

Summer Band Concerts- Fridays in July. We are hosting ice cream and desserts on the 24th.

Community Worship Service on the Lawn- July 26th, 11 am. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like- Desserts and beverages will be provided.

MRC Trash and Treasure Sale

Set up on Friday, Aug. 14 Sale on Saturday, Aug. 15 Please mark your calendar to participate in this project. Details were printed in the June 2015 newsletter Proceeds will go to our Flood Insurance Fund. Questions? Call Leslie Hooper 827-4754

Lemon:Aid- making a stand for clean water

The Sunday School is raising money and awareness for the need of clean water wells in Africa with a lemonade stand. \$1 will provide water for 1 person for 1 year.

The goal is to raise \$564 this summer. That's 100 people giving \$5.

Or 10 people giving \$50.

Or 1 person giving \$500.

They will be set up at the Arts & Crafts Festival, (6/25), Community Worship Service on the Lawn (6./26) and at the Trash & Treasure Sale (8/14) .

Look for our page online by going to the church's Facebook and following. You'll be able to learn more and give online. see more information at <http://www.bloodwater.org>



Updated Church Directory- available in the foyer Sunday mornings. (We won't leave them out during the week, so if you need to pick one up they are in the workroom or ask Pastor Jeff)

the Joshua Project

Get involved with various outreach programs- including:

Meals on Wheels delivery; working with a partner routes take about 40 minutes to 1 hour.

Summer backpack program delivers food to families on Thursdays during the summer, drivers and packers welcome.

Summer School Lunch Program- serving lunch at the high school for the summer. Serve lunches, once or the entire summer. A sign-up is on The Table. Our church is taking on the week of July 6-10.

These, and other efforts, are discussed the monthly Joshua Project meetings in the Public Library Community Room each second Tuesday of the month. You are invited to come and learn more about how you can become involved in helping our neighbors .

Who likes change anyway? There is no time change for our worship service for the summer this year. It will remain at 11 a.m. This will allow you to enjoy a breakfast picnic in the cool of the morning rather than suffering the heat during brunch.

Food Pantry

July's Urgent Needs: crackers, juice

THANK YOU! Please see Russ Ryan to learn about opportunities to serve in the food pantry ministry.

Regular and substitute volunteers are needed.

Bible Study Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Marian Lynes' house, studying the book of Romans.

Consistory Meeting: Thursday July 9th, 7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has been purchasing gifts for our 2015 shoebox packing party! Between now and the end of October, the remainder of our gifts will be purchased. In July you are asked to buy **pencils, crayons, and looseleaf paper**.

While I was in Zambia, I met Bishop Nelly Chikwanda who serves as the head of the National Leadership Team of OCC in her country. She works diligently to lead Zambians toward a better future. In remote areas of Zambia, the schools are lacking even basic resources. Bishop Nelly credits the inclusion of school supplies in our shoeboxes as a great encouragement to the children to attend school. She asks us to pack letters with our gifts in which we encourage the children to do well in school.

Prayer is the foundation of OCC. As we grow closer to shoebox season, please pray:

- that logistics for the collection, transportation, and distribution of this year's shoeboxes will be guided by the Holy Spirit
- that shoeboxes will contain gifts to meet specific needs of the recipients
- that the Holy Spirit will be at work in the hearts of children who will receive gifts and the Gospel message



May your participation in this outreach to the world's hurting children bless you richly!

P. S. In order to inventory the gifts and determine what is needed for our "fall buying blitz," please deliver your purchases to me by the end of August. You may bring them to church or drop them off at my house (3701 State Route 30). Thank you!

Consistory

Elders: Sarah Bramer (VP), Kim Smith, Joan Youmans, *and a vacancy*
Deacons: Arleen Kingsbury, Leslie Hooper, Mary Lou Ryan. *and a vacancy*
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