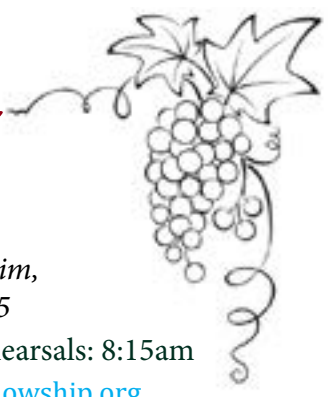


Gospel Grapevine July 2025



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Sunday Worship Service: 10am | Life Application Classes: 9am | Music Rehearsals: 8:15am

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In Our Suffering, God Gives Us Grace Through Others

shared in part by Glenn Packiam

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." - Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

Another season of crippling anxiety and insomnia has left me depleted, fearful, and falling into the mercy and strength of Jesus. Body and mind exhausted, I have nothing left at the end of the day and implore God to show up for me.

And He does.

I take comfort in the steadfastness, strength, and optimism of my husband, Eric; in my mother's care and practicality; and in the powerful scriptures prayed over me by friends who are always pointing me to God's Word and His promises. I'm carried on the faith of others while I wait for mine to be renewed. They are evidence that God has not left me alone.

God often shows up for us through the people around us.

When we wonder where God is in the middle of our hurt and suffering, here He is: in those He's placed in our lives. We find God's grace through others when we drop our guard and admit that we need help, that we can't hold it all together.

God made us to help each other (Genesis 2:18). Whether we're digging deep in the trenches or dusting off shoulders and skinned knees to try again, we get to be God's representatives when people desperately need Him.

God reaches out His arms toward us in the shape of a shoulder to cry on, a warm embrace on a lonely day, and a burst of laughter that lifts our hearts. He can even come to us in the face of a stranger who says just the right word our weary heart needs to hear. Our key verse emphasizes the importance of others in our times of hardship:

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Proverbs 17:17).

Even if you feel like you don't have a community around you, God can build one. Is there a nearby church or small group you can attend? Is there a local book club or hiking club you can join to meet others who have similar interests? You could even look at an online ministry you admire and see if there are any local chapters in your area.

God means for us to go through life in community and connection. He gives us the grace to get through our struggles as He gives us one another. When we long to feel God's presence with us in our pain, let's look around and count the good people He has given us as we journey on.

What a gift to help get us through.

Father, thank You for bringing people into my life to hold me up when I cannot do it myself. Help me receive Your strength and comfort through the people You have surrounded me with. Thank You for Your steadfast love and for never leaving me alone. I trust You in this season; help me grow in grace and strength through it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

It's been a month since I lost my best friend, Kim, to life on earth. My world seems to change, as who do I call just to talk about life, what do I do on Friday now that Kim can't do lunch with me, where do I go when Kim isn't available? Life changes, and you have to accept the change even when you are not in charge. The hurt and tears are still there, but I know God's grace will get me through this season of life! I must continue to Thank God for the time I had with Kim and memories we shared and what will God do with my life without KIM! Make sure to give a hug or say I LOVE YOU to that friend or family, You never know what might happen in your life or theirs! God is in Control and will give you the grace you need in whatever season of life you are in! Let this be a reminder, friends: God is Strong where you are weak, and He delights in helping anyone! You are never meant to carry everything on your own!



Blessing,
 Tammy Victor
 Your Leadership Team Chair

Leadership Team Meeting Thurs., July 17th, 6:30pm

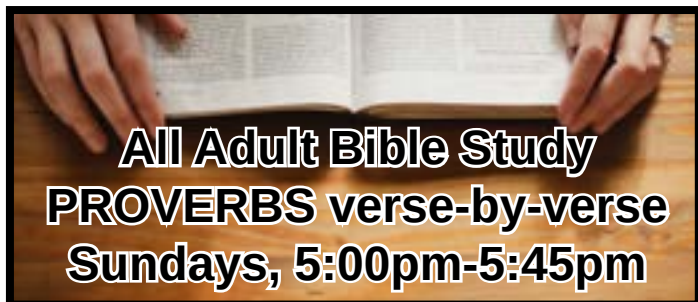
These meetings are open for any to attend who are interested in the goings-on of church ministry.



CHURCH BONFIRE
 SAT., JULY 19TH, 5:30PM
 BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS
 & A SNACK TO SHARE!

