

## *The Messenger July-August 2017*

### **Westwood Choir Takes a Break**

**Thank you to the members of our Westwood Choir for providing such inspiring music for worship this past year.**

They will be taking a much deserved break for the summer. A special thanks to Treva Boardman for her tireless work, leading our music program.

Treva has lined up special music for the summer. You will not want to miss it.

**To: Ladies of Westwood (and any brave men)**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Westwood Ladies' outing is planned for Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church to take a "non-mystery" trip to The Tea Parlor in a lovely home at 5605 Yankee Road to enjoy a tea party! Leaving church at 12:15 pm for 1:00 pm tea. (

This will be your "lunch" with both sweet and savory offerings and different teas to sample.)

Cost is \$15.00 per person including tax and tip. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

### **Members In The News**

#### **Bob Long leaves the fold after 19 years**

The staff at Shared Harvest has bid a fond farewell to Bob Long, who has managed our communications since February 1998. Bob retired at the end of 2016.

"Working at Shared Harvest was an eye-opening experience," said "Bobbo". "I learned so much about poverty from talking with senior citizens trying to survive on less than \$1,000 a month in Social Security benefits. It's hard to imagine trying to eke out a living on a three-figure income, especially given the increased health risks we run into as seniors."

Tina Osso, Shared Harvest executive director, said, "What I loved about working with Bobbo was his ability to get to the meat of the story. He brought us from a newsletter that was just about Shared Harvest, to a true NEWS-letter. One that provides information about the reality of hunger and poverty from a national, regional and local perspective.

"Most importantly, Bob brought a human voice to the individuals, families and children who need our services, giving them a platform to tell their stories."

"I'll miss the opportunity to speak with the many people who had the courage to speak up about the situations that put them in poverty," Bob said. "I hope Shared Harvest can continue to educate people about the fact that poverty is a complex issue, especially when there are so many uninformed politicians who tell us there would be no poverty if people would just 'go get a job'"



**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**Newsletter Deadline  
for September is  
August 16th.**

**Westwood Financial Report - 2017**

| May:          | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Balance</u>   |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Current Funds | 5,096.50        | 6,980.71        | -1,884.21        |
| Per Capita    | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00             |
| Benevolence   | 40.00           | 80.00           | -40.00           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5,136.50</b> | <b>7,060.71</b> | <b>-1,924.21</b> |

**Year-To-Date:**

|               |                  |                  |                  |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current Funds | 34,005.05        | 40,740.17        | -6,735.12        |
| Per Capita    | 785.00           | 0.00             | 785.00           |
| Benevolence   | 405.00           | 405.00           | 0.00             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>35,195.05</b> | <b>41,145.17</b> | <b>-5,950.12</b> |

**Attendance for April:**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 7th          | --36       |
| 14th         | --50       |
| 21st         | --47       |
| 28th         | --39       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>172</b> |

*More detailed financial reports  
are available upon request  
from Steve Anglin  
or the church office.*



**Historic Hopewell Church Service**

Annually we are participating in the Historic Hopewell Church Service. This year we will be leading worship on Sunday, August 27. The service begins at 9:30 am. There will not be a service at Westwood that morning.

Following worship at Hopewell we will return to church and have a picnic at 11:30 am. (More information will be provided in the near future.)

**Pentecost Offering**

**Thank you to all who gave to the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 4.** This offering supports the PC (USA) efforts for ministries for children, youth and young adults at risk. It is intended to be an investment in their future.



**Community Meal Center  
New Service Location:  
Zion Lutheran Church  
212 S. Front St., Hamilton, OH 45011  
Service Days & Hours:  
3RD & 4TH Tuesdays  
5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Beginning June 2017**

**Deacons – no meeting in July; Aug. 2 – 1 pm  
Administration – August 20 – after worship  
Spiritual Growth/Outreach – August 21 – 6 pm  
Session – July 17 & August 21 – 7 pm**

## “Loving Ourselves”

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”*

Luke 10:27

Do you really love yourself? Could I ask you to make a little test with yourself? It has to be done in the bathroom tonight. Be sure to lock the door. Any witnesses will certainly wonder.

Go to the mirror and say, “Hey, I love you!” Now that is not the test. I presume that you will do that. The test is: How did you feel when you did that? Can you say those words and really mean them? Or would you rather feel that such an act of loving one's self is silly and ridiculous?

