

The Messenger September 2017



Westwood Choir Rehearsals
 will begin on Thursday, September 7 at 10:00 am. Meet in the choir loft. Bring your melodious voices! The first Sunday that the choir will sing will be on September 10th at the 10:45 am service. We will warm up prior to each Sunday service as in the past. **See you then! Treva**

New Arrival at Westwood...
 Four asters are here!
 Beautiful plants, they come up every year bigger and better!
 These will grace our planter box under our Westwood church sign. Thanks to Dale Alvey, the planter box is full of a ground cover myrtle. Dale also does the weeding. Myrtle blooms every spring with showy purple flowers. Many of our Westwood plants have survived the deer ravage because of deer repellent stakes placed around our grounds this year.
 So enjoy these flowers and be sure to continue to save your pop cans – they add up and provide us with landscaping money.
 Thank our grass mowers Bob Estridge, Estil Gay, Ted Pinkerton, Dale Alvey, Don Greer for doing such a fine job!
 Jeanne Riechers



Barn 'N Bunk Adventure, following worship on Sunday, September 24, 2017. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the church bulletin board so that we might know how many tables to reserve. The food will be great and the fellowship even greater. Cost per person is \$11.95.
 We will car pool from the church immediately following worship on Sunday, September 24. Rev. Godfrey has been asked to keep the sermon short.





**FINANCE
REPORT**

Westwood Financial Report - 2017

July:	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Current Funds	7,017.50	7,727.41	-709.91
Per Capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolence	20.00	0.00	20.00
Total	7,037.50	7,727.41	-689.91

Year-To-Date:

Current Funds	48,058.05	55,237.00	-7,178.95
Per Capita	785.00	0.00	785.00
Benevolence	625.00	525.00	100.00
Total	49,468.05	55,762.00	-6,293.95

Attendance for July:

2nd	--35
9th	--34
16th	--31
23rd	--31
30th	--34
Total	165

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

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**Newsletter Deadline
for October is
September 20th.**



**Ruth Esther Circle Picnic
Tuesday,
September 19
at 11:30 am
at Hanover Park.**



**Pencils & Crayons
for
Highland Elementary**



**Deacons – September 6 – 1 pm
Administration – Sept. 17– after worship
Spiritual Growth/Outreach – Sept. 18 – 6 pm
Session – September 18 – 7 pm**



September 22, 2017

“How To Handle Worms”

When I was a child, I memorized a little ditty that has stuck with me. It went like this:

Nobody loves me, everybody hates me,
I'm going to the garden to eat worms.
Great big slimy ones, little bitty tiny ones,
Boy don't they wiggle when they squirm.



I'm not sure who taught it to me. I suspect it was my unsympathetic grandmother Rainer who had little patience for anyone feeling sorry for themselves. It was like the response we gave to our peers in adolescence when they enumerated their woes. We would move our index finger over our thumb saying, “It's the smallest record player in the world playing hearts and flowers.”

As an adult I purchased a plaque with a picture of a bedraggled little boy looking at his feet with the rhyme on it. For years I displayed it in my office and later sold it in a garage sale.

I bought it first as a humorous reminder of the folly that comes by feeling sorry for yourself. Though it might be comforting for a while, the reality is that nothing good really happens when we sit around and pout.

The second reason I bought the plaque was as a reminder of how disconnected and alone others and I feel at times. The feeling of being unloved and unlovable is common for many of us. We find ourselves doing and achieving to be noticed, respected and valued. After awhile this becomes futile because we begin to realize that we are liked or cared about because of what we have accomplished, not because of whom we really are. A frightening thought comes to us, as we get older, “What happens when I have to slow down and am no longer able to produce?”

Scripture, teachers and even the preacher tell us that we are special because we are a creation of God. Yet, that is not always enough to free us from the feelings of dread that come when we hear a loud and clamoring world teaching us otherwise.

