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## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **NEWSLETTER**



#### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:**

This church is very active in mission and ministry. We are a vital church, which is reflected in the many things that go on around the building and with the congregation. The Leadership Committee is gearing up and will be looking for people who are interested in using their gifts to serve the church. Just as the committee gives much thought to who we will approach, we hope you will prayerfully consider being a larger part of the mission of this church if you are asked to be a part of the leadership.

Please use the bulletin insert to suggest members whose gifts and talents match the needs of the church. Specifically, we seek three new Session members (for a three year term), three members to serve as Deacons (for a three year term) and one Deacon to serve as a two year term, one Junior Deacon, one APC Foundation member, and two at-large members of the congregation to serve on the 2022 Leadership Development Committee.

For more information or to personally suggest potential leaders, contact any of this year's Leadership Development Committee: Peggy Jones, Jim Nixon, Barb Morrow and Marjorie Reinsch.



FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters – We are living in the midst of some difficult days. We’re assailed by bad news from all over the world and our own country. Closer to home, the last month has been challenging for the congregation. Our minds jump to the passing of Linda and Don – we miss them and continue to hold their family in our prayers. Additionally, others have experienced severe illnesses, major operations, and life-altering situations. Thomas Paine’s words were written about war but they apply here... “These are the times that try our souls.”

I am fortunate to be able to walk along with people as they go through these difficult personal challenges. It is an honor to join them in these times and offer what support I can, but I am also able to see what really makes a difference during hard times. What really matters are all those other resources. Specifically, you. You are the one who eases the pain of grief and physical illness.

Without fail, people who have gone through hard times tell me how important it was to them to know they were thought of, prayed for, and loved. Caught up in our troubles, we often feel alone and forsaken, but a loving community of faith won’t let us feel that way. Our mutual support is one way the church can model God’s Kingdom to the world. Those relationships demonstrate the triumph of love over self-interest.

Our help to others differs according to the situation and need. The book of James is full of directions about how we can faithfully care for each other. Our relationships allow us to determine how best to help, how involved we should be, and what help is appropriate. A phone call or card can be invaluable.

We grow when we offer help and we learn humility and vulnerability when we ask for and accept that help. Going through difficult times enables us to learn the importance of our relationships and our need for other people. We cannot do it alone and need each other. These relationships make life all the richer and provide a foundation for moving ahead.

I am pleased to see how this church comes together to comfort each other. Recently, we have been called upon to be friends and supports to those in need. We have given of our time and talents to care for others. Well done and keep it up! Living this way is our testimony to the world that there is a different way to be.

Shalom, David



**Presbyterian Women's Circle will start up again beginning in September. The first meeting will be THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY) AT 10:30 A.M.** Our first lesson will be from Lesson 3 - "Women's Lament" coming from the Study Guide: PW Horizon's Bible Study "Into the Light - Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament". The Scripture reading will be Jeremiah 9:17-21; and Matthew 2:16-18. All women are invited to attend. NOTE: Program directories are available in the church office.

PW PARTICIPATING IN THE "FAITH IN ACTION" PROGRAM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. All women are invited to join us for lunch with Sunny Meadows Residence on Saturday, September. The PW will be providing lunch and will be eating with the residence. It would be nice to have a lot of members eating and visiting with the residence. Please call Cheryl John (260-908-2109) or Melinda Smith (925-4730) to let them know you would like to join them for the meal.

Dear Auburn Presbyterian Church,

The family of Linda Pulver-Jackson would like to express their appreciation for everyone involved in the luncheon held after Linda's funeral service. You had so little time to pull this together and what a job you did! We were amazed at the amount of food that was prepared and there was such a variety of dishes. Serving "Marion's Meat Loaf" was a special touch that we know Linda would have liked! Again we sincerely "Thank you!"



The Family of Linda Pulver-Jackson



Please contact [NaomiCDeBaillie@aol.com](mailto:NaomiCDeBaillie@aol.com) or 1-260-749-5637, if you are interested in ringing hand chimes through the school year season. No musical skills are required to ring the hand chimes. You will learn the musical language as you ring. Ideal number of ringers is 8-9 for two octaves or 11 -12 for three octaves. To date there have been two volunteers. If you like to hear the hand chimes, please volunteer to become a ringer. Last year the rehearsals were immediately following the worship service.

## **THE GATHERING**

Greetings, brothers, and sisters!

This August and September are busy months for The Gathering. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, we hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Christian Night concert at the DeKalb Outdoor Theater. We are happy to do this as a thank you and to bring together our community of faith here in DeKalb County. If you were able to attend, thank you for your love and support! We also look forward to working with you and fellowship this next month for the area's annual Faith in Action day between several local churches.

