



JULY NEWSLETTER 2025

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From the Pastor...

AS WE AGE

Looking back on our lives we can admit that our perspective on life has changed a great deal from our youthful days. The days of retirement speak of leisure earned by years of hard work and sacrifice. Sure, many people still worry about financial matters, but earning more money is now in rear view mirror for most of us.

I wonder how many of us have changed our perspective on God over the years? Many people take comfort in the fact that God is unchangeable; therefore, our relationship with the divine should never change. I would challenge that thinking by stating the obvious dynamic in place, which is the ongoing revelation of God in our lives. The key issue is one of awareness. With the pace of life slowing down in old age, it seems to me that this is the obvious time for more reflection and hence a greater understanding of God and the divine influence upon our lives.

As we age, we have the opportunity to grow in wisdom about life and especially the effects God has had on our lives. Our prayer life can be much deeper as we probe the mystery of God's love for us. I would refer to the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. Proverbs 24: 3-4 "A house is built by wisdom, and it is established by understanding; by knowledge the rooms are filled with every precious and beautiful treasure."

I propose that the author of these verses is referring to the mind and thought processes of the believer. Our relationship with God is fundamentally based upon our thoughts and ideas relative to the mysterious presence of the divine in everyday life. Our lives can be spent coming to grips with this wonderful reality of God at work in the world through the intervention of the Holy Spirit.

As we age, we are beginning to realize more and more how close the reality of death becomes for all of us. I submit that as we note the passing of many of our friends that our time is coming as well. Being grateful for the life that God gives us each day can be some consolation as we contemplate the end of this journey of faith. The wisdom of the Scriptures can be summed up in this brief message. Our faith in Christ frees us from the lasting power of death and enables to grow in wisdom as we age.

In closing, let me encourage you to savor the faith that God has given to you and allow your mind to continue to grapple with the ongoing mystery of God's love for you.

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MINISTERS FOR JULY 2025

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
7/6	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine	7/6	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine
7/13	9:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier	7/13	9:30 a.m.	Sandy Ritter
7/20	9:30 a.m.	Kim Pohovey	7/20	9:30 a.m.	Kim Pohovey
7/27	9:30 a.m.	Steve Maurer	7/27	9:30 a.m.	Olivia Howell
		USHERS & GREETERS			
7/6	9:30 a.m.	Ann Shetler	7/6	9:30 a.m.	Ted Howenstine
7/13	9:30 a.m.	Aaron & Meghan Woods	7/13	9:30 a.m.	Zac Pirillo
7/20	9:30 a.m.	Dave & Linda Clugston	7/20	9:30 a.m.	Jen Ward
7/27	9:30 a.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers	7/27	9:30 a.m.	Terri Howell
		Altar Guild			Community Meal
		Ted & Marcia Howenstine			Kathy Pozzuto

<u>7/6</u> <u>Fourth Sunday after</u> <u>Pentecost</u>	<u>7/13</u> <u>Fifth Sunday after</u> <u>Pentecost</u>	<u>7/20</u> <u>Sixth Sunday after</u> <u>Pentecost</u>	<u>7/27</u> <u>Seventh Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>
<u>Isaiah 66:10-14</u>	<u>Leviticus 18:1-5</u>	<u>Genesis 18:1-14</u>	<u>Genesis 18:17-33</u>
<u>Psalms 66:1-7</u>	<u>Psalms 41</u>	<u>Psalms 27:1-14</u>	<u>Psalms 138</u>
<u>Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18</u>	<u>Colossians 1:1-14</u>	<u>Colossians 1:21-29</u>	<u>Colossians 2:6-19</u>
<u>Luke 10:1-20</u>	<u>Luke 10:25-37</u>	<u>Luke 10:38-42</u>	<u>Luke 11:1-13</u>

Community Meal: St Paul Lutheran Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Thursday and July 17.

Volunteers Needed: This year VBS will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Zoar. The dates are **July 27-31 from 5:30-8pm**. Volunteers are needed to help with this important youth event in our community. Help is needed for outdoor games, registration, snacks, crafts, music and Bible stories. If interested, please contact St. Paul church office.

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, I am planning to offer 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:

July 9 Spirituality as the Purpose of Life

July 23 Spirituality's Effect on Personal Relationships

August 13 Spirituality Rooted in Prayer

August 27 Spirituality and Death

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.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!

July Birthdays

July Anniversaries

<i>BIRTHDAY</i>		<i>ANNIVERSARIES</i>	
<i>Pat Mizer</i>	<i>7/8</i>	<i>Rick & Mary Simmons</i>	<i>7/23</i>
<i>Olivia Howell</i>	<i>7/12</i>	<i>Larry & Laura Fortner</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>Carol Hoskinson</i>	<i>7/17</i>	<i>Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>Dave Young</i>	<i>7/17</i>		
<i>Eric Garver</i>	<i>7/18</i>		
<i>Alexandria Howell</i>	<i>7/20</i>		
<i>Sandy Bolitho</i>	<i>7/24</i>		
<i>Brittney Lohr</i>	<i>7/26</i>		
<i>Sophie Ranta</i>	<i>7/26</i>		
<i>Ted Howenstine</i>	<i>7/29</i>		



AN EVENING WITH ZAC PIRILLO - Special Guest – Gabe Woods
SATURDAY JULY 26 - 6 P.M. FREE WILL OFFERING –

Benefits Friends of the Homeless – Jack's House of Hope New Philadelphia, OH.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JULY 2025

Protect your mind - And take the helmet of salvation

Ephesians 6:17



Football players wear helmets, Ice hockey players wear helmets, baseball and softball players wear helmets then they bat. Jockeys wear helmets when they ride. Cyclists wear helmets when they race their mountain or road bikes. Those and other athletes put a premium on protecting their brains from injury.

