



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2025

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From the Pastor...

Ten Things God Can't Do

I want to begin with a provocative question. What does God think of you? One way to answer this question is to consider ten things that are contrary to God's nature.

God can't get tired. The everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. Isaiah 40:28

God can't take on job he can't handle. You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you. Jeremiah 33:17

God can't be unholy. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6:3

God can't be prejudiced. In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation that fears him and works righteousness is accepted by him. Acts 10:34-35

God can't break a promise. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips. Psalm 89:34

God can't remember sins he has chosen to forget. I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and I will not remember your sins. Isaiah 43:25

God can't make a loser. Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:14

God can't abandon you. Be strong and be of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, he is the one who goes with you. He will not leave or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

God can't stop thinking about you. How precious are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I am awake, I am still with you. Psalm 139: 17-18

God can't stop loving you. Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving kindness I have drawn you. Jeremiah 31:3

To answer my initial question, take each of these attributes of God and apply them to yourself. In essence, God's nature is to love, forgive, comfort and strengthen His faithful people. Being aware of God's character enables us to respond in faith to the world around us.

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MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 2025

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
8/3	9:30 a.m.	Randy Simers	8/3	9:30 a.m.	Cheryl Simers
8/10	9:30 a.m.	Kim Pohovey	8/10	9:30 a.m.	Linda Clugston
8/17	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine	8/17	9:30 a.m.	Richard Dudash
8/24	9:30 a.m.	Steve Maurer	8/24	9:30 a.m.	Sandy Ritter
8/31	9:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier	8/31	9:30 a.m.	Steve Maurer
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
8/3	9:30 a.m.	Tom & Tammy Huggins	8/3	9:30 a.m.	Doug Dix
8/10	9:30 a.m.	Aaron & Meghan Woods	8/10	9:30 a.m.	Zac Pirillo
8/17	9:30 a.m.	Dave & Linda Clugston	8/17	9:30 a.m.	Ted Howenstine
8/24	9:30 a.m.	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	8/24	9:30 a.m.	Terri Howell
8/31	9:30a.m.	Ann Shetler	8/31	9:30 a.m.	Jen Ward
Altar Guild			Community Meal		
		Terry & Brenda Tegtmeier			Kathy Pozzuto

<u>8/3</u> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>8/10</u> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>8/17</u> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>8/24</u> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	<u>8/31</u> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
<u>Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26</u>	<u>Genesis 15:1-6</u>	<u>Jeremiah 23: 16-29</u>	<u>Isaiah 66:18-23</u>	<u>Proverbs 25:2-10</u>
<u>Psalms 100</u>	<u>Psalms 33:12-22</u>	<u>Psalms 119:81-88</u>	<u>Psalms 50:1-15</u>	<u>Psalms 131</u>
<u>Colossians 3:1-11</u>	<u>Hebrews 11:1-16</u>	<u>Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:4-29</u>	<u>Hebrews 13:1-17</u>
<u>Luke 12:13-21</u>	<u>Luke 12:22-34</u>	<u>Luke 12:49-56</u>	<u>Luke 13:22-30</u>	<u>Luke 14:1-14</u>



CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!



August Birthdays

August Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY			ANNIVERSARIES	
<i>Charlann Young</i>	<i>8/4</i>		<i>Randy & Cheryl Simers</i>	<i>8/14</i>
<i>Cheryl Simers</i>	<i>8/8</i>		<i>Dave & Lisa Zastawny</i>	<i>8/14</i>
<i>Jordan Ritter</i>	<i>8/13</i>		<i>Doug & Peggy Dix</i>	<i>8/28</i>
<i>Jim Davis</i>	<i>8/13</i>			
<i>Dave Clugston</i>	<i>8/16</i>			
<i>Marianne Lautenschleger</i>	<i>8/18</i>			
<i>Doug Dix</i>	<i>8/25</i>			
<i>Tenia Sears</i>	<i>8/29</i>			

Summer Sessions: A topic that is often misunderstood or over looked completely is spirituality. It has multiple definitions but simply stated it is the manner in which one relates to a spiritual God. We are constantly in relationship with God but often in an unconscious way. During the summer months when activities tend to be more casual. A six-session series of discussions on the topic of spirituality. These will be conducted on alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the parlor. We will meet each time for an hour of discussion.

I will use the ancient wisdom of the church fathers; including St. Augustine, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Paul, Martin Luther and of course the scriptures in our discussions. The schedule of topics is as follows:

August 20 Spirituality and Death - **August 27** Spirituality rooted in Prayer. I hope that you will take the time this summer to reflect upon the central mystery of our faith which is our relationship with a God who is spirit. We will explore the various styles of spiritual life and the means by which we can deepen our relationship with God through prayer and a greater awareness of the multitude of ways in which God interacts with us each day.



Book Club News: We discussed our most recent book selection, The Constantine Codex, on Tuesday, July 24th. As a group, we enjoyed the book. Probably the majority enjoyed our last selection the most, but overall, it was still well received.

We have not yet selected our next book, but we are exploring various alternatives. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if you have a selection you would recommend.

PLEASE NOTE: When you write a check to donate to the Sonshine/Rebekah Sisters group, please make check payable to "Spread Some Sonshine".

