thursday                                            | Friday                                         | Saturday                 |
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| <p><b>Memory Verse: Acts 4.11-12: "Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."</b></p> |                                             |                                                                         |                                                             |                                                     |                                                |                          |
| <b>5</b><br>Communion<br>8:15 am - Coffee<br>9:00 Christian Ethics<br>9:00 Big Words - Bible<br>10:00 am - Fellowship<br>10:30 am - Worship                                                                                                      | <b>6</b><br>Elder's, 7:00 pm                | <b>7</b><br>Praise Team, 6:30 pm                                        | <b>8</b>                                                    | <b>9</b>                                            | <b>10</b><br>OCTOBERFEST & Game night, 6:30 pm | <b>11</b><br>AA, 8:30 PM |
| <b>12</b><br>Briar Hill Service, 2:00 pm<br>8:15 am - Coffee<br>9:00 Christian Ethics<br>9:00 Big Words of the Bible<br>10:00 am - Fellowship<br>10:30 am - Worship                                                                              | <b>13</b><br>Women's Fellowship,<br>7:00 pm | <b>14</b><br>Praise Team, 6:30 pm                                       | <b>15</b>                                                   | <b>16</b><br>Ladies Tea, 2:00 pm<br>Fellowship Hall | <b>17</b>                                      | <b>18</b><br>AA, 8:30 PM |
| <b>19</b><br>9:00 Christian Ethics<br>9:00 Big Words of the Bible<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:30 Worship<br>Mantua Corn Maze, meet at PCC @ 1:30 pm                                                                                                | <b>20</b><br>Missions Meeting,<br>7:00 pm   | <b>21</b><br>Praise Team, 6:30 pm<br><b>Budget Meeting,</b><br>7:00 pm  | <b>22</b>                                                   | <b>23</b>                                           | <b>24</b>                                      | <b>25</b><br>AA, 8:30 PM |
| <b>26</b><br>8:15 am - Coffee<br>9:00 Christian Ethics<br>9:00 Big Words of the Bible<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:30 Worship                                                                                                                       | <b>27</b>                                   | <b>28</b><br>Praise Team, 6:30 pm<br><b>Cabinet Meeting,</b><br>7:30 pm | <b>29</b><br>Free Meal 5-6:30 pm<br>(Serving Baked Chicken) | <b>30</b>                                           | <b>31</b>                                      |                          |

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**Daily Scriptures for the month of October, 2014**

1 Isaiah 43-44, Psalm 92, Acts 15  
2 Isaiah 45-46, Psalm 93, Acts 16  
3 Isaiah 47-48, Psalm 94, Acts 17  
4 Isaiah 49-50, Psalm 95, Acts 18  
5 Isaiah 51-52, Psalm 96, Acts 19  
6 Isaiah 53-54, Psalm 97, Acts 20  
7 Isaiah 55-56, Psalm 98, Acts 21  
8 Isaiah 57-58, Psalm 99, Acts 22  
9 Isaiah 59-60, Psalm 100, Acts 23  
10 Isaiah 61-62, Psalm 101, Acts 24-25  
11 Isaiah 63-64, Psalm 102, Acts 26  
12 Isaiah 65-66, Psalm 103, Acts 27  
13 Jeremiah 1-2, Psalm 104, Acts 28  
14 Jeremiah 3-4, Psalm 105, Romans 1-2  
15 Jeremiah 5-6, Psalm 106, Romans 3-4  
16 Jeremiah 7-8, Psalm 107, Romans 5-6

17 Jeremiah 9-10, Psalm 108, Romans 7-8  
18 Jeremiah 11-12, Psalm 109, Romans 9-10  
19 Jeremiah 13-14, Psalm 110, Romans 11-12  
20 Jeremiah 15-16, Psalm 111, Romans 13-14  
21 Jeremiah 17-18, Psalm 112, Romans 15-16  
22 Jeremiah 19-20, Psalm 113, 1 Cor. 1-2  
23 Jeremiah 21-22, Psalm 114, 1 Cor. 3-4  
24 Jeremiah 23-24, Psalm 115, 1 Cor. 5-6  
25 Jeremiah 25-26, Psalm 116, 1 Cor. 7  
26 Jeremiah 27-28, Psalm 117, 1 Cor. 8-9  
27 Jeremiah 29-30, Psalm 118, 1 Cor. 10  
28 Jeremiah. 31-32, Psalm 119:1-64, 1 Cor. 11  
29 Jeremiah 33-34, Psalm 119:65-120, 1 Cor. 12  
30 Jeremiah 35-36, Psalm 119:121-176, 1 Cor. 13  
31 Jeremiah 37-38, Psalm 120, 1 Cor. 14