Carry-In Lunch Sun., July 20th, after worship

Please bring a dish to share and enjoy lunch together as a family of God.



Prayer Meetings Sundays, 6:00pm-6:30pm

A quiet half-hour of communal prayer.
 In-person in the church library, or through audio-only Zoom (email for link).

"Every believer was faithfully devoted to coming together regularly for...prayer" (Acts 2:42).

Men's Breakfast Sat., July 12th, 9am

Devotions & Breakfast - all welcome

COMMUNITY MEAL

Wed., July 23rd, 6pm

Serving:
 Sloppy Joes,
 Veggies &
 Chips

FREE!
 All welcome



RSVP @ www.shfellowship.org/meal

Ladies' Picnic MOVED Thurs., August 7th @ 5:30pm



I have changed the date for our ladies' supper picnic to Aug 7th @ 5:30pm.

Tammy Victor, Women's Ministries

Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team

On June 21, we had a bonfire at the pavilion in the woods. The temperature was in the 90's and the humidity was very high but we still had 10 people attend (to my surprise). We had a great time and enjoyed eating hotdogs, chips and apple dump cake (thanks Teresa).

On June 22, we had a meeting to decide on the agenda for the remainder of the year.

In July, we will be having another bonfire on the 19th and a carry-in on the 20th after service.

Blessings,
Melba Beckman Team Leader
Sally Whitmer, Cheryl Frick, Tracey Gordy

HOBBY NIGHT BREAK

We are taking the summer off and enjoying the time with our families. We will start back up again September 5th, and we will be meeting the first Friday of every month.

**Tammy Victor
Women's Ministries Leader**

Music & Worship Ministry Team

July comes with some hot temperatures, cook outs, camping and the celebration of our country on July Fourth. Although, the Music and Worship team doesn't have any special events planned for July, we are certainly looking forward to the great time of fellowship and church services.

We do have a hymn sing planned for later in the year so stay tuned for more information later on!

God Bless,
Nicole Wilkins, Team Leader
Scott Hipsher, Rick Hipsher, Martha Lou Cary, and Steve Frick

REAL SERVICES SENIOR MEAL SITE

We welcome all Seniors 60 years and better to join our program and access daily nutritional meals while increasing your socialization. (A person who is underage may attend with their age-eligible spouse present. They may not attend alone. A disabled dependent may attend with their age-eligible parent present.) Meals are prepared fresh daily in the RS Kitchen.

Shepherd's Heart is open for this service each Monday-Friday, 10:00am-1:30pm, closed for holidays.

This is a donation-based program and your donation directly impacts the number of seniors we can help. We gratefully accept whatever you can comfortably afford.

To make a reservation, please call or email our Site director, Grace Brubaker:

(574) 674-6503, osceolans@realservices.org
Reservations must be made 2 days in advance.
We look forward to serving you!

FIRST-TIME REGISTRATION:

1) Print & fill out the front & back meal sign up form online as legible and complete as possible:

www.realservices.org/meals-and-nutrition/senior-nutrition-sites/

2) Once the Nutrition Entry form is filled out, call the site director, Grace to make a reservation: (574) 674-6503, osceolans@realservices.org

3) Grace will ask when you would like to attend. You can join us as soon as 2 business days. If you speak with Grace on Monday, we can make a reservation for Wednesday, or if you speak to Grace on Friday, we can serve you on Tuesday.

4) You can bring the completed nutrition form with you, OR fill one out on-site the day of your first reservation.

5) Show up! If you need to cancel, we ask you call us as soon as possible so that we can find someone else to eat the meal, or if we have a 2-day notice, we can cancel the meal and prevent waste.









