



Aurora First United Methodist Church

August, 2024

“Heart to Heart, House to House, Town to Town, One Kingdom to Another”

From Pastor Ryan:

Early in the morning we will soon hear the laughter, grumbling, and chatter of kids as they wait on their street corners for the big yellow school bus to pick them up for school. It seems hard to believe that the start of a new school year is here for our community. We passed out prayer cards in our bulletin the last Sunday of July with points on how you can pray for our community as school starts up.

Ephesians 4:32 – Ask God to help our students to be kind.

“...and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

Proverbs 10:9 – Ask God to help our students walk with integrity this year.

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever follows perverse ways will be found out.”

Philippians 4:6-7 – Ask God to help our students not to worry.

” Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Luke 2:52 – Ask God to help our students Grow.

“ And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.”

Proverbs 17:17 – Pray for our students and their friends.

“A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.”

As our students begin a new school year this can be a new time for us to begin something new too. Is there a Bible reading plan you’ve been meaning to start? Maybe a new devotional discipline like prayer or a devotional book? Or maybe God has been leading you to start a new Bible study group? This is a great time of year to start something new. Jump into it and get going!

TAKE A LOOK! Roger Fehling recently applied for a Facade Improvement Grant through the City of Aurora, and our church was awarded funds to have our front doors refinished. Wayne Schroeder was contracted, and the work has been completed. Check out the photo on the front of the newsletter, and be sure to look at them the next time you get a chance. (Thanks, Roger, and thanks to the City of Aurora!)

Attendance for July:

7/7 - 28

7/14 - 32

7/21 - 36

7/28 - 28

Average attendance for July:31

Giving for July:

7/7 - \$2672

7/14 - \$2348

7/21 - \$874

7/28 - \$730

Average giving for July: \$1656. Your generosity in the communion collection allowed us to send \$146 to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Weekly our church gives \$10 to the Clearinghouse, so for July we sent \$40.

Dates to Remember:

August 6: Mountain Mission Truck

August 11: Cultivate JOY Picnic

August 18: Donut Sunday

August 21: Serving High Hope Cafe

August 25: Hymn Choice Sunday

Mountain Mission

The United Methodist Mountain Mission truck will be here on August 6. They have a low inventory right now and desperately need the following: bed sheets, comforters, blankets, pillows, wash cloths, bed spreads, quilts, whatnots and collectables, pots and pans, men's, women's, and children's socks, purses, back-to-school supplies,

swimwear, crafting supplies (yarn, material, sewing notions, etc.). They also need 33 gallon trash bags, paper towels, air freshener spray, toilet bowl cleaner, and coffee, sugar, and creamer. They can also use other good and usable items. Thank you for looking out for our less fortunate brothers and sisters through this ministry.

Our Mission Outreach:

Thanks to everyone who has helped us celebrate Christmas in July as we raised \$650 to support Cops and Kids! Thanks to Judy Mosier and crew for serving 39 meals and 10 carry-outs at 4th Street Foods on July 16th! Our next High Hope at Hamline Chapel will be August 21. Serving time will be 5:15-6:15 P.M. Come join us!!

Cultivate JOY Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 11, 2024 - 5 pm, for our Cultivate JOY Picnic in Sunman at the St Paul UMC picnic shelter. Worship - Food - Games – Fun!

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Joan Hochstrasser 8/5

Ryan Goode 8/8

Janet Hart 8/9

Amy Hamrick 8/19

Corbin McHenry 8/19

Linda Hamrick 8/21
Beth Baylor 8/27
Verna Cotton 8/29

Cleaning Teams:

August 4 & 11: Team 1

August 18 & 25: Team 2

Cleaning teams save our church money!
Anyone interested in being on a cleaning team, please contact Roger Fehling at 513-519-1309, or leave a message at 812-926-0535.

August Liturgists:

August 4: Susan Moio

August 11: Charlotte DeVille

August 18: Roger Fehling

August 25: Debbie Fehling

August Ushers & Greeters:

August 4: Dave & Judy Hizer

August 11: Roger & Debbie Fehling

August 18: Janet & Steve Hart

August 25: Rob Moorhead &
Judy Mosier

Contact Judy Hizer at (513) 314-6682 if you would like to help out as a liturgist, an usher, or a greeter.