When you find yourself in the doldrums of life, disconnected from yourself and others, dying of loneliness, allow yourself to remember two things:

First, you are a creation of God, loved and valued by God! You are valued not only because you have something to offer others but also because you exist. If you affirm this then you will know what the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote in Ephesians 2:10, that each person is “God's work of art, created to become all He intended from the beginning.” (Jerusalem Bible)

Secondly, become aware that you are not alone. There are others around you who feel similar to you. It takes work to stay connected to one another and ourselves. One way we do this is by spending time with one another. Talking to one another. Sharing our hopes and dreams. In this way we will move beyond ourselves by fulfilling the scripture that teaches us to “love one another, for love comes from God...(1 John 4:7a).”

If we will accept that we are a valued creation of God and that we are here to love one another, then not only will we move beyond our “worm eating”, but we will also help to make the world a place where not only we, but others as well will know that they are connected. May it be so in all of our lives!

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.



**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



September

Ushers: Mose Anglin, Estil Gay

Worship Leaders:

3 Steve Anglin
10 Bill Mountsier
17 Doug Gambrell
24 Bob Estridge

Sunday School:

3 Marlene Sloneker
10 Sandra Warren
17 Andrea Estridge
24 Reva Johnson

Coffee Hour:

3 Session
10 Cindy & Steve Anglin
17 Andrea, Summer & Bob Estridge
24 Barn N Bunk

Kitchen Duty: Sara Pinkerton

Communion Preparation:

Reva Johnson and Bob Estridge

Communion Servers:

Bob Estridge, Steve Anglin
Catherine Gibson, Marlene Sloneker

The Deacons will be collecting canned vegetables for the Christmas Project. We will also be collecting low sodium soy sauce for One Way Farm. Please do not forget the Serve City Barrel under the coat rack in the hallway. All non-perishable items will be appreciated.

We will not be having the Chili Supper this year. The Deacons have decided that we will take this year off and discuss the possibility of having one next year. We will continue with the Christmas Project as planned. We plan on helping six families this year. If you know of a family that could use help, please contact one of the Deacons.





Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the
July and August volunteers:

July: Betty & Doug Gambrell, Marion & Dick Flynn, Sara & Ted Pinkerton, Loretta Otto;
August: Bonita & Estil Gay, Bonnie Santel & Lela Wilson, Bill Mountsier & Bob Estridge.

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the months of July and August:

July: Cathy Sutton, Jeanne Riechers; August: Reva Johnson, Marlene Sloneker.

Thank you to the following Sunday School volunteers for the months of July and August:

July: Reva Johnson, Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren and Andrea Estridge;

August: Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren, Andrea Estridge, Reva Johnson.

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Sara Pinkerton
for the month of July and also filling in for Loretta Otto for August.

Thank you to Bob Estridge for preparing communion for July and August.

Thank you to the following for serving communion: Bob Estridge, Steve Anglin,
Cindy Anglin, Carol Godfrey for July; and Reva Johnson, Steve Anglin, Andrea Estridge
for August.

Thank you to the following volunteers for mowing:

Ted Pinkerton, Don Greer, Bob Estridge, Estil Gay, Dale Alvey.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the
Community Meal Center on Friday, July 15th: Bob Estridge;
and Friday, August 18th: Bob Estridge, Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison.

A Special Thanks to Estil and Bonita Gay for posting messages on the church sign.

Prayer Concerns

Hospice:

Pete (Pam Long's brother)
Jane Hardabeck (Jeanne's friend)
Ina Fields – near death

Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Bob Wadleigh (Marlene's cousin)
Debbie Wright Baker – ovarian
Miriam Kridner (Helen's sister) liver
Ruth Mollett – radiation
Connie Hensley (Ruth's daughter) chemo

Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health
Bonnie McMillan – health
Catherine Gibson – home
Sue (Pam Long) – primary caregiver for Pete
Jean Wright
Joanne Smith (Helen's sister-in-law) recovering fall
Loretta Otto – home
Kelly Estridge – kidney stones
Judy Brainard (Carol Godfrey) – sarcoma
Family of Don Wright

Prayers for
the Sick



In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

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

National & International Concerns:

Our country, Natural disasters,
violence, unity
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:

As we continue to pray for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery, this month we are remembering Bath Presbyterian Church in Dayton, OH and their pastor Rev. Emily Haddax.

