



The Messenger September 2018

July 25, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in Special Offerings, your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world – through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education and witness.

Thank you for your support to Special Offerings: On July 9, 2018, we received \$108.00 for the Pentecost Offering. Your congregation's gift, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,

Bryce Wiebe
Director, Special Offerings
Presbyterian Church, USA

ADAM HAMILTON

Author of *Half Truths and Lies*
**CHRISTIANITY
AND
WORLD RELIGIONS**
REVISED EDITION



QUESTIONS WE ASK ABOUT OTHER FAITHS

Christianity and World Religions

This class, originally scheduled to begin in July, has been moved to September 9. It will be taught during the Sunday School Hour at 9:15 am. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board. If you plan to attend, please sign up so that we will know how many books to order. If you have questions, please contact Steve Anglin.

Deacons – September 5 – 1 pm

Administration – September 16– after worship

Spiritual Gr/Outreach – September 17 – 6 pm

Session – September 17 – 7 pm



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Respect the Deadline!



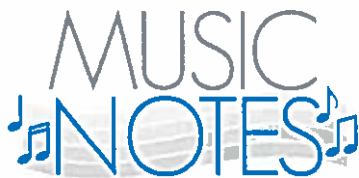
Newsletter Deadline
for October is
September 19th.



Ruth Esther Circle
meets
Wednesday, September 5th
at 10 am.



12 **Marilyn Compton**
20 **Reva Johnson**
25 **Mose Anglin**
27 **Norman Godfrey**
29 **Barbara Copeland**



Choir Rehearsal begins Thursday, September 6, 10-11 AM. The choir's first participation in the church service will be on September 9th. New singers are invited to join our choral group.



New Church Phone Directory

We are working on a new phone directory for 2018. If you have made any changes in your contact information or changed your address in the last year, please let us know by Wednesday, September 5th. Call Angela, 868-6011.

Thanks for your help with this.

Truths Children Have Learned

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- You can't hide broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic-Tac.



Soon the weather will be changing from summer to fall so mark your calendar on October 13 to attend our Chili Supper. All proceeds will be used for our Christmas Project to help 6-7 families have a Merry Christmas. Success of these projects is evidence of our caring congregation. We appreciate your help. Items needed for September are canned vegetables. Serve City will appreciate any non-perishable food, books or clothing. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Westwood Financial Report - 2018

July:	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Current Funds	9,193.50	7,724.89	1,468.61
Per Capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	9,193.50	7,724.89	1,468.61

Year-To-Date:

Current Funds	48,791.04	53,454.50	-4,663.46
Per Capita	550.00	0.00	550.00
Benevolence	427.00	1,164.00	-737.00
Total	49,768.04	54,618.50	-4,850.46

Attendance for July:

1st	--30
8th	--37
15th	--39
22nd	--37
29 ^o	--32
Total	175

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



Special Thanks to Dale Alvey

...for all the fresh vegetables he has provided us this past month. The tomatoes, zucchini, and cucumbers have been especially delicious. Thank you Dale!

Helen & Prayer Group!

Thank you so much for your prayers and concern. The card was so sweet. I know God is with me everyday. God bless each one of you!
A Friend,

Jeanette (Reva's sister)
Keep up the Good Work!

Dear Westwood Family,

Thank you for all your care and concern during my wrestling with my current bout of a-fib. Though it is still not resolved, your prayers, cards and phone calls have been helpful to lift me up when my spirit has sagged. God bless you all!

Carol Godfrey



FROM THE PASTOR

“ Being A Christian”

When you say that you are a “Christian,” what does that mean? How would you define that for someone else? Does it merely mean that you go to church on Sundays? Does it mean anything, personally, to you? Is there a code that you live by—one that guides your life on a daily basis? When you say you are a “Christian,” what does that really mean?

I like what Maya Angelou has written in a piece she titled, “Christians”:

When I say... “I am a Christian”, 'I'm clean livin'.
I'm whispering, “I was lost, now I'm found and forgiven.”

When I say... “I am a Christian”, I don't speak with pride.
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say... “I'm a Christian”, I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say... “I'm a Christian”, I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible; but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say... “I'm a Christian”, I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my heartaches so I call upon His name.

When I say... “I am a Christian”, I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace somehow.

“I am a Christian.” What does that mean to you? What makes you know that you are a Christian? Why not give it some thought and share your answer with someone else.

In Christ,

Norman

**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



**Ushers: Mose Anglin
Steve Anglin**

Worship Leader:

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

Sunday School:

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

Coffee Hour:

**2 Session
9 Cindy & Steve Anglin
16 Andrea, Summer & Bob Estridge
23 Barn N Bunk
30 Marilyn Compton**

Kitchen Duty:

Reva Johnson

Communion Preparation:

Andrea Estridge

Communion Servers:

**Andrea Estridge, Reva Johnson,
Dale Alvey, Bob Estridge**

Hospice Walk

Our annual Hospice Walk will be coming up September 22. The entry fee will be \$25.00 which includes a T-shirt and lunch after the walk. If you want to support the event without attending, you can donate a minimum of \$10.00 and receive a T-shirt.