Lectionary for Coming Sundays

August 4: 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a;

Ps 51:1-12; Eph 4:1-16;

John 6:24-35

August 11: 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Ps 130; Eph 4:25-5:2;

John 6:35, 41-51

August 18: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14;
Ps 111; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 25: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11)
22-30, 41-43; Ps 84; Eph 6:10-20;

John 6:56-69

Prayer List - Our list of family and friends: Baby Hudson Combs-heart issues (Janet), DeVille's friend Tom—biopsy(Charlotte), Debbie-hip surgery Wednesday (Debbie), Michael Renner (Kelly), Stacy McCabe-hospice (Judy H.), Stephen's cataract surgery July 19th(Monica), John Hubbartt-port installed (Bonnie), Peggy Hubbard-back surgery (Judy H.), Barbara & Jim Scott-health issues (Susan),travel mercy for Madeline (Susan),Cindy Feller - blood clots in both legs (Debbie), Kenny Turner - knee replacement and a fall afterwards (Steve T.), Good report from doctor at 6 month checkup (Monica), prayers for new medical team (Monica), Kelly shots in her back (Kelly), Marlene Dozier's grandson-heart surgery (Janet H.), John & Shelly Hubbartt (All of us),

Joan Hochstrasser-health issues (Robin), Cari's cousin Ben & family (Cari), Gunter in Atlanta-burned (Debbie), Cynthia-shoulder replacement (Debbie), Bella transferred to Vanderbilt (Jenna), EG White as he cares for his wife Sharon (Judy), Eddie Oliver - health issues (Susan), Ellie - cancer treatment (Debbie), Tim Hochstrasser-fall (Pastor Ryan), Charlie White-liver transplant (Roger & Janet), Jim's sister Bonnie (Jim W.), Griffin Davis (Janet), Dolf Garbsch (Hudson), Norman Ellis (Cari), Kelsey-ankle surgery (Jeff), Jeff Baer's Aunt Nancy recovering from a fall (Jeff), Jill-broken bones (Debbie), Dale Armbruster (Janet H.), Aaron Baer (Jeff), Baers' friend (Jeff), Lolly Tucker & Sharon Fisher (Cari), Jerry Schmidt (Kelley), Bonnie's sister Missy (Bonnie)

Our cancer prayer list of friends and families: Lona (Kenn), Nick Thomas (Stephanie), Steve Ochs-brain cancer (Steve H.), Stacy McCabe-hospice (Judy H.), Julia Heyob - breast cancer (Debbie), Ellie - friend of Fehlings has lymphoma, Leslie Cassidy-cancer in 3 areas (Bonnie), Peggy breast cancer (Kelly), Amy Shackelford (Julie), Katie

Ellis-hospice (Cari), Doug-pancreatic cancer and coming surgery (Kelly), Ellaine Marshall (Julie), Jay Beyer (Roger), Tim McClammroch-melanoma (Judy M.), Debbie Bamberger (Kathi), Kim Burkey (Pastor Ryan), Chris "Itch" Strautman - return of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Kelley), Sharon Level (Kelley), Bill Level (Kelley), Mitch Plemens (Cari), Josh & Sis (Cari), Missy (Bonnie), Stephanie Riley (Gary), Stacy McCabe (Judy H.), Brandon Cox (Cari)

Sympathy to the families of:

Sharon White and Janet Baer

Paises: Debbie's successful surgery (Judy H.), Monica's mother-Ginny-is home from the hospital (Monica), Love & support of family (Judy M.), Kara & Ellie going to UM camp + another adult and 4 girls (Pastor Ryan), Jim Stock's great recovery (Judy M.), Aurora UMC participating in Cop's and Kid's program (ALL of us), United Methodists welcoming

Bishop Tracy Malone to our Indiana Conference, John & Shelly's anniversary (Pastor Ryan), Served 49 at 4th Street dinner on July 16th, Church folks helping each other (Kelly), Tom Fehling's tumor benign (Roger), DeVille's family visiting (Charlotte), Kenny 's 80th birthday (Verna), UMC Annual Conference, Sawyer Baxter's 16th birthday (Debbie), the mountain of supplies for Safe Passage (All of us), Baby Gretta home from hospital (Debbie), Baylor Trucking transporting RSV vaccine throughout North America & Canada (Cari), Robin Hochstrasser in church (All of us), 86 meals served at High Hope, Serving 4th Street-35 meals & 16 carryouts (Debbie)

Those in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living: Donna Dean, Doris Spencer, Martha Kaiser, Shirley Meyer, Marie Hizer, JD Largent

Shut Ins:

Wilma Beyer, Jerry Stonebraker

Special Care & Concerns: Gun violence around the world; all who are

suffering after natural disasters. For an end to war and violence around the world especially in Israel and Ukraine; refugees; discontent in United States, Red Cross workers and volunteers, relief workers

Local Missions: AA, NA, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, Clearinghouse, YES Home, Heart House, Safe Passage

United Methodist Missions:

UMCOR workers and volunteers, Red Bird Mission, Mountain Mission

Prayers for our Nation as COVID

continues, racial tensions,

Christian Unity, our United

Methodist Church, Prayers for our

cities, for our counties, our state,

our police, our firefighters, EMTs,

all military men and women and

their families, all healthcare

workers, first responders,

chaplains, missionaries, clergy,

persons in financial distress,

businesses needing employees.

