



RUHL'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – EARLY EDITION

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WE NEED A FEW GOOD WEEDERS!

We are grateful for the wonderful group of helpers for the Landscape Cleanup day in April, and the church grounds looked lovely for Easter. But the spring rains brought some weeds along with the flowers, so we need a bit of help tidying up the flower beds. We are looking for a few folks who would be willing to donate some of their free time throughout the summer to do a little light yard work in the flower beds around the church (weeding, cutting back spent flowers and watering). Volunteers would meet with Bruce for a brief session on weed/plant identification. Then the volunteers could come and work on the church grounds whenever it suited them. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Gray.

COOKIE HOUR - THANK YOU!

We want to take a moment to thank all of our generous snack providers for their donations over the past year. You helped fill a lot of hungry tummies and created lots of smiles!

We will resume our monthly Coffee Fellowship time in the Fall, and are preparing the new schedule for snack providers. If you would like to have your name added or removed from the schedule, please contact Kris Gray (664-3868) as soon as possible. Snacks do not have to be homemade -packaged snacks are fine! We also need healthy snacks like fruit. If you would like to help us in the kitchen to set up and clean up, please let Kris know. We always need more helpers and it is a great way to get involved in the life of the church!

Thank you!

GOD'S CLOTHING CLOSET IS COMING SATURDAY, AUG. 24

Join us for the 19th annual God's Clothing Closet here in our own Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24. This is such an exciting project and all who participate find that they are greatly blessed. Would you like to join us in this great outreach? Here is how you can start helping now! If you have any questions, please contact Kris Gray at 664-3868.

- **Start collecting clothing** ~ Clothing in any size and for any season is welcome, but we have special clothing needs for large men and large women, maternity, teens, children and infants. Yes, we can even use purses, backpacks, socks, underwear and bedding in good condition. Please mark the bags/boxes as to whether they contain items for men, women, boys or girls. We often have a shortage of children's clothing, so feel free to stop at Yard sales and pick up leftovers of children's clothing in good condition! ***Clothing donations can be brought to the church after August 4.***
- **Start collecting books** ~ We need children's Bibles and Bible storybooks in good condition to give away. Adult Bibles and devotionals too!

- **Start collecting extra large shopping bags and boxes of new garbage bags.** We are ***not*** able to use standard plastic grocery bags because they are too small.
- ***Pray for the event!*** Pray that we have lots of wonderful clothing to give to hundreds of grateful shoppers, that our church may be able to provide a meaningful outreach into the community, and that we might reach some of the lost for Jesus.

SWIMMING POOL FOR SALE

Inflatable adult size pool. 18' x 4' with 6' ladder. For more details, see Mary Ann Barnes.

MISSION TRIP - JUNE 16-22

The mission trip scheduled for June 16-22 will be serving the community of Clendenin, West Virginia. This area was devastated by flooding in 2016 and many families are still in need of help. Please pray for those leaving on Sunday for this Mission Trip and those being served.

AIR CONDITIONING / HEATING PROJECT

The Leadership Team, along with the Trustees and Finance Committees has approved a project to install a system for the Sanctuary, Narthex and Nursery that will provide air conditioning as well as heat. This will greatly enhance the usability of the overall church facility in several ways as well as begin to move us away from the use of oil for heat; which should provide savings to the church budget for years to come. This project is getting underway and you will soon see the signs. The goal is that construction will be finished in about a month so that we will begin to use it this summer. The finance committee is asking for your help to support this project. We have a gift in the amount of \$14,000 that is being used as seed money. And, there is an offer of \$25,000 if we match that amount. This is where we are asking for your prayerful support. Last week a letter was sent out sharing about the project and asking for financial support. Donations can be a one-time gift, or they can be a pledge that would be given over time. Every bit helps and is greatly appreciated. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the office and we will get you one. Gifts for the Air Conditioning / Heating Project can be placed in the offering any week or mailed to the church. Just make sure that it is clearly marked for the AC/Heat Project. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

FOOD PANTRY

At Ruhl's Church we want to help our neighbors in need. One of the ways we do that is through food ministry. In the main lobby, there is a grocery cart with a list of items each month. You are encouraged to give a food tithe. Every time you go to the grocery store, purchase one item that you will share with those in need and place it in the cart when you come to church. The items collected ultimately go to the Food Pantry in Manheim, housed at the Salem United Methodist Church. However, we will pull a few items aside as they would be useful to keep a small selection here at Ruhl's for special, emergency needs. In the Hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, there is a white book case with a selection of food items that you can take and use personally or deliver to someone you are aware of who has an immediate need. Take whatever is useful. No questions asked!

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

In May, the Manheim Central Food Pantry served 136 households for 396 individuals. **They are in need of the following items:**

Cranberry Juice
 Soup
 Spam
 Canned Chicken

Canned fruit including pears
 Cream soups (no mushroom)
 Canned ravioli

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

~ **IGNITE** – Stay tuned for next summer event. (For grades 6th through 12th.)
Visit our website to check out the weekly newsletter. <http://www.ruhlschurch.org/youth>

~ **YOUTH GROUP VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Check out Youth Group announcements each week on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjtvywgDxQo937EF0qhChEA>

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER

At Ruhl's Church, we support the work of the SVPC through our Mission Team. You can help personally. In the main lobby there is a manger to collect items used by SVPC. Anytime the Spirit moves you, purchase an item and drop it off. (All items should be new unless noted otherwise.) Items will be delivered when the manger starts to get full. Items to support this local ministry include: Baby bathtubs, Bottles, Boppy Pillows, Pacifiers, Diaper Bags, Baby Wash, High Chairs, Baby Bouncer, Teething Rings, Receiving Blankets, Burp Cloths, Wipes, Hooded Towels, Crib Sheets, Baby Lotion, Diapers, (New OR GENTLY used) Clothing in sizes preemie up to 5T.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE AT THE GROVE

CONTACT Dave Heisey at 717-665-4499

CAN'T MAKE IT SUNDAY MORNING?

We are Live streaming services here at Ruhl's. What does that mean exactly? Well that means if you are ever home sick or away on a Sunday morning, you can tune in and watch our service live from where ever you are with your cell phone, tablet, computer, or smart TV. All you need to do is go to www.youtube.com, then in the search bar type in Ruhl's Church. The first thing that will pop up is the Ruhl's Church channel. You click on that, select the live service or watch one of the previous uploaded sermons. The actual link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCixs22KP6jkwdmCXuwlwMg>

Our live services will be most 8:00am services and all the 10:30am services. We also live stream our service to the nursery and the prayer room for anyone who may need to step out of the service for a while. The live stream is deleted as soon as the service is over for copywrite issues and the Sermon part of the service will be put up on our website and YouTube channel on Monday. If you have any problems or questions, see Dustin.