

THE CHURCH CANDLE

MAY 2024

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ... will be held on **Sunday, May 5th** after our worship service. Members will vote on officers and Amendment to Covenant.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – May 5th...

“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be delivered to the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. For the April donations they responded: “Thank you for all you do. For our Feed My Sheep food pantry ~ 61 food items is so appreciated.” In His Service.



SACRED HARMONY IN CONCERT ...

Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m.



These great artists take numerous musical styles and influences, add their own talents and personality, and create a unique sound all their own. With a sound unlike any other group in Gospel music, the Tennessee-based trio is breaking through barriers with their blended style. With over two decades of ministry behind them, Sacred Harmony has seen God do some mighty things in their lives and in their music.

Members of the group Sacred Harmony are: Janet Weaver, founding member of the group with an alto/tenor voice; Brian Scott, a strong lead and baritone voice and is an accomplished pianist; and Theresa Bellamy, who sings lead or alto and is recognized as a renowned vocal coach.

The concert is free to the public and a love offering will be taken.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE — “DANIEL” ...

There is an opportunity for anyone who desires it for a trip to Sight and Sound Theatre on Wednesday, **July 10th**, to see the production of “Daniel.” The cost is \$210.00 per person, \$155.00 for children under 12. The cost includes reserved seating to the production and a family style dinner at Hershey Farms. A \$100.00 deposit is due within three weeks of making a reservation with the total amount due Saturday, June 1st. There is a poster in Matthew's place with more details. To book a reservation, call or text 570-886-1544 or email rollinwithrogers@gmail.com.



PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



May already!! This is the beginning of our concert season with the first concert on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. The Gospel Group for that concert is Sacred Harmony – and we have picked them up since they were going to be traveling through the area. From talking to their group leader, it should be a good concert and I encourage all of you to show Sayre Christian Church hospitality by attending. It is free to the public; however we will collect a love offering to cover the group's expenses.

Our next concert will be in July when the Needhams return for another visit on Thursday, July 11th, then we will cap off the summer with Daryl Mosley on Sunday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. These concerts are always free to the public, but we do collect a free will offering to cover each group's expenses. We always have a wonderful time, the fellowship and music are uplifting and inspirational, and if you have never joined us, you are missing something special.

The life of the church continues – our Spring Congregational meeting is Sunday, May 5th after the worship service, we will vote on an amendment to our Congregational Covenant that deals with membership issues, we will also affirm the current board and officers. These are critical issues that a church must deal with, and it is important for our members to be involved with these decisions. We rely on you as members to assist us with these decisions.

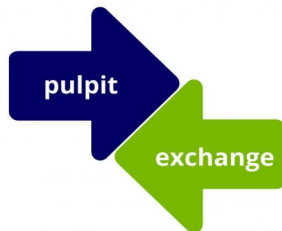
Finally, I want to share something with you that I found in the Epiphany Church's newsletter – the author of this is unknown.

My Church

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite or bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

Be the Church that glorifies God.

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus



On Sunday June 2nd the East Central District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in PA will participate in a pulpit exchange. This year

Kathy Hindman of the Covington Church will provide the message for you while Pastor Paula will travel to North Union Christian Church outside of Canton PA for the message.

Please show Pastor Kathy every consideration and our usual Sayre Christian hospitality.



SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

GIVING REPORT FOR April 2024:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

April — 2024	
For Current Expenses	\$6,784.50
Designated	\$1,265.00
World Outreach	\$140.00
Local Outreach	\$290.00
Building Fund	\$22,866.61

The **Special Easter Offering** was received on March 24th and March 31st. Our church collected \$255, which will support the General Ministries of the General Church. Also, \$207 was donated to the Society of St. Andrew. This donation came through the “Coins for Cause” program as well as donations for the Advent and Lenten devotions. Thank you all for your generosity.

A LITTLE



Question:

Who was the church leader who dealt in the making of purple cloth?

(Answer on another page in Newsletter)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

(the first Thursday in May)

Thursday, May 2nd

CONGRATULATIONS ... Eva Kretsch would like to announce the birth of her Great-Grandson, Crew McCoy Mastrogiovanni. He was born on Sunday, April 14th and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Mom Kelly, Dad Tony and Baby Crew are all doing well.



07 ~ Mike Setzer
09 ~ Albert Corneby
10 ~ Marty Glose
10 ~ Diane Carney
15 ~ Richard Stanton
17 ~ Marcus Allis
22 ~ Wendy McKeithan
22 ~ Bonnie Beley
29 ~ Rachel Cain
30 ~ Virginia Johnston



06 ~ Ed and Eva Kretch
12 ~ Art and Marty Johnson
15 ~ Joseph and Paula Kraus
16 ~ Richard and Tamara Stanton
26 ~ Anthony and Jean Stella
26 ~ Roger and Gayle MacDowall

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Don and Donna Johnson
Brett Lattimer
Jane Hibbard
Michael Spencer



Celebration

Sunday will be held on May 26th following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in May will be honored. Please bring a snack, to be shared with others.