And soldiers protect their heads as well. No surprise, then, that Paul included the “helmet of salvation” in his list of the Christian’s spiritual armor. Paul draws much of his armor imagery from Isaiah where God is pictured wearing spiritual “armor” (**Isaiah 59:17**). Why the helmet of salvation? In short, because of the emphasis in Scripture on the mind. We have “the mind of Christ” (**1 Corinthians 2:16**). We are to renew our mind (**Romans 12:2**). The main battleground of spiritual warfare is the mind, the thought life. If Satan can cause us to have thoughts of doubt concerning our salvation, the battle tilts in his favor. We protect our mind with god’s promises concerning salvation. When you have doubts or insecurities, go the Word! Renew your mind; protect your thought life. Meditate on what is true: (**Philippians 4:8**). Whatever is true, whatever is noble, ‘whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy –think about such things.

Rebekah’s Sisters- Sonshine Ladies

We can't express our appreciation enough to our donors and supporters. Thank-you!
Walk in the spirit. Be generous and do good. Glory only in the Cross.

This is how you helped since January 2025:

Friends of the Homeless of New Philadelphia *groceries* \$1450.00

Harbor House, domestic violence shelter *paper and cleaning supplies* \$680.00

Beneath the Shade, a refuge for women in recovery *operational expenses* \$500.00

NALC Disaster Relief *Lowes gift cards* \$500.00

Hennis Care Center *candy treats bags* \$215.00

Tusky Valley High School *prom cost* \$200.00

Dialysis patient *gas gift cards* \$200.00

Through generous offerings we received \$1600.00 and another \$2026.00 through the annual rummage sale in May. Currently we are working to fill the need of infant clothing for Birthright of New Philadelphia.

Many blessings. -Beth Pirillo

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 – 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, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones,*

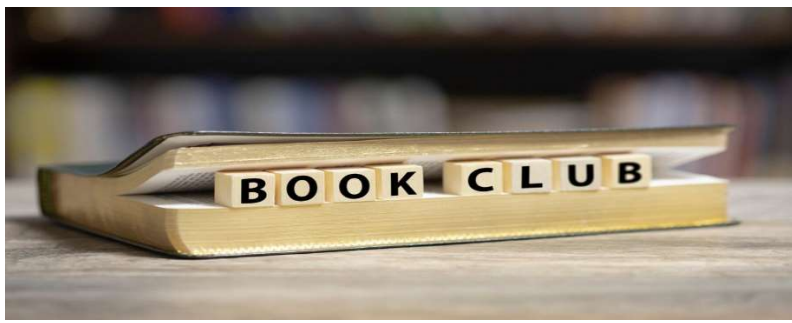
Note: After 6 months names will be removed if no new information is given.



Music Mondays: Summer Open Jam with Zac Pirillo. Come to play, come to sing, or just come to listen .. no age limit.

July 7. 6:00 – 800 p.m.

Taco Salad Bar & Drinks provided – Any questions contact zpirillo@yahoo.com



Book Club News July 2025

On 5/27 we discussed “More Than a Skelton” by Paul Maier. We had a nice turnout and there was considerable discussion about numerous subjects from the book. We also decided to continue with his last book.

The next selection will be “The Constantine Codex.” It is a continuation of the series we’ve read so far, but it isn’t necessary to have read the previous books to enjoy this

selection. There are significant historical questions involving parchments and other matters, again using archaeologist Jonathan Weber as the protagonist, along with his wife.

We plan to discuss this book in July. Let Terry Tegtmeier know if you'd like a copy.



Independence Day, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood held on July 4. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. This document announced the separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain. In 1870 the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal workers, and in 1938 it became a paid federal holiday. Also called the Fourth of July, the holiday is celebrated across the United States with parades, fireworks shows, picnics, concerts, and other festivities. Independence Day is also notable for its displays of patriotism, as many Americans commemorate the day by flying the American flag and dressing in the flag's colors of **red**, white, and **blue**.

Happy 4th. **enjoy** you **time** with **family** & **friends**!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Sund7/ay	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5
		Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.		No Community Meal		
7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Music Monday 6:00 p.m.		Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m. Spirituality Lesson in Parlor 10:30 a.m.			Property 9:00 a.m.
7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19
Worship & Communion 9:30a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.		Dee G. Fellowship Hall Benefit Dinner 2:00-4:00 p.m.
7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Homeless Shelter Meal 5:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m. Spirituality Series– Parlor			ZAC PIRILLO - SATURDAY JULY 26 - 6 P.M. FREE WILL OFFERING – Benefits Friends of the Homeless – Jack's House of Hope New Phila.
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Month To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving Through June 2025 - Amount 2025 \$ 9,427.00

Month to Date Giving Through June 2024 - Amount 2024 \$ 13,013.60