A Short Summer Time Devotion Summer is here, and that means its time to break out the flip-flops, sunscreen, and charcoal. As people make their way to the beaches, as they gather for summer BBQ's, and sit out by the pool it can be easy to allow the relaxed atmosphere of summertime to carry over into your walk with the Lord. Packed calendars, summer weddings, family reunions, and squeezing in some sort of vacation can leave you needing a vacation from your vacation. So here are a few ways to help you keep God on your mind while you are on your way here and there to your summertime destinations. If you're heading to the zoo, think about Noah and the ark and the diversity of Gods creation (Genesis 7:1-5). Heading to the beach, talk about the difference between building your house on shifting sand verses solid rock (Matthew 7:24-27). Spending some time near a lake or on a boat, consider how Jesus calmed the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Cooking out at a BBQ, as you enjoy the sweet smell of coming from the grill consider how we are the fragrance of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:15). There are many opportunities to bring God into your daily summer activities, so be creative and enjoy your summer more as you consider how God can be seen everywhere you go.

Sick & Shut-in



Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. **John Kienzle (Room 206) - Pam Ward (Room 128)** – Hennis Care Center 300 Yant St. Bolivar OH 44612) - **Pat Mizer (Room 215)** the Inn at Northwood Village 5799 N Wooster Avenue Ext NW Dover, OH, 44622. - **Jerry Hoskinson, 1970** North Orchard Rd. NE Bolivar, OH 44612 - - **Betty Menapace (Room 19 A)** – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave., Dover OH 44622 and **Alyce Snyder - (Room 608)** at Assisted Living at Brewster Park 360 Wabash Avenue (Jefferson Lodge/Inn Bldg. Brewster OH 44613 **Carol Hoskinson –(Room 311)** The Gables 3660 Greentree Ave. SW Canton, Ohio 44706



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Allyson Sanders, James Baltzly, Melanie Rhea, Laura Fortner, Donna Spangler, Jim Tucker, Zach & Raeann Todd, Donna Robishaw, Dan Chenoweth, Jennifer Melegari, Dave Rimer, Gary Sliffe, Darin Wentz, Pam Ward, Mary Sanders, Irene Ward, Netta Strand, Lissa Johns, Brock McNutt, David Shetler, Gary Smerglia, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen &**

Women- Seth Hershberger, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, **Note: After 6 months names will be removed if no new information is given.**



Pairs & Spares: Bring a covered dish and enjoy your time together at Larry & Ginny Smerglia' s home at 9741 Lakewood Ave. on Atwood Lake on **Sunday August 31 at 3:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m.** Please sign the list in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Larry and Ginny are providing the meat for the get-together at their house so if others want to bring a side, salad, or dessert, that would be great. Hope to see you there!



PRAYER FOCUS FOR AUGUST 2025

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective - James 5:16

It is August already and the children will be returning to school.

It is not too soon to start praying for the safety of the children, the teachers and administrators, bus drivers and all who work in the schools.

Please pray for a safe and peaceful year for them all.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6



Movie Night: Please mark your calendars for movie night at St. Paul on **Monday, August 4 at 6:00 pm**. The film is “**Amazing Grace**.” Everyone is welcome to attend.

Refreshments - popcorn -candy & drinks

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Church Picnic -August 17 – At St. Paul
- September – Birthright Collection all month
- Rally Day – September 7 – Sears Barn
- Back to Two Services 8 & 10:30 – September 14
- Global Missionaries to Speak – September 21
- Reformation Sunday – October 26

Total Giving January Thru July			
2022	2023	2024	2025
\$108,830	\$104,916	\$107,535	\$102,145
Average Monthly Attendance For Month of July			
51	55	48	53

AUGUST 2025

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					<u>8/1</u>	<u>8/2</u>
<u>8/3</u>	<u>8/4</u>	<u>8/5</u>	<u>8/6</u>	<u>8/7</u>	<u>8/8</u>	<u>8/9</u>
<u>Worship & Communion</u> <u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u> <u>Amazing Grace</u> <u>Movie 6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Men & Women's Meeting</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Pastor</u> <u>Gone NALC</u>	<u>Pastor</u> <u>Gone NALC</u>	<u>Pastor</u> <u>Gone NALC</u>	<u>Property</u> <u>9:00 a.m.</u>
<u>8/10</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>8/12</u>	<u>8/13</u>	<u>8/14</u>	<u>8/15</u>	<u>8/16</u>
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<u>8/17</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>8/19</u>	<u>8/20</u>	<u>8/21</u>	<u>8/22</u>	<u>8/23</u>
<u>Worship & Communion</u> <u>9:30a.m.</u> <u>Church Picnic at St. Paul</u>	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u> <u>Council Meeting</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Men & Women's Meeting</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Spirituality Lesson in Parlor</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Bible Study 10:15 a.m.</u> <u>COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 - 1:00 P.M.</u>		
<u>8/24</u>	<u>8/25</u>	<u>8/26</u>	<u>8/27</u>	<u>8/28</u>	<u>8/29</u>	<u>8/30</u>
<u>Worship & Communion</u> <u>9:30 a.m.</u> <u>Ryder Alexander Baptism</u>	<u>Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.</u>		<u>Spirituality Lesson in Parlor</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u> <u>Community Meal 5:00</u>			
<u>8/31</u>						
<u>Worship & Communion</u> <u>9:30 a.m.</u> <u>Party at Smerglia's</u> <u>3:00 p.m.</u>						

Month To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving Through July 2025 – Amount \$11,105.00

Month to Date Giving Through July 2024– Amount \$33,202.00

