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**NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS  
 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024**

**\*\*SPECIAL EVENTS\*\***

**CHURCH IN THE BACKYARD**

Sunday, September 1st at Johnny & Janette's house, 4 PM. Hamburger BBQ, rolls and drinks will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your chairs!

**FALL 5TH SUNDAY FAMILY REUNION**

Sunday, September 29th. Meat and Drinks will be provided, congregation is asked to provide a side dish or dessert. Lunch will be served immediately following services in the Fellowship Hall/Education Building.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR THE PIE EATING CONTEST AFTER LUNCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**FRESH EXPRESS**

**Please note:** We will have 5 of our Fresh Express volunteers unavailable in September. Our Fresh Express is the 5th with packing of perishables beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m. and food distribution starting at 3:00 p.m. If you can assist in any way; packing, transporting food or loading cars it would be greatly appreciated. **PLEASE**, call the office to let Michelle or Cheryl know if you can help.

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Worship Center**

2101 Linn Street,  
 Williamsport

**Education/Fellowship Building/Offices**

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## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Nursery 9:30 am

Week 1—Merlyn Sawyer  
 Week 2—Anna Monks  
 Week 3—Diane Schlee  
 Week 4—Cindy Thomas  
 Week 5—Michelle Paulhamus

### Men at the Table

September - Fred Thomas & Johnny Shirey  
 October - Jeff Ward & Jim Smithgall

### Communion Preparation

September - Diane Schlee  
 October - Carmen Fischer

### Serving Communion

September – Ken Sawyer & David Craver  
 October – Mike Monks & Steve Fischer

### Greeters

September – Scott and Cheryl Lose  
 October – Bonnie Lane

## STATS

Date	Morning Worship	Children's Church	Sunday School	Offering
06/30	89	YOUTH SUNDAY	11	\$1927.00
07/07	83	11	10	\$3,681.00
07/14	98	12	8/3	\$4,505.14
07/21	84	12	11/3	\$3,022.00
07/28	100	12	12/3	\$8,261.62
08/04	91	9	10	\$3,210.00
08/11	73	6	8	\$3,003.00
08/18	109	13	9/4	\$2,910.57
08/25	98	13	8	\$3,813.00

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70+ YEARS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Richard Luse	September 21
Robert Schlidt	October 12
David Craver	October 15
Carmen Fischer	October 15
Vince Swartz	October 18
Perry Berger	October 28
Ken Sawyer	October 30

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENT SCHEDULE

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

**Starting September 10th -Tuesday, Mornings,**  
 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Ed/Fellowship Hall  
 Topic TBD

**Starting September 25th -Wednesday**  
**Evenings,** Band of Brothers 7 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
 Book of Galatians

### PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY

Every Saturday  
 7 am

### SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

**Monday, September 2nd**  
 Office Closed—Labor Day Holiday  
**Thursday, September 5th**  
 Fresh Express 3 p.m.—5 p.m.  
 Ed/Fellowship Hall  
**Monday, September 9th**  
 6 pm-Board Meeting- Ed/Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, September 11th**  
 Quilting Club 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

### OCTOBER SCHEDULE

**Thursday, October 3rd**  
 Fresh Express 3 p.m.—5 p.m.  
 Ed/Fellowship Hall  
**Monday, October 7th**  
 6 pm-Board Meeting- Ed/Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, October 9th**  
 Quilting Club 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
 Ed/Fellowship Hall  
**Thursday, October 17th**  
 Lucky Clover 4H Club Meeting 6 p.m.  
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 40+ YEARS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

No September Anniversaries

Robert, Sr. and Ida Mae Heller	October 4
Daniel and Diane Schlee	October 20

## According to Johnny...

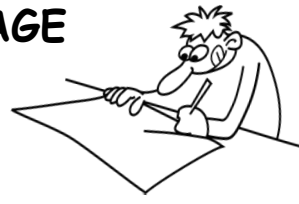
I know the series is over 20 years old at this point, but I just finished watching the Mini-series “Band of Brothers.” It is a drama, but it is based on the true events and real men of Easy Company, of the 101st Airborne Division, following their experiences during WWII from D-day through the end of the war. What these men went through, and the battles they fought, are incredible. Throughout the series I was constantly in amazement of their courage and sacrifice. They were true heroes in every sense of the word. However, it also got me thinking...We also are at war, caught up in a titanic struggle as big and as dramatic as WWII. We also have an enemy, one who is more evil than Hitler and the Third Reich. We are under constant threat of spiritual attack. How seriously do you take these truths? How aware are you of your enemy and his schemes, plans and attacks against you?