BIBLE CROSSWORD 3 SOLUTION

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Across: 1 Still, 4 Esther, 8 Inn, 9 Dreamers, 11 Gardener, 12 Gold, 14 Wide, 17 Rejoiced, 20 Doctrine, 22 Awe, 23 Master, 24 Hades.

Down: 1 Sting, 2 Ignored, 3 Ladder, 5 Sea, 6 Heel, 7 Rested, 10 Eden, 13 Orchard, 14 Wisdom, 15 Levi, 16 Joseph, 18 Deeds, 19 Acts, 21 Rue.



A driver did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman behind him went ballistic, pounding on her horn and screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to drive through the intersection with him.

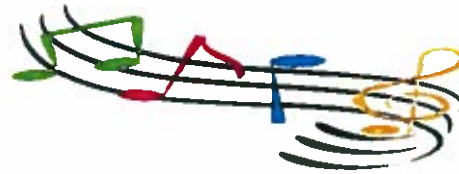
Still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm awfully sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him.

I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.

"Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."



I Will Sing

Lord,

I've wondered why the struggle and the pain of life.
At times, I've cried I've complained and as the Psalmist,
I've raged.

Now, Lord, I know why!

It is to be able to sing about these days later
as I learn your lessons and grow to be the person you
would have me be.

I will be able to sing about your strength and comfort.
I will be able to sing about your presence and power!
I will be able to sing of joy and love from the depth
of knowing sorrow and pain.

I will be able to sing the story and message of Jesus
for I have lived with Him through all kinds of days
and have found in Him my Savior and Lord.

Wilma Reinhardt

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Jonathan Gambrell
12	Marilyn Compton
16	Meghan Smith Sturni
20	Reva Johnson
25	Mose Anglin
27	Norman Godfrey
29	Barbara Copeland

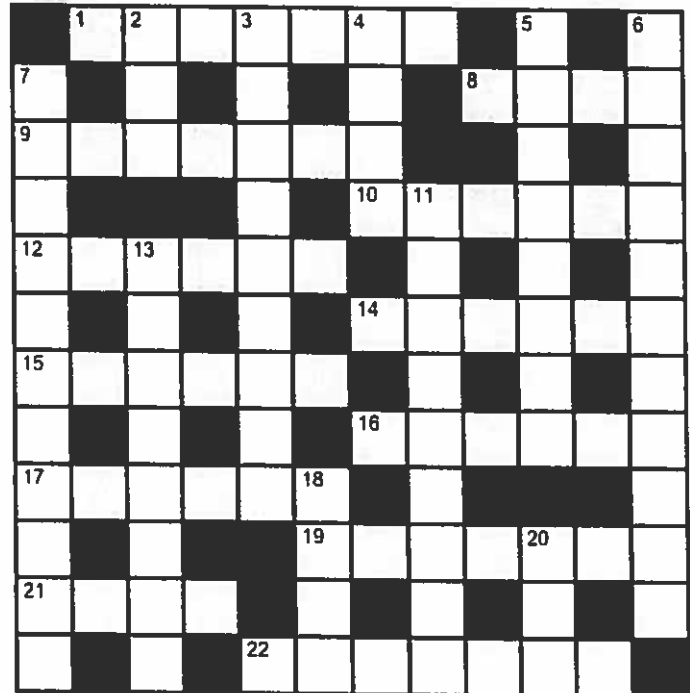
Bible Crossword 4

Across

- 1 Place where the hypocrites give alms (7)
- 8 Awe (4)
- 9 Last supper guest (7)
- 10 Uttered (6)
- 12 Encourage (6)
- 14 Rider of a speaking donkey (6)
- 15 King's chair (6)
- 16 Still (6)
- 17 What a winepress operator does (6)
- 19 Purge of sins (7)
- 21 Do as directed (4)
- 22 Gift (7)

