



One of the things I enjoyed most at the General Assembly in Des Moines this year was having a chance to attend several workshops. One of them was about the importance of telling the stories of our church and our members. It not only made a lot of sense; it also inspired new ideas and ways we could grow in depth as well as number.

When folks look at a congregation's website or information flyer, they'll often find things about the history of the congregation or its building. They might find a schedule for events or group meetings. They'll see the times for worship or maybe even a place to give money. While all of that can be helpful, it really doesn't tell them what this particular congregation is like, what makes it unique or special. It doesn't tell them why people come to that church or what they might find there.

By telling our stories and sharing them with others, we can let people really know who we are. We can let them get to know us, both as individuals and as a church family. Those are the things prospective visitors want to know. Those stories will paint a much more faithful picture of just who it is that worships here and what they love about this place and its people. It lets new folk know what they can expect to find here.

A few weeks ago I announced in a sermon my intention to start doing interviews with church members. (If you weren't here for that, now you know!) We have some incredible people here. You, reading this right now, are one of them!

Each of us brings a unique insight into the nature of God and how the Lord has worked in our life's story. That's good news that others want to hear. That's the kind of thing that separated us from other groups or communities. Each of us is here for a reason, and the reason is always going to go back to some way that God has entered our lives and led us here.

Those are the same kind of stories we read in the Bible. Those are the stories that make up our church history. Those are the stories that we still have to share today. We are part of the ongoing story of Jesus Christ and people are hungry for that story.

To help you think about your story, consider these questions: What is your earliest experience you can recall where you learned something about the Lord? What stories or passages from the Bible have helped shape who you are? When was a time that you felt the presence of God most clearly? What are some of your biggest doubts or worries? What message would you most want other people to know?

Hebrews 12:1 talks about how we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those who have come before us and are all around us that have provided us with a rich story of faith. Each one of you is part of that cloud for others. Just as you have been touched and inspired by the stories of incredible people from Scripture and throughout the ages, your story can do the same for others.

Please consider these questions. Maybe write them down. Consider sharing them with others or providing them for The Clarion or the church's website. I'd love to help you with that. I want to hear your stories, and so do other people. Because your story is part of the same, ongoing story of Jesus Christ. And we love to tell that old, old story.

(In this month's newsletter, find the stories of Sarah Lue Bostick, one of the first African American women ordained to the Christian ministry, and of our own Youth Ministry Intern, Milton Gonzales.)

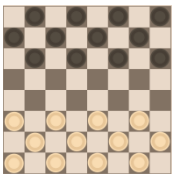
--Pastor Ben

OUR CHURCH REMINDERS

ELDERS Serving in September:

- 1 Sally Ifill
- 8 Jan Pumphrey
- 15 Joyce Coy
- 22 Rodger Shuback
- 29 Sally Ifill

Coffee Fellowship – The host families for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship provide an invaluable service. Thank you, Laurie Sharp and Pat Coy, for serving as Hostesses in September.



Unfortunately, Game Night on Friday, September 6 is cancelled. However, you are invited to join us on Friday, October 4, 7-9 pm.



Thank you for supporting our children's efforts to help others while filling their Wagons of Hope on **Sunday, October 13**. Your generosity makes a difference to needy families in our local area.

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

We hope you will enjoy celebrating September and October Birthdays and Anniversaries with us on **Sunday, October 13**.

BIRTHDAYS:

SEPTEMBER:

- 1 Robert Hedrick
- 1 Anita Powell
- 8 Matthew Secaur
- 11 Sue Weber-Nape
- 16 Leland Knauf
- 19 Tom Brown
- 19 Dylan Smidt
- 20 Dorothy Rice
- 22 Karen Heldreth
- 30 Michelle Kimble
- 30 Savannah Kimble

OCTOBER:

- 1 Kathy Renko
- 2 Jenna Ray
- 4 Braxton Smidt
- 8 Dorris Baringer
- 9 June Barnes
- 9 Rodger Shuback, Jr.
- 9 Cheryl Coy
- 10 Holly Kimble
- 21 Jeffrey Payne
- 28 Grayson Pollock
- 30 Beth Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES:

SEPTEMBER:

- 14 Steve & Theresa Brown
- 17 Robert & Brenda Hernan
- 25 Steve & Sally Ifill

OCTOBER:

- 3 Ricardo & Janeth Condori
- 4 Rev. Walter & Joyce Coy
- 5 Jerry & Dolores Hanna
- 15 Bob & Jean Shackelford
- 17 Tom & Laura Brown
- 18 Troy & Beth Johnson

Disciples Heritage Corner



Sarah Lue Bostick was among the first African American women ordained to the Christian ministry in the late 19th century. She labored as a field worker from Tennessee to Texas for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the National Christian Missionary Society. She carried on her successful work for over 40 years, until her retirement in 1938.