**Spiritual warfare is real**, and it is not something we dare take lightly. In John 10:10 Jesus informs us that there is a “thief” who wants to “steal” from us, “kill” us, and “destroy” us. Ephesians 6:12 tells us “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Peter warns us in 1 Peter 5:8 “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” Again... you have an enemy, His name is Satan, and he wants to destroy you. **We never know exactly when or how Satan will come against us**, but we do know he is cunning and crafty. In 2 Corinthians 11:14 Paul warns us Satan “masquerades as an angel of light.” Both 2 Corinthians 2:11, and Ephesians 6:11, speak of Satan’s schemes, so we know he puts thought and planning into how he’ll attack us. Sometimes it is a direct attack through lies and temptation, enticing you to sin and promising that the consequences of that sin aren’t that bad, or that there won’t be any consequences at all. Other times he attacks our health (look at what he did to Job). Sometimes he will use the imperfections and the sinful natures of other people (even our Christian brothers and sisters) to attack us. One thing is sure, no matter how he chooses to attack, we have an enemy who wants to discourage, defeat, and destroy us. **So what do we do?** How do we respond? How do we fight back? **First off, don’t be afraid**, John reassures us in 1 John 4:4 “the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” And God’s word to us in Romans 8:26-39 speaks powerfully about God’s protection and provision for us as we face spiritual attack. **Secondly, make sure that you are daily putting on the “full armor of God”** as we are instructed in Ephesians 6:11, and that putting on of the armor of God is accomplished as we spend time in the word and time in prayer. **The final thing we can do to withstand Satan’s attacks** and the thing I most want to stress to you is this...**learn to depend on your Church family.** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” This is why it’s so important for us to be in consistent fellowship, and authentic relationship with one another... “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves”. So if you have felt as though you are under attack...you are! You are at war! You have an enemy who wants to destroy you. But do not be afraid, the Lord is for you and if God is for you no one can truly be against you. You have the armor of God available to you to protect you and to fight back when you are attacked. And at NCC you have a family of brothers and sisters in Christ who will love support and defend you.

In Christ, Johnny

# HEY KIDS !!!!!!!

## A MESSAGE FROM NATE



**Deep thoughts for younger minds...**

**OH NO! IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!!!**

Yes, it is that time again. Back to school. And by the time you read this you will have already started back into another school year. For some that is a time of dread. To others, it is a time of excitement. But to all, it is a looming “blank” on the horizon. Unless you are a psychic, or possess a crystal ball, you are staring down the great unknown of the next 180 days that we have all looked at over the years. And it can be daunting.

Looking at this uncertainty you may be asking: “what is cool this year, what is un-cool?” “What should I wear, what should I say?” Who should I avoid, who should I get to know?” If you are a senior: “what comes next for me, where am I going from here?” And the questions go on. But what you may not be asking yourself amongst this cornucopia of questions is this, “what is real?” Why would you ask this, you may be wondering? Yeah, I admit it seems like an odd question. And when I was your age I did not think of such a question either. To be honest, my life would have been easier if I had. Let me explain.

We just think that what we see around us is real. We can smell the musty halls of the school building, or the over saturated kid who wears too much deodorant, or the kid who wears none. We can feel the uncomfortable school desk-chairs. The heavy backpacks with all our back-to-school junk. Isn't this all real? Well yes...and no. While all this stuff is real, material objects, is it what we should be focused on? Does it make up our reality?

Our teachers will tell us information on 2+2, on George Washington, on nouns and verbs. And all this information is important, but it does not define us or make us who we are meant to be. The “cool kids” may tell you what you need to do to be accepted. But this ALWAYS leads us down a road that will never matter beyond the shallow hallways of our institutions of education. The styles will change, the knowledge will even become obsolete. But reality will always remain. The eternal reality of how God sees you. You are his beautiful creation that does not need to perform any acts of stupidity to be accepted. And his backpack of back-to-school cares is easy to bear, for he took all our burdens at the cross. He took the shame and embarrassment for us, so we do not need to fear the nonsense of back-to-school jitters.