Carl Jung, the great psychiatrist, once reflected that we are all familiar with the words of Jesus, “Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me.” Then Jung asks a very probing question: “What if you discovered that the least of the brethren of Jesus, the one who needs your love the most, the one that you can help the most by loving, the one to whom your love will be most meaningful—what if you discovered that this least of the brethren of Jesus...is you?”

From *Free To Be Me* by John Powell, S.J.

### Prayer

O God, help us to realize that if we are to be available to love others that we must first know how to love ourselves. For it is only in loving ourselves as You love us will it be possible to allow Your love to shine through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*In Christ,*  
**NORMAN**

### Per Capita for 2017

Several of you have asked about the amount of Per Capita that is paid for 2017. The total is \$35 per member. The **General Assembly**, the **Synod of the Covenant**, and **The Presbytery of the Miami Valley** will each receive a portion. If you would like to pay your portion for 2017, just make a check to the church and mark it Per Capita. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any member of the Session.



**PER CAPITA**

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

**A note from Gidget Collins who is the newly elected moderator of our Presbytery. She visited Westwood on May 29.**

Dear Friends at Westwood,  
What a delightful time with you all this past Sunday. I loved all the great music and meeting folks was wonderful. Everyone was so warm and welcoming. Thank you ever so much for the blueberry bread. How thoughtful of you all to do that.

The “refreshments” were great. That was a full on lunch!! That's nice you all spend fellowship time together each week. So many special people are there. Bob Long and Jackie (Just back from Florida.) were just wonderful. Thank you again.

Most Cheerfully,  
Gidget



The Deacons appreciate all your contributions to our Christmas Project, One Way Farm & Serve City. Christmas shopping list for July is pasta sauces, mac & cheese and for August is hot chocolate, fruit juices. One Way Farm needs sugar free Jell-o for July and raisins and peanuts for August. Serve City accepts all non-perishable items. Christmas items can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall. One Way Farm & Serve City items can be placed in boxes under the coat rack.

*Christ has no body now  
on earth but yours;  
No hands but yours;  
No feet but yours;  
Yours are the eyes  
through which His  
compassion will look  
upon the world;  
Yours are the feet  
with which He will  
go about doing good;  
Yours are the hands  
with which He will  
bless others now.*

*Prayer of Teresa of Avila*

*Sending Our*  
**SYMPATHY**

**Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to:**

\*The family of Carol Godfrey at the death of her Aunt and Uncle Maudie and Duey Buschman in December 2016 and January 2017.

\*The family of Karen Woods who died on May 23, 2017.

\*The family of Vivian Worthington at the loss of her brother, Earl “Joe” Hoskins on June 3, 2017.

\*The family of Doug Platt who died on June 7, 2017.

**Please remember each of these families in prayer as they grieve.**



Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the  
June volunteers:  
Jean, Donna & Don Wright, Marlene Sloneker, Spiritual Growth Committee.

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of June:  
Bob Estridge, Ted Pinkerton.

Thank you to the following Sunday School volunteers for the month of June:  
Reva Johnson, Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren and Andrea Estridge.

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Reva Johnson  
for the month of June.

Thank you to Bob Estridge and Reva Johnson for preparing communion for June and to Bob  
Long, Steve Anglin, Andrea Estridge and Cindy Anglin for serving communion.

Thank you to the following volunteers for mowing:  
Ted Pinkerton, Don, Bob Estridge, Estil Gay, Dale Alvey.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the  
Community Meal Center on Friday, June 16th: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto,  
Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison, Jackie Tilton.  
Donations: Helen Belcher, Andrea Estridge, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison,  
Cathy Sutton, Jackie Tilton, Sandra Warren.

A Special Thanks to: The deacons and women of the church for preparing and providing  
meals for Karen, Joe and Doug's families following their memorial services.



## Prayer Concerns



### Hospital:

Brenda Burress – Drake  
 Robert Penna (Bernadette Santel's  
 Fairfield – heart failure  
 Catherine Gibson – Ft. Hamilton

### Hospice:

Bill Jones – heart attack (father of Brenda Burress)

### Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Bob Wadleigh (Marlene's cousin)  
 Debbie Wright Baker - ovarian

### Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health  
 Tucker Gambrell - spina bifida  
 Clarence Bohne (Emily Bohne's father) – A-Fib  
 Hughie Clemons (Vernon Clemons)  
 Jean Wright – healing  
 Bonnie McMillan – health  
 Family of Jocelyn Gesell (Marlene)  
 Family of Karen Woods  
 Family of Doug Platt  
 Family of Lee Emmert  
 Ina Fields – home  
 Ruth Mollett - home

