

Over the Coffee

The summer is coming quickly to a close as we watch those few signs of fall approaching – the corn is tall and flowers beginning to fade, the mornings are brisk. It is great to be alive and see these changes slowly take place around us. Kids are with parents looking for the special deals on back-to-school clothes and supplies and it won't be long before there are school buses on the roads in the morning. This month we continue in topical worship and the details are below. The Common Lectionary Readings – for those of you continuing in them this month are as follows:

August 6 - Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 - Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

August 20 - Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2,29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

August 27 - Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

The schedule for Scripture and messages is as follows:

August 6 - 2 Corinthians 4:1-12, “On Not Using Deception or Distortion”

August 13 - 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, “Fixing Our Eyes on the Unseen”

August 20 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, “Keeping the Tent Upright”

August 27 - 2 Corinthians 5:11 – 6:2, “On Finding Our Purpose”

It was good to get out recently with my son, Matthew, in our kayaks and enjoy a day of paddling. We took in the O' Shaughnessy Reservoir at Home Road and headed north. It was a windy day and the water was choppy. Good workout. Unfortunately the good weather is passing quickly and the opportunities lessen as we try and work out our schedules now that he lives in Indiana. But God is good and we enjoy what we can.

Joel has been busy in Chicago and now has his pilot's license. We are hoping he will have an opportunity to fly this was before long and take us up for a ride. I have to give him credit for doing something I would never have the guts to do. (I do love to drive – but over roads that stay put – and not up in the air.)

Pastor Cy

August Anniversaries

Mark & Terri Callahan - 8/22

Tim & Sandy McCarthy - 8/27

Mike & Cindy Tillis - 8/30

August Birthdays

Jennifer (Waltman) Green - 8/9

Marilyn Yost - 8/12

Bea Cunningham - 8/13

Pat Whittington - 8/13

Kayla Hildebrand - 8/19

Raymond Moore - 8/21

Wyatt Barrett - 8/23

Assistance with Utilities and Groceries

Anyone having trouble paying bills or feeding a family may be referred to the Clintonville Resource Center for assistance. Individuals or families must live north of Hudson Street and south of Worthington, west of I-71 and east of Route 315, and must bring an ID and proof of address (such as a utility bill in their name) to CRC between noon and 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. CRC is located at 3222 North High Street, Columbus, OH; phone: 614-268-3539. Also, if anyone needs special assistance please do not hesitate to bring your situation to the attention of Pastor Cy.

Financial Secretary's Report

CATEGORY	JULY
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$7,417.00
OTHER / DESIGNATED	
Fellowship Fund	126.00
Parking Donation	50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,593.00
— Bette Martin	

Quote for August

“August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.”

— Sylvia Plath

Treasurer's Report for July

CATEGORY	7/1-31/17
INCOME	
Uncategorized	0.68
BUDGET RECEIPTS	7,417.00
Parking Donations	50.00
TOTAL BUDGET RECEIPTS	7,467.00
Designated Offering - Fellowship Fund	126.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,593.68
EXPENSES	
Columbus Income Tax Penalty	90.56
Late charge, Columbus	75.00
Interest, Columbus	1.64
Interest, Ohio	1.10
Desig. Offerings: OGHS Offering pmt.	1,263.21
MINISTRY TEAM EXPENSES	
ABC United Missions	1,200.00
Food for luncheons	16.75
Worship Team Expenses	10.75
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Facilities-Equipment-Maintenance	97.91
Office Supplies	34.14
Utilities	871.76
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	5,314.54
Staff Expenses: Custodial Services	300.00
Staff Expenses: Musician Services	350.00
Tax: Columbus Income Tax paid	362.22
Tax: Tax, payroll OHIO	304.48
TAXES WITHHELD	
Tax withholding Columbus	(60.37)
Tax withholding Ohio	(50.75)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,182.94
Checking Account balance, 8/1/17	1,850.76
Money Market savings balance, 8/1/17	16,011.68
— Tim McCarthy, Treasurer	

BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST:

August 6 - Proverbs 1 & 2
August 13 - Proverbs 6 & 8
August 20 - Proverbs 11 & 12
August 27 - Proverbs 14 & 15



OUR LIBRARY

I have been busy cataloging and shelving some recent contributions to our church library. These books include selections by Corrie ten Boom, Ruth Bell Graham, John Piper, Max Lucado, Warren Wiersbe, David Jeremiah and others. We also have a children's and youth section. Our library now contains over 5,300 selections. You can find some of these in the coatroom adjacent to the narthex but most are in our air-conditioned library on the lower level of the education wing.

Our library contains books that will help you in your day-to-day Christian walk, biographies of strong Christians, stories of missionaries, commentaries on every book of the Bible, several versions of the Bible, dictionaries and encyclopedias of the Bible, maps of the Holy Land, hymnals, Christian magazines, and much more. There is a section containing works of Christian fiction, including books by C.S. Lewis, Tim LaHaye, John Bunyan, Beverly Lewis, Frank Peretti, Francine Rivers and others. The children and youth selections include Bibles for young readers, picture books that will interest the youngest child, easy-to-read Christian biographies, the 'Little House' series, many titles that I remember from my childhood, and more.

I encourage you to check out our library.

CONSUMING FIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL - AUGUST 19

American Baptist Youth Ohio are invited to attend the Consuming Fire Music Festival. This is a one-day gospel event hosted by First Baptist Church, Newark. It is a FREE concert event with bands and speakers on fifteen acres. On-site tent camping will be available for groups who want to stay over on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, First Baptist Newark will host a special American Baptist Youth Ohio Worship Service. Area hotels are available in Newark and Heath.

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Tim McCarthy, Librarian

New Email Address

The new email address for Rev. Steve and Ann Waltman is steve43085@wowway.com.

New Address

Raymond & Sarah Moore: 136 Rolling Meadow Court, Pickerington, OH 43147.

Prayer Needs

Katie Brigham - heart problems
Harold Castor - assisted living in Friendship Village
Hazel Cline (100) & Vi McNamara - living together
Carol Miller - healing and peace for stepfather John, aunts Suddie and Wanda, and cousin Randy
Dave Miller - Parkinson's disease, physical therapy
Bud & Pat Petersen - request prayer
Cedric Shields - in Wesley Glen
Debbie Smalley - recovering at home
Bill Vargo - requests prayer
Ann Waltman - recovery from knee replacement
Pat & Bill Whittington: Pat - stronger lungs;
Bill - Alzheimer's
Marilyn Yost - back pain
Marilyn Yost's nephew Tom Yost - healing of remaining cancer

IN AUGUST

Katharine Lee Bates

BESIDE the country road with truant grace
Wild carrot lifts its circles of white lace.
From vines whose interwoven branches drape
The old stone walls, come pungent scents of grape.
The sumach torches burn; the hardhack glows;
From off the pines a healing fragrance blows;
The pallid Indian pipe of ghostly kin
Listens in vain for stealthy moccasin.
In pensive mood a faded robin sings;
A butterfly with dusky, gold-flecked wings
Holds court for plummy dandelion seed
And thistledown, on throne of fireweed.
The road goes loitering on, till it hath missed
Its way in goldenrod, to keep a tryst,
Beyond the mosses and the ferns that veil
The last faint lines of its forgotten trail,
With Lonely Lake, so crystal clear that one
May see its bottom sparkling in the sun
With many-colored stones. The only stir
On its green banks is of the kingfisher
Dipping for prey, but oft, these haunted nights,
That mirror shivers into dazzling lights,
Cleft by a falling star, a messenger
From some bright battle lost, Excalibur.

THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

On Election Day in 1920, millions of American women exercised their right to vote for the first time. It took activists and reformers nearly 100 years to win that right, and the campaign was not easy: Disagreements over strategy threatened to cripple the movement more than once. But on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified, enfranchising all American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

THE ABOLITIONISTS AND THE SUFFRAGISTS

The campaign for women's suffrage began in earnest in the decades before the Civil War. During the 1820s and 30s, most states had extended the franchise to all white men, regardless of how much money or property they had. At the same time, all sorts of reform groups were proliferating across the United States -- temperance clubs, religious movements and moral-reform societies, anti-slavery organizations -- and in many of these, women played a prominent role. Meanwhile, many American women were beginning to chafe against what historians have called the "Cult of True Womanhood": that is, the idea that the only "true" woman was a pious, submissive wife and mother concerned exclusively with home and family. Put together, all of these contributed to a new way of thinking about what it meant to be a woman and a citizen in the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1923, the National Women's Party proposed an amendment to the Constitution that prohibited all discrimination on the basis of sex. The so-called Equal Rights Amendment has never been ratified.

In 1848, a group of abolitionist activists -- mostly women, but some men -- gathered in Seneca Falls, New York to discuss the problem of women's rights. (They were invited there by the reformers Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.) Most of the delegates agreed: American women were autonomous individuals who deserved their own political identities. "We hold these truths to be self-evident," proclaimed the Declaration of Sentiments that the delegates produced, "that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." What this meant, among other things, was that they believed women should have the right to vote.

"THIS HOUR BELONGS TO THE NEGRO"

During the 1850s, the women's rights movement gathered steam, but lost momentum when the Civil War began. Almost immediately after the war ended, the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution raised familiar questions of suffrage and citizenship. (The 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, extends the Constitution's protection to all citizens -- and defines "citizens" as "male"; the 15th, ratified in 1870, guarantees black men the right to vote.)

Some woman-suffrage advocates, among them Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, believed that this was their chance to push lawmakers for truly universal suffrage. As a result, they refused to support the 15th Amendment and even allied with racist Southerners who argued that white women's votes could be used to neutralize those cast by African-Americans. In 1869, this faction formed a group called the National Woman Suffrage Association and began to fight for a universal-suffrage amendment to the federal Constitution.

Others argued that it was unfair to endanger black enfranchisement by tying it to the markedly less popular campaign for female suffrage. This pro-15th-Amendment faction formed a group called the American Woman Suffrage Association and fought for the franchise on a state-by-state basis.

THE PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR SUFFRAGE

This animosity eventually faded, and in 1890 the two groups merged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association. (Elizabeth Cady Stanton was the organization's first president.) By then, the suffragists' approach had changed. Instead of arguing that women deserved the same rights and responsibilities as men because women and men were "created equal," the new generation of activists argued that women deserved the vote because they were different from men. They could make their domesticity into a political virtue, using the franchise to create a purer, more moral "maternal commonwealth."

This argument served many political agendas: Temperance advocates, for instance, wanted women to have the vote because they thought it would mobilize an enormous voting bloc on behalf of their cause, and many middle-class white people were swayed once again by the argument that the enfranchisement of white women would "ensure immediate and durable white supremacy, honestly attained."

Winning the Vote at Last

Starting in 1910, some states in the West began to extend the vote to women for the first time in almost 20 years. (Idaho and Utah had given women the right to vote at the end of the 19th century.) Still, the more established Southern and Eastern states resisted. In 1916, NAWSA president Carrie Chapman Catt unveiled what she called a "Winning Plan" to get the vote at last: a blitz campaign that mobilized state and local suffrage organizations all over the country, with special focus on those recalcitrant regions. (Meanwhile, a splinter group called the National Women's Party focused on more radical, militant tactics -- hunger strikes and White House pickets, for instance -- aimed at winning dramatic publicity for their cause.)

World War I slowed the suffragists' campaign but helped them advance their argument nonetheless: Women's work on behalf of the war effort, activists pointed out, proved that they were just as patriotic and deserving of citizenship as men, and on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified.