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MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

August 4, 2024

MINISTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY: EVERY MEMBER

Pastor: Jane B. Johnson

Secretary: Bobbie Hall

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Edy Panjaitan

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Pianist: Edy Panjaitan

Treasurer: Michael Milam

MINISTERS FOR VISION AND MISSION: SESSION:

Class of 2024

John Mikelson

Barbara Pettit

Elaine Zingg

Class of 2025

Pat Mikelson

Jewell McCliment

Barbara Taphorn

MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Tom Hlasten

Barbara Patterson

COMMITTEES:

Discipleship and Worship: Pastor Jane

Evangelism & Mission: Pat Mikelson

Fellowship: Barbara Taphorn

Finance & Stewardship: Mike Milam

Nominating: Pat Mikelson

Personnel: Pat Mikelson

Presbytery: Barbara Pettit

Presbyterian Women: Karen Henderson

Property: Barbara Pettit

Technology/Communication: John Mikelson

MEMBERS SERVING IN OTHER PLACES:

- Allen Wollenberg, Pike County Outreach Council of Churches
- Mark, Jenny, Kella Rosa, and Aika Estela O'Hare
Papay-Costa Rica
- Bob and Kristi Rice, *Sudan*

We are open for worship in the church at 10:15 am. Masks are optional, but recommended. Fellowship Hour follows after worship. We continue to have worship on line each Sunday morning at 10:15 am. You can tune in by your computer or telephone.

If you are using a computer to connect: Open your computer browser (Internet Explorer, Chrome or Safari) Enter <https://zoom.us> 542 773 5626 in the address bar. Follow screen instructions. Password: 6NgnrH

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542 773 5626#.

When prompted for a password enter 355142#.



POLLINATOR GARDEN REFLECTIONS

Pollinator Garden reflections: at least four levels of significance for the First Presbyterian congregation in Waverly...

1. Having a pollinator garden on most of our open acreage saves the church the effort and the money to maintain a large lawn. In addition, it serves a larger purpose: caring for our precious planet. Our contribution is tiny in terms of what must happen world wide to avert further climate change, but we can be glad not to be putting more harmful gases into the air from mowing operations. Also, the flowers and other plants will absorb their share of CO2 from the atmosphere.
2. The flowers of the garden in all their beauty, although they may not be the lilies Jesus mentions in the Sermon of the Mount, serve as visual reminders that we can let go of long term anxiety or worry in life, for God cares for us at least as much as for the flowers in this wild garden ("Look at the birds of the air... Consider the lilies of the field..." Matt. 6:25ff). How much greater is God's love for us?!

3. The pollinator garden can be a place for reflection, prayer, and meditation on the gifts of God and the blessings of the creation in our lives. As we take time to contemplate this expression of a beautiful wildness and of the sense of life springing forth, we may find ourselves living into the experience of the presence of an ever birthing God. We may also feel an essential connectedness with the garden, not only in the knowledge that we share our breath with the plants (they use our CO2 and give us back oxygen), but also in the common sense of what life is in its essence: growth, beauty, fecundity, death and rebirth.
4. As a congregation, we HAVE a pollinator garden. Might we also reflect on what it might mean for us to BE a pollinator garden? Think about what our wild garden contributes to the natural world: nectar (food and sweetness) and pollen (the possibility of new life elsewhere) and seeds for continued growth. Jesus encourages us to let our light shine out to the world and to be like yeast in the midst of events. What if we reflected on the ways we, as a kind of

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POLLINATOR GARDEN REFLECTIONS (continued)

nectar, might feed the needs of the world and bring the sweetness of life, and, as pollen, that we might plant seeds and generate new life? What other qualities of the garden help us discover how God invites us to be part of a larger purpose?