Our Site director, Grace Brubaker:
(574) 674-6503), osceolans@realservices.org

All Meals Served with Milk

Suggested Donation: \$4.25

Menus Subject To Change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	All donations directly support this program. Please donate what you can comfortably afford. Thank you	1 Hot Dog on Bun Potato Salad Succotash Pineapple Cup	2 Sloppy Joe on Bun Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	3 Cabbage Burger Casserole Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread/Marg. Spiced Peaches	4 CLOSED 	5 
6	7 Bourbon Chicken Mashed Sweet Potato Cauliflower Dinner Roll/ Marg. Cinnamon Applesauce	8 Turkey Tetrazzini Green Beans Garlic Bread Fig Newton	9 Breaded Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Stewed Tom. & Zucch. Wheat Bread/Marg. Oreo Cookie	10 Philly Cheesesteak on Bun Garlic Mashers Creamed Corn Mandarin Oranges	11 Stuffed Baked Potato w/Chz & Taco meat Broccoli Breadstick Tropical Fruit Cup	12
13 	14 Maple Pork Chops Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll/Marg. Fruit Cup	15 Chicken Salad Sliders Roasted Penne Pasta Salad Kale Salad Angel Food Cake	16 Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice Pilaf Asian Vegetable Blend Wheat Bread/Marg. Pineapple Cup	17 Chicken Penne Pasta w/Spinach Broccoli Ciabatta Roll/marg. Pear Cup	18 Country Fried Steak Garlic Mashed Pot. Cali. Blend Veg. Bread/Marg. Pudding Cup	19 
20	21 Polish Sausage w/bun Mashed Potatoes Sauerkraut Applesauce	22 Meatloaf Baby Bakers Seasoned Green Beans Peach Cup Dinner Roll/Marg.	23 Turkey Sausage Patty Scrambled Eggs English Muffin O'Brien Potatoes Banana & Yogurt	24 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Corn Wheat Bread/Marg. Pudding Cup	25 Potato Crusted Fish Mashed Potatoes Brussel's Sprouts Bread/Marg. Mandarin Oranges	26
27	28 Vegetable Soup Tuna Salad Slider Spiced Peaches Cottage Cheese	29 Lasagna Bake w/Sausage Italian Green Beans Warm Spiced Apples Garlic Bread	30 BBQ Riblet on Bun Red Skin Potatoes Spinach Fresh Orange	31 Chef Salad w/Turk.Ham Cheese and Boiled Egg Diced Tom. and Ranch Pickled Beets Club Crackers Jello	Your donation counts. Even small donations make a big difference. We provide over 160,000 meals each year to seniors.	

Wasted meals are costly. Please, if you cannot make it for any reason, please call to cancel.

BORED?



Want to give back?

We want YOU!

What?

REAL Services has a Senior Nutrition Site right here at Shepherd's Heart! Monday through Friday we serve meals to seniors on a donation basis. We need volunteers! There is a staff member at the site every day, but we rely on volunteers to assist with the everyday tasks necessary to run the site. When the staff member is ill or needs time off, we need volunteers to keep the site open if we are unable to send a staff member.

PSSSTT

Your lunch is included!

When?

This could be a daily opportunity, or just as needed. Some of our sites have folks who volunteer every day, they help the staff member with tasks like cleaning tables, doing a small amount of dishes, daily paperwork, or serving food. Sometimes volunteers only assist when the staff member is not available, essentially stepping in as a back-up to keep the site open and serving meals to our clients.

How?

The site director will train you! We value our volunteers and they are essential to our organization. We will happily train you to do whatever you are comfortable helping with.

I'm interested, now what?

We would be happy to answer any questions that you have. You can either call the number below, or stop by the nutrition site M-F 10am-1pm for more information.

Call the site director, Grace 574-674-6503

Don't have a pen and paper handy? Take a photo of this flyer with your phone!



This program is funded in part by Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Aging, under the federal Older Americans Act and Older Hoosiers Act, as well as local grants and donations.

Some Annual Conference Reflections Past and Present

by Interim Pastor Len Smith

Well, since it is July it must be time for a Church of the Brethren Annual Conference again. This year I will not be attending Annual Conference. However, since 1996 I have attended or served as a congregational delegate on 15 different occasions. I last served as a delegate in 2022. I am looking forward to attending Annual Conference in 2026 at Ft. Wayne, Indiana!

Perhaps the most famous Annual Conference to be held in Indiana was held on an Indiana farm near the intersection of U.S. 6 and Indiana 15 in Elkhart County in 1882. Apparently there were 7,000 voting members at that conference. Actions at that conference resulted in still another schism in the Brethren movement. At least one Church of the Brethren author has referred to 1880s as “The Great Divide” in the book **Planting The Faith in a New Land**.