A devoted worker for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Sarah Lue Bostick worked tirelessly on behalf of African-American ministers and congregations. She made bonnets by hand and donated the proceeds to a host of missions.

As she worked to establish CWBM auxiliaries across Arkansas she amassed a spectacular collection of missions' literature, which, upon her death in 1948 were preserved and donated to Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Her materials open an unparalleled window into women's and African-American studies in the Stone-Campbell movement from the close of the nineteenth to the middle of the twentieth centuries.

Meet Our New Youth Ministry Intern, Milton Gonzales, Jr.



Milton is taking classes through Global University to become a Children/Youth Pastor, but he already serves the community as a custodian for the Mohawk School District, as well as a mentor and area treasurer for the Royal Rangers boys ministry.

Milton lives in Struthers where he and his high school sweetheart, Becky, raise their two children — Milton III, who is 12 years old, and Madison, age 7. The couple has been married for 18 years. Milton is very involved with his children serving on the PTA and keeping up with them as they pursue their love of dance with J and J Dance Depot.

He has already started working with our children during the Children's Church time as well as after worship for our new youth group, both part of our Sunday Funday on the second Sunday of each month. Milton is thankful to the church for letting him serve and we are thankful to have such an inspired and eager servant of the Lord to work with our children and youth.



Our first Children's Sunday Funday
was such a success!

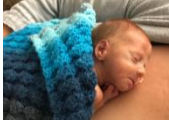
First, our children brought their Wagons of Hope to collect your generous donations for Protestant Family Service. Then, they participated in a Moment with our Children.



We extend our congratulations to



James & Susan Bowman on the birth of their first grandchild, Isaac Lane Bowman. He was born on August 20 at 8 lbs., and his parents are Lane Bowman and Cierra Coontz.



Rob & Jennifer Cox on the birth of their son Robert James Cox. He was born on August 12 at 2 lbs., 6.4 oz., and his grandparents are Robert & James Cox and Jim & Carol Swartz. He also has a brother Paxton and sister Natasha.



Talon Scott Sharp was born on Friday, August 23 at 6 lb., 13 oz. to Ashley Sharp and Brandon Gauer. He is welcomed by grandparents Jeff & Laurie Sharp, and great grandmother Pat Coy.

We congratulate Dylan & Starla Smidt on the dedication of their daughter Reagan LeAnn Smidt on Sunday, August 25!



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

Wesley Coy

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
(Friends of Dorris Baringer)

Jennifer Cox (Daughter of Jim & Carol Swartz)

Amanda Price (Daughter of Fred & Celeste)

Robby Cox (Son of Rob & Jennifer Cox)

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



Happy Birthday, Helen!

Helen Bush was honored at a special celebration was held on August 10 for her 100th birthday! Among her well-wishers were her granddaughters and other family members including Wes, Emer, Roy, Marlene, Lloyd and Dolores Hanna. Also, Lynne Fredo, Anthony and Trinidad Galizia were there to offer their best wishes.

Mayor Richard Duffet proclaimed Helen Coy Bush Day and presented her with a proclamation.



Christian Church
Thank you for the
beautiful THROW for
my 100th Birthday.
I love the picture
of the Church and
all the things that
happened in the
Year 1919.
It is precious to
me. Helen Bush





Protestant Family Service

Dedicated to Christian Love and Service

"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"
Philippians 1:6 KJV

Dear PFS Friends,

We give thanks for your generous donation to our pantry. Families depend on us for the emergency needs to help them maintain a suitable home environment.

Through your generous help, partnership, and dedication PFS is able to aid families who are having a rough time making ends meet due to temporary setbacks. Thank you so much for your contribution in helping us minister to those less fortunate in our community.

Your prayers and other means of support are genuinely appreciated. May you be blessed by the deeds you do!

Sincerely,

Jackie
Jacqueline Burley
Director

Join us for

Our Third Annual Alice Johns Memorial Block Party

Saturday, September 21
11 am-3 pm



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	5	6 Game Night 7-9 pm CANCELLED	7 Fellowship Hall reserved
8 Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday	9 Meetings: Worship Committee 6 pm General Board 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	10	11 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	12 Operation Blessing 10 am	13	14
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22 Worship 10:30 am	23 AA Meeting 7 pm	24	25 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	26	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 am Reconciliation Offerings for the Disciples	30 AA Meeting 7 pm					

October 2019

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A Very Special Event!

We are planning a special celebration of Heritage Days
with a trip to Bethany , West Virginia on Saturday,
October 19.

Look for more details in next month's Clarion!



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