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?

April God Sightings ...

- I asked God to help my daughter with dental care and God made it so she didn't need any care.
 - I saw God in the fellowship of strangers with eyes looking up to a phenomenon of nature, in awe of God's creation and creating life-long friendships in the process.
 - I have needed to buy jeans and haven't been able to find my size. After I prayed, God immediately answered the prayer.
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SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...

The Seed Faith Circle will gather on **Wednesday, May 15th** at 6:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Restaurant on Lockhart Street in Sayre. All women of the church are invited to share an evening of fellowship. Please note, we are getting together on a Wednesday due to the District Christian Fellowship Dinner, which is being held on Tuesday, May 21st (our usual evening). Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008 if you plan to join us at the Blackburn.

DISTRICT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DINNER MEETING of

the East Central District will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alba, PA. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. A group will carpool to Alba. (The drive from Sayre is about 45 minutes.) More information will be included in the bulletin. All men and women of the church are encouraged to attend.



Free Community Dinner



THURSDAY, MAY 30TH ...

Our church will be sponsoring the dinner at the Church of the Redeemer on South Wilbur Avenue in Sayre, on the last Thursday of the month — May 30th.

The Local Outreach Fund provides \$150 for the food. Three or four volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. The meal is held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please arrive at the church by 3:45 p.m. Desserts are needed, preferably cookies or brownies. If you would like to serve or provide a dessert, please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008.

Restore and Rewind — PENTECOST SUNDAY is MAY 19TH ...

***The 2024 Pentecost offering will
be collected on Sundays,
May 12th and May 19th***

Your gifts to the 2024 Pentecost Offering are divided equally between your regional ministry which supports local new churches, and New Church Ministry which trains, equips, and assists emerging leaders to be "movement initiators."

“BRAIN TEASERS” FOR THE MERRY, MERRY MONTH OF MAY ...

ADD A WORD

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| 1. thumb, hornet, earth | _____ |
| 2. little, leg, casserole | _____ |
| 3. rites, straw, word | _____ |
| 4. hat, elephant, knight | _____ |
| 5. arrest, plant, fly | _____ |
| 6. frame, perfect, this | _____ |
| 7. jacket, fever, journalism | _____ |
| 8. weight, tiger, mache | _____ |
| 9. picker, bomb, tomato | _____ |
| 10. ahead, line, away | _____ |
| 11. saucer, buttress, squirrel | _____ |
| 12. association, fall, born | _____ |
| 13. friend, scout, Friday | _____ |
| 14. eye, house, blower | _____ |
| 15. digger, dust, coast | _____ |

ADD a WORD

Directions: Add one word to the beginning of each word in the series to create a phrase. For example, to the words **alert**, **carpet** and **herring**, you could insert the word **red** to create **red alert**, **red carpet** and **red herring**. Write the word that is common to all in the space provided.

Verse to Remember

“This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night.”

¾Joshua 1:8

Business Card Answers:
1C, 2E, 3F, 4G, 5D, 6B, 7K, 8J, 9H, 10I, 11A

BUSINESS CARD

Can you match the name and job title that might have appeared on the business card of these people in the Bible? For example, Peter / Fisherman.

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| 1. Nehemiah | A. Priest |
| 2. Luke | B. Carpenter |
| 3. Amos | C. Cupbearer |
| 4. Matthew | D. Cloth seller |
| 5. Lydia | E. Physician |
| 6. Joseph | F. Shepherd |
| 7. Paul | G. Tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. Tailor |
| 9. Tabitha | I. Silversmith |
| 10. Demetrius | J. Soldier |
| 11. Eli | K. Tentmaker |

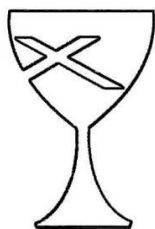
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Add A Word

Answers:

1. green
2. chicken
3. last
4. white
5. house
6. picture
7. yellow
8. paper
9. cherry
10. straight
11. flying
12. free
13. girl
14. ssag
15. plod





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UPCOMING DATES FOR MAY ...

- 1 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 - National Day of Prayer
- 5 - Food Pantry Sunday
- 5 - Spring Congregational Meeting after Worship
- 7 - Elder/Deacon's Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- 8 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 12 - ***Mother's Day***
- 14 - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 15 - NO Bible Study
- 15 - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out — 6:00 p.m. at The Blackburn Restaurant in Sayre
- 19 - Pentecost Sunday
- 21 - Fellowship Dinner / Alba First Christian Church at 6:30 p.m.
- 22 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 26 - Celebration Sunday / bring a snack to share with everyone.
- 26 - Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare & Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.
- 29 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 30 - Free Community Meal / Church of the Redeemer
- 30 - Sacred Harmony Concert at 7:00 p.m.



IS OBSERVED ON
MONDAY, MAY 27TH ...

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