Reality is an eternity of LIFE with the one who sees you for who you are, because he made you. No gym teacher, no hallway bully, no math nerd will ever define who you are. Only the Creator of the universe can ever do that, and he knows what he is doing. So do not give in to the foolishness of what is FAKE, keep eternal reality in mind. This world will pass away, the fads, the nerdiness, the pop quizzes. They will all pass the “way of the dodo,” but the truth of God's reality will remain forever. Just keep that in mind as you wander those hallways, or when someone makes fun of your clothes. This does not take away the shame or pain, but it keeps its temporariness in focus to what will last forever, and that is something that can never be taken away from a true child of God.

Go in peace.

## From the Elders

Love. Jesus brought into the world a new emphasis on love which he demonstrated in his own life and which he made clear he expected his disciples to produce too. For him love depends on the nature of the lover rather than that of the beloved. Jesus loved because he was a loving person, not because he found attractive qualities in those he loved. His followers are to be loving people, not simply to be drawn to attractive people. In the Gospels the usual verb for "to love" is *agapaō* (sixty-three times), *phileō* occurs twenty-one times. The noun *agape* is found nine times; *philia* not at all; the adjective *agapētos* fifteen times. There is a clear majority of references to the *agape* words in the Gospels, but the important thing is not so much the words chosen as the meaning and associations the Evangelists put into them. Matthew has the love words a total of seventeen times, Mark nine, Luke eighteen and John fifty-seven; John has them more than all the others put together. Jesus sometimes speaks of love in the way anyone else would, such as the words "If you love them that love you" (Mt 5:46; Lk 6:32), a reciprocal love that anybody might practice. Similarly a slave might love one master but not another (Mt 6:24), and it is not so very dissimilar with the centurion who loved the Jewish nation (Lk 7:5) or the attitude of the forgiven debtor (Lk 7:42). Even sinners love those that love them (Lk 6:32). It is in this spirit that John speaks of those who love human praise (Jn 12:43). This sort of thing is the common stuff of humanity, and there is nothing remarkable about it. It is an important part of life, though the world's love may grow cold (Mt 24:12). More significant is the sweeping statement that God loved "the world" and loved it so much that he gave his Son (Jn 3:16). That the Father loves people is not often stated in set terms, but this love is implied throughout the Gospels. We see it, for example, in Jesus' statement that the Father cares for all creation, including the birds and the flowers, and therefore much more for people (Mt 6:25-34); he sends his sunshine and rain on all, good and bad alike (Mt 5:45). It is implied also in the address "Father," which brings the intimate language of the family, with all its overtones of love and care, into our understanding of the deity. There is no indication that any merit or attractiveness on the part of people generates this love. On the contrary, it is common to all the Gospels that people are sinners (cf. Mt 7:11; even when they do good deeds it remains that they are basically evil!). But God still loves them. The proposition "God is love" comes from 1 John 4:8, 16, but the truth it expresses runs through the Gospels.

## Sunday School /Junior Church/Youth Classes

**PAIRS AND SPARES ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will be continuing in the Ed/Fellowship Hall first floor classroom beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
The class is studying the Book of Genesis.

**JOHNNY WILL BE STARTING A NEW CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS, OR ANYONE, LOOKING TO BUILD ON THEIR FAITH.**

This class will begin **September 8th** at 8:30 a.m. In the Ed/Fellowship hall. 2nd floor classroom on the right.  
Class topic will be Fundamentals of the Christian Faith.

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GRADES 1-8\***

Our Fall session will begin **September 1st**.

Please join us for an exciting new series of questions of the faith in the book *Foundational Truths: A Modern Catechism—Answering the Essential Questions of Christianity and their biblical foundation for why we as Christians believe what we believe.*

***\*Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. in the church***

### **JUNIOR CHURCH/JUNIOR WORSHIP \*\***

Our Fall session of study will begin **September 1st**.

Children will continue the Answers in Bible Curriculum series of lessons but with a more in depth focus on apologetics and a big picture overview of biblical history from Genesis to Revelation. This curriculum will teach children the truth of God's word as it relates to all parts of life and how we can trust its message for our day to day lives.

***\*\*Junior Church classes meet during the worship hour and children are dismissed from their families following communion. Please consider inviting the children, grandchildren***

### **HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS\*\*\***

This class will begin on **September 8th**. We will be using the book series, *The Most Important Thing You'll Ever Study*.

This will be a survey of the Bible starting in the Old Testament and working through the entire Bible. This will teach students to see how the Bible comes together into one overarching story. It is the Bible, the most important book they will every study. This class will be held in the Ed/Fellowship Hall, second floor left side at the back of the hall, the youth activity room.

