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# *The Pathfinder*

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## BUSY HANDS WITH A PURPOSE

Five years ago, **Yarn with a Purpose** began as a mission to knit, crochet and loom hats, scarves, baby blankets, and lapghans for local groups, including nursing homes and children's groups, and soon the veterans followed with twiddle muffs for dementia/Alzheimers patients. The "yarners" continue with all these needed projects.

Last August, the Child Life Department at Niswonger Children's Hospital asked if we could sew special isolette covers for the NICU. Fortunately, MSHA foundation provided funds for much of the material. Once the isolette covers were completed, other sewing projects were identified, including: neck pillows, IV pole covers, pillowcases, adult reversible covers (aka bibs), walker bags, seatbelt port/pacemaker pillows. In addition, we are now looking at other potential sewing projects, such as: "ugly quilts" for the homeless, ostomy bag covers and pillows, recovery/support pocket pillows for various other surgeries, and pillowcase dresses for Operation Christmas Shoebox.

Today we are known as **Busy Hands with a Purpose** to include all skills. We can always use more "hands," so please consider joining our group.

If you need any item for yourself, a relative, friend, facility, please let us know, or contact Pastor Karen or our Parish Nurse, Jane Turner. Our group continues to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 10am to noon in the fellowship hall. Please visit us to see projects and maybe decide to participate!

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## Save the Date

**July 1** Jonesborough  
Days Fireworks

**July 14** Spring Clean-  
ing

## Church Family News

As we celebrate Independence Day this 4th of July, our prayers and thanks go out to all our military veterans, as well as their families. Your service and sacrifice are greatly appreciated.



**Barnard Davis** (US Army) - Susan Miller's nephew

**Caleb Wade** (US Army) - Rupe and Ella Billions' grandson

**Cody Hallberg** (US Air Force) - Lee & Nancy Hallberg's grandson

**Todd White** - (US Army) - Doug & Donna Barnes Bennett's son-in-law

**Mickey Teasner** (US Navy)

**Lauren Bennett** (US Army Reserve)

**Greg Bull** (US Marines) - Don & Barbara Bull's grandson

**Jake DeMatteo** (Army)

**William Conrad** (US Army) - Gary & Susan Miller's nephew

**Steven David Hunt** (US Army Reserve)

**Brian Ehlschlager** (US Army)

**Shawn Allison** (US Marines)

**Eric Bull** (US Air Force Reserve) - Don & Barbara Bull's grandson

**Cheyenne Pandar** (US Marines)

**Jon Cochran** (U.S. Ranger) - Billy and Gail Lewis' cousin

**Adam Daffron** (US Marines) - Wiley & Gail Daffron's nephew



*May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the works of our hands for us -- yes, establish the work of our hands. ~ Psalm 90:17 NIV*

## Looking Ahead

Aug 5-8 Sulphur  
Springs Camp Meeting

### Busy Hands with a Purpose (continued from page 1)



Our “yarners” (above) and some of their projects

Child’s hat



Neck pillow



Isolette covers



Adult covers

## Sarah Mayes Circle

The Sarah Mayes Circle will meet for lunch at 1 pm on July 10th at Bob Evans Restaurant. No program or business will be held. This is just social time for the members.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE, 2018 Rolling River Rampage

We had the ride of a lifetime with God during VBS this year! The rafting ready verse was: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2.

Stories included: Jesus calls the Disciples, Jesus accepts Mary and Martha, Jesus walks with Zacchaeus and Jesus shares a special meal. Pastor Karen led the children and adults in lots of really cool songs. Several were performed by the kids on Sunday morning after Bible School week during both church services.

In the craft room, they made picture frames, river sand art, river rock friendship wristbands, string art and lots more. Recreation was fun - many games included reciting the rafting ready verse. Snacks were unique: rolling river celery sticks, Zacchaeus in a crispy rice tree and pudding complete with gummy worms. The food drive this year was for the JAMA food pantry - it involved a contest with boys vs. girls. The girls won! Two large tables of food and snacks were collected. Attendance was awesome on all four nights!

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the volunteers that helped. Each night a light meal was served too! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family.



## Church-wide Cleaning

It is time to think about giving a deep cleaning to our church home. We all want a clean, well-maintained church building that we are proud to call our own. After considering the amount of cleaning that needs to be done, the trustees have expanded the church-wide cleaning to two days: **Saturday, July 14th and Saturday July 21st at 9 am.**

On July 14th, we will focus on the sanctuary, such as: Murphy's oil soap applied to wood on pews and furnishings; clean painted surfaces on pews; clean sanctuary walls and doors; clean narthex walls and doors; clean stairway walls and railings; clean balcony walls and railings.

On July 21st, we'll work on the fellowship hall and the education area; cleaning walls and mopboards; doors and window frames; dusting.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the downstairs fellowship hall. Sign up for a job or add a job that you have noticed needs attention. Bring your cleaning supplies, willing hands, and joyful hearts!

