

HOPE'S NOTES – Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Please tune to **FM 87.9** in your car. *It can only be heard in our parking lots.*

The prayer of the day, for this Good Shepherd Sunday is from the *New Zealand Prayer Book* of 1989. New Zealand is a place where there are more sheep than people so shepherd images are very powerful to them. The prayer makes subtle references to all three readings.

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. The lesson from First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Prayer Concerns: Patti Badenhop, Roger Bostelman, Laura Durham, Lorna Fintel, Margaret Gerken, Irene Glore, Bernadine Meyer, Beth Ann Miller, Luella Ohlrich, Roger Petersen, Scott Prigge, Bob Rohrs, Burdell Schwiebert, Dianne Schwiebert, John Schwiebert, Richard Storch, Rudy Brandt, Orville Dickerson, Casey Ellerbrock, Marla Gordon, Luke Haselman, Eulene Keeton, Marge Lanzer, Linda McDonald, Shellee Murcko, Sue Reese, Ruth Roberts, Anthony Rust, Pastor Lindsay Shaner, Mark Spiess.

Some of our members have mobility concerns and are also most at risk for COVID-19. They would likely resist the term "shut-in", but they do not get out and around much this time of year. Please be encouraged to make a point of sending them notes, cards, and remembrances.

Laura Durham - Bowling Green Manor, 1021 West Poe Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402

Lorna Fintel – Brookdale Bowling Green #130, 121 N. Wintergarden Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Margaret Gerken - Vancrest Health Care Center, 600 E. Joe E. Brown Ave., Holgate, OH 43527

Bernadine Meyer - Vancrest Health Care Center, 600 E. Joe E. Brown Ave., Holgate, OH 43527

Beth Ann Miller - Vancrest Health Care Center, 600 E. Joe E. Brown Ave., Holgate, OH 43527

Bob Rohrs – 10389 County Rd. K, Malinta, OH 43535

Burdell Schwiebert - Vancrest Health Care Center, 600 E. Joe E. Brown Ave., Holgate, OH 43527

Richard & Dorene Storch – G534 County Road 8, Hamler, OH 43524

We express our **Christian Sympathy** to Tony & Lynesa Koppenhofer and family on the death of their brother-in-law Orville Dickerson who passed away.

Our **sewing ladies** have sent 38 Health Kits via Grain Train to Texas and given 12 blankets to Shalom.

In order to make vaccinations more readily available to the residents of southern Henry County, the Henry County Health Department will be holding several **COVID vaccination clinics**.

- There will be a clinic on Saturday morning, April 24 by appointment only at St. John's United Church of Christ. Call 419-591-3010.
- There will be a clinic on Saturday morning, May 1 by appointment only at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Hamler. Call 419-591-3010. Need a ride to the clinic....call Henry County Transportation at 419-592-8726
- There will be a walk-in clinic on Tuesday May 4 at St. John's United Church of Christ from 2:30-5:30 pm (no appointment needed) 2:30-5:30 pm

If you have questions, please contact Betty Rettig at 419-264-4401 or the Henry County Health Department at 419-591-3010.

*Beloved Friends at Hope, Easter...the Resurrection of our Lord; it's God's promise of new life and our hope for new life. This is certainly true! After 8 rounds of 5 hour chemo treatments and my two last CT scans, the doctor has said my lymphoma needs no further treatment. And I feel really good even though I am waiting for my hair and energy to return. On good days, I enjoy getting in 5 mile walks. I will still need CT scans every 3 months for the next 2 years, but I know that each new day is a precious gift. I want to thank you for your cards, phone calls, and above all, your prayers. Your prayerful encouragement and God's healing has made all the difference. **Joyfully, Lindsay Shaner***

On the Calendar at Hope

Apr. 21	Catechism at 5:30pm Worship at 7pm (BOTH in car and inside)
Apr. 25	Worship at 10:15am (BOTH in car and inside) Following Worship: Management/Stewardship Ministry
Apr. 27	Sewing at 1pm
Apr. 28	Worship Ministry at 5pm Catechism at 5:30pm Worship/communion at 7pm (BOTH in car and inside) Property Ministry Meeting at 7:30pm
May 2	Worship/Communion at 10:15am (BOTH in car and inside)
May 4	Sewing at 1pm Council at 7pm
May 5	Catechism at 5:30pm Worship at 7pm (BOTH in car and inside)

Offerings

General Fund: \$4,827.00

Jesus Builds: \$100.00

Endowment Loan Balance as of 2/15/2021

Loan Balance to be repaid: \$123,133.68

Healthy Hope Mini Notes

The countdown has begun for Pastor Keith's retirement. As sad as this makes me, I am happy for his new adventure. Some things will be changing and some things will continue as they always have. Our Hope Lutheran Church is not the building or the Pastor, although we have been very blessed in both, but our members and how we work together to solve a problem, address concerns, pray for each other and those extended family and friends as requested.

Our youth have been having lessons for Sunday school sent home with families to continue their Christian Education in an informal but hopefully meaningful way. Due to ongoing concerns with COVID and daily changes in policy and guidelines, it has been decided to not resume our formal Sunday School program until the fall, tentatively the Sunday after Labor Day. This means there will also be no Bible School. We are planning a fun Rally Day to kick off the year right. During our church service we will have a blessing of the back packs.

Looking to the fall we are asking for all the teachers that are interested in continuing to be a teacher, becoming a Sunday school teacher or substituting for a few Sundays or in team teaching and share the year to reach out to Janelle Cline at rjn_cline@yahoo.com, call or text to 419-966-0598.

God is good, He is good always, Janelle Cline