

The Chimes

August 2024

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

WORSHIP

Colossians

A Summer Sermon Series

A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM

The Extravagant Dimensions of Christ's Love

I have shared with you several times that my long-standing prayer for us as a congregation is taken from the Apostle Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church found in chapter 3 of his letter to the Ephesians. I have been praying this prayer over us and for us for 4-years.

I wanted to share this beautiful prayer with you as taken from The Message translation:

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Grace and peace to you!

Jim

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INFORMATION

FIRST PEOPLE: PEG LOGAN

Peg Logan's 100th birthday is Aug. 26! You'll want to celebrate her as much as we do by getting to know her life.

Peg was the editor of her high school newspaper in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and went to Miami University to be a journalist. She was a serious journalist; she never would have conceived of being a nurse. However, after her second year, Peg recalls having a dreamlike vision of hearing a friend talking about becoming a nurse. Then she heard a voice tell her very clearly, "That's what I want you to do." With determination fueled by this revelation, she set her mind to share her decision to pursue nursing. Her parents' elation surprised her, as they were already convinced of her innate nursing spirit.

Applying to St. Luke's Independent Hospital and Nursing School in Cleveland, Peg was admitted having never taken a chemistry course. With her academic record, she was told, "Don't worry about it," and she was encouraged to participate in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps while pursuing her nurse's training. This program provided tuition and a stipend to recruits during a time of a nursing shortage during World War II. This decision to pursue nursing relieved her family of the burden of paying for any college degree and provided all Peg needed to live on, close to home. Peg has had a long career as a nurse, eventually working in the cardiac care unit at Flower Hospital in Sylvania, and volunteering for 27 years at St. Luke's. Her daughter, Barb, worked for years in the intensive care unit also at Flower.

Peg was first introduced to her husband during her nurse's training while working at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Her friend and fellow nurse was writing a letter to her fella serving in the war. She encouraged Peg to write to her friend, Pat, soon and often, because he didn't have a big family to write to him. Peg and Pat exchanged letters between Chicago and the Aleutian Islands for about a year. When he was relieved from action and took his leave, he flew into Chicago. Peg says when she saw Pat walking off the plane, she knew he was the one she would marry. "It was like we knew each other forever." They were engaged a couple of weeks later and married after months of getting to know one another during weekend visits while he was stationed at Ben Harrison Camp, Indianapolis, and she had returned to Mentor, Ohio.

Eventually, Pat and Peg moved to Perrysburg, and then to Archbold. They had three boys and one girl, our own Barb Sanford. Pat is now deceased, and Peg has 10 very busy grandchildren and 19 greats.

Peg has a quick wit and fascinating knowledge of changes in medicine over the decades. Take time to go for a visit. She will tell you to make lots of good friends, and at the start of each day rejoice and be glad. This is the day the Lord has made!



AUGUST PRAYER CALENDAR

August 2024 PRAYER FOCUS		HELLO AUGUST				
1 Helping Galatians 6:2	2 Mercy Psalm 143:1	3 Focus 1 Corinthians 9:24	4 Guidance Isaiah 30:21	5 Abundance Genesis 1:31	6 Awareness 1 Peter 5:8	7 Mindfulness Matthew 12:34
8 Prayer Acts 3:16	9 Scripture Joshua 1:8	10 Fearless Isaiah 41:10	11 Healing Matthew 11:5	12 Hope Romans 15:13	13 Comfort Psalm 3:3	14 Unity Acts 1:14
15 Ask James 1:5	16 Discernment Matthew 7:3	17 Protection John 10:28	18 Questions Matthew 14:15	19 Shepherd Luke 15:4-6	20 Fear Psalm 27:1	21 Growth Matthew 6:34
22 Good News Luke 2:11	23 New Creation 2 Corinthians	24 Worry Matthew 6:34	25 Anger Ecclesiastes 7:9	26 Safety Psalm 4:8	27 Love John 13:34	28 Satisfaction Matthew 14:20
29 Blessings Hebrews 6:14-15	30 Plans Jeremiah 29:11	31 Need Psalm 63:1				

A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the adopt-a-door project! We recently found that we have an additional \$1,600 expense for some extensive work needing done on the doors at the patio entrance. If you can, please consider donating to help our cause to give our exterior doors some long overdue love!