***Other ways to help:*** *If you cannot join us for cleaning, please consider purchasing cleaning supplies or supplying bottles of water, sandwiches, or finger foods for workers. Or you can choose your area, come in on an alternate day, and clean ahead of time*



## Combined Worship Service July 29th at 10 am

On Sunday, July 29th, we will once again have combined worship at 10 am in the sanctuary. Due to the church-wide picnic later that day, we aren't going to have breakfast, but we are going to have an amazing worship service. We encourage you to come early for fellowship with one another. During worship, we will have special music, along with Claudia Randolph sharing her testimony about how God was working throughout Johnny's illness. Please join us for worship and for the picnic!

## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS GROUP

Hold the date--Thursday, July 26th! The Count Your Blessing senior fellowship (aka CYB) will be gathering at 11:30 am in the church parking lot for a trip to Greenville's General Morgan Inn. We will have an enjoyable white linen luncheon and perhaps get a short tour of this historic building. Transportation will be provided with the church van.

## Marriage Enrichment Dialogue

Becoming aware of the totally unconscious relationship that we have and committing to a conscious relationship is fundamental. Then the key to continuing a successful conscious relationship is **dialogue**.

Webster defines dialogue as a conversation between two or more persons. Harville Hendrix of Imago Relationships International might define dialogue as “developing understandings” between two or more persons. The objective of dialogue is not to find the right answer or come to the “one” conclusion. If we’re always too busy in our conversations getting our point across, we never allow our spouse’s point to be completely understood. When we dialogue, we are consciously seeking the understanding of our spouse. We are fully committed to seeing the world from our spouse’s point of view. At the end of a good dialogue, you don’t have one conclusion; you have two valid points of view that are understood by both of you.

Dialogue has three parts; mirroring, validating and empathizing. In this type of conversation, listening and relating back to your spouse that you really understand are the skills required. In dialogue, there are several steps. The speaker makes their point. The listener then paraphrases what the speaker said, showing the speaker that he/she was totally understood. The speaking and mirroring might happen two or three times in order for the speaker to finish the thought. Then after mirroring each segment of what was spoken, the listener validates what the speaker said by stating that what was said makes sense from the speaker’s point of view.

You will notice two big differences versus normal conversations at this point. First, the listener is not unconsciously reacting to what has been said. It takes conscious thought to really listen and playback what you’ve heard. Secondly, when you validate what was said, you acknowledge the “otherness” in your spouse, you acknowledge that they have a valid point of view. You are not necessarily agreeing. That’s not the point. You are, however, recognizing your spouse as a separate being in the relationship with separate, valid thoughts.

More about the Marriage Enrichment Dialogue in next month’s Pathfinder.

## New Members

We are happy to welcome **Dave and Diane Roche**, who joined our church by profession of faith on June 3, at the early service. Dave is the author of the Marriage Enrichment articles you’ve been seeing in our monthly Pathfinder.

## JOTS FROM JANE

Do you have a first-aid kit in your home, your car, or your camper? Summertime reminds us that accidents do happen. At our recent Vacation Bible School, we were fortunate to only give out two band-aids. There are several kits located throughout the church and the Good News Fellowship Hall, too.

If you are stocking a first-aid kit, here are some things to include: band-aids, soap and anti-bacterial gel or foam, triple-antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, sterile gauze pads, adhesive tape, tweezers, washcloths, cold packs, adult and children's ibuprofen and Tylenol, oral antihistamine, alcohol wipes, and a digital thermometer. It's a good time to check on what you have, and whether anything has expired. First-aid kits that are already stocked are readily available at local pharmacies and other stores.



According to Dr. Sara Dumond, on parents.com, "While you can't prevent all accidents, you can be prepared."

Praying that you all have a safe and blessed summer.

Jane Turner, Parish Nurse

*James 4:8 "When you draw close to God, God will draw close to you."*

## FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT PICNIC

Come on out to Davy Crockett Birthplace on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for our Family Night Supper. You can come as early as you want and for a small fee you can use the pool at the campground. We will be set up at Shelter #2 – it is the first shelter on the left as you come into the park. If you have not been to the park before, there are plenty of areas for fishing and kayaking (bring your own equipment), There is a birthplace replica cabin, horses, crops, outbuildings, etc to explore. Check out their website for more information.

We will have hamburgers and hotdogs and all the picnic fixins! So bring a lawn chair and get to know some members that you may have not met yet!



Sunday School Obligations:

Upper Room – Meat (hamburgers and hotdogs)

Youth – Setup and Cleanup

Open Door – Desserts

Upward Bound – Bread (hamburger and hot dog buns) and condiments (mayo, mustard, etc)

Good News – Drinks, ice and cups

## Youth Group News

Thank you, church, for all your support for our Mission Trip. We were able to finish each site. Thanks be to God.

Youth – Praise and Worship party at Wetlands on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch for time.

*Blessings,  
Miss Mary Ann*



## July Mission

### School Supplies for Jonesborough Elementary

Our mission this month is to raise money to buy school supplies in bulk for the kindergarten teachers and students at Jonesborough Elementary School.

If you would prefer to donate supplies instead of money, a list of needed items will be available in the Narthex. In the past our church has been very helpful in providing the teachers and students at Jonesborough Elementary School with necessary materials. Please pray for this to be another meaningful and successful mission.

Let's help these children get off to a good start this year. Remember, the children are our future!

## JAMA Item for JULY

### Peanut Butter & Jelly



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