

SUMMER PICNIC

July 24

Following worship

Hosted by the
Missions Committee

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please continue to keep our pastoral search in prayer. Our church profile is posted on the UCC website, but as of the writing up this update no candidates have come forward. Let's stay positive and continue praying until God provides!

We hope you can join our summer picnic! Please sign up in the Fireplace Room, or call Pam Bugenhagen by July 17 at 716-536-8876.

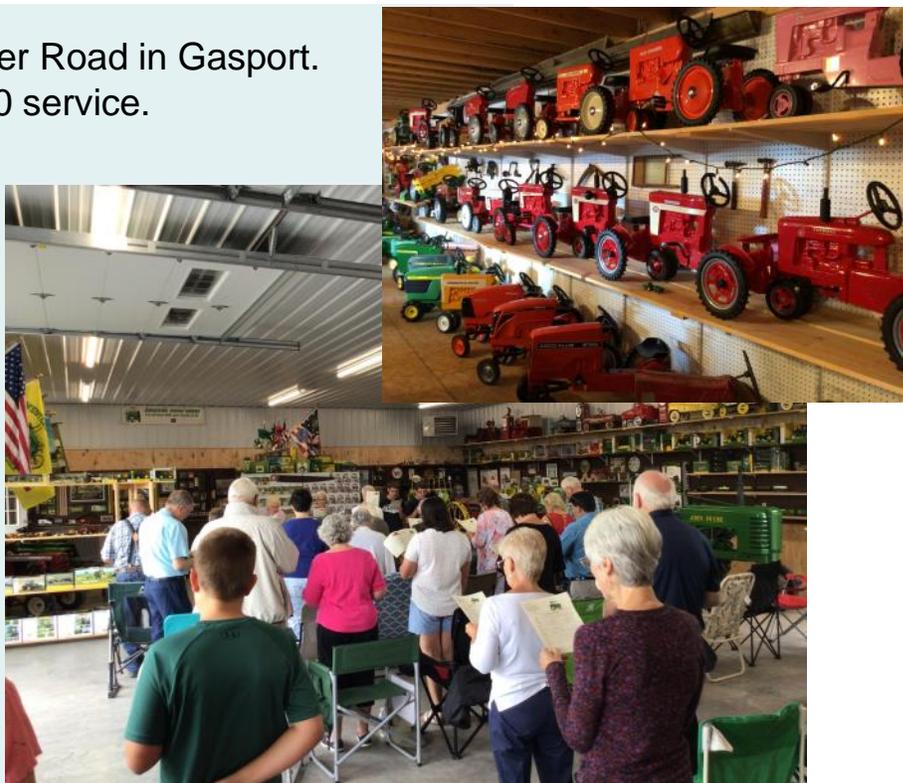
WORSHIP AT GRANT'S TOY FARM

Sunday, July 31 at 3251 Hosmer Road in Gasport.
Gather at 9:45 AM for the 10:00 service.
Please bring your own chair!

Coffee Hour will be served after.

Those with antique/old cars, trucks, and tractors are invited to bring them to be displayed.

Please see Cliff or Sue Grant with any questions.



DEACON'S UPDATE

Pat Crandall

The Deacons are so grateful and feel blessed to have Pastor Hamann as our weekly pulpit supply each Sunday. His knowledge, spirituality and warmth are so needed as our congregation moves through the process of our Pastoral search. We are hopeful that parishioners and friends who haven't had the chance to experience Pastor Hamann's leadership will soon join us as we worship together. You are missed and part of our church family!

For a few weeks in July we will have a variety of speakers:

July 17— Scott Brauer

July 24—Jen Mazur

July 31—Marty Hamann

Cards of congratulations were sent to Brett Ricker and Emily Bobzien, as 2022 High School Graduates.

CARE NET CHANGE FOR LIFE

Thank you for all your support and participation with Lockport Care Net Pregnancy Center's recent baby bottle campaign, for your monetary donations as well as items like clothing, diapers, wipes, toiletries, etc. Care Net would not be able to serve the community the way it does without your support. If you still have a baby bottle (even if its empty!) please return them so they can be reused for next year's fundraiser.

Please keep the center in prayer for safety following the Supreme Court Decision to repeal Roe v. Wade.



CRAFT BAZAAR

Carol Genet

Hello my friends! We are starting to think about the Bazaar and donation dinner.

Just a few reminders:

- If you are making a craft for yourself, maybe make one for the bazaar.
- If you are canning, maybe can a couple more for the Bazaar.
- If you are growing fruits or veggies, we will take whatever extra you have.



I am looking for ideas for the raffle, so if you have one, please let me know. I am also looking for some friends to donate \$10.00 each towards the Lottery tree that is always a hit!

