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*August*

## **NEWSLETTER 2021**



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARCUS...

Marcus Smith earned Eagle Scout Rank for Boy Scout Troop 169  
Here he is with Scoutmaster Tom Bassett

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your prayers  
and cards I received during my illness. I'm  
hoping to be able to return to church soon.  
~ Beth Shepherd

*Thank  
You*

Brothers and Sisters:

As I sit down to write this I am drawn to a story about Jesus in chapter 4 of Matthew's gospel.

*Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" <sup>26</sup> He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.*

A popular phrase lately is "the new normal", but it seems like just when I get used to one normal there's a new "new normal". One person in the congregation told me that they felt like a ship at sea without a rudder—at the mercy of the wind and waves. That makes sense to me because I feel really tossed around by so much that's out of my control. Everything seems to be changing.

I know I have written about change before and it now occurs to me that there is no "new normal". None of what we are experiencing from global pandemic to racial upheaval is normal. Moreover, the 24 hour news cycle provides a constant diet of sensationalism and exaggeration. We are in the midst of a culture that seems to have no space to breathe as we move from one crisis to another. Don't you feel at the mercy of the wind and waves?

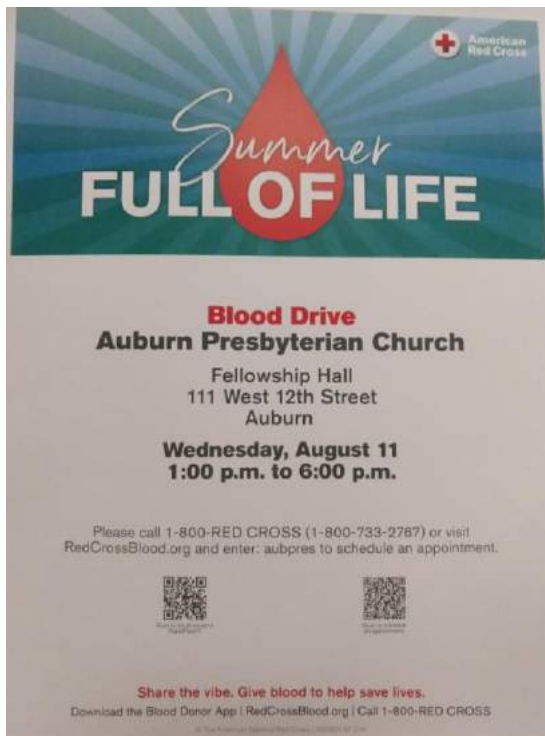
Matthew's Jesus asks, why are you so afraid? Is it the unpredictability of things and our loss of control that inspires fear? Or is it the fact that we don't have an accurate map for how to move through these days and we feel lost? All of these questions imply that we can have some sort of control over the world—that we can predict, control or direct things. The truth is that we never had that power and only fooled ourselves thinking we did.

This is a scary conclusion. We don't have control and never did, but that conclusion only echoes our faith. We believe God is a sovereign God, creator and controller of the wind, the waves, and everything under heaven. It is not in human ability to control, manipulate, and direct the world. We are only passengers in the boat, helper bees for God's great mission in the world. Trust that God's purpose is being worked out.

Love one another. Care and comfort one another...even the least of these. This old commandment needs to be the new normal. That is our job in the midst of the storm. God will provide a direction and bring the calm.

Shalom, Pastor David





Auburn Presbyterian Church will be participating in a **BLOOD DRIVE** in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 11th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. **Donors can go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)** and enter sponsor code "aubpres" to sign up for your blood drive. Or you can call 1-800-733-2767. Donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give now and help ensure hospital shelves are stocked with blood products.



**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 led by Barbara Bushnell 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.

Anyone interested in ringing hand chimes for the upcoming ring season, please contact Naomi DeBaillie at 260-749-5637 or [NaomiCDeBaillie@aol.com](mailto:NaomiCDeBaillie@aol.com). No prior music knowledge needed. You will learn the music language as you learn to ring.



### CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:

Everyone loves a good story! We want to hear your stories about the church – How did you get involved in APC? What are some of your best memories of APC? How has the church influenced you?

Sit down with us in small groups after church for a little food and an opportunity to share these memories. You can sign up now for these conversations beginning in September.

## Free Little Pantry is installed and running!

Remember last September when our congregation did the Worship and Work Sunday...well, one thing on our list that was installed recently was the Free Little Pantry. I'm excited to see this serving our community as there are several of these pantries placed throughout Auburn. This is a wonderful outreach that is a huge need and a project I've been wanting to do for some time. It's located in APC'S parking lot.

So, while you're at the store grab something for the pantry...if it's full, just place in the kitchen and I'll be happy to add it in APC's Free Little Pantry, when space is open.

Special Thank you to Jim Nixon, Pastor David Lawrence, Carl Smith  
Be a Blessing to someone today!

Melinda Smith, Elder Chair of the Fellowship Evangelism Church Growth Committee



## Welcome to our Little Free Pantry!

Suggested items to leave in pantry:

### *Food*

Peanut Butter  
Canned Fruit/Veggies/Protein/Soup  
(preferably with pop tops)  
Granola Bars  
Dry Pasta  
Crackers  
Cereal  
Coffee/Tea/Bottled Water

### *Baby Items*

Diapers  
Wipes  
Diaper Cream

### *Household Items*

Dish Soap  
Hand Soap

### *Personal Needs*

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
Feminine hygiene products  
Toilet paper  
Bars of soap  
Socks  
Gloves

### *School Supplies*

Pens  
Highlighters  
Coloring Books  
Crayons/Markers  
Index Cards  
Folders  
Notebooks

Please do NOT leave the following items in the Pantry:

Used/Open goods  
Rusty canned foods  
Food out of original packaging  
Items stored in glass  
Harsh Chemicals (bleach, household cleaning supplies)  
Expired foods  
Food prepared at home  
Food without labels  
Sharps (Razors)



**Established in April 2017 to help our neighbors. [www.littlefreepantry.org](http://www.littlefreepantry.org)**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
LEADERS NEEDED!**

As we get closer to our Fall season in church I would like to ask for some volunteers for Sunday Bible School. We ( David and I ) are looking for people who would be interested in leading Sunday School for 2 week increments. David has a set study program called Kerygma. You would be in charge of preparing the set curriculum and presenting it to the Sunday School. Sunday School starting date has not been set . We will soon announce when that date will be.

