

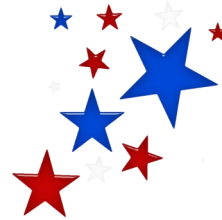


Among Friends

JULY, 2021



A FROM DIANE'S DESK



Greetings,

I would like to share my morning devotion with you.

Simplicity

*I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve
by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted
from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

II Corinthians 11:3

Amazing God, you contain all the complexity of the universe, yet there is an unmatched simplicity to you as well. I complicate things by bringing in the world and all its trappings, but a life lived for you is really a simple thing. It's all love. One thing; what could be simpler than that? Lord, you ask so little of me—to live simply so I can love extravagantly. Why do I feel the need to make my assignment any bigger? Why do I listen to the lie that I need “more”? Because you are so good, even the solution is simple; slow down, step back, and love. I'll start today with this request; will you help me? (365 Days of Prayer for Women)

Today is a good day to be reminded to slow down, step back, and love. We live in such a busy society that we rarely take time to truly love others and the things of God. When was the last time you really slowed down to see the beauty of earth... the flowers, the grass, and the blue sky? When was the last time you slowed down to see the squirrels searching for food, the beautiful birds sitting in a tree, a chipmunk scurrying to its home? When was the last time you stopped what you were doing to listen to the birds singing or to hear to the laughter of a

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AUGUST

**Newsletter
Deadline**

July 28

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AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Psalm 118:8, the verse that falls in the middle of the Protestant Bible, reads, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans" (NIV).

The center of God's Word reminds us to make God the center of our lives! No other person or possession can fulfill or save us. Only God is a safe, certain refuge, and we grow closer to him by grounding ourselves in his Word and his will.

From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

child? When was the last time you took a moment just to be with a friend or a family member, doing nothing...just being there? All simple things. All free things.

God has given us such a beautiful world. God has given us so much. God has given us such great love. If you haven't taken the time lately to see God's goodness and to see God's gifts, take a moment and ask Him to help you to slow down, step back and above all...**to love.**

In His love,

Diane



LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo



When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.

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WITH A
SMILE**

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THE SATURDAY CONCERT

Second Saturday Concert is Returning! The session voted at its last meeting to resume the Second Saturday Concert series. Watch for further details and sign up sheets for snacks and clean up help for the concert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Faith is the focus this summer. During July we will be studying scripture from Romans as we will be studying Paul's understanding about the hope of salvation through faith. All are welcome to join in for a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing. at 9:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is starting a new curriculum. This quarter we will be studying the book of Romans. We meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.

MISSION UPDATES



SCHOOL AND HEALTH KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD

SERVICE: Watch for August sign-up sheets for donations of school supplies. Those items will be due by September 8. Presbyterian Women will be assembling kits at their September meeting. Those willing are asked to assemble health kits on their own. Those kits will be also due by September 8. Word from World Church Service is that these kits are much needed this year.

Directions for Health Kits: Items needed are 1 hand towel (approx. 15"x28" or 16"x32", 1 wash cloth, 1 wide-tooth comb removed from packaging, 1 fingernail or toenail clipper removed from packaging, 1 bath size bar of soap in original package, 1 toothbrush in the original package, 10 standard size band-aids. Please note that combs must be sturdy, and have at least 6 inches of teeth. Also no picks or pocket combs. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziplock-type bag. Remove excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add toothpaste. A tube will be add to each kit just prior to its journey to its destination.

Also, needed is a volunteer to deliver these items to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Zellenople.

Monday, October 4 (9-12)

Saturday, October 9 (9-12)

Monday, October 11 (9-12) or (4-6)

Kits will be packed in medium sized boxes and will be ready to pick up at the community center. Talk to Ruth Keith before September 15 if you are able to do this.

The mission of the church is missions.

Oswald J. Smith

Prayer List

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie (of Georgia)
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
David Hall
Kimberly Harrison
Timothy James

Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William
Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Our military at home
and abroad

Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
Cooperstown
Congregation

All those who have
been impacted by
COVID19

PRAYER WORKS!



A GENTLE ANSWER

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in Liberty magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV).



BIRTHDAYS

Helen Taggart, 7/6
Luke Sybert, 7/13
Bill Kreuzer, 7/20
Ray Vukson, 7/24
Craig Allison, 7/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Emily Sybert,
7/10
Dan & Tiffany Sybert,
7/12



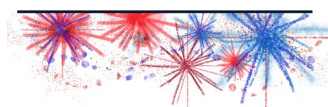
Psalm 33:12



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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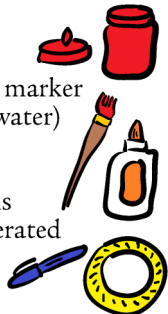
JUST FOR FUN



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

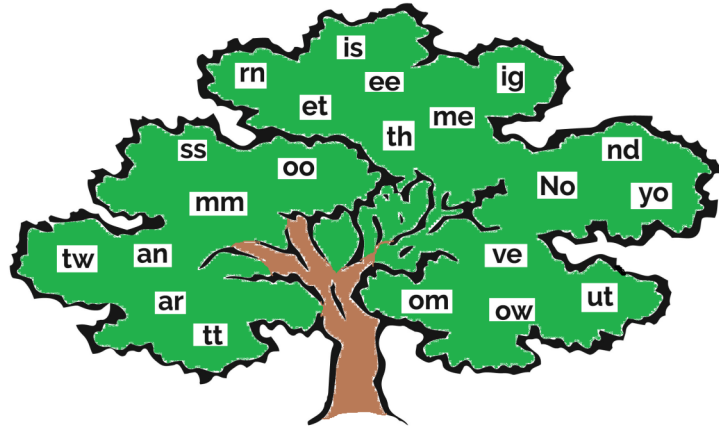
1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



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fr ___ the f ___ tr ___: As s ___ n
as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
its lea ___ s co ___ o ___, ___ u
kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___."

Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
Matthew 24:32, NIV





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happy
4TH
OF
July



From
OUR HOUSE
TO yours

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