Still another Annual Conference was held even closer to our home south of the Goshen Airport. It was held in Baintertown, Elkhart County in 1852, not far from the present River Preserve Elkhart County Park. There the Annual Conference entertained its first query on the need to establish a systematic missions program. Thousands were in attendance at that Annual Conference as well. It has been my observation and study of Annual Conferences that some have been very consequential and others only have routine business to discuss. It is interesting to point out that Conference decisions have more often resulted in schisms than in healing of divisions.

It would appear that there are at least two somewhat controversial queries for the 2025 Conference in Greensboro, NC. One query from the Mid-Atlantic district that I served in before retiring from full-time ministry in 2017, wants the conference to revisit previously approved Annual Conference statements of 1983, 2002, and 2017. Another query from the Illinois and Wisconsin District also mentions the 1983 statement on “Human Sexuality” and another paper on “Urging Forbearance” that was passed in 2008.

I am concerned that many congregations are no longer represented at Annual Conference. For example, when I read the minutes of the 2024 Annual Conference

at Grand Rapids, I discovered that only 39% of the congregations had delegates representing them at that conference! Other recent conferences have not been well represented as well. For example in 2023 the conference in Cincinnati had a representation rate of 40% and the 2022 conference at Omaha had a congregational representation rate of 36%. The last conference to have a participation rate of greater than 60% was the 2011 conference in Grand Rapids that had a congregational participation rate of 62%. I believe that this particular conference had a higher congregational participation rate due to a special response process our denomination was engaged in at that time.

What can this mean? For example if a simple majority vote is required that means that 51% or 39% would indicate that 20% of the congregations would determine a course of action. Business items that are determined to be “polity” required a 2/3 majority to pass. Thus 2/3 of 39% of the congregations would indicate that 26% of the congregations could determine a future course of action.

Could we pray for greater participation at our 2025 conference at Greensboro, NC as well as wisdom and discernment for every delegate representing their congregations?

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team

Interim Pastor Len is available by appointment every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday in July by appointment.

lensmith@tkiapps.com; 574-535-4269

Here is a preview of messages from Pastor Len:

7/6 Deut.15:10-11, 24:17-27 “Poverty”

7/13 Mark 1:21-28 “Jesus Disturbs & Disrupts”

7/20 Mark 2:1-12 “The Great Physician”

7/27 Mark 3:31-35 “Faith Defined”

Vern Beckman, Team Leader

Nicole Wilkins

Shepherding Team

We are here if anyone has a need. We have a Deacon meeting Scheduled for 7-13-2025 at Phil Carlisle’s after worship. If you have anything you would like for us to discuss please let me know so I can add it to our agenda.

Rail communion will be August 3rd, 2025.

Cindy Carlisle, Phil Carlisle, Jeff & Denise Tuholski

July Library Update

We received a new/used book for our library recently: **Help Me Trust You, Lord** by Emilie Barnes. "Is your cup, once full, now empty? Have cracks appeared in the priceless treasure that is your life?"

"Through her touching story, Emilie Barnes shares how our Savior will mend your broken heart and give you lasting peace, comfort, and strength to go on."

As we continue to highlight the DVDs located on the shelf to the left as you enter the library that were used back when we were doing Movie Nights, this month let's look at **"The Encounter"**.



Five strangers are marooned in a deserted roadside diner and encounter a man who knows all of their secrets and can fix all of their problems if they trust in him.

These DVDs have been placed in the library for anyone to take for viewing, but you do not need to check them out like a book. Just take, view, and return for others to view. You are on the honor system!

Your Librarians:
Marcia Troup & Pat Gordy

Christian Education Ministry Team

Life Application Classes

- The "Be One of Us" class is studying *Every Day Deserves a Chance* by Max Lucado.
- The "Willing Workers Class" is studying *Call Sealed with a Promise*, a Brethren Press study guide.
- The Young Adult class is studying *Genesis 1-11, Creation, Sin, & the Nature of God* by John MacArthur.
- Senior High Youth continue weekly Bible trivia and is working through "Talk Sheets" based on passages from the Gospels.
- We currently have Life Application Classes for both Lower and Upper Elementary
- Thanks to Jess Gordy, we now have a Nursery Teacher!
- We are grateful for all the teachers who are committed to preparing weekly lessons, Biblical studies, and discussions.