Events

PRIME TIMERS: "Mystery" Flip Flop Event

After traveling to Hawaii, our flip-flops have encountered a mystery. Put on your Sherlock Holmes hats and try to figure out where our adventurous footwear is taking us. Join with your fantastic friends for some frivolous fun while we enjoy fabulous food.

Meet in the multipurpose room at 12 noon, Monday, August 12th, for what promises to be our normal "uncontrollable" fun!

PRIME-TIMERS
"MYSTERY" FLIP-FLOP EVENT

Where have our flip-flops taken us?

FELLOWSHIP
FOOD
FUN

Monday, August 12th @ 12 noon
Multipurpose Room

2024 Prime-Timers Dates:
(Subject to change)

- Monday, September 16th
- Monday, October 7th
- Monday, November 11th
- Monday, December 9th

TOLEDO INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY PROGRAM:



The next generation of world leaders are right in our backyard, studying in our universities. Most of these students are curious and highly interested in friendship and cultural exchange. That's why they are here! They want to find out what our country is all about.

We have developed an opportunity for friendship that is easy and ready made, called the Toledo International Hospitality Program (TIHP).

TIHP is a friendship program where Toledo area families and individuals can make friends with international students from the University of Toledo and do something fun with them about once a month. It is an amazing opportunity to get to know students from the 80+ countries represented at UT. You will have a chance to learn about their cultures, lives and faiths, and they are eager to learn about yours. Many of these students will go on to become leaders in their communities and in their countries.

This semester we have many new students arriving, and we want to offer them the chance to meet an American Friendship Family. We really need your help!

To become an American Friendship Family:

1. Go to www.GO-UT.info, and follow the links to fill out an application.
2. We will contact you about the next available orientation meeting.

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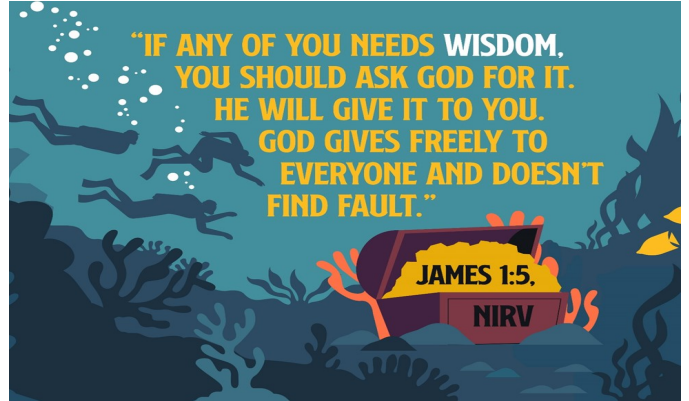
FAMILY MINISTRY

AUGUST CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Theme



Memory Verse



GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN WISDOM AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Sometimes it's easy to know what the wise choice would be. Let's say you're choosing between having expired milk with your cereal or eating some fruit and a sandwich. You probably aren't reaching for the milk! What about choosing to stay up all night when you have a road trip the next day, or getting some sleep because you're driving first? Every decision you make starts out with a choice. As we "dive deep" into the Bible this month, we'll discover that God is always there to help us make wise choices. God has given us people who can help us make those wise choices too.

Bottom Line 1: Wisdom is worth searching for.

Bottom Line 2: When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice.

Bottom Line 3: Hang out with wise people.

Bottom Line 4: Never stop growing in wisdom.

AUGUST NURSERY/PRESCHOOL THEME:

Preschool Monthly Overview:

Have you ever watched a cooking show where kids are doing the cooking? They are SO creative! A little of this and a little of that and voila! A culinary delight! Now imagine God creating each and every person . . . even more creative, right? Two brown eyes, some curly black hair, and a splash of freckles. Then, God adds a dash of compassion, a spoonful of kindness, a large cup of creativity . . . and voila!