### In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

The Knolls: Ellen Lowery  
 Maple Knolls: Mae Shane (Loretta)

### National & International Concerns:

Our country. Natural disasters, violence  
 Our armed forces worldwide  
 Persecuted Christians  
 Missionaries across the world  
 Peace in our world

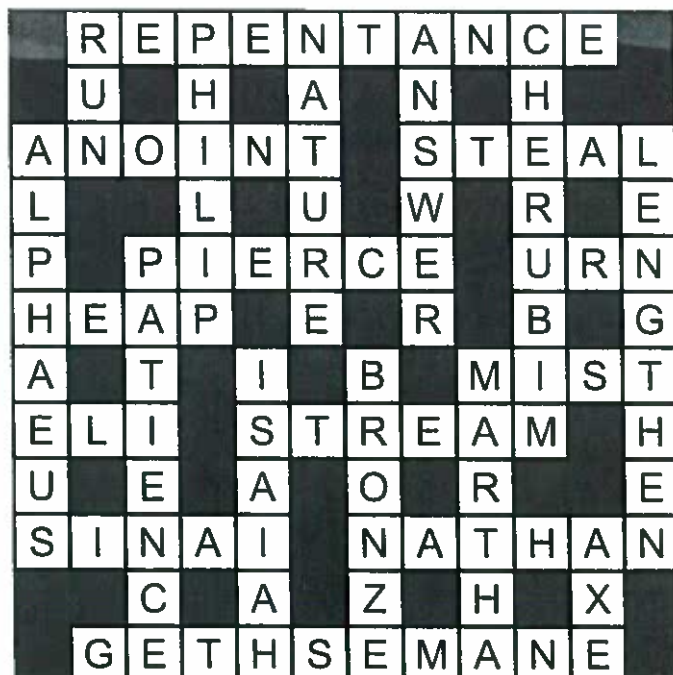
### Local Concerns:

Our church  
 Cities of Hamilton & Fairfield  
 Serve City/One Way Farm  
 Haven House  
 Churches in community  
 Community Meal Center

### Congregational Prayer:

We are continuing a series of prayers for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery. This month we are remembering the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Xenia, OH and their pastor Rev. Melissa Tidwell.

## BIBLE CROSSWORD 2 SOLUTION



Across: 1 Repentance, 6 Anoint, 7 Steal, 9 Pierce, 10 Urn, 11 Heap, 14 Mist, 15 Eli, 16 Stream, 17 Sinai, 18 Nathan, 20 Gethsemane.

Down: 1 Run, 2 Philip, 3 Nature, 4 Answer, 5 Cherubim, 6 Alphaeus, 8 Lengthen, 9 Patience, 12 Isaiah, 13 Bronze, 14 Martha, 19 Axe.



## *July*

**Ushers: Cathy Sutton, Jeanne Riechers**

**Worship Leaders:**

2 Steve Anglin  
9 Bob Long  
16 Reva Johnson  
23 Doug Gambrell  
30 Bob Estridge

**Sunday School:**

2 Reva Johnson  
9 Marlene Sloneker  
16 Sandra Warren  
23 Andrea Estridge  
30 Reva Johnson

**Coffee Hour:**

2 Betty & Doug Gambrell  
9 Marion & Dick Flynn  
16 Sara & Ted Pinkerton  
23 Loretta Otto  
30 Donut Day

**Kitchen Duty: Sara Pinkerton**

**Communion Preparation:**

**Bob Estridge**

**Communion Servers:**

**Bob Estridge, Steve Anglin  
Cindy Anglin, Carol Godfrey**

## *August*

**Ushers: Reva Johnson, Marlene Sloneker**

**Worship Leaders:**

6 Steve Anglin  
13 Reva Johnson  
20 Bill Mountsier  
27 Bob Long

**Sunday School:**

6 Marlene Sloneker  
13 Sandra Warren  
20 Andrea Estridge  
27 Reva Johnson

**Coffee Hour:**

6 Bonita & Estil Gay  
13 Bonnie Santel & Lela Wilson  
20 Bill Mountsier & Bob Estridge  
27 Hopewell Historic Church

**Kitchen Duty: Loretta Otto**

**Communion Preparation:**

**Bob Estridge**

**Communion Servers:**

**Reva Johnson, Steve Anglin  
Andrea Estridge**

“Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Father, who cares for you today...will take care of you tomorrow and everyday. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen.”

