



# Newsletter

**AUGUST 2022**

**Worship God.**

**Follow Jesus.**

**Serve Others.**

"The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:20

Dear Friends in Christ,

Are you longing for an end to the "dog days of summer"? Traditionally, July 3 through August 11, the dog days of summer are the hottest and most humid days of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. That would be especially true this year as locations around the world have set historical records of high heat and humidity. Some have reported that the heat has been so oppressive and dangerous, that even water sports lost their appeal. However you have handled the heat, it is hoped that you have been safe and healthy and comfortable.

The prophet Jeremiah quoted above uses the changing seasons and harvest to reference the spiritual condition of the nation, not just the turning of calendar pages. We may find the same true for us as well. While the weather conditions have been extreme, so also have the political, social and economic conditions of the world. Wars continue to rage, violence cruelly appears, hostility and accusations persist, injustice, immigration and inflation seem to rise with the temperatures of the summer days. No wonder the prophet complains that as the harvest and summer passes by, still we are not saved from our sinful ways. Are our sinful inclinations as predictable and persistent as the seasons? Yes they are!

But hear what the Lord also tells us through Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jer 29:11-13) If you are hot and tired, desperate and depressed, frustrated and discouraged in this summer season, cheer up, look up, and put your confidence in the God who loves you and has a plan for you and for us all.

Blessings,

Wade S. Panse, Pastor

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETTY RUTZ



Thank you to everyone who was able to celebrate Betty's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday last month. It was so wonderful to share in her special day and see how she has touched the lives of so many in the community with her beautiful smile and kind ways. Such a blessing!

## WORDS OF HUMOR FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

I'm on my second guardian angel. The first one quit and is now in therapy

## **Thank You Notes Received**

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you so much for your recent monetary donation of \$162. Contributions to Helping Hands are used to support outreach to our community in Cass County. These services include our food pantry, clothing, utility, medical and transportation assistance as well as support to elementary kids through the Sam Adams Back Pack program and to low-income seniors.*

*Our organization provided 3,842 services to individuals in 2021 because of donors like yourself. We are grateful for your donation that supports services to people in need.*

*Thank You, Leigh Goyings*

*Dear Friends in Mission,*

*Thank you!*

*The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be- Thank you!*

*Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly frequent and destructive storms- sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need.*

*Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.*

*Grace and Peace,*

*Roland Fernandes, General Secretary*



The Newton House at 20689 Marcellus Highway will be open to the public the first Sunday of the month 1-4 PM thru October. This is a great opportunity for families in Cass County to learn more about local history.

### **August Sermon Schedule**

*Sermon Series: "I Am the Lord Your God" Ten Sermons on the Ten Commandments*

<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Marriage</b>	<b>"No Adultery"</b>	<b>Deut 5:18</b>
<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>"No Stealing"</b>	<b>Deut 5:19</b>
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Truth</b>	<b>"No False Testimony"</b>	<b>Deut 5:20</b>
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Envy</b>	<b>"No Coveting"</b>	<b>Deut 5:21</b>

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SCRIPTURE

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 7:7



## SPECIAL REMINDER:

With school starting up soon, we want to remind our members of the \$500 Cassopolis United Methodist Church Scholarship available to your children or close relatives. Simply pickup an application in the church office.

## SEVEN PSALMS FOR SUMMER (PLUS TWO)

Once again this summer, our Pastor is leading us in the study of selected Psalms each Wednesday in the months of July and August. You are invited to bring your Bible (and bring a friend) to join in the weekly study of nine Psalms this season. Each week will be a different Psalm, so you can attend one or more of the study sessions as your summer schedule allows. Light refreshments will be served after our discussion and study. So, please plan to attend as many Wednesday evenings as you can. We will begin promptly at 6:30 and conclude by 7:30 each week.

Here is the schedule for the remaining Wednesdays of August of our Bible study:

August 3	Psalm 107
August 10	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
August 17	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
August 24	Psalm 71:1-6
August 31	Psalm 81:1, 10-16



# AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <i>Kennedy Westrate</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Adam Dahlgren</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Chris Nickel
<b>7</b> Worship 10 AM Holy Communion Newton House open 1-4	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bible Study 6:30 PM	<b>11</b> Phyllis Clark	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 10 AM Jim & June Blue ❤️	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bible Study 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> Kenny May-Fox	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Kaye Weller
<b>21</b> Worship 10 AM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bible Study 6:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1 Anysia Heath
<b>28</b> Worship 10 AM	<b>29</b> Bob Sumption	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bible Study 6:30 PM Wade & Patti Panse ❤️			

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.