Psalm 139:14 says, "How you made me is amazing and wonderful." God made me wonderful! God made you wonderful. God made every person on the planet wonderful!

Our prayer for preschoolers is that they will know that **God made us,**

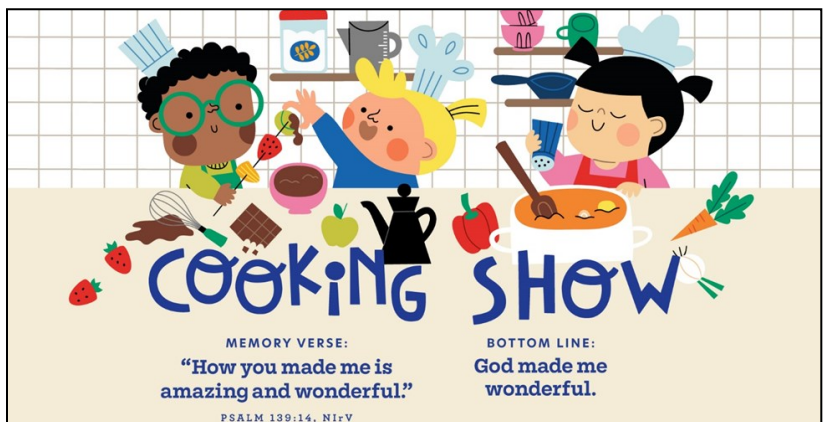
God loves us, and **Jesus wants to be our friend forever.** We're cooking up a lot of fun to go with these foundational truths. We hope this month leaves you and your preschoolers smiling with confidence as you look into a mirror because you know that God made me wonderful!

Story Focus Week 1: God made me.

Story Focus Week 2: God made me to create, think, and help.

Story Focus Week 3: I am important to God.

Story Focus Week 4: God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus.



REGISTER FOR THE 2024-2025 CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY:



Please register your child or youth for the 2024-2025 school year! This would include nursery, children's church, team kid, and youth. It's important to register, this is the primary means of communication with families about what's happening in church and the community. It will keep you up to date on all the fun, or any cancellations. We're looking forward to an amazing year!

HELP WANTED!



GREETING CARD MINISTRY: The Children and Family Ministry is looking for some amazing people who would be willing to participate in a greeting card ministry for children and families. What does that entail? Simply writing birthday cards, holiday cards, and cards of encouragement for the children and families of the church and preschool. Many supplies can be provided. Please contact Pastor Jodi if you'd like to participate.

TEAM KID/YOUTH: It's that time of year already! Team Kid/Youth begins September 11th from 6-7:30pm. We will be looking for people to help organize and provide dinners or be a parent helper. Please contact Pastor Jodi with any questions or for further information.

QR code to meal sign-up:



Link to meal sign-up: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q2Aa1Hfr3xqZSgw-F10_gvkNV6Tsl dhZuS9Uxs9iNUk/edit?usp=sharing

TROOP 198

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Troop 198 Update

Troop 198 attended summer camp from July 21st through 27th. Thirty-one scouts were part of this week-long adventure. Summer camp provides Scouts with a wide range of experiences such as merit badge classes, troop competitions, swimming, flag ceremonies, campfires, outdoor activities, and service projects. Summer camp allows Scouts to develop skills and make progress through rank advancement.



MISSIONS

The bed build is coming!! Save the date - **Saturday, Sept. 21st @ 9 am** in the church parking lot. In preparation for the build, throughout August, our mission campaign will be donations of new twin-size bedding, blankets/comforters, and pillows. Donations can be dropped off by the Missions Wall in the Lower Narthex.

SERVE

PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of August, we are asked to donate canned vegetables. For September, donations of Hamburger Helper would be appreciated. If you wish to give a monetary donation, you may do so by visiting: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQZA/home>. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!

Donations may be made online at www.perrysburgfirst.church under 'Give'.

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is on/around the 25th of the month.

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There is always a chance we could be out of the office, so we encourage you to call ahead before stopping by.