As a congregation with a sense of mission, are we not able to make the double affirmation: WE HAVE A POLLINATOR GARDEN, and WE ARE A POLLINATOR GARDEN

(put forth for reflection and discussion, by Otto Zingg)

OUR SESSION AT WORK

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

The July 17, 2024 Session meeting started two and a half hours late so that our Moderator, Pastor Jane, could attend an online workshop on Conflict Resolution Skills for Churches. We also did not go over all the Committee Reports as only three Session member Ruling Elders were available as the Mikelsons were still on their out-of-state trip and Barbara Taphorn was ill. Having so few elders present reminded me that when we reduced the number of Elders from nine to six we did not put the percentage of Elders required to be present for a quorum into the Session section of the By-Laws. So we set the required percentage at 50%, which is three Elders.

Treasurer Mike Milam's financial report showed that six months into the year our Operating Budget has a \$7,758,41 deficit which is much lower than we had expected when we passed the 2024 budget. It is not a major problem as we have \$431,064.46 in combined

checking and investment accounts to cover a year end deficit.

Some good news we received in answer to a question is that on July 16th 36 people rode or walked through our Pollinator Habitat. The event was set up by Ohio State University Pike County Extension educators, and included experts in naming the flowers we saw, and it brought a number of visitors to our church property.

Speaking of visitors, Babsy Pettit announced that the Waverly library's children's summer story and snacks time would be using our facilities on July 18th and twice more during the summer.

Pastor Jane also reported that she had met with Allen Wollenberg to plan his wife Judy's memorial service that was held at our church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27th.

FOOD PANTRY

SOUPS

- chicken noodle
- vegetable
- cream of chicken
- broccoli cheddar

CANNED GOODS

- vegetables
- chili
- pasta and sauce

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- shampoo
- body wash
- deodorant

NOTE: **Do NOT** bringing in grocery bags for the food pantry. They have a new policy where the clients will bring their own bags, so doner grocery bags will no longer be accepted.



COPE NEEDS

We are asking for any donations of hygiene products over the summer to start the new school year off. We are running considerably low at this time.

- men's and women's deodorant (travel size is fine)
- shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- men's body spray
- hair ties, bobbie pins
- safety pins
- tampons (plastic dispenser)
- hair brushes
- dental floss
- tissues

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.
Terri Dunham



AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	5	6	7	8 Clergy Breakfast 9 am Finance 10 am Session Reports Due	9	10
11 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	12	13	14 M&E 2:30 pm	15 Courier Articles Due	16	17
18 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	19	20	21	22 Prime Thyme Gardening 5:30 pm	23	24
Pastor Jane's Vacation						
25 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	26	27	28 Session 1:30 pm	29	30	31



Remember in Prayer:

Maurice Bailey
 Gary Baker
 Marilyn Beilstein
 Dan Beilstein
 Joe Blair
 Irene & Jim Clark
 Jeanne Conrad
 Gretchen & Gary
 Crabtree
 Lanelle Crooks
 John Dawson
 Monica Dawson
 Jean Earnhardt
 Glenn Franklin
 Eleanor Fujita
 Bobbie Hall
 Jerry Hall
 George Hartwell family
 Bruce Henderson

Elinor Hodder
 Sherlene Keefer
 Jewell McCliment
 Pat Mikelson
 Lynn & Eric Miller
 Barbara Patterson
 Tom Patterson
 Pat Penrose
 Babsy Pettit
 Glenn Rudie
 Jeff & Nancy Sapienza
 Rosann Severding
 Lew Stratton
 David Stinnett
 Melissa Stinnett
 Mary Stinnett
 Charles Robert Tallman
 Barbara Taphorn
 Allen Wollenberg

Wollenberg family
 Ruth Wonnell
 Elaine & Otto Zingg
 Diane Zwick

Bristol Health Care:

Bill Johnson - 113
 Barbara Taphorn - 310

Birthdays:

Cal Tysen - 15
 David Stinnett - 15
 Karen Henderson - 25
 Susan Thomas - 28
 Sherlene Keefer - 29

Anniversaries:

Ken & Marilyn Beilstein - 20
 Jim & Irene Clark - 28

GREETERS

August

Audrey and Cal Tysen

September

Betsy Hall
 Bobbie Hall



LITURGISTS

August

Karen Henderson

September

Bruce Henderson

October

Bobbie Hall

November

Tom Hlasten

December

Sherry Sapienza

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