We will start workshops at my house by the end of August. We always have a good time, eat well, and sometimes get a visit from John Tipton!



Will post dates and times later.
Enjoy your summer and be at peace!

COVENANT DONATION TO UKRAINE

Pam Brauer



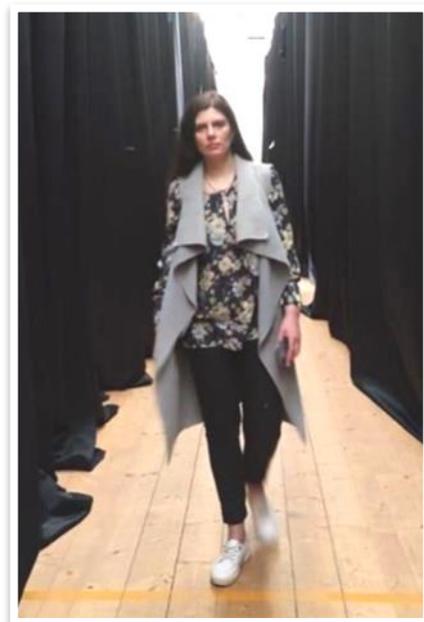
When the war between Russia and Ukraine started, many people asked how we could help. Woman's Fellowship met and decided that we wanted to send money directly to people in need instead of filtering it through one of the many organizations that were popping up to help. Jennifer Lesniowski, a co-worker of Pam Brauer and Chris Rising, worked in Ukraine first as a camp counselor in 1994 and again in 1997 to teach English in a specialized high school. When she went back to teach, Jen reconnected with a girl that she had met at camp and they have stayed in touch ever since. Jen connected her with Pam Brauer, and after hearing her story, Woman's Fellowship decided to send our donations directly to her to share with friends and family in need. Donations were collected through Lenten envelopes, Woman's Fellowship, and personal cash gifts.

Meet Solomia! (in her words, translated through Facebook):

65 days since I first joined Wonderspace, helping people cope with grief, loss, anger, anxiety, worry, and fear...fear of what is and what lies ahead...many questions and few answers... About 70 people live here all the time, there are very young children and older ones; there are families who have come with their dogs and cats. Here everyone has a story, but everyone has the same belief.

I often hear "we want to go back home as soon as possible and rebuild our home, our city..."

No more tears and anxiety. Children fall asleep calmer at night and respond to alarm signal easier. They quickly learned different breathing techniques, what to think about and when to draw what is disturbing from the inside. Sometimes you just need a hug and ask "How are you?" and sometimes I bring a lot of napkins so I can cry out all that hurt...but at the end of every conversation I hear "Thank you. I am relieved" or see a smile on their face.



It is hard to work when you don't know what you're going to hit in the next few hours or minutes. Nope. When I see a smile, a relief from emotions, a hug, I become happier to be able to help.

All the people that are here try to be helpful in some way: clean, cook, wait, play with kids, volunteer. Incredible people gathered here and we are all one.

Thanks to @oksana_sybydlo, @viacheslav_batt, who are the founders of this space, there is a family atmosphere, warmth, coziness and love. I'm very happy that this is how the circumstances worked out and I came exactly here. In such a difficult time, we fill the space together with our faith and love. Everything will be Ukraine

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

HUMBLENESS

Scott Brauer

Humility means letting God take charge of our lives... Whatever we can't do, HE can and WILL...

In order to be honored we must first humble ourselves...

In order to be loved we must first give love...

In order to be forgiven we must first forgive...

In order to be blessed we must first bless.