St. Francis of Assisi

## Connection

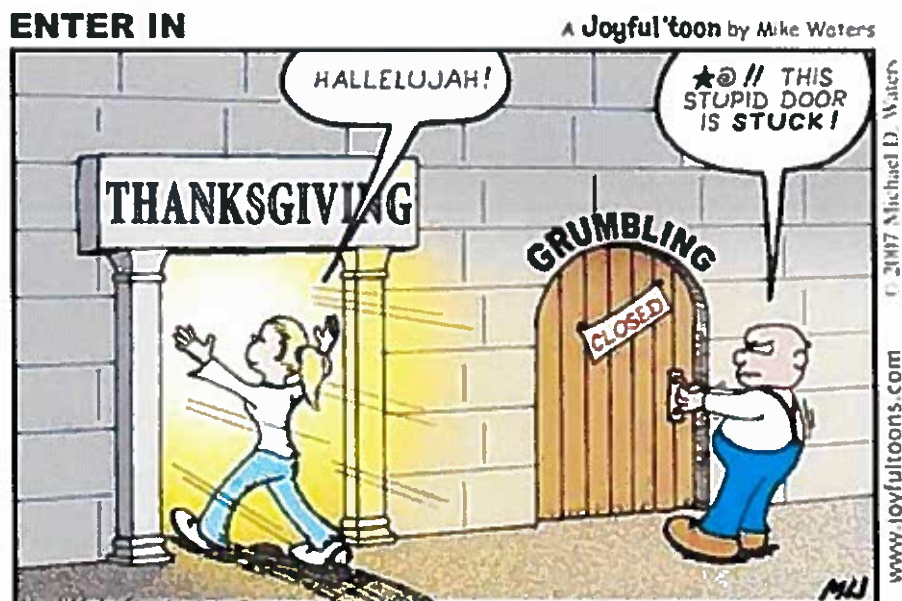
It seems to me that the key to success in understanding and loving others is empathy. Empathy starts with an attentive listening and an intuitive reading of the uniqueness of another. Empathy asks only one question: What is it like to be you? Empathy is getting inside the skin of another, walking in his or her shoes, seeing and experiencing reality as it looks through the eyes of another. In the end, empathy offers not advice but only understanding. "Oh, yes, I hear you." If the essence of empathy is listening to and living vicariously the life experience of another, the price of empathy is this: It requires a temporary leaving of one's self, one's own thoughts and feelings, one's values and beliefs. When I empathize with you, I leave where I am and I go to be with you where you are.

Carl Rogers suggests that our experience of the human condition often involves feelings like those of a person who has fallen into a deep, dry well. The desperate man trapped in the well can't climb out, so he keeps knocking, knocking, knocking on the side of the well, hoping against hope that someone will hear him and realize his situation. Finally, after a long time of such banging against the side of the well, hears a responding knock from the outside. Someone has heard him! There is an explosion of joyful relief in the poor man. "Thank God!" "Somebody finally knows where I am." Rogers says that when somebody really listens to us and registers understanding, we feel the same grateful explosion of relief: "Thank God! Somebody finally knows where I am. Somebody finally knows what it is like to be me!"

From *The Christian Vision*

John Powell

Through Seasons of the Heart



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

— PSALM 100:4 NIV



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July

- 3 Terri Terry
- 14 Christina Brittain
- 25 Steve Anglin
- Mike Riechers
- 31 Helen Belcher

## July

- 7 Bonnie & Leo Santel
- 16 Mose & Phyllis Anglin

## August

- 6 Summer Estridge
- 7 Amanda Gushurst
- 8 Tom Britton
- 21 Scott Alvey
- 27 Loretta Otto

