

The Latch

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Sunday Morning Worship Service 10am,
with refreshments and fellowship
following the service.

BEING HEALTHY WITH FRIENDS AUGUST SCHEDULE

Mondays at 2pm
Thursdays 3:15pm

THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

August 17th, Noon

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or Call the Church Office
330-483-3655 (leave message) by noon on August 16th.

COST: DONATION

All are Welcome! Bring a Friend!

AUGUST CHURCH MISSION BANK

Mission bank monies collected this month
will be announced in the Bulletin.

*Thank you to everyone who donates to
the Church Mission Bank.*

Sales Tax Holiday

Ohio legislators approved the renewal of the Ohio Sales Tax Holiday to help parents with costs incurred during the back-to-school shopping season, week of Aug. 4-6. Shoes & clothing priced less than \$75 & school supplies & instructional materials priced at \$20 or less will be tax exempt. Info at <http://bit.ly/letJK5q>



PIG ROAST AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Saturday, September 9th

Family Fun Night—begins at 3pm **FREE**

Pig Roast serving 4:30—7pm **\$10.00**

Menu: Roasted Pig, Red Potatoes, Baked Beans, Crock Pot Corn, Vegetables, Rolls, Desert and Beverage.

Bring your Family, a friend or two, even your neighbor.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth group has been keeping busy this summer. We had a tie dye party to make red, white and blue tee shirts for the 4th of July and then we gathered on the fourth to walk in the Valley City parade. We have begun our new curriculum for the youth group. We will be working with the Caffeine series from Pilgrim Press. This series is designed to help youth apply bible stories to their lives.

The youth group will not be meeting for the month of August, but we will be resuming our schedule in September. We will be meeting 9/3 3:30-5 9/17 during church 10/1 3:30-5:00 and 10/15 during church. Our group is open to all youth 5th grade and older whether or not they are members of our church. Please feel free to contact Dave Toth 330-204-4605 if you have any questions.

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“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.”

~ Dalai Lama

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bert out of the office thru the 6th.	2	3	4	5
August 6th Communion prepared by Mardel Wiley & Nancy Weiss August Coffee/Fellowship Hour hosted by Chris Neal & Members of Martha's Circle				Men's Breakfast 8:30am Knott's Diner BHWF 3:15pm		
6 → Worship Service 10am Communion	7 BHWF 2pm	8	9 Council 7pm	10 BHWF 3:15pm Garden Club Picnic Mill Stream Pk., 5:30pm	11	12
13 Worship Services 10am Afterwards a Nursery Room Shower	14 BHWF 2pm	15	16	17 Fellowship Lunch Noon BHWF 3:15pm Dottie will be out of the office	18 Valley City Street Fair 6-11pm Book & Toy Sale	19 Valley City Street Fair noon-11pm Book & Toy Sale
20 Worship 10am Valley City Street Fair Stage Valley City Street Fair noon-10pm Frog Jump Festival 11-5pm	21 BHWF 2pm 	22 Newsletter reports due by Noon	23	24 BHWF 3:15pm Newsletter Emailed	25	26
27 Worship Service 10am Newsletters Fellowship Hall	28 BHWF 2pm Property 7pm	29	30	31 BHWF 3:15pm	Book Sale also on Sunday Aug. 20th	
If there are any corrections to this calendar, please let the Church Office know.						



From Pastor Bert's desk – August 2017

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Now as Jesus and the disciples went on their way, they entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what Jesus was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks. So she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her."

Luke 10:38-42

"Martha, Martha!"

Might we look at Jesus' words to Martha not as a criticism, but as an invitation? An invitation to receive the gracious presence of Jesus love, to know that we are valued not for what we do or how well we do it, but because we are a child of God.

In these busy times, where we seem to measure our worth by how busy we are, or how much we accomplish, or how well we meet other's expectations, or how much we can accumulate, we identify with Martha. We are pulled in different directions, distracted and worried by many things. May we remember Jesus' words from Luke 12:15, "And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

Our busyness and distractions come from noble intentions. We want to provide for family, we want our children and grandchildren to have every opportunity, we want to serve our neighbors, and yes, we want to serve the Lord.

Yet if all our activities, worries, and distractions leave us with no time to be still in the Lord's presence and hear God's words, we are likely to end up anxious and troubled, with the kind of service that does not contain love or joy, and is resentful of others.

And if we worry so much about everything being just perfect, just right, perfectly level and straight, spotless and sterilized, just the right color – nothing ever out of place, we may just miss spending time with our guest. Turns out that our guest is also our host, with abundant gifts to give.

Go out in Creation. Take with you a level, and square, and a plumb bob. You will quickly find that Creation isn't! And, as you look around, you will also quickly see, that God's paint box has way more colors and hues than yours

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest! Honestly, we'll try to stop fussin'

Blessings and Prayers,

Pastor Bert



- Andrew Schneider (2nd)**
- Donna Dittmar (3rd)**
- Frank Hasel (5th)**
- Justin Furfaro (6th)**
- Christopher Piovarchy (10th)**
- Ryan Fearer (12th)**
- Jason Schneider (14th)**
- Amanda Mason (15th)**
- Dave Boettner (19th)**
- Beverly Barnum (21st)**
- Wesley Boettner (22nd)**
- Nancy Pressnell (22nd)**
- Mardel Wiley (25th)**
- Theodore Piovarchy (26th)**
- Lori Weyls (27th)**
- Adam Piovarchy (30th)**
- Chris Piovarchy II (30th)**

Please advise us if you notice your birthday or anniversary, or that of a loved one, has not been included in the appropriate newsletter. It most likely means we do not have it on file in the church office and would appreciate your assistance in updating our records.



