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We are happy to include the prayer needs submitted for our newsletter. However, we request that these needs be kept current and accurate. Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed. Thank you.

A PRAYER FOR AUGUST

Lord, do not let the world and its brief glory lead me astray; do not let the devil and his cunning overthrow me. Give me boldness in resisting, patience in enduring, firmness in persevering. In place of all the joys of the world grant me the sweet anointing of Your spirit. And instead of the loves of this life, pour in the love of Your name.

Thomas A Kempis (c1380-1471)

MISSION STATEMENT

"Our church exists to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to train those who already know Him."

Our World: Our US Government and local leaders, for the persecuted Church throughout the earth.

Our Missionaries: The Dickerson in Hungary, the Frasers in Hungary, the Johnsons in Indonesia,

Our Shut-ins: Barbara Brower, Josephine Cole, Doris Edwards, Marilyn Kent, Donna Overmyer, Linda Sweet.

Our Members & Friends in the Armed Forces:

Brendan Buck in Norfolk, VA
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OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Mista Gates at - GRCC
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Annika Hansen at—U Tampa
Emmie Henningson—MSU
Evie Klein —FSU
Alex Letts—LMC
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If you know of anyone else please let the office know.

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Hospice Grief Support Service
Coping With Loss

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday
each month

11:00—12:30 pm at the

First Congregational Church

LUNCHEON SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at

11:00am—1:00 pm in the
Schuyler Room at AGH.

Ushers & Greeters:

Erica Quinones

Liturgist:

Sue Belden

The Teacher asked her class what each one wanted to become when they grew up. "President. "A firefighter" "A teacher." One by one they answered until it came Billy's turn. The teacher asked, "Billy, what do you want to be when you grow up?" "Possible," Billy replied. "Possible?" asked the teacher. "Yes." Billy said, "My mom is always telling me I'm impossible. When I grow up I want to be possible.



- 3 Don Lucas
Ivy Belden
- 07 Ray Harris
- 08 Randy Stickley
- 11 Al Letts
- 12 Judy Ewing
- 13 Judy Gavan
- 15 Brian Proctor
- 17 Eric Erickson
Sue Belden
- 23 Jim Jackson
Aiden Letts
- 26 Jet Klein
- 28 Elaina Wittemore

If your birthday was not listed and you would like it to be please call the office at 673-3139.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

- 16 Steve & Deb Mancuso
- 18 Jim & Grace Richardson
- 22 Cory & Kim Klein

"Guide me, O God, in making the insured words of Scripture my life's project, that I might bring Your hope to the world. Amen.

When I was a kid growing up in Ohio, I made extra money picking strawberries for a man who had a small farm on the edge of town. He sold his produce from a little roadside stand. Because I was paid by the quart, I figured the faster I picked, the more I would make. But the farmer informed me that there was another requirement.

Don't just fill your boxes to the edge. Fill them till they run over and won't hold any more," He said. "I've always operated on the principle that if I charge a fair price and give my customers a little extra, they'll come back again." And they did.

What I learned was that we reap what we sow...in every facet of our lives. Give the minimum, expect to receive the minimum. Give lavishly, extravagantly, and be rewarded in kind. Not that that would be our motivation. But the law that says you can't out give the Lord is immutable. Jesus confirmed it when He preached, "Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in you lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38).

It applies to strawberries—and the fruits of the Spirit, as well.

—Fred Bauer

Quarterly Report - July 2021

I am glad to say that we have now transitioned back to some semblance of normalcy in our church. Towards the end of May we did away with our policies on masks and social distancing. And over the past few months we have even seen some people come back to Sunday worship, though not everyone. Because of that we will continue to have our online service.

This summer we have also seen some great unifying events. In June, Ted & Julie, along with the help of others, organized a Road Rally that many participated in. That was an event that brought us all together in a setting outside of Sunday morning. VBS was also a great success as we partnered with three other churches and saw 42 kids attend. I think it is vital that we promote events such as these. If we are truly going to be the family of God, then we need to come together more than just once a week.

To that end, I will be initiating something new this Fall. On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm we will be launching a new gathering (yet to be named). It will be another time when we can get together as the church. We will start off in the sanctuary where we will sing one worship song and then reread our Scripture from Sunday. Afterwards, we will break up into smaller groups: one for the adults, one for the teens and one for our little ones. In these groups we will go deeper into that passage from God's Word in the form of a led discussion. We will also use our time together in these smaller groups to pray for one another. Finally, we will come back together in the sanctuary as one body where we can sing one last song together in worship of our King and Savior.

One thing I would love to see during this time, is for people to ask questions. Perhaps there is something in the passage that wasn't explained well during the sermon. Maybe something was explained, but wasn't clear. It could be that God has given you some insight that your pastor missed. When those things happen, be sure to write down your thoughts and questions in the notes section of your bulletins. That way you will be prepared for Wednesday nights.