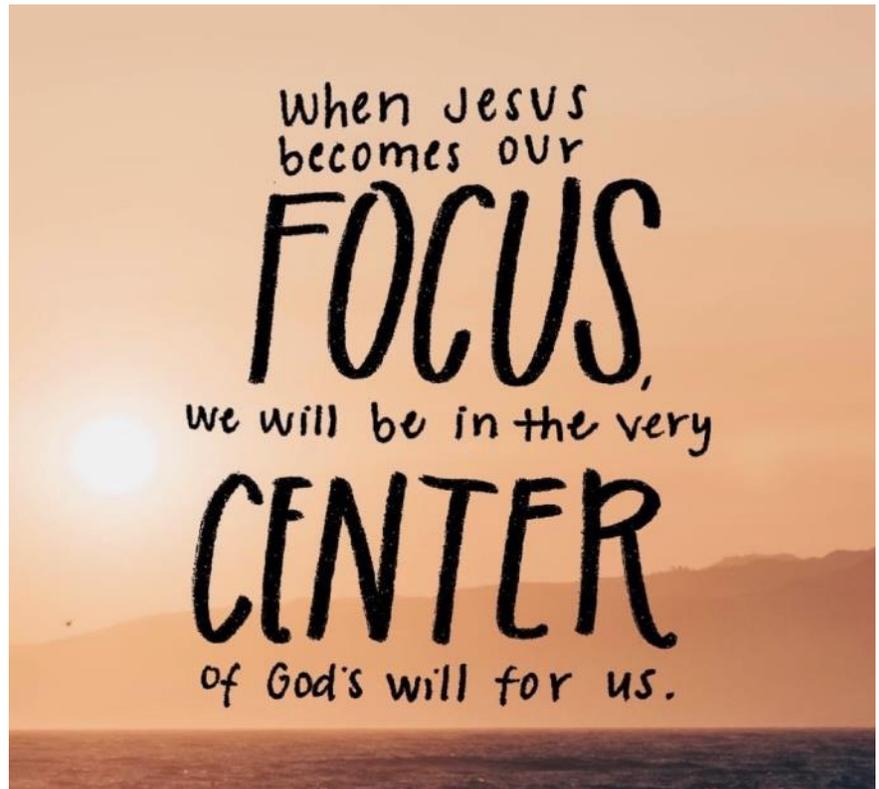
So often, we get carried away with the "I" phrases: "I am...I want...I need... ME... MYSELF... and I,"...Ugggh! This is totally me sometimes!

We forget about "them." All the "I" does is build pride, and pride leads us to every destination, BUT humility...

On the other hand, we can be rewarded, blessed and exalted by God by listening and following our great inspiration and example Jesus...

I will be hosting a great conversation about this on Sunday, July 17th at the 10:00 am service. I hope you will take the chance and sit with me for an hour and discuss how Jesus lived his life as an example to each of us.

Hope to see you there!



MISSIONS COMMITTEE FLOWER MAKING

Thank you for those that have brought in clean, empty plastic bottles for our flower-making project. Keep them coming! Please see Beth White with any questions.

ACRE OF CARING

The Acre of Caring was planted a little later than usual (weather) and is growing and at the 2 to 3 leaf stage of growth. Weed control was applied, a little late (weather) and the weeds are dying.



The corn plants are doing well, but need a drink (weather). Like commercial farmers, nature has a way of modifying our plans. Thanks be to God, in the end, things will even out. Thanks be to God for the volunteer farmers who help out.

Nate Herendeen, Acre of Caring manager



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Good news! Covenant will be hosting a "Little Pantry" on the front lawn near the corner of Main and Church Streets! The hope is that more people in the community that need food will be able to help themselves when it is needed and not have to wait for the normal monthly distribution over at Zion. A sign will be out front to draw attention to this new service and flyers will be placed inside so people know the dates that the pantry and clothes closet are open monthly. The pantry will be checked and stocked by volunteers.

If you would like to help, please text or call Pam Brauer at 716-208-6306.

More good news- the Roy-Hart Elementary school recently donated over 500 boxes of cereal to the pantry! For the past 2 years, students have received free breakfast and lunch at school. With grocery prices climbing quickly, this will help our area families. For the summer, the pantry is in need of canned pastas (Spaghettios, ravioli, etc), soup, pork and beans and jello. Please consider donating any of these items. You can place them in the cans marked "Food Pantry" near each of the entrances.

Also, here's a friendly reminder to please check the expiration dates on the food you donate. We cannot use anything outdated and it gets thrown in the garbage. Thank you for taking care of our neighbors in need!



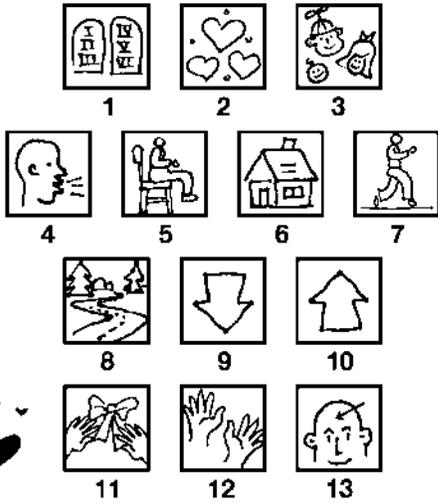
Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



“These (1) _____ that I give you today
 are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your
 (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you
 (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____
 along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when
 you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on
 your (12) _____ and bind them on your
 (13) _____.”

Answers: (1) commandments; (2) hearts; (3) children; (4) Talk; (5) sit; (6) home; (7) walk; (8) road; (9) down; (10) up; (11) Tie; (12) hands; (13) foreheads



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