

# Parish Paragraphs

# AUGUST 2017

## Hello August

The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is certainly silent, too with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color.”

—Natalie Babbitt, *Tuck Everlasting*

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# Note From The Pastor



As we enter into the month of August, I thought Carey Nieuwhof--a pastor in Canada--had an interesting question on his blog. Here's the link:

<https://careynieuwhof.com/why-attending-church-no-longer-makes-sense/>

Or you can Google "Carey Nieuwhof Why Attending Church No Longer Makes Sense."

Here's how it begins:

*"The trend is practically universal: fewer people are attending church every year. You might have even asked the question yourself. Why bother? There are many reasons why that's happening..., but I think it's increasingly evident that it no longer makes sense to attend church.*

*Don't get me wrong. I'm a huge fan of the church. But I get why more and more people have simply stopped attending."*

Check out the rest of the blog to see why he thinks less people are attending church and what the church can do to address this trend.

Blessings and See you soon!

~ Pastor Jon

# WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



## August 6<sup>th</sup>:

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Rev. Joycelyn Degener

## August 13<sup>th</sup>:

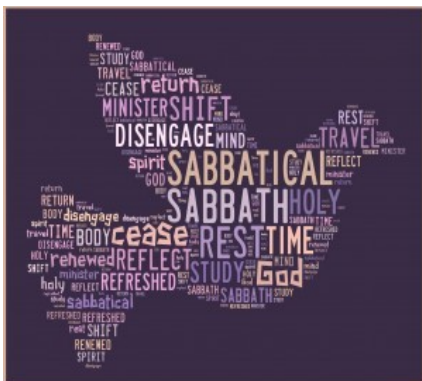
10:30am: Worship

## August 20<sup>th</sup>:

10:30am: Celebrate Worship

## August 27<sup>th</sup>:

10:30am: Worship



*Pastor Jon will be back in the church office on August 8th.*



**August 14, 2017 6:30pm**

**\*note date change\***

**Elizabethans Women's Group**

All women are welcome to this small but mighty fellowship group.

**Monday Night Growth Group  
August 7th & 14th**

The Monday Night Growth Group meets on the 1st and 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the home of Donna Serviss. Please contact Donna or Susan Korecki for more information.



**Something Brewing**

Friday, August 4th at 7pm

Black Cloister Brewing Co.  
Monroe & Erie St  
Downtown

**Gone Golfing & Fishing!**

The **Retired Men's Group** will not meet during the summer. Meetings will resume on September 7, 2017. All men are welcome to come on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30am for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church.

It's that time again to re-register your Kroger card. Point Place UCC benefits from the Kroger Community Cares Program by receiving a percentage of all purchases made by those whose Kroger cards are linked to PPUCC. Each year you have to re-register your card on their website. If you don't have internet access, contact the office and Cindy will help you register your card.



“If you love me, feed my sheep.”  
John 21:15-19

<b><u>Monday, Aug. 14</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday, Aug. 22</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday, Aug. 29</u></b>
Dinner at RiverPoint Ministries	BBQ Chix Sandwiches Corn on the Cob	Lasagna Salad Dessert
2862 131 <sup>st</sup> Street	Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water	Coffee, Juice, Water



<b><u>Financial Information for Previous Month</u></b>	
Balance in General Checking Account As of 6/30/17	\$20,771.50*
*Includes Endowment Grant of \$14,951.44 to cover 2016 overall loss.	
Money designated to Funds ( FMS, Funeral luncheons, 100th Anniversary, etc)	(\$11,396.51)
Amount available in General Funds 6/30/17	\$9374.99

**Emergency Pastoral Care**

If you have a pastoral care emergency while Pastor Jon is on sabbatical, please contact Cindy Franklin at the church during office hours, or Donna Serviss, 419-290-8134. She will then connect you with Pastor Mike Delong (7/17-8/7)

# CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER RHINE

*WELCOME TO A RIVER AND LAND ADVENTURE  
OF FIVE COUNTRIES AND TEN PORTS)*

Mark your calendar today to travel with Gene Finnegan and John Rainey, when they present an hour of photos and commentary, featuring their recent relaxing expedience of countries and villages on the River Rhine.

Fairy-tale castles, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns, and spectacular scenery –The Rhine is truly a legendary river. From Amsterdam to Kinderrdijk, and Cologne to Heidelberg, from Strasbourg to Basel, this enchanting two-week journey takes you along one of Europe's most scenic and historic rivers, and more!

The Elizabethans sponsored evening  
for all who love to travel –  
Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Paterson Hall  
7:00 p.m.

## FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

We will pass out bags on Sunday August 6th and collect them the following week on the 13th.

July and August Focus: In preparation for the beginning of the school year, bring in items that might be packed in a school lunch: peanut butter and jelly, snack bars, apple sauce, fruit snacks, etc



## The Giving Tree

The Monday night Growth Group sponsors the **Giving Tree** by focusing on our **Manna Bag Mission project** all year. We need travel size personal items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste and also, tooth brushes, combs, socks, water bottles, gloves, small bags of snack food or granola bars. When the bags are complete they will be on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall. We're asking everyone to take one or two at a time and give them away to someone in need.



**"SAVE THE DATE"**  
**POLISH DINNER**  
**FRIDAY**  
**SEPT. 15, 2017**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**



# Appreciation

I would like to thank my entire church family for your concern while I went through my heart procedure and the rehabilitation afterward. I am well along on my recovery journey, and I am grateful for your prayers and cards. Also, both Donna and I really appreciated those of you who spent time with her while I had to be away. Once again, I would like to say a big thank you for everyone's love, care, and support to both of us during this chapter in our lives.

- Jim A



**Point Place UCC Logo Mugs:** These beautiful mugs come in four colors and are available for purchase now. \$12 will be buy two—one for you and one to pass on to a future visitor.

**100th Anniversary Logo T-Shirts:** The t-shirts and polos are available for \$12. Talk to Terry Serviss.

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# Celebrate

## Birthdays

### Anniversaries

- 5 Rich & Becky Chesko  
6 Amanda & Chris Hartley  
25 Don & Karen Curtis

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.*

- 2 Melissa Mayfield  
4 Gerry Ellis  
5 Kathy Placzkiewicz  
5 Amber Cosgrove  
7 Donna Serviss  
11 Kristie Curtis  
15 Gene Finnegan  
18 Sharon McCord  
18 Jackie Shaw  
23 Gail Church  
26 Tina Mockbee  
28 Jenny Montague



the  
**birthday club**

The Birthday Club will celebrate our August Birthdays on Thursday, August 17th at 11:30am at KT's Diner 5157 Suder Ave.

Please RSVP to Ruby Usher or Cindy in the office if you can attend.



### The Directories are in!

The new photo directories are here! Thank you to Lynette Thayer and Pastor Jon for putting together a beautiful directory of pictures and memories. If you have not received your directory, please contact Lynette.

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