## August

- 30 Jeanne & Mike Riechers

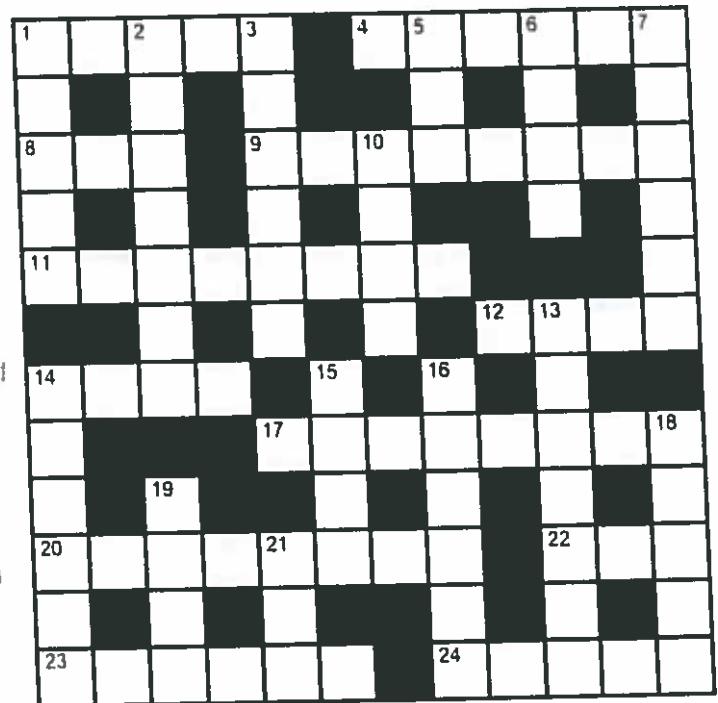
## Bible Crossword 2

### Across

- 1 Calm (5)
- 4 Purim heroine (6)
- 8 Where there was no room (3)
- 9 Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar for example (8)
- 11 Mistaken identity of Jesus after resurrection (8)
- 12 Material used to make Solomon's cups (4)
- 14 Not narrow (4)
- 17 Jubilated (8)
- 20 Teaching (8)
- 22 Reverence (3)
- 23 Rabbi (6)
- 24 Place of the dead (5)

### Down

- 1 Scorpion attack (5)
- 2 Didn't heed (7)
- 3 Object of Jacob's dream (6)
- 5 Red, for example (3)
- 6 To be bruised by the serpent (4)
- 7 Observed the Sabbath (6)
- 10 Where Adam spared a rib? (4)
- 13 Fruit farm (7)
- 14 Solomon's strength (6)
- 15 Son of Leah (4)
- 16 Brother of 15 down (6)
- 18 Works (5)
- 19 Follower of the Gospels (4)
- 21 Repent (3)



by Philologus

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# July 2017

## WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| Sunday                        | Monday          | Tuesday                       | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| 2                             | 3               | 4                             | 5         | 6        | 7   | 8        |
| 10:45 AM Worship<br>Communion |                 | Independence Day              |           |          | 1:00 PM Ladies' Outing<br>7:00 PM AA Meeting        |          |
| 9                             | 10              | 11                            | 12        | 13       | 14  | 15       |
| 10:45 AM Worship              |                 |                               |           |          | 7:00 PM AA Meeting                                  |          |
| 16                            | 17              | 18                            | 19        | 20       | 21  | 22       |
| 10:45 AM Worship              | 7:00 PM Session | 5:00 PM Community Meal Center |           |          | 3:00 PM Community Meal Center<br>7:00 PM AA Meeting |          |
| 23                            | 24              | 25                            | 26        | 27       | 28  | 29       |
| 10:45 AM Worship              |                 | 5:00 PM Community Meal Center |           |          | 7:00 PM AA Meeting                                  |          |
| 30                            | 31              |                               |           |          |   |          |
| 10:45 AM Worship              |                 |                               |           |          |   |          |

# August 2017

## WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                        | Thursday      | Friday   | Saturday |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|----------|
| 6   | 7   | 1                                | 2                                | 3             | 4  | 5        |
| 10:45 AM Worship<br>Communion                           |   |                                  | 1:00 PM Deacons                  |               | 7:00 PM AA Meeting   |          |
| 13  | 14  | 8                                | 9                                | 10            | 11   | 12       |
| 10:45 AM Worship  |   | 5:00 PM Community Meal<br>Center |                                  |               | 7:00 PM AA Meeting   |          |
| 20  | 21  | 15                               | 16                               | 17            | 18   | 19       |
| 10:45 AM Worship<br>Administration Com<br>after worship | 6:00 PM Spiritual<br>Growth/Outreach<br>7:00 PM Session | 5:00 PM Community Meal<br>Center | Newsletter Deadline              |               | 3:00 PM<br>Community Meal<br>Center<br>7:00 PM AA<br>Meeting |          |
| 27  | 28  | 22                               | 23                               | 24            | 25   | 26       |
| 9:30 AM Worship at<br>Hopewell Church                   |   | 5:00 PM Community Meal<br>Center | 11:00 AM Morning<br>Prayer Group | 7:00 PM Choir | 7:00 PM AA<br>Meeting  |          |
|   |   | 29                               | 30                               | 31            |  |          |
|   |   |                                  | 11:00 AM Morning<br>Prayer Group | 7:00 PM Choir |  |          |

Contact Angela Scanters at 866-6011 to make changes to calendar.