

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Dr. Rubel Shelly, PhD and Bob Russell have been close friends for many years.

Sadly, Rubel notified me this past week that Myra's health was failing.

*"A personal note, if I may, Bob. My wife is under hospice care with just a short time to live. Aggressive cancer that she has fought for three years has invaded her brain and lungs. She told her oncologist she was 'tired' and wanted no more treatment. She teases me: 'Now don't you be mad at me if I get to see Jesus before you do!'"*

*November would have been 60 years married to this Godly lady. Her request to family and friends: 'Don't pray for a miracle of healing but for a dignified exit.' If you can think to include that in your*

*prayers over the next few days, I would appreciate it. The hospice nurse thinks we are down to a limited number of days.*

*In the old movies, it was a great moment when a girl let a boy walk her home. And I'm walking my girlfriend home!"*

What a moving, Godly way to approach the final days of life. No bitterness, no straining for last-minute heroic measures to prolong life. Just a calm acceptance of the reality of death and a genuine confidence in the hope of heaven by Myra:



***"Don't pray for a miracle of***

***healing but for a dignified exit."***

And Rubel's perspective stirs the heart:

***"I'm walking my girlfriend home."***

The rest of us could learn from Rubel and Myra's inspirational example. When we sense our final days approaching, let us also give a resounding testimony of our faith in the promise of Jesus, *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die..."* (John 11:25). Let us proclaim with the Apostle Paul, *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain"* (Philippians 1:21). Let us demonstrate in dying what we

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have proclaimed in living – we are almost home!

*"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the*

## Serving in September

### Deaconesses:

Brienne Hetrick & Teresa Gambler

### Elder Schedule:

3—Larry Snavelly  
10—Doug Haase  
17—Dave Beerbower  
24—Jim McPeak

### Nursery:

3—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—?;  
2nd—Kim Snavelly & Teresa Gambler  
10—1st—Doug & Vickie Grimm;  
SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm; 2nd—Adam & Sarah Perry  
17—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—Eric & Angie Murphy; 2nd—Barry & Kelly Von Deylen  
24—8:00—Deb Rhodes; SS—Shaun & Jessica Arend; 2nd—Sharon

Blinzler

### Children's Church:

3—  
10—  
17—  
24—

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Gene Johns, Matt Nixon, Lydia Rogers  
3 Sharon Beerbower, Mick McElfresh  
4 Terence Clingaman  
5 Alec Blinzler  
6 Stacie Beerbower  
7 Carter Dominique, Emily Hetrick  
9 Drew Grimm  
11 Gil Cramer  
12 Sabrina Ramey

13 Char Brandt  
14 Charlie Clingaman  
16 Sandy Partee  
18 Lola Beerbower  
20 Evelyn Murphy  
22 Claire Clingaman, Margie Olds  
23 Pat McPeak  
27 Brian Tonneas  
30 Evelyn Deetz, Brigitte Kuszmaul



7 Gil & Carole Cramer (55)  
11 Dan & Margie Olds (36)  
15 Todd & Teresa Gambler (33), Mick & Sue McElfresh (11)  
24 Eric & Angie Murphy (29)  
27 Ryan & Stacie Beerbower (9)



## Family News

### SYMPATHY

**The church family extends her sympathy to Doug & Heidi Schimmoeller & family on the passing of Heidi's father, Herb Spangler.**

**Seeking God's Perspective  
In Christian prayer we seek to orient ourselves to the divine**

**picture of the world. We seek God's perspective to see ourselves, our problems, our possibilities, our sufferings and our dreams through the eyes of Christ.**

**—Maxie Dunnam**

**Attention Senior Saints:**

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 9/26 at The Barn (Archbold) 11:45 AM. Please meet there.

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>4</b> Church Offices Closed 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:15 Supper 6:15 MOPS 6:15 Youth Groups 6:15 Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>
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Office Hours: Monday—  
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00  
PM

## Facts & Figures

August 6	
Attendance SS	Worship 47/81
Offering	\$3,316.16
August 13	
Attendance SS	Worship 47/82
Offering	\$4,298.16
August 20	
Attendance SS	Worship 44/120
Offering	\$363.61
August 27	
Attendance SS	Worship /
Offering	\$
Needed for Budget	\$5,020.19

## Love All

### *Our Service Personnel:*

*Austin Brandeberry (GA), Lindsey Carter (FL), Patrick Rendleman (GA), Josh Severs (AL), Braxton Singer (NC), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (CO).*

*Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Jim Henson, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Annette Snavelly, Lyle Snavelly, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton,*

*Drew Wayman, Raegan Wonderly. Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, Gene Crawford, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Gene Johns, Nehemiah Haase, Raymond Folk, Randy Fisher, Braxton & Trish Snavelly, Annie Engel, Jason Gregg, Henry Kidd, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Toby Runyan, Joanne Allison, Martha Hardy, Dave Stutzman; Shut Ins: Bryan*

*Healthcare: Esther Rosendaul; Fairlawn Haven: John Altman; Fountain Park: Esther Krill; Hillside: Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; Home: Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner*





And let the peace of God  
rule in your hearts,  
to the which also ye  
are called in one body;  
and be ye thankful.  
**Colossians 3:15**

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*righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:6-8).*

Destined to win,  
Larry

Bryan Area Christian Prayer Breakfast

**This year's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled** for Tuesday, September 26th at Wesley United Methodist Church. Continental breakfast will be served 8:30-9:30 AM, followed by the program at 10:00. Carol Kurivial and Kristen Hug will present the music and program. **“We are in this struggle together”**—Philippians 1:30 **“Engage in the struggle.”** Ticket cost \$8. See Carole Cramer or JoNell Gotshall for tickets. Or call 614-848-5986.

