



# FIRST Church Of Christ

July 2024 NEWSLETTER

Helen Roseveare had been a missionary in the Congo for 20 years. She was speaking at a conference when she shared this story. One night we worked hard helping a mother in labor. Despite all our efforts, we were not able to save the mother. We were left with a tiny, premature baby and a crying, two-year-old big sister. There was no electricity to run an incubator. Yes, it's true, the Congo is hot, but it can get cool at night and frequently, there is a cool breeze. A box was gathered and some cotton wool to try to keep the baby warm, hot water bottle would be filled with warm water to help keep the chill away. The nurse who went to fill the water bottle, came back soon almost in tears. The water bottle had burst while she was trying to fill it. How many more things go wrong? The phrase 'no crying spilled milk' came to mind, so we kept doing what needed to be done to keep this little one alive. The baby made it through the night. I went on with my usual tasks, one of which was getting together with some of the orphans from the area. As often with these children, we would play games and then have a little time of study and a prayer. I gave the youngsters some things to pray about. I also mentioned the little baby that had been born the day before and about all the things that had gone wrong. I told them about her big sister and all her tears at losing her mom. One of the girls, a 10-year-old, during our prayer time prayed this prayer, "Please, God, send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon." She also added to her prayer, "and while you're about it, God, would you please send a doll for the little girl so that she will know you really love her."



the water bottle. I was trying to keep the baby warm through the night.

Helen said she was taken by the innocence of the prayer, but also the audacity. How could God answer this prayer? She had been serving in the Congo for four years, and she had never received a package of any kind, and that was the only way they would ever get a water bottle or a baby doll. It's not like you could run down to the local store and get items, but she appreciated the girl's prayer. Helen went on with her day's activities when she received a message that a

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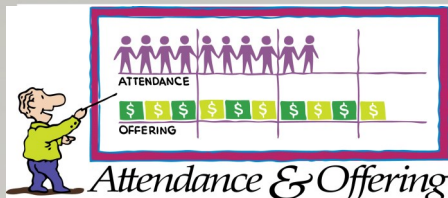
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## July Servers

### Deaconesses:

Sherry Trubey & MaKenzie Manges

### Elder Schedule:

7—Doug Haase  
 14—Mark Rhodes  
 21—Larry Snavelly  
 28—Dave Beerbower



### Nursery:

7—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—Shaun & Jessica Arend;  
 2nd—Sharon Blinzler  
 14—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—**NEED VOLUNTEER**; 2nd—  
 Barry & Kelly Von Deylen  
 21—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—**VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**;  
 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes  
 28—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—Cody & Ashely Grimm;  
 2nd—**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

### June 2

Attendance 42/90  
 Offering \$5,407.08

### June 9

Attendance 47/86  
 Offering \$3,161.16

### June 16

Attendance 38/73  
 Offering \$5,477.35

### June 23

Attendance 38/72  
 Offering \$351.16

### Needed for Budget:

\$4,967.69



## Thank You!

*Thank you for all the prayers, love, and support. It is very appreciated.*

*Love,  
 Eric & Angie Murphy*

### Reunions in Heaven

*Samantha Ryan's short film, "Reunions in Heaven" will be shown at the Edgerton Drive-in Theatre (Fleo's Flicks) Sunday, June 30th and Sunday, July 7th. Gates open at 8:00 with the movie beginning at 9:30. Tickets cost \$5 (cash only) at the gate. Concessions will be available. Don't miss it!*



- 1 Kaleb Hartman**
- 3 Marcia Culler**
- 5 Joan Brown,**

**Jerry Hug**

**6 John Leppelmeier**

**7 Kolden Avina, Khloe Hartman, Leona Puff**

**9 Ron Walker**

**10 Madelon Salisbury**

**12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuszmaul, Adam Perry**

**14 Andyn Haynes**

**16 Larry Sanders**

**18 Hallie Geinger**

**21 Regina Kidd, Bennett Von Deylen**

**22 Zane Roose**

**25 Bettie Finken**

**28 LuAnn Jerger, Justin McNamara**

**31 Shane Cochrane**



**13 Ron & Ellen Walker (39)**

**19 Terence & Beth Clingaman (10)**

**20 Dan & Deb Nixon (39)**

**21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (67); Dick & Theresa Kuszmaul (40), Troy & Trisha Hug (9)**

**25 Henry & Regina Kidd (60)**

**28 Gene & Ruth Ordway (56)**

**29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (52)**

**30 Gary & Teresa Brown (36)**



**SYMPATHY**

**The church family extends her sympathy to Eric & Angie Murphy and Tim & Sam Ryan on the death of Eric's mom, Arlene Murphy.**

**Love All**

**Our Service Personnel:** Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (TX), Josh Severs (AL), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (Korea). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Jim Henson, Terri Hug, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Denise Smith, Annette Snavely, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman. **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Annie Engel, Jason Gregg, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Tommy Morr, Bill Brewer, Ellen Walker, Dave & Terri Hug, Ron Lewis, Mike Green, John Leppelmeier, Mark & Carrie Campo, Carol Beerbower, Ronnie Pinckley, Jim Clingaman; **Shut Ins:** **Bryan Healthcare:** Esther Rosendaul; **Fairlawn Haven:** John Altman; **Hillside:** Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Ron & Linda Lewis, Leona Puff.



## Upcoming EVENTS

**Lunch Bunch @  
Paulding Pancake  
House (former Vagabond Restaurant)  
7/23/2024**

**Family Movie Night  
7/28/2024**



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## SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 7/23 at Paulding Pancake House (former Vagabond Restaurant) 11:45 AM at . Please meet there.



package had been dropped off at her house. She ran home to check on the package. Helen lifted from the package brightly colored, knitted jerseys to be handed out to the orphans. There were bandages for leprosy patients. There were mixed raisins and nuts. They would go well in the bread and buns that would be made for the kids to eat that week. Helen's hand went into the box again and that's when she, gasping, pulled it out. It was a brand-new rubber hot water bottle. One of the set of eyes that was watching her unpack the box were those of the little girl who had prayed that ridiculous prayer earlier. When she saw the water bottle pulled out, she cried out that surely there must be a doll in there as well. Helen continued to unpack the box, and I suppose you know where this is going. The last item that she pulled out was a small doll. The little girl asked, "Can I go over with you, and give the girl the doll, so that she will know Jesus really loves her?" That parcel had been on its way for over five months. It was packed by a former Sunday school class where Helen had gone years earlier. One person in the class had been prompted to pack a rubber, hot water bottle. Another had been prompted to pack a baby doll. How could all these bits and pieces accompanied by a child's prayer come together? An amazing God in the power of prayer.



"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

Destined to Win, Larry



# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3		5	6
<b>7</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>21</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	22	<b>23</b> 11:45 Lunch Bunch	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Family Movie Night	29	30	31			