Video Devotion Opportunity

We still welcome volunteers to lend their voices and talents to our weekly video devotions. If you've never done one or feel uncomfortable presenting, you'll be able to take all the time you need as Jenn does a wonderful job of editing. For those who are just willing to read on camera, we can help find you content to share. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jenn Adams.

Proverbs Bible Study

Pastor Len continues his weekly Bible study of Proverbs meeting each Sunday evening from 5:00 to 5:45 in the *Be One of Us* class area. All are welcome to come any time you can make it.

We invite your input. Give us your ideas, suggestions, areas of interest, and we welcome volunteers to lead or participate.

Jeff Tuholski, Team Leader
Cheryl Hipsher, Marcia Troup, Denise Tuholski

**"SO IF THE SON SETS
YOU FREE, YOU WILL
BE FREE INDEED."
JOHN 8:36**

Missions & Evangelism Ministry Team

Paper and Hygiene Products Pantry

On Wednesday June 11th we passed out 34 bags of pantry supplies'collected numerous prayer requests and distributed flyers for our vacation bible school on June 28th.

Food table

We have a large amount of food on the table in the hallway. If you know anyone in need please feel free to take a supply to them.

Community Meals

We had a great turn out for our Haystack dinner community meal in May. In June Tammy is providing a meal of sub sandwiches, vegetables and chips.

Mission of the Month

For July and August our supported mission is EYN, the Nigerian Church of the Brethren. EYN remains vibrant and growing in the face of ongoing, deadly attacks and persecution by Boko Haram. You can support them by marking your giving envelope for EYN.

Thank you to all who support our outreach ministries!

Missions and Evangelism Ministry Team

SCHEDULES MOVED

Anyone is welcome to join us for singing, assisting, or mingling with these groups.

Elkhart Place Worship

Thurs., July 17th - 2pm

(NOW the 3rd Thursday of each month)

2024 Co Rd 24, Elkhart, IN 46517

Milton Adult Day Services Worship

Thurs., July 24th - 1:30pm

(NOW the 4th Thursday of each month)

111 Sunnybrook Ct, South Bend, IN 46637

Paper & Hygiene Products Pantry



OPENS AGAIN

Wed., July 9th, 6-7pm

**Volunteers to pray & pass out bags -
join us at 5:30pm**

ALL donations appreciated:

**Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex,
bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, windex,
laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner**

St. Margaret's House

We are currently accepting women's and children's new and lightly used clothing that is in season. Please limit the amount of items you bring as we have very limited storage space.

PLEASE take time to ensure that all donated items are in good shape: clean with no stains or tears and all zippers working/buttons in place. ***Thank you for helping us to serve our guests with dignity and respect!***

WE REALLY NEED:

Clothing

- comfortable clothing for women and children
- casual pants: leggings, shorts
- rain gear: ponchos and umbrellas
- brimmed hats, sunglasses
- shoes: athletic shoes, sandals

Please: no "professional" clothing or high-heeled shoes

Household items

- electric fans
- linens: bath towels, sheets (please mark size, if possible)
- kitchen utensils/silverware
- pots, pans, dishes

Toiletries

- diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 2T-5T)
- baby wipes
- sanitary pads (light, medium, heavy)
- shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash (both large and small)
- deodorant

Hands of the King - "LOVE"

Love the Lord Your God (Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, and Luke 10:27), ***Love your neighbor*** (Matthew 22:39). ***Love your brothers and sisters in Christ*** (1 John 4:20-21). ***Husbands, Love your wives.*** (Ephesians 5:25) ***Love your enemies*** (Matthew 5:43-48), ***Love one another*** (John 13:34). The short list does not come from the question, "whom does God command we love?" but rather, "whom does God command we hate?"

A lesson I am learning from the experience of loving others these days is enduring through love that is challenged, exhausted, called upon, demanded of, rejected, and ignored. Love without gratuity, love without gain. Love that takes and keeps taking. Love without favor, convenience, reciprocation, or even gratitude. This is hard - *so hard* - and the limits to our human love glares back at us in the mirror. In Luke 6:32-36, Jesus hammers this further: ***"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*** In regards to loving the worst of people with nothing to gain, Christ tells us to ***"be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect,"*** and we will spend our lifetime trying to do this better (Matthew 5:48). If that's how we love our enemies, why would we do less for our neighbors?

