

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

We are excited for Brock and Tacha and their family as Brock transitions to a new ministry position at New Hope Community Church here in Bryan. The plan is for Brock to be on staff for about two years and then be involved in a new church plant. Please pray for their time of transition and that God will continue to use Brock and his family in powerful ways.

With times of transition, come new opportunities. Pray that we will be wise before the Lord in these times of transition, faithful and effective in the ministry to which God has called us.

Keeping Up with the Joneses: Neighbors of Lottery Winners Are More Likely to Go Bankrupt

As if you needed proof that trying to

keep up with the Joneses isn't a good idea, here it is: Close neighbors of lottery winners in Canada tended to spend more on conspicuous goods, put more money into speculative investments such as stocks, borrow more money—and eventually declare bankruptcy.

An earlier version of their paper got a flurry of **publicity** in 2016 by presenting evidence from bankruptcy filings that neighbors were trying to keep up with the lottery winner in their midst. A telltale sign was that they raised spending on things that everyone in the neighborhood could see, such as cars, but not

on indoor items like furniture.

The new version adds some important insights, co-author Mikhed explained in an email. One is that neighbors who filed for bankruptcy tended to have more of their assets in high-risk investments such as stocks vs. low-risk ones like insurance and cash. That's consistent with the theory that they were hoping to make a killing in the market and even things up with the lottery winner. Another new finding: Neighbors of lottery winners tended to borrow more, compared with Canadians who weren't neighbors of lottery winners.

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Just another news story that confirms God's wisdom and counsel in regard to our personal finances.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavely



Serving in July

Greeters:

7—Vincent & Nola Girardot
14—Todd & Teresa Gambler
21—Scott Bard
28—Toby & Jane Runyan

Communion Ministry:

7—Adam Perry
14—Bob & Mary Lloyd
21—Dave & Melissa Beerbower
28—Dean & Sue Smethurst

Prayer Warriors:

MaKenzie Manges & Sherry Trubey

Elder Schedule:

7—Dave Cunningham
14—Larry Snavely
21—Dave Beerbower
28—Dave Cunningham



If you weren't able to be in a worship service on Sunday, July 23, check with the office to get a copy of your care group. The active congregation has been divided into 8 groups to help everybody get to know each other and promote community.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Kaleb Hartman, Cindy Karnes
3 Marcia Gambler
5 Joan Brown, Jerry Hug
6 John Leppelmeier
7 Khloe Hartman, Kolden Kuzmaul, Leona Puff
9 Megan Rendleman, Ron Walker
10 Madelon Salisbury
12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuzmaul, Adam Perry
14 Carson Strouse
21 Regina Kidd
25 Bettie Finken
26 Chris Gotshall

28 LuAnn Jerger, Justin McNamara
29 Scott Bard
31 Chris Trubey, Becky Wuebben



13 Ron & Ellen Walker (34)
19 Terence & Beth Clingaman (5)
20 Dan & Deb Nixon (34)
21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (62), Dick & Theresa Kuzmaul (35)
25 Henry & Regina Kidd (55), Troy & Trisha Hug (4)

28 Gene & Ruth Ordway (51)
29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (47)
30 Gary & Teresa Brown (31)

Shoebox Item of the Month

During the months of July and August, we will be collecting school supplies: crayons (24 pack), colored pencils, washable markers, composition books or notebooks, erasers (large pink), pencil sharpeners, rulers, glue sticks, and scissors (pointed nose). #2 lead pencils are NOT NEEDED.

Ohio "Tax Free" weekend is August 2-4. See the samples and countdown in the foyer. Please check the sign in the foyer for updated numbers needed for these items. Please note that we no longer need soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, stuffed animals or #2 pencils. We do still need hairbrushes and combs. No time to shop? Ask about our shopper option!

Family News

Congratulations!

The church family celebrates with Ashley Baines and Cody Grimm on their marriage 6/22.





Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to the following fami-

lies:

- ♥ Dean & Sue Smethurst and family of the death of Dean's mother, Nettie Smethurst.
- ♥ Esther Rosendaul and family on the death of her son, Michael Rosendaul.
- ♥ The family of Marzee Cooley.

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Church Of- fices Closed  HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!	5	6
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	8	9	10	11 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	12	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:40 Board Meeting	15	16 12:45 Visita- tion Ministry	17	18 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	19	20
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	22 7:00 Operation Christmas Child & Amani Chil- dren's Choir	23 11:45 Lunch Bunch	24	25 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	26	27
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Summer Break VBS @ Wesley UMC— 6:00-8:30 PM</p> </div>						
28 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	29	30	31	 <p>God bless A M E R I C A ...land that I love.</p>		



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Love All, Worship One,
Make Disciples



Connect with us!

Office Hours: Monday-
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

June 2	
Attendance SS 30	Worship 39/101
Offering	\$5,805.39
June 9	
Attendance SS 28	Worship 58/89
Offering	\$4,070.00
June 16	
Attendance SS 24	Worship 54/92
Offering	\$5,631.00
June 23	
Attendance SS 22	Worship 43/105
Offering	\$
Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

Love All

Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb
Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs
(Germany), Katie Sparks (TX),
Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-
Dickinson, Nathan Bailey,
Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent,
Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie
Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell,
Adam Farger, Carrie H., Molly
Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees,
Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron
Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary
Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Steve
Ringer, Kathy Rittenhouse,
Bob & Sue Secoy, Elizabeth

Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle
Snavelly, Bernice Speiser, Ron
Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy
Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Linda
Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew
Wayman, Al West. *Other
Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis,
Brianna Pitts-Hill, Trevor Bai-
ley, Dale & Leona Puff, Neigh-
borhood, Arlene Boyer, Dale
Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul
Newcomb, Asher Cravens,
Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf,
Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers,
Keller Gardner, Gene Nash,
Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy,
Kim Beek, Shirley Bard, Josh-
ua Taylor, Keely Strouse, Joy

Reidt, Ken Idle, Bobby
Woodart, Carson Strouse, An-
nie Engel, Gene Crawford,
youth ministry; *Shut Ins:*
Genesis: Gloria Wright;
Home: Linda Lewis, Lena
Luke; Ottawa Riverview:
Barbara Hake.





Upcoming Events:

August 25—All Church Picnic at the Jay-
cee Pavilion. Meat & drinks will be provid-
ed.



Operation Christmas Child & Amani Children's Choir

Monday, July 22, 7:00 PM @ McCord Road Chris-
tian Church, 4765 McCord Rd., Sylvania

After the Amani Children's Choir (comprised of
children from Africa), Alex Nsengimana will
speak. Alex is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide
and will share his powerful life story. He will also
share his story of receiving an OCC shoebox gift
and how it sowed seeds of hope and love that he
desperately needed. Come find out more about
how God protected and intervened in his life.

Faith

When the clouds roll back after the storm,
the birds come out each one from its hiding
place; but in the eye of the storm, the dark-
est part, the loudest thunder, the cruelest
pain, I must remember they will sing again.