- William & Sara (Sally) Hunter (3rd)**
- Joseph & Bailey Dangelo (4th)**
- Chris & Meredith Piovarchy II (13th)**
- James & Suzanna Schneider (20th)**
- Robert & April Schneider (20th)**
- Ralph & Betty Lewis (28th)**



2017 FLOWER CHART
 ALTAR FLOWERS
 WILL BE \$18.50 PER VASE.
 YOU CAN ORDER 1 OR 2 VASES
 FOR EACH SUNDAY
 (EXCEPT EASTER & CHRISTMAS)
 Flowers are provided by Hill Haven Greenhouse and Florist



Please recycle as much as you are able.
REMEMBER WE RECYCLE!
 Aluminum Cans (put in the outside white container),
 For paper, newspapers, aluminum can tabs, used ink cartridges
 and small batteries (bring to the Church Office). There are
 recycle bins behind the Valley City Fire Department.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Meeting THURSDAY, August 3rd, 8:30am, Knott's Diner

Church Council Meeting
 Wednesday, August 9th, 7pm

Pastor Bert will be away on Continuing Ed. August 1-6 at the Festival Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, Intl. near Washington DC. He will be participating in several workshops, as well as a presenter at a Story Theater Workshop. Plus his duties as a Board Member will keep him sufficiently busy all the other times. Pastor Heidi Denman McDougall will be Pulpit Supply for Sunday, August 6th.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Schedule on the completion of the Nursery: Things are progressing slowly, but will be ready for opening the third of September. With the monies from Woman's Fellowship and the Church bank, the carpet and baby bed is paid for. The paint, labor and repairs to walls, in the nursery, will hopefully be covered by donations, which can be given to Lowell Wolff or Kay Salzman, and they will be added to your giving statement. The new outside door was donated, as well, to secure a safe exit from the Nursery. We have had many volunteers, who have sanded and painted the cupboard and book shelves, taken home the large and small rockers to refurbish, cleaned and sorted the toys and books, and repaired furniture that is still useful. It has been wonderful to see our Church Family come together, once again, to support our efforts. Thank you all.

To start the celebration, we will be having a **Baby Shower on August 13th**, during coffee hour for the little things we need for supplies. A LIST IS POSTED ON THE NEXT PAGE AND IN THE BULLETINS.
See you at the party.

WORSHIP IN THE STREET

On Sunday August 20th, at 10am, our Worship Service will be in front of the Valley City Street Fair Stage. More details will follow via email or in the Sunday bulletin.

MARTHA CIRCLE—BOOK SALE

August 18, 19 & 20

Help is needed for the book sale including setup, tear down, and selling. Please see Donna Kusak if you are able to help for a few hours, more or less. Please put your Book donations in the Sunday School Room .

Come to our Kick Off Meeting September 7th, 7pm. We will be showing "The Shack". Bring a friend.

MISSIONS—TOY SALE—AUGUST 18th & 19th

We are still in need of more new or slightly used toys. You can put the toys in the Choir Room. Contact Chris Neal

Pastor Bert was a participant in the Medina County Arts Festival Week, on Thursday, July 13, at Mill Stream Park in Valley City, The Storytelling Pastor shared Stories from Squirrel Run including a story about dear Uncle George with an audience of over 30 people.

Pastor Bert was recently interviewed by the editor of The Biblical Storyteller, a publication of The Network of Biblical Storytellers, Intl. Several copies of the issue containing the interview are available in fellowship hall.

SEPTEMBER DATES

Wednesdays—Bible Study—September 6th

Thursdays—Martha's Circle—September 7, Kick Off Meeting 7pm

Sundays—Sunday School—September 3rd, Welcome Back Party

Choir—TBA

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BABY/NURSERY SHOWER

Sunday, August 13 during coffee/fellowship Hour

Gift cards or cash for decorating

Rattles

Hard page books

Mattress pad for crib

Crib sheets (3)

Wipes

Soft toys rubber or washable

Blanket for bed

Pacifiers 2 (for emergencies Ha!)

Disposable changing pads for diaper changing

Box of plastic gloves

First Aid Kit

Or any other suggestions or ideas you might have.

OPERATION HOMES

September 18th—24th

Coin Challenge

REMINDER: save your loose change in a container and bring to church any Sunday. Place your bag of change in the offering plate or the plastic container in the Narthex. Be sure to leave your name on it so you can get credit on your giving statement. This year's coin challenge as of July 27th is \$280.59.

Thank you to all who participated in the challenge.

NOTICE—Announcements for the **September 2017 Latch** should be in the Church Office before noon on Tuesday, August 22nd. The Latch will be emailed on Thursday August 24th and picked up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 27th, 2017. Dates may vary depending on when reports are received.

Any additions or correction in "The Latch" will be announced in the Sunday bulletins. Please let the Church Office know of any changes.