How glad I am Jesus did not put conditions on His love. For all the ways we would have not returned it, earned it, or deserved it - He still comes anyway. He waits anyway. He forgives when we finally mean our apology. And He gives His love, time, patience, and presence away - anyway. Freely. Willingly. He tells us to be "perfect" because He makes a point - *we* cannot, and we have to have God's help to try. To press on. It is His love that moves through us to love others.

We have to help in a loving way, but while love cannot be *received* if it is not *given*, love can also not be *given* if it is not *accepted*. It can be demonstrated, but it is not a kindness that penetrates the heart without willingness. So like Jesus, we try. And we offer. And we show up consistently - and we ask God for strength and the wisdom to learn *how* to love. Not whom.

How do we show our love - the new question. We are seeking more than to "help" our neighbors, instead to *love* them. I had one beg, heartbreakingly, *"please don't give up on me!"* I wasn't, and I assured them. But isn't that the fear that plagues our world today? Isn't that exactly what people are made to believe, from one experience to another - that we must fight for the honor of being loved, of being seen, heard, and cared about? We must earn it, beg for it? The devil presses us to believe our value only comes from what we can give, is only worthy if we have the right temperament, or if we are pleasant, beautiful, unscarred, and healthy. Society has placed a value on each life measured by usefulness and compliance but our God placed a value on life simply because it *exists*. We are made in the image of I AM and are given the same vocabulary. We are all many things but ultimately we just *are*. *I am*. And that's enough. There is plenty of cruelty and condition that comes from everything else around us. Let us not let The Church be one of conditions that must be reached, games that must be played, expectations that must be met; but rather one of outpouring love - a sacrifice of *ourselves* - just as Christ demonstrated and *still* puts on the table. Pat Benatar was not far off - Love is a spiritual battlefield. None of this is about what they bring. We love them because *they are*. And we pursue that in God's wisdom.

Please pray for our morale. It hurts when we cannot help. It hurts when the love is unreciprocated. It is not a "safe" space, but it is a secure calling from God and He will not leave us alone in the journey.

-Jenn Adams

Here are some of the ways the HotK ministry impacted our neighbors in June:

We assisted in mowing lawns & making minor home repairs.



We visited homes and hospitals for support of varying situations.

We packed and organized moving boxes as well as secured a storage unit and supplied a moving truck for an elderly neighbor.

We replaced some kitchen & home supplies.
We bought & replaced two car tires for a new friend.

We continue to show up often for the emotional and spiritual support for several of our elderly neighbors.

We continue growing connections with the lonely and lost who are going through hard times right now.

Please PRAY for:

Courage, security, peace, comfort, healing and hope in the body, soul, & mind, and Christ-following friends to come alongside.

If you would like to be a friend to our neighbors and aren't sure where to start, please reach out to someone on our committee. It would help us tremendously to know you are willing to be called on. God's work needs all kinds of gifts, talents, & skills. If you *have* a neighbor in need and desire assistance, our committee is committed to helping you with resources and can walk alongside you as you walk alongside them.

We also accept monetary donations anytime to further this Kingdom work - you can drop an envelope in the offering plate on any Sunday marked for "Hands of the King" or mail a check to the church. Our ministry is entirely donation-based and is used exclusively for these needs outside the congregation.

Thanks & Blessings,
Hands of the King Committee:
Brent Zumbrun, Jenn Adams, Jess Gordy, Katie Hipsher

**START PLANNING for our annual
Cookie walk & Craft Sale 2025
Sat., Dec 6th from 9am-12pm**

Asking each member to supply 4-dozen cookies or as much as you can. We would love if you have anything else you would like to donate: crafts, baked goods, treats, snacks, etc.

Set up will be on Friday, Dec 5th but will be in the afternoon after the Real Services luncheon on that Friday.

Raised funds will go to Paper pantry, community meal, Hands of the King and St. Margaret's House. Any questions, please reach out to Cindy Carlisle.



Everence Update

80 years of impact, 80 acts of service

"2025 marks 80 years of Everence, and to celebrate, we've embarked on a company-wide initiative to take part in 80 acts of service throughout the year.

"With some 400 employees spread out across the United States, this initiative aims to give back to our communities and reflect our ongoing commitment to support our neighbors.