As we move forward as a church, my hope is that we continue to grow closer as a family; that the love that we have for one another will be evident to the world around us; and that we might be a witness to the world for Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Cory

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 am ALPHA 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Quarterly meeting	2 5:30 pm Women's Fellowship	3	4 6:15 pm Prayer meeting	5 9:00 am & 12:30pm Food Warehouse 3-6:pm Dinner Take out only	6 8:00 am Warehouse	7 1-5:pm Open house for Winnie 4: 7: pm Acolytes & Friends
8 9:00 am ALPHA 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Trustees meeting	9	10 10:00 am Hospice 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting	11 6:15 pm Prayer meeting	12 9:00 am & 12:30pm Food Warehouse 3-6:pm Dinner Take out only	13 8:00 am Warehouse	14
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Word Find

Find each word from this Bible verse in the puzzle below. (James 2:15)

IF A BROTHER OR SISTER IS NAKED AND LACKS DAILY FOOD, AND ONE OF YOU SAYS TO THEM, "GO IN PEACE; KEEP WARM AND EAT YOUR FILL," AND YET YOU DO NOT SUPPLY THEIR BODILY NEEDS, WHAT IS THE GOOD OF THAT? SO FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT HAS NO WORKS, IS DEAD.

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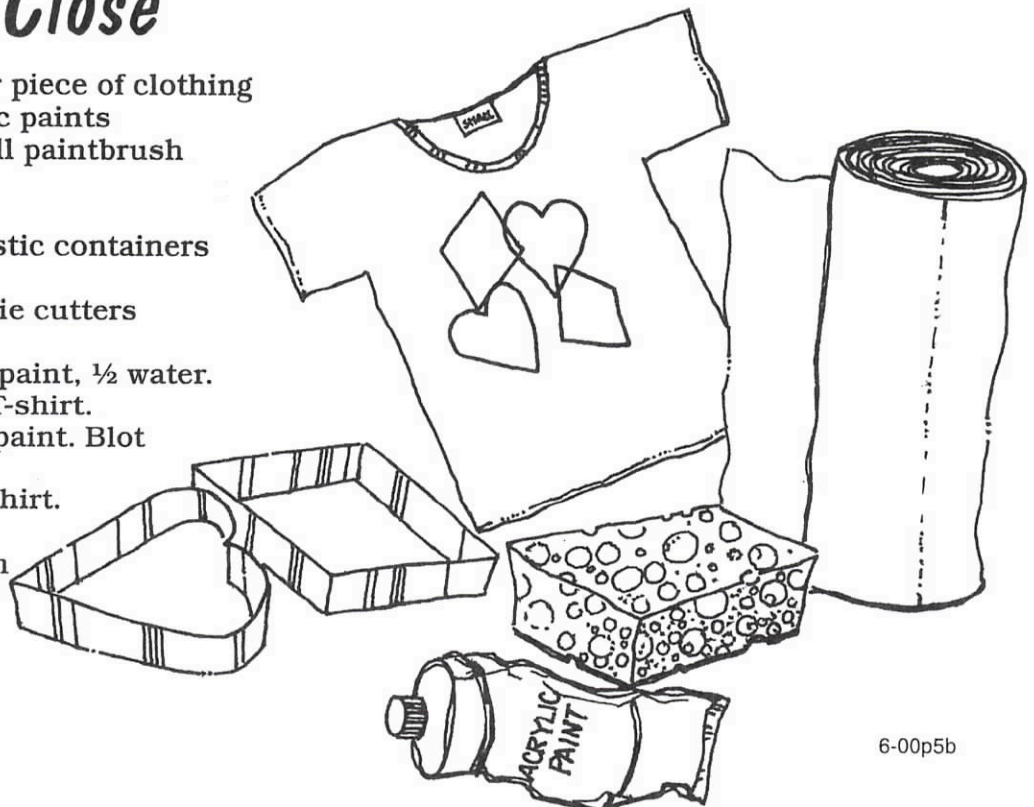
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Cookie Cutter Close

You will need: T-shirt or other piece of clothing
Liquitex Acrylic paints
Sponge or small paintbrush
Paper towels
Cookie cutters
Cardboard, plastic containers

Directions:

1. Select and arrange cookie cutters for your design.
2. Mix paint with water: ½ paint, ½ water.
3. Place cardboard inside T-shirt.
4. Dip sponge or brush in paint. Blot on paper towel.
5. Place cookie cutter on shirt. Hold down firmly, and paint inside. Repeat with other cutters and colors to complete your design.
6. Dry completely.



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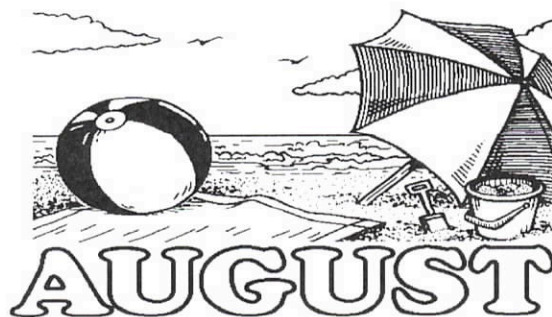
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