Down

- 2 Number of angels sent to Sodom (3)
- 3 Provided with power and authority (9)
- 4 One of the giants had twelve of these (4)
- 5 Jewellery (8)
- 6 Lois' relation to Timothy (11)
- 7 A cry of sorrow (11)
- 11 Sect condemned by Jesus (9)
- 13 This happened to Pharaoh's heart (8)
- 18 Mark (4)
- 20 Joshua's father (3)

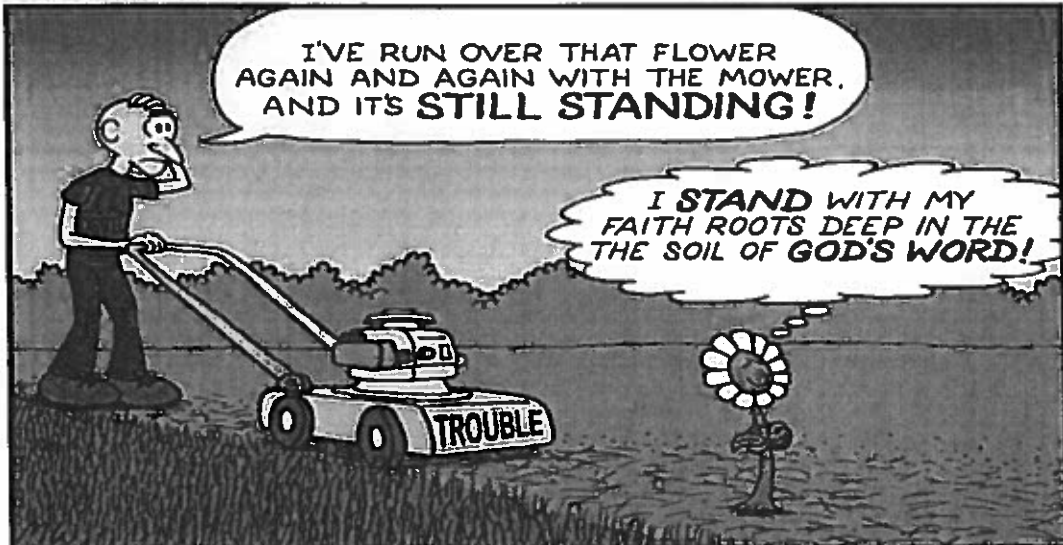


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LAWN MOWER

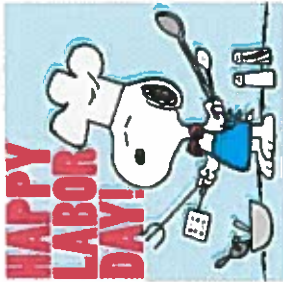
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.


- PSALM 91:7 NIV



WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 2017 PLANNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:45 AM WORSHIP Communion	4 	5	6	7 10:00 AM CHOIR 7:00 PM Sorority	8 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	9
10 10:45 AM WORSHIP	11	12	13	14 10:00 AM CHOIR	15 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM Community Meet Center 7:00 PM AA	16
17 10:45 AM WORSHIP Admin Com. after worship	18 6:00 PM SPIRITUAL GROWTH 7:00 PM SESSION	19 11:30 AM Ruth Esther Circle Picnic at Hanover Park	20	21 10:00 AM CHOIR	22 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA AUTUMN BEGINS	23 HOSPICE WALK
24 10:45 AM WORSHIP BARN N BUNK	25	26	27	28 10:00 AM CHOIR	29 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	30

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