If you are walking, the registration fee must be in by September 8th. If you are donating instead of walking, Bob Estridge will be taking donations until September 16th.

If you have any questions, talk to Bob Estridge. Thank you and may God bless you for your support.

Chili Supper



CHILI SUPPER SIGN UP SHEET

As noted, the Deacons are sponsoring a Chili Supper on Saturday, October 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There is a need for volunteers to help with advertising, stirring chili, serving, setting up, providing desserts, busing tables, clean-up after the event, etc. A sign-up sheet for those who are willing and able to help is on the bulletin board. **WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK, IF THIS EVENT IS TO BE A SUCCESS! THANK YOU FOR WHATEVER HELP YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.**

Prayer Concerns

Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Miriam Kridner (Helen's sister) liver
Nancy Price (Marlene's neighbor) - lung

Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health
Jeanette Skidmore (Reva's sister) health
Clarence Bohne (Emily) Afib
Catherine Gibson - health
Carol Godfrey - afib
Rob Santel - health
Nate Griffin (Andrea)
Donna Wright - health
Chris Gushurst - recovering open-heart surgery
Family of Herb Gesell (Marlene's brother)

Shut-Ins:

Ruth Mollett
Dick Flynn

In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

The Knolls: Ellen Lowery
Maple Knolls: Mae Shane (Loretta)
Berkeley Square: Frank Dougherty
Doverwood: Helen Belcher

National & International Concerns:

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

Local Concerns:

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

Congregational Prayer:

As we continue to pray for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery, we are remembering Eaton Presbyterian Church in Eaton, OH and their pastor Rev. Ted Dennis.



Life Is An Echo

A man and his young son were walking on a mountain trail when the boy tripped on a rock and twisted his ankle. "Ahhhhh!" he screamed in pain. "Ahhhhh!" came a distant reply from the mountain. The startled boy shouted back, "Who are you?! "Who are you?" replied the voice from the mountain. This made him angry, so he shouted, "You're a big coward!" "You're a big coward!" was the reply.

The puzzled boy looked at his father and asked, "Dad, what's going on?" "Son," the father replied, "listen to this." He then shouted, "I admire you!" "I admire you!" answered the voice. "You are wonderful!" shouted the dad. And the voice replied, "You are wonderful!"

The father turned to his son and explained, "People call that an echo, but it's really life. Life always gives back to you what you give to it. Life is a mirror of all your actions. If you want to be loved, give love. If you want respect, give respect. If you want people to be patient with you, be patient with them. This rule of nature applies to every part of our lives."



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

Betty & Doug Gambrell, Marion Flynn, Andrea, Summer & Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto,
Spiritual Growth Com., Bonita & Estil Gay, Bonnie Santel & Nancy Wilson, Bill Mountsier
& Bob Estridge,.

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

Reva Johnson, Marlene Sloneker, Bob Estridge, Summer Estridge.

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

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Reva Johnson for the
month of July, and to Judy Simensen for the month of August.

Thank you to Reva Johnson and Marlene Sloneker for preparing communion for July and
August.

Thank you to the following July and August volunteers for serving communion:

Doug Gambrell, Marlene Sloneker, Bob Estridge, Dale Alvey,
Reva Johnson, Steve Anglin, Carol Godfrey, Loretta Otto.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Community Meal Center on
Friday, July 20th: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, and Sandra Warren.

Donations: Andrea Estridge, Bonita Gay, Carol Godfrey, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker
and Sandra Warren.

Thank you to the volunteers for **August 17th**: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto, Traci Stevison,
Marlene Sloneker, and Sandra Warren.

Donations: Bob and Andrea Estridge, Estil & Bonita Gay, Reva Johnson, Jay & LeDale
Hartleb, Loretta Otto, Traci Stevison, Marlene Sloneker, and Sandra Warren.

Special thanks to Estil and Bonita Gay for their awesome
messages on the church sign.

Thank you to Bob Estridge, Estil Gay, Dale Alvey and Don for mowing our church lawn.

Chili Supper



**WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1068 Stahlheber Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

IS HAVING A...

CHILI SUPPER

ON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00

Children: \$4.00

EXTRAS:

**Homemade desserts and Vegetable Soup for those who don't desire Chili.
Also, carry-out will be available.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 13!

For Questions, call 513-868-6011



September



LEARNING IS FUN!

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:45 AM WORSHIP Communion	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	4	5 10:00 AM Ruth Esther Circle 1:00 PM Deacons	6 10:00 AM CHOIR 7:00 PM Sorority	7 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	8
9 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:45 AM WORSHIP	10	11	12	13 10:00 AM CHOIR	14 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	15
16 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:45 AM WORSHIP Administration Com after worship	17 6:00 PM Sp Gr/Outreach 7:00 PM SESSION	18	19 Newsletter Deadline for October	20 10:00 AM CHOIR	21 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM Community Med Center 7:00 PM AA	22 Hospice Walk
23 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:45 AM WORSHIP	24	25	26	27 10:00 AM CHOIR	28 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	29
30 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:45 AM WORSHIP						

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Reach, teach, care and share



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