Speaking of working together, The Gathering, once again, has a beautiful, tremendous challenge. We are wildly successful with area youth. So much so that we need even more in the areas of transportation and volunteers. We currently have approximately 20 youth (6th-12th grade) who attend the youth group on Wednesday evening. We have that and maybe double of elementary-age students that would like the same opportunity; meaning we have 40+ youth that need transportation, and we, having a safety policy that requires us to have 1 adult present for every 5 youth, need volunteers to love these kiddos while they are with us.

If you can help out in any way, whether that be cooking, cleaning, or working with the kids, please reach out to Nicki at [nicki@thegatheringauburn.org](mailto:nicki@thegatheringauburn.org) or at (260)203-1536. Also, we covet your prayer for our youth, our programs, and the families and lives we touch.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### ACD PARKING FUND-RAISER:

Building & Grounds is asking for volunteers to help park cars in our parking lot over the ACD Festival Downtown Cruise-in and Concert event on **Friday, September 3**. This popular event draws lots of people to the downtown area. We only have three 2-hour slots left to fill. They are as follows:

- 2-4 p.m. (one person)
- 4-6 p.m. (two people)

If you can volunteer 2 hours of your time for this fund-raiser we would greatly appreciate it. Please call Jan Nagel (249-4201) or the church office (925-2987) asap.  
Thank you!

### SELLING CHILDREN'S CHAIRS:

Building & Grounds have decided to sell the small children's chairs that were used when we still had the daycare/preschool here. The plastic chairs are \$5 each and the wooden chairs are \$10 each. Contact Jan Nagel or anyone on the committee or the church office if you are interested.

### FAIR PARKING - B & G COMMITTEE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS:

The Building & Grounds Team will be raising money during the week of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair by collecting donations to park. We rely on volunteers to park the cars and accept donations. Please call the church office if you can arrange your schedule to help out during one of the following days. (On Friday and Saturday we need several volunteers to fill the three hour shifts.) **Also, if you would like to reserve a parking place for the week you may do so by calling the church office at 925-2987. The cost is \$30 for the week.**



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| Monday, September 27:    | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.                                |
| Tuesday, September 28:   | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.                                |
| Wednesday, September 29: | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.                                |
| Thursday, September 30:  | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.                                |
| Friday, October 1:       | 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. (three hour shifts) |
| Saturday, October 2:     | 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. (three hour shifts) |

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS:**

Due to COVID-19 and the numbers going up again, the plan is to continue to meet in the Biblical Garden as long as the weather is permitting. We will keep you posted as needed.

As announced during a recent Minute for Mission, members and friends of Auburn Presbyterian Church can donate to the cost of the *Glory to God* hymnal. Each hymnal costs \$20.00

Checks written to Auburn Presbyterian Church in \$20.00 or multiples of that amount should indicate Hymnal in the Memo line. Bookplates for the hymnal will be created indicating your generous donation. Please include the form below with your check.

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***Glory to God Hymnal***

Number of copies \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one of the options below:

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Given in loving memory of:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(By)Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ***In honor of:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(By)Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Presented by:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ***To the Glory of God:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

For online donations please submit the form by mail to the attention of: Worship and Music Committee, Auburn Presbyterian Church, PO Box 448, Auburn, Indiana 46706.

Sample Bookplate (not actual size)



This hymnal given in loving  
memory of

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith

By

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith

***FLOWERS FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES . . .***

A tribute of fresh flowers for special people as memorials or celebration is a continuing tradition, and further acknowledges the glory of God in our worship experience at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. You can

participate by choosing any of the following Sunday morning dates by filling out this form and dropping it off in the offering plate or the church office.

Flowers will be delivered each week from the Sprinkling Can Florists beginning the first Sunday in September and continuing through the end of the year. You will be billed directly by the church. The total cost is \$30.00 for two vases of flowers. If you choose to take your flowers home you may take the green plastic liner with you, however PLEASE return the liner as soon as possible because they are used by the sprinkling can each week when they deliver new flowers. If you want to borrow a glass vase the deacons have provided vases for you to use and return when you are finished with them. If you do not want to take your flowers home tell the head usher and a deacon will then take the flowers to a nursing home or shut-in.

Please indicate on this form, your name, the person/s to be honored, and any words of tribute, such as in memory of, celebrating a birthday or anniversary etc.

**AVAILABLE DATES FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021:**

**September & October: no dates available**

**November: 14, 28**

**December: 12, 26**

**You may either mail this form to the church, place this form in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or bring to the church office.**



**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE(s) CHOSEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSON(S) TO BE HONORED AND WORDS OF TRIBUTE:** *For example: The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_ by Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_.*

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