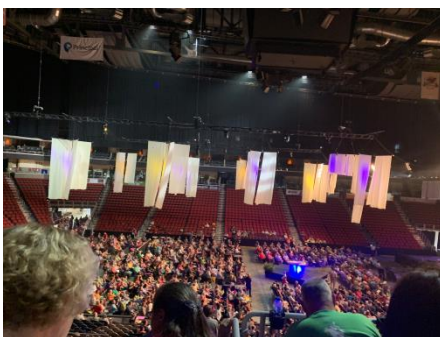




I want to thank the whole church for providing me a chance to go to our denomination's General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa last month. It was an experience of a lifetime which I will always remember. It provided me with

some rest and recreation, but also filled me up with new ideas for our congregation, filled me up with excitement of the Spirit, and gave me a chance to represent Canfield Christian in the wider Church.

While I know some of you have attended assemblies before, many of you probably don't know what this is all about. So let me tell you a bit. Every two years, members and pastors from Disciples of Christ congregations from all across the United States and Canada get together somewhere in North America for a long weekend. There are business meetings for different reports from groups within the denomination. This time, for example, we heard reports from the Division of Overseas Ministries, Disciples Women, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, and the Christian Board of Publication/Chalice Press, to name a few. Also at these business sessions we voted on several resolutions as a denomination. Some of the more notable this year included Addressing the State of Forced Global Migration, A Call to See and Respond to the Crisis of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence, Full Communion with the United Church of Canada, and Declaring that Impartially Providing for the Basic Human Needs If Others is a Virtue Consistent with Disciples Tradition, (all of which passed, by the way).



There was a large exhibit hall where different organizations, colleges, seminaries, and ministry partners had set up displays to let folks know more about what they were doing and how they could help folks in the congregations. It was like being at the fair except it was all church related.





I also had many opportunities to get together with old friends from seminary, from my former congregation, or other colleagues I haven't seen for a while. Not only did we enjoy catching up on our families and congregations, but we also got to share about the work we are doing and the different ways we have met challenges or taken advantage

of opportunities. Beyond that, it was a good chance to recognize that I am part of a very large community of ministers and lay leaders, all of us doing the same work, just in different places.



We also had big, wonderful worship services every day together with some of the best preachers in the denomination. We heard from our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, the first African-American woman to preside over a large denomination. On the last day of the convention we were



lead by Rev. Dr. William Barber II in what I have to describe as the most inspiring sermon I have ever heard in my entire life. Oh, and the music! (All of the worship services are available for streaming on the denomination's website, if you'd like to hear/see some of them for yourself.)

All combined, it made me feel like a sponge that was so entirely saturated with the Holy Spirit that I couldn't take any more. I am so eager and excited to share these things with all of you. Look for ways that we will be branching out in some new directions. Get together with me for coffee or lunch and let's talk about some of the stories and new possibilities we can be inspired by and can share to inspire others.



So, again, thank you for generously providing me a chance to go and share in this experience. It was amazingly good for me and I think it will be very good for the rest of us here, too. Hopefully we will have more of us go next year to our Regional Assembly, here in Ohio. It's like a small version of the General Assembly. Then, in two years, maybe a whole bunch of us can go down to Louisville, Kentucky for General Assembly, 2021!

--Pastor Ben

OUR CHURCH REMINDERS

ELDERS Serving in August:

- 4 Sally Ifill
- 11 Jan Pumphrey
- 18 Joyce Coy
- 25 Rodger Shuback

Coffee Fellowship – The host families for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship provide an invaluable service. Thank you, Karen Shuback, for serving as Hostess in August.



**Congratulations to Helen Bush
on her 100th Birthday
on Wednesday, August 14!**

Game Night is set for Friday, September 6, 7-9 pm. Join us for an evening of games, snacks and fellowship!

Thank you for supporting our children's efforts to help others while filling their Wagons of Hope on **Sunday, August 11.**

Your generosity makes a difference to needy families in our local area.

Thank you, Dominic Barone, for power washing our church building and sprucing up the posts some new paint. A job well done!



Celebrating the Love, Joy and Enthusiasm that shapes Canfield Christian Church

We hope you will enjoy celebrating July and August
Birthdays and Anniversaries with us on **Sunday, August 11.**

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY:

6 Amanda Mavrikis
6 Shirley Metzger
11 Maya Condori
13 Susan Smith
15 Laurie Sharp
15 Owen Jones
16 Starla Smidt
20 Joyce Coy
27 Lynne Fredo
31 Kristin Wickless

AUGUST:

4 Ashley Shuback
7 Ed Allen
13 Bob Shackelford
14 Helen Bush
15 Pat Coy
20 Donnie Dishong
22 Michael Pollock
26 Marlene Biggs
26 Diana Secaur
29 Glenn Alcott

ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY:

16 Jeff & Mary Payne
24 Rodger & Karen Shuback
25 Lou & Aimee Raymond
27 Ben & Kristin Secaur

AUGUST:

3 Rick & Susan Payton
8 Jeff & Sue Weber-Nape
20 Michael & Angel Pollock

AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

**Please remember those who are in assisted living/nursing homes with your prayers,
phone calls, and visits:**

AustinWoods: DeNise Martin

The Inn at Christine Valley: Irene Lehtonen

Shepherd of the Valley: Barbara Hepplewhite

The following individuals and families do appreciate your continued prayers on their behalf:

Helen Bush

Karen Hunt

Helen Dishong

Jeff Nape

Dorothy Rice

David Dishong

Colt Schmidt (Great Grandson of Pat Wiant)

Doug Lewis (Brother of Joyce Coy)

Roseann Lobaugh (Sister of Anita Powell)

Jack Harris (Nephew of Jerry & Dolores Hanna)

Marcellene Hawk Mayhall (Friend of Anita Powell)

Rosa and Maria Arcenio (Sisters of Trinidad)

Scott Chepke (Received a transplant)

Rhonda Jones and Perri Graf (Friends of

Melissa Miskell Tabbara (Friend of Sally Ifill)

Sally Payne)

Margrit Galano (Mother of Cindy Stackhouse)

Charlotte Knauff (Mother of Patty Parenti-Motha)

Sandra Jeffries, Lyne Ahalt and John Beales

Jennifer Cox (Daughter of Jim & Carol Swartz)

(Friends of Dorris Baringer)

Amanda Price (Daughter of Fred & Celeste)

It is important to remember our service members in your daily prayers.



A heart-felt thank you for your most generous monetary donation for the benefit of the children of the Mahoning Valley!!

We rely on the generosity of donors such as yourself, and we are grateful for your support to ensure that "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town."

Sincerely,

Sleep in Heavenly Peace - OH, Youngstown

Thank You!!



Children's Sunday Funday

Sunday, August 11, will be our first Sunday Funday for our youth and children. Milton Gonzalez, our new Children's Ministries Intern, will be here to lead kids through a children's church program downstairs during regular worship. Then, following our celebration of our July and August birthdays and anniversaries, children and youth are invited to stay for pizza, prayer, games, and singing. Adults are welcome to stay and help out, or you are free to leave your kids here and pick them back up around 1:30.

We are looking forward to hosting this event regularly on the second Sunday of each month. If you have children or grandchildren in your family or if there are kids you know who might be interested in this event, please invite them to be here each second Sunday. Additionally, please pray for the good work we are doing with our youth and children. They are not only the future of the church; they are also a very important part of the church right now.

May God bless these new efforts to serve and care for them here in this place.

August is our month to fill the pantry shelves at Protestant Family Service. Our children will bring their Wagons of Hope on Sunday, August 11 to collect your generous donations of items, which are listed below. In addition, please feel free to bring items to the church during the entire month. Of critical need are paper goods, pancake mix (just add water) and canned meat.

Please review the food pantry needed items and supports our children's mission of Hope and Kindness as you help fill their wagons to overflowing. The children's wagons will arrive, once again, to benefit others on **August 11**.

PANTRY LIST

Canned meat: tuna, Spam, Vienna sausage, ham, chicken, turkey, salmon

Vegetables: corn, green beans, peas, pork & beans, yams, spinach, potatoes, kidney beans, carrots, beets, greens

Fruit: peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, applesauce, pineapple

Soup: all kinds

Condiments: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pancake syrup, jelly, apple butter, preserves

Lunch/Dinner: potatoes, spaghetti, noodles, macaroni & cheese dinner, rice, dry beans, beef stew, chicken & dumplings

Breakfast: dry cereal (hot & cold), pancake mix, powdered milk and canned milk, grits

Other: cake mix, sugar, shortening, oil, jello, pudding, flour, salt, pepper, spices, corn meal

Personal: face soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion and sanitary napkins, dish detergent, shampoo/conditioner

Paper items: toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex

Beverages: canned/bottled juices (refrigeration not needed), concentrated juice mixes,
pre-sweetened beverage mixes (Kool-Aid, iced tea, etc.), coffee, tea bags



THANK YOU!

Mark your calendars for ---

Alice Johns Memorial Block Party



**Saturday, September 21
11 am-3 pm**

*We're looking forward to having fun
with you at the children's
and adult games,
gift basket raffle, good food
and fellowship!*



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Game Night 7-9 pm	3
4 Worship 10:30 am	5 AA Meeting 7 pm	6	7 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	8 Operation Blessing 10 am	9	10
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September 2019

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29 Worship 10:30 am Reconciliation Offerings for the Disciples	30 AA Meeting 7 pm					

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