***\*\*\*Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m.***

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group for ages 13-18 will be starting **Sunday evenings beginning September 8th, 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**

Youth group will not be just another class, but a chance for the youth of the church to begin seeking ways to serve their community and church through church work projects and future mission trips to our neighborhood (Jerusalem), state (Judea), country



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENTLE REMINDERS

### WORSHIP TEAM

If you can sing or play an instrument and would be interested in being part of the worship team, please contact Steve Lingle at 717-513-7245.

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPPORTUNITY!!!!**

The team is looking for a person to run the EZ Worship PowerPoint presentation for announcements and the PowerPoint and audio portion of our worship service. If you are interested, please see Steve Lingle or call him at the number above!

### DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE

If you haven't yet filled out the form to update your church records, please do so at your earliest convenience. This information is necessary for us to update our Servant Keeper System. Place your form (located on the back table) in the collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary or drop them at the church office.

**Even if you are just visiting occasionally or a regular attender but not a member, please fill out a form. This will allow us to include you on mailing lists of special events upcoming.**

### LINN STREET KEY INVENTORY.....

We are asking any members of our congregation who possess keys to any of our Linn Street facilities to fill out the Key ID form on the back table and place it in the collection basket or drop it at the office. An inventory of all keys is being constructed currently. The safety and security of our congregation and our buildings is imperative. Thank you for your cooperation!

### SECURITY / REPAIRS

**—PLEASE check all external doors when leaving our buildings to be sure they have been locked when you exit.—**If you have any MAINTENANCE REQUESTS, please fill out a work order form and drop it at the church office or to Jeff Ward.

### NEWSLETTER CHANGES.....

Our Newsletter is now available for viewing on our website. There will also be limited copies available in the back of the church. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like a printed copy, please advise either Michelle or Cheryl in the office.

### **CHECK US OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**ON FACEBOOK..... at Newberry Church of Christ  
OUR WEBSITE.....WWW.NCCWMPT.ORG  
YOU TUBE....NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

### SYLVAN HILLS LADIES' RETREAT SEPTEMBER 13TH AND 14TH

Information can be found on the back table in the foyer.



### SOCKtober FEST

Please help us celebrate the 31 days of October. Socks are the most requested item in the homeless community, especially with the cold winter months approaching.

We ask that you please donate warm socks of any size Men's—Women's—Children to be distributed to several area shelters to benefit those in need.

You can drop off your donations in the Coffee Café area from October 1st to 31st.

### FALL CLEAN UP/WORK DAY

**All hands** would be greatly appreciated!  
Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 8 a.m. to noon



### TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual Trunk or Treat is tentatively scheduled for October 31st in the church parking lot. (We will coordinate with the City of Williamsport's schedule) A sign up sheet will be available and donations accepted as the date gets closer.

**WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.**

### THANKSGIVING BLANKET GIVE AWAY

We are beginning to collect new or slightly used (clean) blankets. Please place them in the green tote on the bench downstairs. These will be given to families in need during our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



SEPTEMBER FRESH  
EXPRESS

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 5TH  
3-5 PM



OCTOBER FRESH  
EXPRESS

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 3RD  
3-5 PM

**Fresh Express/Food Pantry???** There have been questions about the difference?

The **Fresh Express** is just once a month on the first Thursday. The **Food Pantry** is considered emergency food and is available Monday-Friday. Both are no cost to the public. Both are available to anyone in the congregation and the public. There are no income requirements. **Fresh Express** does not cost the Church anything. Food is donated by Pa. Food Bank. The **Food Pantry** is a minimal cost to the Church through the PA Food Bank, we also can use the extra food from the Fresh Express. The **Food Pantry** also gets donations from you, the Congregation. If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to ask Mary Miles, Pat Bryan, Michelle Paulhamus, Cheryl Lose, or one of the Elders....

**We are in need of non-perishable items for our food pantry.**

Jelly

Canned Fruit (No Applesauce)

Snack Size Puddings, Fruits and Jello's (No Applesauce)

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Canned Soups

Instant or Canned Potatoes, Canned Vegetables

Juice (64 oz. size)

Wide Noodles

Cereal, Breakfast Bars or Pop Tarts

**YOUR PAST AND CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED**

**Watch your weekly bulletin for updates to this list!**

**Please contact the office if you have items you'd like to drop off.**