Please contact Pastor David Or Kari Ackerman for more information or sign up.

Thank you and God Bless  
Kari Ackerman CE Director

**FROM THE CE DIRECTOR:**

Summer Greetings and Blessings!!!

It seems strange that school is only about a week away!!! Our Youth are preparing themselves for their upcoming year and we know we are going to be seeing great things from them all.

As we all know as our youth get older their time constraints get tighter. I was lucky to be able to get the youth together a few times this summer with much success!!!

Our annual picnic and Disc Golf game was transformed into a lunch and board game day due to rain....and can I say what a crazy wet summer it has been....along with many of our youth joining me on Sunday mornings.

Our Summer highlight is our Thanksgiving in July Event . I have to say, one of my favorite days of the year with the group. We made a Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, biscuits, and of course Pumpkin pie. Everyone's favorite task is always the pies. They learn to make a crust from scratch, a wonderfully messy job...and of course the pie filling. This year I taught them to make the filling from scratch also. Last year I pureed pumpkins and froze them. They were then able to see what it takes to make this scrumptious dessert.

We had a few stops for lunch and Thanksgiving Crafts. At the end of the day everyone's family came to enjoy the meal they had prepared.

As we move into August lets keep our schools ,staff, teachers and students in our prayers. The challenges they have faced and continue to face have been handled with excellence.

I look forward to seeing everyone this month.

God Bless,  
Kari Ackerman CE Director



Interested in dinner and a mystery? APC is joining with area Presbyterian Churches for a night out in Fort Wayne. We are planning this for mid-September, but don't have a firm date yet. The event will be subsidized and cost only \$30 per person, inclusive. Some transportation will be available for those who do not want to drive at night. Please contact the church office or Pastor David for more information or to register.



## Unique Murder Mystery Theatre

Unlike a typical murder mystery dinner theatre performance, you won't be watching a handful of actors stiffly reciting lines in front of the room. The action happens all around you, and any person in the audience can end up being a part of the show, even YOU! Throughout the night, you'll find yourself wondering if what just happened was scripted or real!

Since our Los Angeles Grand Opening in 2004, The Dinner Detective has quickly become the largest murder mystery dinner show in the United States. Our signature blend of intrigue, comedy, and spontaneity has enthralled millions of guests at our public and private shows.

Hello, our brothers and sisters in Christ!

It is nearly the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. For us, this means Axios, our youth group, will resume. Please be in prayer that lives are changed, and Jesus allows us to reach those who need him. Pray for protection while we transport our youth as well. We had mentioned our new youth afterschool program in last month's article; some circumstances have changed, namely that I (Nicki) am nursing a bum knee and are currently trying to avoid surgery. The plan is to delay the launch until August of 2022, the new school year. This delay will give us an even greater opportunity to plan and execute a top-notch, life-changing program for the youth and their families.

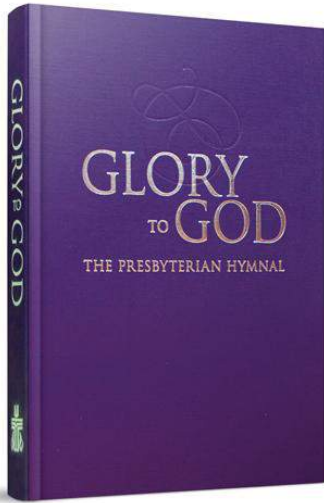
We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Christian Night Concert at the DeKalb Outdoor Theater on Center Street on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We would love to sing and worship with you, our Christian community, that night from 7-9 pm. This is also our largest fundraising event. 91% of the people we serve have no capability to contribute financially, so we must raise funds to serve our community. The concert is free. We will be taking a free-will offering at the gate. There will be food trucks and a 50/50 drawing as well. Tehillah will open the concert, and Jensen Snyder is our headliner.

Thank you for your continued support; it means the world to us!

-The Gathering Congregation

Grace & Peace, Today & Always,  
*Rev. Nicki Tackett*





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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ ***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. Michal Smith



DEKALB COUNTY

# Community Christian Night

## A FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT

FREE WILL OFFERING AT GATE

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

### 7-9 PM

## FOOD TRUCKS

STREET TACOS  
HOOSIER MAMA  
FRANKIE'S CONEY DOGS  
KONA ICE

*A portion of their sales will be donated to the church*

**Featuring**

## Jensen Snyder

**With**

## Tehillah

**Opening**





**25**  
YEARS

**Community  
Foundation**  
DEKALB COUNTY

*Please Join Us in Celebrating*  
**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DEKALB COUNTY**  
**25TH ANNIVERSARY**

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**August 12, 2021**

**Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Steinger Center Community  
Foundation DeKalb County Plaza  
700 South Main Street**

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**Wine and beer (cash) opens, 4:00 pm**

**Announcements, 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Appetizers and music, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

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**RSVP at (260) 925-0311 or  
info@CFDeKalb.org by July 29th**

*All festivities will take place in an open-air tent.*