"Everence employees across the country have volunteered at local nonprofits such as Mennonite Central Committee, Habitat for Humanity, food pantries, schools, retirement communities and other outreach ministers. "We invite you to celebrate with us by completing your own service work!"

Also, in celebration of 80 years, Everence has "unveiled a refocused mission statement that strengthens our commitment to Christian Anabaptist values while guiding future growth and impact."

Our Mission: Together we empower financial well-being for faith-inspired living.

From Everyday Stewardship, Spring 2025

Marcia Troup
Stewardship Advocate



July's **Worship Service** *Ministry Volunteers*



Children's Life Application Class Teacher Schedule

Early Elementary (4yrs-pre-K)- Cheryl Frick
Elementary (K-5th grade) - Denise Tuholski
Youth Leader (6th grade-1st year college) - Jeff Tuholski
Attendance Schedule - Sally Whitmer

Prelude/Offertory

7/6 Teresa
7/13 Teresa
7/20 Cindy
7/27 Martha Lou

Praise Team

7/6 Rick, Dawn, Marcia
7/13 Rick, Sue, Darrel
7/20 Rick, Marcia, Darrel
7/27 Steve, Sue, Dawn

Welcome Center

7/6 BZ
7/13 Denise
7/20 Sally
7/27 Jeff

Projector

7/6 Nicole
7/13 Katie
7/20 Nicole
7/27 Marcia

Praise Prayer

7/6 Marcia
7/13 Jeff
7/20 Steve
7/27 Jeff

Stewardship

7/6 Ron & Donna - Ed
7/13 Ed & Fred -
7/20 Ed & Fred - Cindy C
7/27 Fred & Sally - Marcia

Livestream

7/6 Brian
7/13 Scott
7/20 Jayden
7/27 Jensen

Worship Leader

7/6 Cindy
7/13 Denise
7/20 Steve
7/27 Denise

Nursery

7/6 Sally
7/13 Jess
7/20 Denise
7/27 Cheryl

Sound

7/6 Jensen
7/13 Ron W.
7/20 Ron H.
7/27 Ron W.

Greeter - Door A

7/6 Vern
7/13 Melba
7/20 Fred
7/27 Vern

Bible Fun Day

7/6
7/13 Marcia
7/20 Katie
7/27 Melba

Chorister

7/6 Steve
7/13 Rick
7/20 Steve
7/27 Steve





Greeter - Door B

7/6 Melba
7/13 Vern
7/20 Sally
7/27 Melba

Message

7/6 Len Smith
7/13 Len Smith
7/20 Len Smith
7/27 Len Smith

2025**JULY****please pray for the names in italics*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
	9am - 12pm Hannah in office	9am - 12pm Hannah in office	9am - 12pm Hannah in office			
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
5-5:45pm Bible Study 6-6:30pm Prayer Meeting		Jim Schmucker	Austin Schmucker	Shaun Hipsher	Carissa Hipsher	Clara Hipsher
						
			6-7pm Paper Pantry			9am Men's Breakfast
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Elhan Hipsher	Sue Ann Miller	Peggy Miller	Jenn Adams	Ron Whittaker	Cindy Whittaker	Virgil Gingerich
12pm Deacon Meeting @ Cindy Carlisle's Home 5-5:45pm Bible Study 6-6:30pm Prayer Meeting				2pm Elkhart Place Worship 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting		5:30pm Church Bonfire
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Linda Gingerich	Darrel Hipsher	Cheryl Hipsher	Jason Hipsher	Jeff Tuholski	Denise Tuholski	Mark Messick
Carry-In Lunch after worship 5-5:45pm Bible Study 6-6:30pm Prayer Meeting				1:30pm Milton Adult Day Services Worship		
			6pm Community Meal Serving: Sloppy Joes & Chips			
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
Brent Freel	Jennifer Freel	Bryce Freel	Laura Freel	Lilith Freel	Branden Freel	Hannah Freel
5-5:45pm Bible Study 6-6:30pm Prayer Meeting						
Daisy Freel	Tracey Gordy	Jess Gordy	Alex Gordy	Jase Gordy		
						Interim Pastor Len Smith is available upon request on any Friday, Saturday, or Sundays in July. Please call or text him to set up a time and place. Cell Number: (574) 535-4269// Email: lensmith@tkiapps.com