

Pastor's Pen



Do you realize your story is tied to God's story? God's story encompasses the whole universe, the laws of physics and nature, and the battle between good and evil. Your story is part of that grand narrative. God knows your story and it matters to God. Your story can bring God glory!

How did you come to know Jesus? Why are you a Christian? These are the most important questions we encounter. Some of us have dramatic conversation stories. Others of us found Jesus slowly over a long period of time. Still others of us were raised to know Christ from our first day. The point is we all have a story about why we follow Christ and everyone of those stories are important.

Beginning August 19, we have opportunity to hear some stories from fellow members of the congregation. We pray it will inspire you to share your own story with others to encourage them and to invite them to know Christ. If there is someone in your life who has not given their life to Jesus, this would be a great time to invite them to church.

We have spent the past 40 days praying for God to bless and use us as a church. Let's put those prayers into action by sharing our Story for His Glory!

Your servant in Christ,

First Things

Family Ministry

Life Together

Wednesdays Join us for weekly Wednesday night meals 5:00



pm to 5:45 pm starting August 22. Enjoy a great meal and afterwards there is programming for all ages. Joan Smith is leading a study on the Book of Ezra from 6:00-6:30. Rev. Barkalow is facilitating discussion on the book "Circling our Children" from 6:00-7:00 in the parlor.

Generations is our prayer partners ministry. This month pray for the student who are returning to school.

Missions

Shoebox Ministry Each month we will focus on one or two items for our shoeboxes. August Items— Washcloths, soap, Toys; Boys ages 5—8, Girls ages 2—4.

Praying For our Schools- We will meet on Sunday, August 12th at 3:00 in the fellowship hall to form teams to go out to each school in the county to pray over it for the children, staff, and safety of each one.

Youth



Community Beach Bible

Study August 8. Meet at the church at 5:30. We will go to the beach for devotional and fun, then head to Uptown Station. Pick up at the church at 8:00.

Mid-High Trip to Atlanta GA , August 2-4, \$150.

More Things

Children



School Supplies The Children's Department is requesting school supplies for local children in the Fresh Start Program. Bring donations to the front office or worship August 5th . Financial donations are also welcomed. Supplies: Backpacks, lunch boxes, paper, pens, pencils, pencil boxes, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, markers, crayons, watercolors, folders, calculators, and binders.

Back to School Shopping August 1 at 9:00 a.m. the children are shopping for school supplies then packing them for Fresh Start. Then lunch at Cici's—\$6.00

Worship

Special Service August 12- Back to School Sunday when we will pray for the students, teachers, administrators, and support staff heading back to school and Dr. Blake Horn will present the United Methodist children's home Guardian of the Bell award to our church.

My Story God's Glory—Come hear the testimonies of fellow church



members as we begin a new worship series August 19th.

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August Birthdays

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| 1- Holden, Elizabeth | 13- Rider, Eric |
| 2- Grimes, Jamie | 14- Freeman, Emelyn |
| Handley, Jenni | 16- Rollins, Bobby |
| Todd, Shawneen | Worrall, Lynn |
| 3- Barkalow, Xavier | 17- Knight, Michael |
| 4- Thrash, Larry | 19- McGrail, Haley |
| 6- Anderson, Bronner | 22- Barkalow, Andy |
| 7- Burda, Jim | 26- Bruner, Vince |
| 8- Early, Lottie | McGee, Michelle |
| Trossbach, Judy | 27- Lancaster, Ellen |
| 9- Lopez, Sharon | 29- Barkalow, Zadie |
| 10- Aderholt, Anne | Landingham, Monty |
| Risalvato, Tom | 31- Brown, Gene |
| 11- Parkton, Ashton | |
| Ravan, Bruce | |
| 12- McAlister, Lacey | |
| Jennings, Norma | |
| Wagner, Doug | |

August Annivers

- 7- Gary & Patsy Hunter
- 10- Buddy & Mary Barnes
- 12- Mike & Sabrina McGrail
Richard & Stephanie Prine
- 13- Jack & Charlotte Thomas
- 21- Tommy & Barbara Britt
- 23- Clay & Nancy Carnathan
- 25- Mike & Karen Rodgers
Lockwood & Delores Wernet
- 26- Doug & JoAnne Henderson
- 27- Preston & Ann Hood
- 30- Frank & JoAnne Rankin

Next Things

Family Fun Night September 16

What does an inflatable obstacle course, a rock wall, a bounce house, yard games, and food equal?

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

We are inviting our church, preschool, and Taekwondo families together

for a night of fun and fellowship. September 16 from 5:00-7:30 come enjoy games, hamburgers and hotdogs, and fun for all ages. Invite a friend. This is a great night to introduce people to our church.



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