

***Praise and Thanksgiving...***

- for the musicians who offered their talents in worship this summer
- Trash and Treasure Sale - thank you for everyone who helped or donated. We raised over \$800 for the Flood (self) Insurance Fund.
- Lemon:aid: the students did a great job with the lemonade stand and were able to send \$565 to blood:water mission for clean water in Africa. It was well received by the community and they have even been asked to set it up again
- for the campers that went to Camp Fowler this summer through the Billy Brown fund (Sienna, Madi, Jenna Livy, Brody, Riley)
- Serving Ice Cream at the Summer Band Concert (and \$370 in donations)

***Prayer requested...***

- for the start of the Sunday School year- pray that the kids and families will have a good start, receptive to learning more of who God is, the gospel and their part in it
- for the start of another school year- and the families in transition whether sending kids off to pre-K or College.
- for the start of the NET dinners in October
- for the ways we serve our neighbors.

**Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who has been purchasing gifts since our last packing party! Thanks to our bargain hunters, we have many gifts stockpiled for this year's packing party. Lists of gifts still needed to meet our goal of 285 shoeboxes may be found in the foyer. You will also find a pledge sheet for the \$7 donation requested for each box to cover the costs of shipping and discipleship materials.

Dates to remember:

- Oct. 18 - gifts for packing party delivered to church by this date
- Nov. 6 - pre-packing party
- Nov. 8 - packing party
- Nov. 15 - shoebox dedication Sunday
- Nov. 16- 23 - Collection Week

Your greatest contribution to this year's shoebox campaign will be your prayers. Pray for the hearts of people in sending countries to be generous and for those who will receive the gifts to be prepared to hear the Good News.

Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child in whatever ways the Holy Spirit is guiding you.

**Food Pantry**

Donations of non-perishable foods are always appreciated.

Especially needed in September are **crackers**, **elbow macaroni**, and **cereal**.

The food pantry is open on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 and Saturday mornings from 9 to 11. There are openings for volunteers. See Russ Ryan for more information.

## **A Message from the Fellowship Committee**

We spent a morning in August cleaning the kitchen and organizing the cabinets in the kitchen and fellowship hall. We ask for your assistance in keeping these areas neat and clean for everyone's use. Please remember to take your leftovers with you following events and put all supplies, dishes, utensils, and equipment away in their assigned spots. Thank you!

We look forward to serving our church family in the months ahead. NET dinners, WE events, an Advent celebration, and other events are on the horizon! May your participation strengthen your bonds with your church family and may our activities honor our Heavenly Father.

## **Sunday School**

for Pre-K through 6th grade- beginning September 13th at 9:30 am.

We'll spend our first day together catching up with each other's summer activities, getting to know new friends, singing and playing games. We'll start our first Unit on September 20th. As in the past, we'll follow the MCS school calendar (for the most part) and a schedule for the first part of the year (Sept - Jan) will be available on the 13th. We welcome and encourage you and your kids to invite new friends to join us! Please feel free to forward this email, to anyone who might be interested. I will also be setting up a Facebook event later today, so look for that and pass it along if you are so inclined.

**7th-9th graders:** are invited to meet Sunday mornings for Not-Sunday School. If you are interested, let Sarah Bramer or Pastor Jeff know by 9/15.

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

## **Financial Update**

Year to Date:

Income: \$57,144.97

Expenses: \$69,743.97

*you might be interested to know...* we replaced the halogen and incandescent bulbs with LEDs several months ago and the usage has been reduced about 200 kWh each month.